

FIRST BAPTIST INFORMER

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Join us on Sundays at 11AM for worship by following the link www.fbcamericus.org

CORNER OF CONCERN

HOME:

Roger Messer, Scott Ivey, Jeannie Martin, Karen Willis, **Dana Creswell, Edward Brown, Deborah Pinnell** (surgery 11/8)

FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES:

Polly Arnold, mother of Bob Arnold
Linda Auerhamer, mother of Deborah Pinnell
Kim Avant, daughter of Bobby & Jeanette Avant
Catherine Bell, former member
Mae Brown, mother of Christy Jenkins
Tom Crawford, brother-in-law of Myra Gordon
Mark Forehand, son of Betty Forehand
Chris Gattis, friend of Sheryl Roberts
Ashley Gerlach, daughter-in-law of Nancy Gerlach
Margie Harden, grandmother of Keisha Davis
Carol Harris, sister of Lisa Holloway
Rene Hagerson, friend of Leslie Crawford
Glenda Jackson, aunt of Judy Reece
Danny Mabery, brother-in-law of Michele Mauldin
Joe Maggio, brother-in-law of Kathy McCarty
Jason McGraw, son-in-law of Stephen/Deborah Pinnell
Cindi Millwood, friend of Leslie Crawford
Chris Murphy, cousin of Jean Hancock
Allen Ragan, friend of Justin Smith
Marie Smith, mother of Gena Wilson
Jim VanKampen, brother-in-law of Shirley Pruim
Lynsey Welch Williams, daughter of Susan Welch



Josh & Amy Carpenter – Italy
Richard & Jesse Roberts – Taiwan
Friendship Assoc./Harlan KY Assoc. Partnership
Gideons International

Pray for the Military



Damien Cole, friend of Debra Nelson
Teal Ewer, Washington DC, Nephew of Nancy Gerlach
Ryan Holman, grandson of Richard & Shirley Reese
Carl Johnson, Ft. Campbell, KY
Allen Kehoe, Boston, MA, nephew of Lisa Holloway
Geoffrey McDonald, son of Marty & Paula McDonald
Victoria Mock, niece of John & Gay Hayes
John Schubert, brother of Laura Fendley
Timmy Whitt, grandson of Ellison & Betty Whitt



**Ervan Ariail
Evelyn Belcher
Mary Jane Coogle**

OCC SET-UP & PACKING PARTY

Our OCC Packing Party Nov. 7th at 3:30 PM. We will be setting up for the party on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 4th & 5th starting at 4:30 pm each evening.



Please consider how you can help us reach our goal of \$9,000 for shipping the shoeboxes.

GOAL \$9,000

TO DATE \$ 6,908

November 7th is the last Sunday to turn in your ballot for Deacon Election. Please prayerfully select up to 7 men. You may return your ballot to the office, collection box at the back door or drop it in a collection box in the Sanctuary. Ballots will not be handed out on November 7th but you can turn in prior to Worship Service.



Copies of the 2022 Proposed Budget are available from one of the vestibules to review prior to our business conference on November 10th. Come prepared to vote!



11-10-21
Beef Tips
Rice/Gravy
Fried Okra
Rolls/Dessert
Hot Dogs

MENU 11-03-21

Pork Chops
Scalloped Potatoes
Green Beans
Biscuits
Dessert



You're invited!

Bridal Shower honoring

Avery Hart & Jackson Hayes

Sunday, November 7th @ 2:00 – 3:30 pm

At the home of Jessica Brown
498 Hwy 27 E. Americus

Avery & Jackson are registered
at Minick Interiors & Three's Company, Too!



Youth Bonfire at Camp Friendship

Saturday, November 13th

If you need a ride to the camp, we'll leave the church at 4:30 pm or you can meet us at the camp at 5:00 pm.



**Church Family
Thanksgiving
Banquet**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

5:00 PM

We will be selling tickets for the next few weeks. You MUST purchase your ticket by November 14th. There will be no late add ons.

Adult tickets - \$8.00

Students - \$6.00

Preschool - \$4.00

Thanksgiving Banquet Menu: Turkey & Dressing, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Casserole, Rolls, Dessert

**Upcoming
DEADLINES**

NOVEMBER 7TH – Deadline to turn in your Deacon Ballot

NOVEMBER 14TH – Deadline to purchase your Thanksgiving Banquet tickets.

Last week I wrote about the illustration of a filthy cloth displayed along with a clean cloth on the crossbeam of a cross. It's a reminder of our condition before we come to the cross of Jesus in faith and of our condition after – forgiven, clean, spotless, and without blemish in the eyes of God. I have one additional thought about that illustration. It's only by faith in Jesus' death that our sins are forgiven, and it's by that same faith that a believer lives believing that all our sins are forgiven. That includes our sins of the past, present, and future. Then one might ask, "if I've been forgiven, then why do I sometimes feel so dirty?" It could be because of unconfessed sin, but there's also another reason. I have realized that the closer I get to God the more aware of my sin I become. It's like taking a chair from inside your house out into the sunlight; the light reveals all the dirt and grime that goes unnoticed on the inside. The closer I get to God, the more aware of my sins I will be even though I know that my sins have been forgiven. When that happens, and it will, thank God for the forgiveness you've been given through faith in Jesus.

I think we're going the wrong way in our spiritual lives if we never have an awareness of the sinful nature still fighting for control in our lives. Paul said it this way in Romans 7:21-25, *"So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!"* If we ever feel worthy to stand in God's presence we're probably not as close to God as we think! It's only by seeing God as He really is that we will ever see ourselves as we really are – sinners. Don't ever try to live in your goodness; but always live in His grace.

Jackson Street After School Ministry Celebration

Friday, Nov 12, 5:30 pm – Jackson St. ASP Room

As nine wonderful years of ministry come to a close, we will gather to celebrate the work God has done through us, the blessings we have shared, and the lives impacted by God's love and grace. If you have ever helped, in any capacity, with support of this ministry, please join us for this time of celebration.

