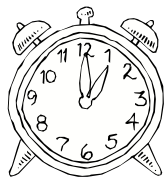


  
**NOVEMBER**  
NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2005

Two men were walking through a field one day when they spotted an enraged bull. Instantly they darted toward the nearest fence. The storming bull followed in hot pursuit, and it was soon apparent they wouldn't make it. Terrified, the one shouted to the other, "Put up a prayer, John. We're in for it!" John answered, "I can't. I've never made a public prayer in my life." "But you must!" implored his companion. "The bull is catching up to us." "All right," panted John, "I'll say the only prayer I know, the one my father used to repeat at the table: 'O Lord, for what we are about to receive, make us truly thankful.'" Sometimes it seems hard to give thanks for the lemons of life. But, Paul tells us in I Thessalonians 5:18, "in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Even in the toughest of times, we can be thankful—especially if there's no bull catching up to us!

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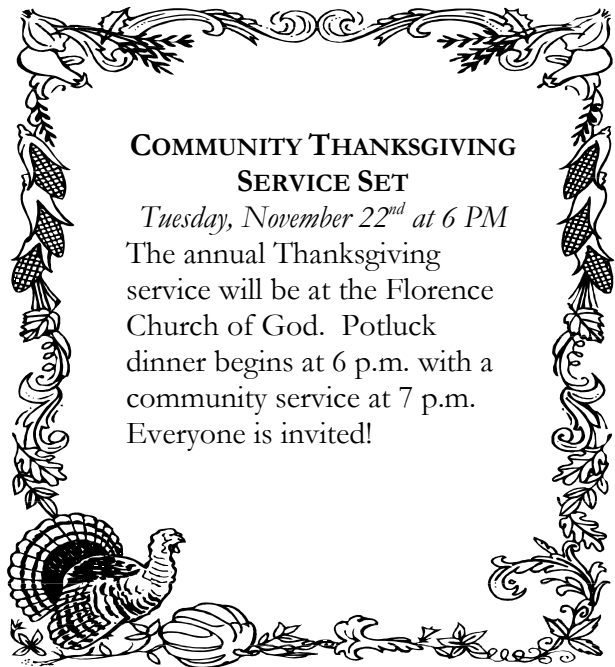
**REMEMBER**  
to set your Clocks



Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE SET**

Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM  
The annual Thanksgiving service will be at the Florence Church of God. Potluck dinner begins at 6 p.m. with a community service at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited!



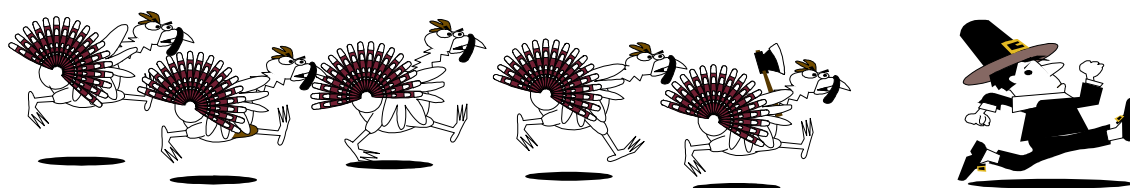
**SENIOR LUNCHEON**

Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM  
Mrs. Betty Burchfield will provide the program for this monthly gathering. Bring a dish & join the fellowship & inspiration. Everyone is invited!



**Operation Christmas Child**

Deadline: Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs. Angie Fisher leads the charge as we partner with Samaritan's Purse to provide gifts for children all over the world. Brochures are available as boxes need to be delivered to the church by Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. For information, contact Angie (601-372-0045).



**WILD GAME THANKSGIVING DINNER**

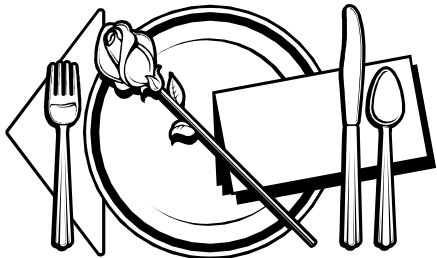
Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>  
Calling all hunters!! A wild game dinner on the grounds is set for the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Bring your cooked venison, deer sausage, turkey, wild hog, etc. Everyone is invited to bring potluck to add to the wild game dishes. With Thanksgiving as our theme, we'll give thanks through testimonies following the meal in the Fellowship Hall.

# youth Update

## CASTING CROWNS CONCERT

*Friday, November 4th*

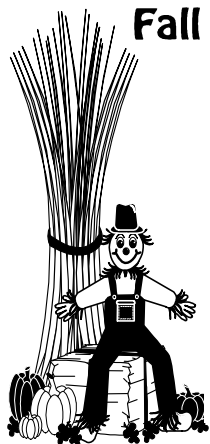
Contemporary Christian band, Casting Crowns, is coming Friday, November 4th to First Baptist of Jackson. Everyone in the church is invited to attend! Tickets are \$15.50. If you would like to attend you can purchase a ticket at any Christian bookstore or give your money to Bro. Michael by Wednesday, October 26. Youth only have to pay \$7.75!



## MARY & MARTHA DINNER

*Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>*

Longtime missionary to Africa, Mrs. Gene Little, will be the guest speaker at the WMS dinner for our ladies Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at Victory Church. Mrs. Patsy Gilmore will be providing music for the event. The ladies of the WMS are working hard decorating & cooking to make this an awesome opportunity for faith & fellowship. Don't miss it!



## Fall Festival

*Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m.*

Activities include "Trick or Trunk", a wordless book tent, hayride, toy walk, food, games & prizes for all ages. Dress in your favorite costume appropriate for a church activity (No monsters, witches or scary masks). If you're interested in contributing candy, toys, or a car trunk for the "Trick or Trunk" event, please see Pastor Michael or Melissa Puckett.

## CHURCH HISTORY IN PLAIN LANGUAGE

*Adult Study beginning Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m.*

Church History comes alive in this 8 week study from Bruce Shelley's insightful book by the same name. Supper is served at 6 p.m., so make Victory Church your Wednesday night place to be!

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR OCTOBER

Budget YTD	\$ 69,867.00
General Income YTD	\$ 76,118.97
<b>Building Fund Report:</b>	
Building Fund balance current	\$ 69,632.52
Capital Campaign Total Pledges	\$104,228.00
Received through week 56 of 156	\$ 42,178.37
Weekly "On Pace" Percent	113%

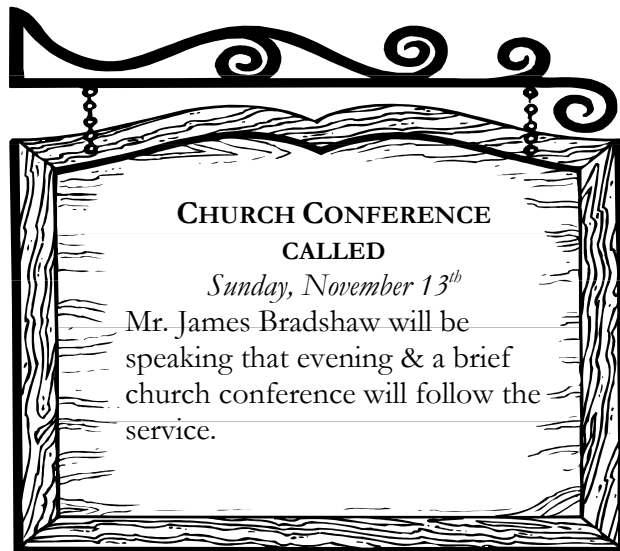
## Average Attendance:

Sunday Morning Worship:	132
Sunday Evening Worship	72
Sunday School:	91
Wednesday Evening:	83

## YOUTH LED SERVICE

*Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.*

Pastor Michael Matthews will be speaking as our young people lead us in worship through song, interpretive movement & spoken word. Don't miss it!



## CHURCH CONFERENCE

CALLED

*Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>*

Mr. James Bradshaw will be speaking that evening & a brief church conference will follow the service.

# Welcome

## NEW MEMBERS

Sarah Bailey  
211 College St  
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Florence, MS 39073  
(601) 845-7481

Kevin Dutiel  
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Apt L-82  
Brandon, MS 39042  
(601) 824-0541

Sheila Steed  
205 Briarhill Cv  
Florence, MS 39073  
(601) 845-8359

## SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Prayer Time (Family Life Building)	9:00 A.M.
Sunday School Hour	9:30 A.M.
Choir Practice	10:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:45 A.M.
Evening Service	6 P.M.
Children's Choir	6 P.M.

### EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY

"Wild at Heart" for Men 7 P.M.

### EVERY 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY

Senior Luncheon 12:30 P.M.

### WEDNESDAY

Family Supper	6 P.M.
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	7 P.M.
Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	7 P.M.
Student Life Meeting	7 P.M.
TeamKids	7 P.M.

