



THE MESSENGER

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Happening this week...

FALL MAIN EVENT

A fundraising event for the

Center for Pregnancy Choices



CENTER FOR PREGNANCY CHOICES
Fall Main Event
THURS OCT 19, 2023
NORTHCREST BAPTIST CHURCH

\$45 VIP Experience 5:30

Meal and Meet+Greet With Abby Johnson

\$10 Doors Open At 6:00

SPONSOR A TABLE!
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!
TABLE OF 6 \$200

For Tickets:
601.527.8829
director@cpcllegacy.com



Worship led by
Holly Brand

Join the CPC of Meridian, and others from around the state, for a night of worship and a special message from speaker and author **Abby Johnson** who will share her testimony of how God took her from working with Planned Parenthood, our nation's largest abortion provider, to become an outspoken advocate for the pro-life movement!

Worship led by Holly Brand.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, October 15

- 9:15 - Sunday School
- 10:30 - Morning Worship
- 3:15 - Acteens
- 4:30 - Children's Bible Skills and Drills
Youth Bible Drills and supper

TUESDAY, October 17

- 7:00 - YOUTH Bible Study (*Jack's*)
- 9:30 - Ladies Bible Study (*C. Laird*)
- 4:30 - Ladies Bible Study (*R. Scarbrough*)
- 6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry (*Aldersgate*)

WEDNESDAY, October 18

- 5:00 - YOUTH BELLS
- 5:15 - FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER
- 5:30 - YOUTH CHOIR
- Young Ringers
- 6:00 - Preschool and Children's Choirs
- 6:30 - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study/
- G.A.s, R.A.s, and Mission Friends
- YOUTH WORSHIP
- 7:30 - NO Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, October 19

- 7:00 - YOUTH Bible Study (*The Pig*)
- 6:00 - Fall Main Event for Center for Pregnancy Choices
(*Northcrest Baptist Church*)

USHERS FOR OCTOBER

Tommy Allen, Bo Bailey, Will Carpenter, Adam Foreman, Brad Garrett, Benny Harrison, Michael Jones, Dave Little, Timothy Maloney, John Morgan Mims, Brian Sellers, Ronnie Smith, Allan Tolleson, Cary Vaughn, Leslie Williams



Dr. Will Wall, Pastor
Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music
Rev. Noah Greer, Student Minister
Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries
Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus

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Last Sunday's Record

Sunday School: 195 Worship: 245
Offering: \$21,669.10

January 1, 2023

Requirements: \$ 1,066,621.15
Receipts: \$ 1,022,473.77

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Oct. 15 - Brad Henry Oct. 22 - Jeremy Hill
Oct. 29 - Brad Sykes Nov. 5 - Joe Kieronski
Nov. 12 - Larry Roberts Nov. 19 - Joey Mabry

Deacon's Meeting - October 22

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Sermon for Sunday, October 15

"Philadelphia" Revelation 3:7-13

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - October 18

Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Fried Okra, Biscuit, Salad Bar, Fruit Crisp
KIDS: Chicken Strips and Fries
ADULTS: \$5 KIDS (12 and under): \$3 Family Maximum \$20
SERVERS: Jim Williamson,
Cathy Carpenter, Cary and Faith Vaughn

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - October 15

PRAYER LINE Volunteer – Faith Vaughn

Preschool Ext. Session Tanner and Callie Waite	Launch Lee and Melissa Rogers
Worship Welcome Faye Bruner Dee Dee Fouts Bobby and Patty Ann Bogue	Greeters Brian and April Sellers Christie Daughtery Debra Porter
Security Team 4 Landry Adkins Davis Miller Greg Monsour	Counting Committee Kathy Stehle, <i>chmn</i> Melanie Carroll Ryan Haarala



SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

Recently, I learned that my oldest son, Jackson, was asked to help with the annual William Carey scholarship banquet fundraiser. I thought the invitation might be a requirement for a particular scholarship program, or perhaps as a current student he was asked to participate. Not until closer to the event did I realize that he and a group of students active in the B.S.U. (Baptist Student Union) volunteered to be servers at the banquet. I was a little nervous he would not be properly trained, knowing that he had only ever been served a meal and had never actually served a meal. The event is well attended and usually has a "big name" to give the key-note address. This year's event featured 1980's teen celebrity turned evangelist, Kirk Cameron. I wasn't sure Jackson would have been able to identify Kirk Cameron without the help of Google, but his mom was sure excited! The day after the event, I reached out to Jackson and asked how things went. He told me how good it was to see so many people, and how friendly everyone was. I was relieved that I did not get reports of spilled beverages or dropped plates. His only negative response was, "the servers had to go to the very back of the convention center during the message". Once they served the meals, they were not allowed to be in the main room until it was over and time to clear the tables. What a great lesson my son learned by volunteering to be a "SERVER". You see, the event is not for the benefit of the servers. Jesus said in Mark 10, "I've not come to be served, but to serve, and give His life for a ransom for many." Jesus is the ultimate server.

During the month of October, you have heard quite a bit about stewardship, giving, volunteering, and serving. We are preparing and presenting a budget for the new year, nominating deacons for next year, and finalizing who will serve roles on committees. We are asking for many who will **serve**. But please know that serving does not look like sitting at the head table. Serving may mean eating last, or standing in the back. Serving may mean doing the little things that no one will ever see or give you credit for. Are you willing to serve in order for someone else to hear? What a great question for all of us.

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AUTUMN GATHERING
Autumn Gathering
 Sunday, October 22
 4 to 6 P.M.
 FBC Parking Lot
Lots of fun, food and fellowship.
Invite a friend and plan to join us

And...bring something to share with our community: diapers and wipes for the CDC, canned vegetables and soup for the LBA and toilet paper, paper towels or cleaning supplies for the Frances Davidson Shelter!



CHURCH CONFERENCE
 Wednesday, October 25 6:30 p.m.
BUDGET VOTE
 Sunday, November 5 (prior to Morning Worship)

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR PRISONERS

If you would like to join our WMU to provide Christmas cards that prisoners can send to their families, please drop them in the collection box in the Welcome Center in groups of 5 with envelopes and bound with a strip of paper and tape. Thank you.

Sympathies to...
 Mike and Paulette Jones
 in the death of his brother, Stanley Jones.

Memorials...

Music

In memory of: Mary Evans
 Carrie McAdams (*Paulette Jones' mother*)
 Joyce Harrison (*Frankie Harrison's mother-in-law*)

Missions and Ministry

In memory of: Randall George

Fellowship Luncheon
Tuesday, OCTOBER 24
 12:00 noon
 Welcome our Guests!
Jill and Earl Aycock
SIGN UP NOW!



FBC STUDENT MINISTRY
YOUTH STUFF...
 Saturday, October 28
BONFIRE AND/OR COOKOUT
 @ Noah and Kelsey's



CENTRI-KID SMOKED MEAT FUNDRAISER

Whole Turkey (10-12 lbs.)	\$40
Turkey Breast (5 -7 lbs.)	\$35
Boston Butts	\$35
Full Rack Bone-in Ribs	\$25
Half Hams (9-12 lbs.)	\$35
Porkloin (8-10 lbs.)	\$25

DEADLINE TO ORDER AND PAY:

Wednesday, November 1

PICK-UP: TUESDAY, November 21

FBC Welcome Center

TIME: 12:00 to 5:30 p.m.