

# November Newsletter

# 2023

## NEW DEACON ELECTION 2024 *Sunday, November 12th*

It's time to select new deacons to serve 2024 through 2026. Nominee presentation day is Sunday, Nov. 5th during the 11 am Worship Service. Voting day is Sunday, November 12th. The five persons receiving the most votes will begin serving a 3-year term beginning January 1st, 2024. Deacons rotating off the board this year will comprise the committee to count the ballots. Any member of the church may vote for 5 (five) names on a deacon ballot. Final voting must be done using the appropriate ballot form. Ballots are available in the sanctuary foyer on Nov. 5th during the Sunday Worship Service and in the church office. Absentee ballots may be obtained by calling the church office. Absentee ballots must be received in the church office by noon on Friday, November 11th.

## Word from Preston

Church Family,

October 22nd was a special day in the life of our congregation. It was such a blessing and privilege to celebrate God, this church, and our family of faith. What a great time it was to worship, look at pictures, (go down memory lane) fellowship, and break bread together!!! If you were able to be apart you experienced the goodness of the day. If you were unable to be there you were missed, but know that your presence is a vital part of what makes and has made this congregation special.

This day has been a special day because of a thoughtful group of folks, the "175th anniversary team." This group has met since the Spring. They have advertised and sent out information, collected and displayed pictures, lined up items for the fellowship meal, and helped put together things for the mural. Thank you all who participated in making this day special and something to remember for our church.

FBC as we move into our 176th year, we have this incredible opportunity and responsibility to tell and more importantly live out this story of faith of what it means to love God and love our neighbor.

Preston

## COMING SOON *FBCJ Events & Happenings*

We're well into Autumn and as the air grows crisp and fresh we enter that most wondrous of seasons. With love and thankfulness for all God gives us, we look forward to creating beautiful, new memories to honor our Father. Mixing our beloved and cherished FBCJ holiday traditions with some new and innovative ways to celebrate safely, we have created a delicious recipe for this special season. Help us celebrate God and share our love with our Family of Faith and community by joining us for these wonderful events!

**FALL BACK!** Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour Saturday night, Nov. 5th, for the time change!

Nov. 5	All Saints Day
Nov. 5	Presentation of Deacon Nominees
Nov. 9	Noon Deadline for Office Drop-Off of Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes
Nov. 12	Voting on New Deacons during Worship
Nov. 12	Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection Date
Nov. 13	Finance & Deacon Meeting
Nov. 15	Deadline for December Newsletter
Nov. 20-24	School Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 23 & 24	Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Nov. 26	Deadline for Poinsettia Orders
Dec. 3	1st Sunday of Advent
Dec. 11	Senior Luncheon-Walker Hall
Dec. 11	Finance & Deacon Meeting
Dec. 15	Deadline for January Newsletter
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Communion
Dec. 25 & 26	Office Closed
Dec. 25	Christmas Day! No Sunday School
Dec. 30	Office closes at noon
Jan. 1	Goodbye 2023! Good Welcome 2024! Office Closed





## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child: The Lamplighters Women on Missions group had their Operation Christmas Child packing party in October. Thank you, church family, for your generous donation and loving support of this project. We were able to pack 54 boxes that will be added to our church collection on November 12th. God is good and it is thrilling to see what He can accomplish when we all work together to do His will. Boxes are available in the church office during the week and the Sanctuary vestibule on Sundays. Bring your boxes in with \$9 postage on Collection day, Sunday, November 12th or drop them by the church office by noon on Thursday, November 9th. You can also donate postage for the boxes to the church (write OCC in the memo line) or make the check payable to Samaritan's Purse. Please contact Kym McCrary if you have more questions. [kymmccrary@yahoo.com](mailto:kymmccrary@yahoo.com)

### Flowers

Nov. 5 -Mary Jane Reid

Nov. 12 -Bob Baldwin

Nov. 19- Judy Hayne

*To my FBCJ family,*

*Thank you for your generosity and support of Trunk or Treat! When I needed you most you came through, from donating candy to hosting trunks and making kettle corn. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the support you so generously give. I truly appreciate all the love you show to our*

*Children's Ministry!  
Peace, Love, Joy, Erin*

### Poinsettias

*A Much Loved Christmas tradition at FBCJ that we are making sure to continue this year is adorning the Sanctuary with brilliant red poinsettias. The cost is \$20. To order, please use an order form, order on our giving page, or write "poinsettia" in the memo and include a note letting us know "in memory of" or "in honor of" and the name(s).*

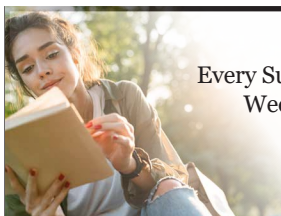
*The order deadline is Sunday,, November 26th.*

**Nursery now available during  
Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service  
Children's Church**  
during 11:00 am Worship Service Sunday  
**Sunday School Classes**  
Sundays at 9:45 am



### YOUTH

Every Sunday we meet at 10Am for Sunday School!  
Wednesday night youth activities 6-7 pm.



## Happy November Birthday!

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- 4 - Stephanie Baggs, Michael Callahan
  - 5 - Kendra Boteler, Dianne Jones, Bobbie Shelnett
  - 7 - Pat Childers, Marcia McDaniel
  - 9 - Sharon Rasco
  - 10 - Vesta Doster
  - 11 - Rose Ann Muse, Gretchen Rasco
  - 12 - Pat Denson, Allie Stephens
  - 14 - Debbie Harris
  - 16 - Decie Lowe
  - 18 - Joy Hyatt
  - 19 - Deborah Gay, Brooke Rutledge
  - 20 - Jenny Carver
  - 21 - Katherine France, Jan Simpson
  - 22 - Scott Higgins, Camlyn Lowe, John Luke Weaver
  - 23 - Martha Allen
  - 24 - Loretta Hicks, Kim Russell, JJ Wilson
  - 25 - Carrie McCurdy
  - 26 - Debbie Childers, Preston Jones
  - 27 - Sam Dotson
  - 30 - Carla Jarrett

### Music

**What a great 175th Anniversary Celebration!** We had the largest choir we've had in my time here. And they sang the stars down! I'm so thankful for their faithfulness to our Lord and our church.

We had a wonderful kick-off for our Christmas music. There's still time to come join in the fun. Wednesdays at 6:15.

Praise Band just keeps getting stronger. Every time they sing I think "this is the best they've ever sounded!" I look forward to their singing.

We are so blessed in our church with very talented and committed people. What a blessing both to sing our Lord's praises and to lead others in worship.

Because He Lives,

Glenn Crosthwait



# November 2023 Church Calendar

First Baptist Church of Jasper

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 FALL BACK Time Changed
			Bob Baldwin	Tim & Patty Barnard	Lisa & Dwight Barnett & family	
5 Presentation of Deacon Nominees  GA Retired Educators Day  <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b>	6   Aaron Bearden	7  Election Day  Bell Family Hunter, Asley, Emily	8   Eugene & Marion Bishop	9 2:00 Office Dropoff Deadline for OCC Boxes  Donna Born	10   Craig & Katrina Boteler & family	11  Veteran's Day
12  Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes Due  Voting on New Deacons	13 5:30 Finance 6:30 Deacon  Jeff & Patty Brooks, Ethan	14   Bill & Theresa Brown	15   Reeder & Robin Burch	16   Bonnie Burton	17   Ken & Delaine Burton	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24 Office Closed	25
<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>						
	Georgia Cagle	Jimmy & Kathy Cagle	Marty & Lana Callahan	Sue Callahan	Regina Camp	
26  Poinsettia Dead- line	27  Clint Chapman	28  Lori Chastain Ryan	29  Michael Chastain	30  Tracey Chastain	<b>Pray for One Another:</b> On the calendar you will find the names of Church Members to pray for five days a week. Please remember them in your daily prayers. (James 5:16)	



## Lamplighters: Women on Missions

The Lamplighters Women on Missions group will meet Thursday, November 9th at 10:30 in Walker Hall. Margo Austin will have the program. All ladies of the church are invited to bring a sack lunch and join us for this missions meeting.

# 2023 Deacon Body

Patton Childers, Chair

Jim Looney, Vice-Chair

Beverly Looney, Secretary

Margo Austin  
Samantha Dunn  
Rick Harris  
Cleve Kiser  
Slade Lowe

Pauline Maturo  
Judy Pinson  
Gerald Reid  
Kyle Rasco

Brian Russell  
Nancy Teague  
Brenda Weaver  
John Luke Weaver

## Deacon of the Week

Nov. 5 Judy Pinson

Nov. 12 Jim Looney

Nov. 19 Gerald Reid

Nov. 25 John Luke Weaver

Patton Childers

Kyle Rasco

Kirk Garner

Slade Lowe

Next Deacons Meeting: Monday, November 13 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

## GEORGIA RETIRED EDUCATORS DAY

Monday, November 6th is Georgia Retired Educators Day! This day honors the many men and women who dedicated their lives to educate and encourage the youth of Georgia. If you have the opportunity, please thank a teacher (retired or active) on this day.

## School Snack Pack Program

Our kids need our School Snack Pack Ministry now more than ever. Monetary contributions are always greatly appreciated, but if you would like to donate, we are in need of individually packed snacks, ziplock bags, and plastic bags. If you have any questions, please contact Marcia McDaniel at 706-692-8364.

## Memorial Contributions

In Memory of Betty Ferrell  
Georgia Cagle

In Memory Of Mary Ozment  
(Vera Given's sister)  
Loretta Hicks

## Welcome New Members in October

Andy Middleton

## Advent Season

Dec 3rd -First Sunday of Advent  
Dec 10th-Second Sunday of Advent  
Dec 17th-Third Sunday of Advent  
Dec 24th Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Ministry Leadership Team

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