

**First Church of Canton  
Canton, Mississippi  
November 2023**

From the Pastor,

As we begin the month of November, we recognize that most of us traditionally view this month as the month of “thankfulness.” In thinking about that, and with all the changes we’ve been through together this year, I just wanted to let you know that I am thankful for you. The spirit of this congregation continues to be one of graciousness, love, and generosity. Through the process of assessment, discernment, disaffiliation, and change, I’ve seen you continue to embrace the Spirit of God and hold each other close, as a body of Christ should. I honestly believe God is blessing us in so many ways. We will continue to lift each other up and be a refuge for those who seek to find a place to worship and live out their faith. I can’t help but believe that our new life has begun, so let us remain diligent in our calling to Reach people for Jesus Christ, Teach people to be daily disciples of Jesus Christ, and Heal and Nurture people in the name of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,  
Bro David

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

11/4	Davin Ford	11/12	Riley Gilmore	11/24	Kay Jerome
11/5	Kristen Penn	11/12	Les Penn	11/26	Becky Chandler
11/6	Nathan Blount	11/13	Travis Putnam	11/26	Leigh Johnston
11/7	Glenn Grimsley	11/13	Cindy Penn	11/27	Susan Kelly
11/8	Shawn White	11/16	Julie Sharp	11/28	Richie Reedy
11/9	Margo Burnside	11/17	Lee Chandler	11/29	Alex Penn
11/9	Jill McCleod	11/17	Cooper Lampkin	11/30	Bobby Chandler
11/11	Reese Willis	11/18	Eli Brock		

**NOVEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING  
In His Steps Ministries**

Jasper and Carolyn Bacon began In His Steps in 1994 after serving eight years with a local Canton church. The ministry received its 501(c)(3) status in April 1995, making it an official nonprofit organization serving the Canton community. The mission of In His Steps is to use innovative and specialized ministries to impact the lives of children, youth, and families for the glory of Jesus Christ, mainly through education, mentoring, and evangelizing.

In His Steps serves the Canton community through five branches of ministry that have grown over the years. Began in 1995, the Intervention Ministry’s purpose is to share Christ with incarcerated boys in detention centers in the Jackson metro area.

In 2002, In His Steps started their Prevention Ministry, an after-school program labeled the SPASE program, which meets the Social, Physical, Academic, Spiritual, and Emotional needs of a child. In addition, a Saturday Morning Reading Program and a six-week Summer Enrichment program help In His Steps further minister to the children in Canton. Through the Family Ministry, In His Steps hosts annual family conferences and periodic workshops for parents in the community to learn life skills through Bible-based and Christ-centered instruction.

The Sports Ministry offers weekly devotions and bible studies for local junior and high school athletes, and within the past few years has created a thriving summer sports camp lineup. In His Steps’ Compassionate Services closely intertwines with all of our ministries, as we make it our goal to meet the physical needs of the people in Canton as well as sharing the gospel of Christ with them. This branch of the ministry allows In His Steps to repair homes, organize Vacation Bible Schools in local neighborhoods, and share the love of Christ by serving the community of Canton.

## SECOND SUNDAY HARVEST FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Grace Episcopal Church partnered with the Mississippi Food Network to provide food to the neediest among us. Grace Food Pantry is open from 10:00am-1:00pm on the third Thursday of each month at Grace. They have a specific need for peanut butter and canned tuna fish. If you would like to provide nonperishable food items to the pantry, please place your donations in the baskets located in the sub-story.

- ◆ **Communion Offering** for November is In His Steps Ministry.
- ◆ **Second Sunday Harvest** is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month.
- ◆ **Prayer Quilt Group** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at 10:00 am.
- ◆ **The Sanctuary Choir** will meet on Wednesdays at 7:00pm.
- ◆ **Security Volunteers** are needed for November. You can find the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **The Mature Years** is today, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00pm.
- ◆ **The Men's Club Breakfast** is Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00am.
- ◆ **Ruth Jones Circle** is the second and fourth Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.
- ◆ **Office will be closed November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> for Thanksgiving. NO CLASSES.**
- ◆ **Please look over our prayer list and let us know of any changes that need to be made. – Thank you.**
- ◆ **If anyone would like a copy of the Sunday Sermon on a disc, please contact our office at 601.859.4621 or by email at office@firstchurchofcanton.org.**

## CONCERNS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### LONG TERM

Ric Andreoli	Bobby Hall	Carl McKenzie	Philip Schmitt
Gary Andrews	Karen Hall	Billie Jean McMullen	Sarah Schnulo
Sherry Briggs	Toxey Hall	Chap McMullen	Sieger Lee Sims
M.L. Burnside	Patricia Hammack	Dorothy Measells	Anne Sory
Gloria Carter	Wendy Harms	Brianna Medina	Evelyn Springer
Hope Coup	Carolyn Harris	Sue Lowe Owen	Lee Stewart
Jonathan Davis	Mike Harvey	Alton Parker	Renee Tatum
Jeff Dennis	Hazel Holmes	Mae Parker	Druscilla Thompson
David Fisher	Johnny Irvin	Jo Beth Ray	Sophia Weems
Kathy Gardner	Judy Lambert	Carolyn Rice	Mary Joe Wicke
Michelle Gardner	Guilda Madison	Christy Saxton	Jackie Worthy
Mark Gilbert	Mattei Family	Bethany Hicks Sears	Geoffrey Yoste

### SHORT TERM

Edward Hayes      Barbara Haynes      Bill Reedy      Janie & Baby Tony Tumminello

**If you know of someone that needs to be added to our Prayers Concern List, please fill out our Prayers Concern listed under Attendance Registration or If someone needs to be removed from the prayer list, please let us know.**

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 1	2:00PM	Mature Years Bingo
	5:30PM	CA & Youth Supper
	5:45PM	CA & Youth
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, November 5	8:00AM	Men's Club Breakfast
	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Wednesday, November 8	5:30PM	CA & Youth Supper
	5:45PM	CA & Youth
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, November 9	10:00AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry
Sunday, November 12	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, November 13	10:00AM	Ruth Jones Circle
Wednesday, November 15	5:30PM	CA & Youth Supper
	5:45PM	CA & Youth
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, November 19	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Wednesday, November 22	CLOSED	Happy Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 23	CLOSED	Happy Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 26	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, November 27	10:00AM	Ruth Jones Circle
Wednesday, November 29	5:30PM	CA & Youth Supper
	5:45PM	CA & Youth
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir