

# FBC eBlast

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When we ask for forgiveness, according to C.S. Lewis, what we often mean is not, "Please forgive me for what I did," but instead "Please accept my excuse for what I did." Whether we're asking God or another person, there is a profound difference between "forgive me" and "accept my excuse." The former means, "I did wrong; I humbly confess that and ask you to forgive me." The latter means, "I have valid reasons for what I did, there are extenuating circumstances, so I am not really to blame."

In his essay, "On Forgiveness," Lewis notes that if you are not really to blame then there is nothing to forgive. We become so anxious to point out our excuses, to God or to other people, that we forget the part which is "inexcusable, but not, thank God, unforgiveable." When we forget that part, we "go away imagining that we have repented and been forgiven when all that has really happened is that we have satisfied ourselves with our own excuses. They may be very bad excuses; we are all too easily satisfied about ourselves." When you ask for forgiveness, do you tend to include reasons and excuses why you did it? There aren't many issues in life more important to get right than repentance and forgiveness. A wise man, that Lewis...

At heart, the Christian Gospel is not a guide to how to have a fulfilling life, not a help in in being a good, moral person, not a set of guidelines for being a good citizen or a theory about how the world came to be. At heart, the Christian Gospel is the good news that you are lost, but you can be saved. Romans 10 is a clear, simple, direct presentation of how to be saved—how to be reconciled with God so that you are no longer lost. This Sunday morning in verses 13 - 21 we'll consider the central truth that salvation is not automatic, but it is available. On Sunday night in Mark 10: 17 - 22, we'll address the danger of going through life giving attention to everything but the most important thing. Your place is saved!

Bro. Dean



## Photography Weekend for the New Church Pictorial Directory Is Here— This Friday, Saturday, and Sunday!

Please remember your appointment, or see if any remain if you don't have one! See Glenda Hunter for info.



#### **Deacon Nominations: This Sunday Morning**

Mark Matheny, Jeff Stevenson, and Bob Walls conclude their term of active service at the end of the year. Others currently serving are Bill Sharp, Phil Purvis, Darrell Goins, Douglas Jennings, Jason McGee, Matt Powers. On Sunday morning, Oct. 30 we will ask each member to nominate three men to serve in place of those rotating off; please prayerfully consider and be prepared. See I Timothy 3: 8 – 13.



### This Monday night: Trunk-or-Treat

Bring treats to distribute, decorate your trunk if you like, and join us on the College Street lot for Trunk-or-Treat! The church will hand out hot dogs and water; if you can help with the hot dog preparation, see Anna Farris.



#### REVIVAL SERVICES: ONE WEEK AWAY!

Pray and plan for November 6 - 9, when Evangelist Phil Glisson of Memphis will be here to lead, Sun. morning (10:30), Sun. evening (6:30), and Mon., Tue., and Wed. evenings (7:00).

Note: we'll need nursery workers for the evening services. Let us know if you're willing!

Visit Phil's website at philglisson.org



### Saturday, November 5:

It's the 2022 Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
Madden Hall



"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." I Tim 1: 7



In Awana this week, October 30: Hat Night

Madden Hall, Sundays,5:30 – 7:00, Ages 3 – Grade 6



Thank you so much for the luncheon, the cards and gifts, and your thoughtfulness for Pastor Appreciation Month! We feel more grateful, humbled, and appreciated than you can ever know throughout the year, and thank the Lord for bringing us to Woodbury and this church! --Bro. Dean & Cindy



#### Sunday, October 30:

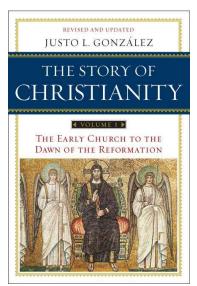
37 Nursery: Lindsey Robinson, Julie Powers
Children's Message: Julie Powers
Deacon of the Week: Bill Sharp

## Reading & Praying through God's Word in 2022

Oct. 27: OT—Jer. 12, 13, 14; NT—II Tim. 1
Oct. 28: OT—Jer. 15, 16, 17; NT—II Tim. 2
Oct. 29: OT—Jer. 18, 19; NT—II Tim. 3
Oct. 30: OT—Jer. 20, 21; NT—II Tim. 4
Oct. 31: OT—Jer. 22, 23; NT—Titus 1
Nov. 1: OT—Jer. 24, 25, 26; NT—Titus 2
Nov. 2: OT—Jer. 27, 28, 29; NT—Titus 3
Nov. 3: OT—Jer. 30, 31; NT—Philemon



Suggested items for October: soap, glue sticks, toothbrushes, bandaids, boys/girls deodorant, washcloths, hairbrushes, crayons, erasers, boys/girls socks, boys/girls underwear. Look for the inventory list on the OCC table to see what's most needed now!



#### Church Library Resource of the Week

There are few more helpful commentaries on the Scripture, or more inspiring guides to the Christian life, than the story of church history! Yet, few Christians seem to know little of the riches of our heritage. This classic work by Justo Gonzalez tells the whole story in a lively, readable, way, relating the dramatic events, the colorful characters, and the revolutionary ideas that shaped the first fifteen centuries of the church's life and thought. We also have Volume 2, covering the Reformation through today. *The Story of Christianity* demonstrates at each point what new challenges and opportunities faced the church and how Christians struggled with the various options open to them, thereby shaping the future direction of the church. This new edition also includes recent archaeological discoveries to give us a better view of the early Christian communities. It's there for you—200 GON!

#### **NORMAL SERVICE TIMES**

Sundays	Wednesdays
Sunday School – 9:30 AM Morning Worship – 10:30 AM Discipleship Training – 5:30 PM Evening Worship – 6:30 PM	GA's, RA's, Mission Friends – 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting – 6:00 PM High School Student Group—6:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal—7:00 PM

Nursery Provided During Each Service

Morning worship broadcast on WBRY, AM 1540 & FM 107.1; morning and evening worship and Prayer Meeting all streamed live on Facebook and YouTube (FBC Woodbury), and on the church website (fbcwoodbury.org).

NORMAL CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Closed: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

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#### Pastor Appreciation Lunch, 10/23/22, photos from Anna Farris









## Prayer Guide

# Please help us keep the Prayer Guide updated – send anyone you would like to add, and notify us of anyone who can be removed. Thank you!

**Church Family** 

Wallace Burke

Patrick, Karie Cecil

Mark, Lesa Davis

Penny DiGiacomo

Dot Duggin

Lou Goins

Cecil Gregory

Madden Haynes

Drunell Higgins

Bettye Jones

Doris Markum

Evan Matthews

Penny Nichols

Benton Parker

**Adelind Powers** 

Julie Powers

Branden Schwartz

Cheryl Sharp

Windol Tate

Betty Wilder

#### Friends & Family-submitted by the person listed

Mike & Shirley Allen (Glenda Hunter)

Brenda Anderson (Melissa Burnett)

Elijah Bell (Julie Powers)

Brent Brock (Lydia Womack)

Lisa Brown (Lydia Womack)

Zealya Coley (Regina Coley)

Pat Curran (Jeff Stevenson)

Pat Dayton (Bob Davenport)

Augusta Donnell (Shirley Parker)

Katie Ferrell (Stacie Francis)

Garl Fugit (Tonya Davenport)

The Glorioso Family (Amy Matthews)

Blake Goolsby (Matt Powers)

Michael Grubbs (Lesa Davis)

Norma Hancock (Martha Burke)

Phyllis Judkins (Lesa Davis)

Shane Lamb (Ann Haley)

Pat Lipp (Tammy Wies)

Doug Lowe (Matt Powers)

Dana McKinney (Matt Powers)

Pat Nichols (Douglas Jennings)

Donna Oliver (Jamie Anderson)

Thelma Owen (Douglas Jennings)

Tabby Ragland (Lou Goins)

Bruce Rector (Dean Anderson)

Lois Rich (Wanda Walls)

Debra Robinson (Julie Powers)

Caroline Rowden (Brad Garrett)

Tamaria Russell (Phene McCurrey)

Ruth Anne Semlinger (Sandy Bogle)

Jack Smith (Lesa Davis)

Don, Eunice Stevenson (Jeff Stevenson)

Nancy Stroud (Shirley Reed)

Brenda Tate (Tonya Davenport)

Kendria Walkup (Julie Powers)

Joyce Wilburn (Anna Farris)

Betty Womack (Lydia Womack)

**Expectant Families:** Randal/Ellie Byers

<u>Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:</u> Loretta Wilkinson, Edith Northcutt, Barbara Melton, Mamie Powers, Jimmy Mingle

<u>Homebound:</u> Wallace & Martha Burke, Mamie Vance, Chic Smithson, Eleanor Bell, Doris Markum

<u>Missionaries:</u> Buck/Annie Barton, Lee/Sophia Ford, Marcus/Sara McBee, Al/Margaret Patterson, Angela Dawson, Gavin/Laura Pinkston, Phil/Laura Metcalf, Chris/Rebecca Abner, Thomas McGee

<u>Church Staff:</u> Dean Anderson, Rhett Brewer, Tony Burnett, Tammy Wies, Julie Powers

<u>Military:</u> Caleb Daniel, Chris Gillis, Stephon Harris, Steven Pirtle, Justin Wax, Parker Woodworth, Taylor Woodworth, Dakota Beasley, Kevin Walkup

<u>College Students:</u> Brady Bryson, Drew Bucher, Lytton Haley, Addison Melton, Ashlyn Nokes, Etta Gaines, Cathan Cecil, Chandler Todd, Addison Todd

<u>Active Deacons:</u> Mark Matheny, Jeff Stevenson, Bob Walls, Bill Sharp, Phil Purvis, Darrell Goins, Douglas Jennings, Jason McGee, Matt Powers

**Church Matters:** Revival Nov. 6 – 9; Bro. Tony & Student Ministry; Bruce Marchiano & Gospel of John film; IMB Missionaries; persecuted Christians worldwide; nation & leaders; Gideons; Jail Ministry, the lost