

COMMUNICATING THE VISION

W. MACK AMIS, JR., D.Min.

I hope you are learning the keys to “*Living A Blessed Life*.” My hope is that every member of our church will experience the abundant favor of God. Remember that **we are called to be stewards (managers) of God’s resources, and He wants to pour out blessings upon our lives because of our faithfulness.** Over the next few weeks we will be discovering other truths that will equip us to join God as a manger of His possessions.

**Have you taken time to thank the Lord for His bountiful blessings?** During this season of the year we are reminded to count our blessings and to recognize that our Lord is the provider of every good and perfect gift. If you want an exercise that will bless you, take a legal pad and begin to write out all the blessings you enjoy. I promise you will be amazed at how long the list will be!

Join with my family in helping us reach our 2023 “*Touching Our World*” goal of \$65,000.

This annual event that takes place in the months of November and December helps to support our SBC missionaries serving around the world. Our International Missions, our North American Missions, and our Alabama State Missions all depend on our support to enable them to carry the good news to their mission fields. I hope, like last year, that we will surpass our goal and make a more-than-expected gift. **Now is the time to work, give, and go as we see the final days drawing near.**

Be a blessing to someone today!

Bro. Mack

Touching Our World

With Love And Hope

Missions Goal: \$65,000

Touching Our World Missions Offering provides funding for International Missions (Lottie Moon Christmas Offering,) North American Missions (Annie Armstrong Missions Offering,) and State Missions (Myers Mallory State Missions Offering.)

GIVEN TO DATE: \$17,409

We Welcome to Our Fellowship. . .

Ana Pulido (MC) By Statement	Jimmy & Jana McCourry (MC) By Letter	Easton Sims (MC) By Baptism
Daniel Brown (DC) By Statement		Haley Brown (DC) By Statement

**Christian Sympathy. . .**  
Herbert Cunningham, Donna Stephens, Janet Dobbins & Family.....  
Death of Wife/Mother, Bibby  
Holly Coppage & Family.....Death of Husband, Bart  
The Family of Peggy Sawyer.....  
The Family of Mary Bourge.....

Minister on Call			
November 13 - 19		November 20 - 26	
Bro. Mack.....(256) 454-3049		Kevin Anderson.....(256) 283-5580	
November 27 - December 3		December 4 - 10	
Don Gober.....(256) 283-6156		Bro. Mack.....(256) 454-3049	
December 11 - 17		December 18 - 24	
Kevin Anderson.....(256) 283-5580		Don Gober.....(256) 283-6156	

DEARMANVILLE CAMPUS

BRO. JOEY & BRO. JASON

**Gratitude is a lost virtue today!** With Thanksgiving now on the horizon, I am reminded again of the need for a daily attitude of gratitude. I strongly believe that a lack of gratitude is one of the greatest sins of the church today. Much like our culture, we crave more and more, bigger and better. But if we take a step back, it doesn’t take much to recognize how incredibly blessed we really are! If we JUST had Jesus, that would be more than enough! But God has given some many other graces in our life. Take time to say “Thank You” to God and others during this holiday season. Perhaps this Thanksgiving season will encroach into Christmas and not the other way around! Here are a few things around the DC corner for you to plug into and pray about....

- CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER...** This Sunday, November 19th at 12:15 PM in the church gym. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dishes to share! Church will provide some meat, bread, and drinks. FY 2023-24 budget vote at the end of the meal.
- DECK THE HALLS....** Sunday, November 26th at 5:30 PM. This is our annual decorate the church campus and fellowship. Bring a favorite Christmas snack. Wear your favorite Christmas attire too! Kid’s Christmas Movie Night in the Pier as well.
- IN THE MIDDLE CHRISTMAS PARTY...** Saturday, December 2nd, from 5-8 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Group party for Young - Middle Age Adults. Childcare provided in Pier as fundraiser for Strength To Stand Youth Conference.
- CAROLS, CANDLES, & COOKIES...** Wednesday, December 20th at 6 PM. This is a family friendly and fun worship experience full of singing, stories, skits, and cookies!

Happy Thanksgiving, church family! We love you and are so thankful for your friendship and partnership in gospel ministry!

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

CAROLYN CLIFTON

Many thanks to all who participated in our 2023 Operation Christmas Child Packing Party! I want to take a moment to express how thankful I am to everyone who participated in our recent event. The Women's Ministry organized and was responsible for the event. Thank you to the Pacesetters Ministry and others for helping with the counting and separating into baskets the many items we purchased with the donations from our church family. The staff support was, as usual, awesome! This truly is a church-wide event and the sweet, sweet spirit in that gym when we have this event is priceless. If you missed it, I am sorry you missed out! Every year I step back a minute while it is happening and I can’t help but think of those who are no longer with us, like Art Lewis, who LOVED packing those shoe boxes and writing a note to the children who would receive them. I love watching the children learn about participating in missions and doing for others, and hearing the laughter and watching everyone, young and old, talk and enjoy that time together - all while doing for others and being a part of sharing Jesus with children all over the world. It truly is a wonderful event and I am so thankful for the great support from Bro Mack, our staff, and our church family!!

May we continue to pray for each and every child that will receive those boxes, that they will come to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus!

Ladies, be on the lookout for information on an upcoming Christmas gathering on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Details to come!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

KIM SONNBERGER

Senior Adult Mission Projects October/November: Thanks to all who helped to count items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, and to those who also served in setting up for the Packing Party. You are always so willing and ready to help.

December Mission Project: We will again collect money in the Sunday School Classes to assist Diane Smith, Calhoun County Baptist Association Missionary, to feed the homeless in the months of January, February, and the first part of March. Be looking for those envelopes during the month of December.

Pacesetters’ November 21 Luncheon ♦ Pianist and vocalist, Bro. Chuck Lester will lead us in hymns of worship and thanksgiving ♦ 10:45 am ♦ CLC Chapel ♦ Cost: \$6 per person ♦ Menu: Chicken and Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, and Dessert ♦ For reservations call the church office by noon on Monday, November 20.

MUSIC NOTES

DON GOBER

Share the Good News!

CHILDREN'S MUSICALS

December 6 @ 6pm

CLC Gym

GOING DOWN TO CHRISTMAS

ADULT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Presented by The Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

December 17 @ 6pm (Sanctuary)

Love Made a Way

SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY & LEARNING CENTER

CANDICE FEAZELL

The Children's Ministry is excited to be entering the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. We are starting our Thanksgiving with our **Blessing Box Mission Project**. This is a complete Thanksgiving meal given to families with a need. These boxes include a meal, a Bible, fresh fruit, snacks and an invitation to our church. The Learning Center will have a Thanksgiving Lunch for families on November 21<sup>st</sup>. This event will kick off this wonderful season of celebrating our thankfulness.

December will be a very busy time celebrating Jesus. We will start off with a **Sunday School party day on December 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m.** We will have all class parties on that day that will include gingerbread house making, party food and inflatables. The **Learning Center's Christmas Program will be on December 5<sup>th</sup>.** Then Our Children's Choir will perform on December 6th. We will also have an **Ornament Making party on December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

We will also be taking time in Sunday School, Children's Church, Bible Skills and at the Learning Center to be sure all the children understand the true meaning of Christmas.

CHURCH LIBRARY

News

Thank you to all who attended the Alabama Author Talk in October sponsored by the Library and Pacesetters. Our author, Daphne Simpkins, was a wonderfully funny and inspirational speaker that I believe was enjoyed by all. Her books are available for check-out in the library.

The holidays are here, and Christmas is just around the corner! This year's Christmas **Open House in the library will be the first Sunday of December...**December 3. Come by before or after Sunday School for Christmas goodies and to check out Christmas books. We hope that your Christmas reading during the month will prepare your heart to celebrate to the fullest the coming of Jesus!

**What's new in the library?** We have been blessed with so many great book donations recently! Our parenting section has really grown as well as our children's section. We continue to add to our collection thought-provoking books on Christian living and theology. Did you know that we display books each week that go along with Bro. Mack's sermons? If you would like to read further on what Bro. Mack is teaching, please come by and check them out!

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

KEVIN ANDERSON

I love what the Lord is doing in our youth ministry! Together we are growing in grace and truth. Thank you for supporting our Sunday Diner fundraisers! These students are learning the value of working and earning. Our Christmas party is December 16 at Big Time in Oxford. Please sign up with Kevin. Our senior class trip is January 12-15 in Gatlinburg.

Count Your Blessings



Deacon  
Nominations  
Received  
thru  
November 19



Nomination Forms/Brochures Available in Foyers



Happy  
Thanksgiving!

The church offices,  
CLC, and Learning Center  
will be closed  
Thursday, November 23,  
and  
Friday, November 24,  
in observance of the  
Thanksgiving holidays.

Wednesday  
Family Night Supper

\$5/Person  
Maximum Per Family: \$20

Serving begins at 5 pm.

November 29  
December 6  
December 13

Reservations  
Due By  
Tuesday Noon  
Each Week

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE			
	Main Campus	DeArmanville	Total
October.....	222.....	108.....	330

And God's People Gave . . .

MAIN CAMPUS:

Total Approved Budget FY 2023.....\$ 1,241,535.00  
Weekly Budget Requirements.....\$ 23,875.67  
Given October.....\$ 94,036.46  
Budget Requirements Y-T-D.....\$ 1,138,073.75  
Budget Receipts Y-T-D.....\$ 1,096,629.67  
Together We Will + One to Date.....\$ 110,815.00  
Elevator Fund.....\$ 27,409.00  
Touching Our World.....\$ 17,430.00

DeARMANVILLE CAMPUS:

Total Approved Budget FY 2023.....\$ 320,728.00  
Weekly Budget Requirements.....\$ 6,167.85  
Given October.....\$ 30,058.50  
Budget Requirements Y-T-D.....\$ 294,000.66  
Budget Receipts Y-T-D.....\$ 293,405.25

### Weekly Schedule

MAIN CAMPUS

**Sundays**  
8:30 am - Casual Worship - CLC Gym  
Children's Church - Chapel  
9:00 am - Library Open until 10:00 a.m.  
9:50 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Library Open until 12:00 p.m.  
11:00 am - Classic Worship - Sanctuary  
Children's Church - Chapel

**Monday thru Friday**  
7:00 am - Intercessory Prayer Ministry - CLC

**Mondays**  
10:00 am - Pickleball - Gym  
6:30 pm - Handbells

**Tuesdays**  
9:00 am - Staff Meeting - Main Campus  
2:00 pm - Flexibility Class - CLC

**Wednesdays**  
10:30 am - Learning Center Service - Chapel  
4:45 pm - Library Open until 5:00 pm  
5:15 pm - Family Night Supper - Fellowship Hall

5:45 pm - Children's Activities - Children's Area

**Wednesdays (Cont'd)**  
6:00 pm - Pastor's Bible Study/Prayer Time  
Fellowship Hall  
- Ladies Bible Study - CLC Patio Room  
- Youth Bible Study - CLC 3rd Floor  
7:00 pm - Praise Team Rehearsal - CLC Gym  
7:10 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursdays**  
8:00 am - Woodcarvers - CLC  
9:30 am - Sounds of Joy - Chapel  
10:00 am - Pickleball - Gym  
2:00 pm - Flexibility Class - CLC

DEARMANVILLE CAMPUS

**Sundays**  
9:45 am - Sunday School Small Groups  
11:00 am - Worship Celebration

**Wednesdays**  
5:15 pm - Family Night Supper  
6:00 pm - Adult Bible Study

Calendar of Activities  
November 17 - December 3

**Saturday, November 18**  
2:30 PM Memorial Service for Bart Coppage  
4:00 PM MC Youth to Hockey Game - B'ham

**Sunday, November 19**  
Vote on FY 24 Proposed Budgets - MC & DC  
Last Day for Main Campus Deacon  
Nominations  
12:30 PM DC Thanksgiving Dinner  
4:00 PM MC Deacons Meeting - Coffee  
Corner

**Monday, November 20**  
5:00 PM Bldgs & Grounds Cmte - Conf Rm

**Tuesday, November 21**  
10:30 AM Learning Ctr Thanksgiving Feast  
10:45 AM Pacesetters Monthly Luncheon

**Wednesday, November 22**  
No Wednesday Evening Activities

**Thursday & Friday, November 23, 24**  
Offices, CLC, Learning Center Closed

**Sunday, November 26**  
5:30 PM DC "Deck the Halls"

**Friday, December 1**  
6:00 PM DC Music Ministry Christmas Party

**Saturday, December 2**  
5:00 PM DC In The Middle Christmas Party

**Sunday, December 3**  
8:00 AM MC Library Open House

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
Main Campus  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

DeArmanville Campus  
Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Christian Life Center  
Main Campus  
Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

WEBSITES  
www.parkermemorial.com  
www.dclivelove.com

SUNDAY SERVICES TELECAST  
Parker TV on YouTube  
**Worship Services Streamed Live  
at www.parkermemorial.com**

**PARKER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Main Church Office   Prayer Room   CLC  
256-236-5628   256-236-1515   256-419-2120

Parker Counseling Center   DeArmanville Campus  
256-770-7337   256-831-9200

Loving Kids Learning Center  
256-419-2845

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Let them  
thank the Lord  
for His  
steadfast love,  
for His  
wonderful works  
to humankind.  
Psalm 107:8