

September, 2011



### October, 2011

10/01 Anna Burroughs  
 10/01 Elaine Johnston  
 10/05 Shirley Sherry  
 10/06 Bonnie Hardin  
 Gail Sears  
 10/06 Alazae Allen  
 10/07 Sarah Gaede  
 Joe Little  
 Connie Stewart  
 10/08 Drew Short  
 10/09 Sherry Felton  
 Ashley Cox  
 10/11 Billie Jean Reed  
 Koven Gaede  
 10/14 Edyth Small  
 10/15 Pat Bridges  
 10/16 Joe Payton  
 10/18 Barbara Ward  
 10/20 Jeremy Adams  
 10/24 Geneva Flanders  
 Laila Murphy  
 10/25 John Mays  
 10/26 Shauna Allen  
 10/28 Lance Burroughs  
 10/29 Judy O'Neal  
 10/30 Brittney Irwin  
 10/31 Al Peterson  
 Michael Crawford

Carroll & Pat Bridges  
 10/31/1962

Jim & Doris Wenner  
 10/17/1953

John & Marsha Mays  
 10/17/1984



### MISSION OF THE MONTH

The offering for the monthly mission will be received on the 3rd Sunday of each month. However, you may donate to the mission anytime during the month through the church by putting the Mission name on the memo line of your check or envelope. A 'mission box' is on the table in the church foyer into which you may place your 'above the tithe' offering.

**The mission we are supporting for the month of September is Open Door Ministries of Jones Mill.**

**The mission we will support for the month of October is Safe Haven, a temporary safe place for women and children.**



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the following:

~~Family of *Evelyn Schell* who died on August 15, 2001.

~~Willie Ashcroft & David Ashcroft and family in the death of *Herman Ashcroft* on September 8, 2001.

### Prayer Requests

**Our Members:** Willie Ashcroft, David Ashcroft, Alan & Tammy Berkey, Betty Lawson, & Gary Short

**Our Relatives and Friends:**

Michael Adams, Burt Alexander, Beth Boone, Reba/Bobby Coopwood, Janet Fields, Helen Froust, Debbie Gaede, Rance Gaede Family, Susan Goodrum, Irene Gordon, David Green, Sue Harrington, Judson Hockersmith, Lexi Houghton, Patty Hunt, Jacky Johnson, Tori Kay, Denise Knutson, Lisa Lindsley, Ralph Muzny Jr., Ronnie/Tricia Payton, Valerie Pearson, Max Reed, Carl Reynolds, Paul Ruckstuhl, Evan Sanders, Marjorie Simmons, David Smith, Effie Smith, Don Thomas, Jupe Townsend, Bill Walker Family, Hunter Williams, & Martha Yates, our members in Nursing Homes, our active-duty Military, and our Governmental Leaders.

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### Attendance and Giving Report

#### Sunday, August 14

Praise Service (8:30 a.m.) ..... 71  
Traditional Service (10:30 a.m.) ..... 130  
**Worship Total** ..... **201**  
**Sunday School Attendance** ..... **71**  
**Operational Fund Contribution** ..... **\$3,439.50**

#### Sunday, August 21

Praise Service (8:30 a.m.) ..... 91  
Traditional Service (10:30 a.m.) ..... 97  
**Worship Total** ..... **188**  
**Sunday School Attendance** ..... **70**  
**Operational Fund Contribution** ..... **\$3,867.55**

#### Sunday, August 28

Praise Service (8:30 a.m.) ..... 68  
Traditional Service (10:30 a.m.) ..... 112  
**Worship Total** ..... **180**  
**Sunday School Attendance** ..... **54**  
**Operational Fund Contribution** ..... **\$3,277.25**

#### Sunday, September 4

Praise Service (8:30 a.m.) ..... 62  
Traditional Service (10:30 a.m.) ..... 106  
**Worship Total** ..... **168**  
**Sunday School Attendance** ..... **64**  
**Operational Fund Contribution** ..... **\$8,258.00**

#### Sunday, September 11

Praise Service (8:30 a.m.) ..... 55  
Traditional Service (10:30 a.m.) ..... 113  
**Worship Total** ..... **168**  
**Sunday School Attendance** ..... **74**  
**Operational Fund Contribution** ..... **\$6,751.00**

#### Sunday, September 17

Praise Service (8:30 a.m.) ..... 61  
Traditional Service (10:30 a.m.) ..... 109  
**Worship Total** ..... **170**  
**Sunday School Attendance** ..... **53**  
**Operational Fund Contribution** ..... **\$2,699.50**

**Budget for 2011** ..... **\$256,455.56**  
**Amount needed each Sunday to meet this budget total is** ..... **\$4,931.84**

### **In Honor of:**

**Evelyn Bast** to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund by Kent & Sharon Bard

**Michael Crawford** to the New Van Fund by Hazel Wayman

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**OFFERINGS TO THE MEMORIAL FUND FOR THE NEW PIANO by:**  
Rev. Fred & Carolyn Hunter, Lester & Martha Hickerson, Glen & Joann Martin, Blake & Charlotte Robertson and Ed & Chotsy Sheppard

**In Memory of Peggy Wetherington**

**To the Pastor's Discretionary Fund by:** Jim Wetherington

**In Memory of Evelyn Schell**

**To the Memorial Fund by:** Jackie Cooper

**In Memory of Herman Ashcroft**

**To the Memorial Fund by:** Carroll & Pat Bridges, Calvin & Anna Burroughs, Randy & Debbie Burroughs, Henry & Ruby de Linde, Pat Holland, Elaine Johnston, Alice Lloyd, Donald & Berniece Lowenberg, Elaine McAdoo, Bob & Sue McLaughlin, Lois McMahan, Shirley Russell, Janice Brenner, Glenn & Beth Duncan, Glenna Loudermilk, A. J. & Mary Lou Meredith, Bill Sanders, Albert & Maureen Flowers, Edward & Juanita Walser, Nancy Ransweiler, Laura Parker,

**To the Memorial Fund for the new piano by:** Gene & Jackie Covey

**To the Pastor's Discretionary Fund by:** Jackie Cooper, Kent & Sharon Bard,

**To the Kids for Christ Fund by:** Nan Merchant, Al & Beth Peterson, Jim Wetherington, James & Billie Jean Reed, Doyle & Sherry Shirley, Hoy Smith & Betty Halverson, Eugene & Jody Sparling,

**To the New Van Fund by:** Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class, Carolyn Roberson, Bill & Shirley Spencer, Cliff & Norma Stewart

## Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday (**November 6**), we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily during the morning worship on Consecration Sunday.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

B. J. Smith,  
Chairperson

## Items Needed for School Kits for the 2011 Ingathering

(Your adherence to the descriptions below is absolutely essential, so please take the list with you when you shop for these items.) Thank you for your generosity!



### BLUNT SCISSORS

Rounded tip only—no plastic scissors

### PADS OF PAPER

Spiral or top-bound pads

150 sheets of loose leaf can be substituted for 1 pad

Combinations of spiral, top bound or loose leaf is acceptable

### HAND-HELD PENCIL SHARPENERS

Must be at least one-inch long (please remove from packaging)



### 30 CENTIMETER RULERS

Hard or flexible

Cartoon characters are acceptable, BUT no advertisements, please

### UNSHARPENED PENCILS

No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols, please

Carton characters are acceptable

### 2 ½ INCH ERASERS

No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols, please

Cartoon characters are acceptable



### 24-COUNT BOX OF CRAYONS

Only 24-count boxes, please! **No more, no less!**

### MANY THANKS

Willie Ashcroft and David Ashcroft want everyone to know that they and their whole family have been overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness shown them in the experience of Herman's illness and death.

Willie says that she knew many people liked Herman and appreciated him, but she is wondrously amazed at the numbers of people who loved him, and that does her heart good.

Thank you for your cards, visits, memorials and other considerations, but, above all thank you for your prayers.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Sunday, October 2—Dedication Sunday

Dedication of the completed work that has been done in the Media & Computer Rooms and in the Chancel area of the sanctuary.

#### Saturday, October 29—Called Session of the Arkansas Annual Conference

#### Sunday, October 30—5th Sunday

Potluck Luncheon

#### Sunday, November 6—Consecration Sunday & Special Luncheon 11:45 a.m.

#### Monday, November 7—Charge Conference 6:00 p.m.



New  
to Our  
Church

Welcome to this  
membership

Steve and Sherry Felton  
who joined by Profession of Faith.  
She joined August 14 and he joined  
August 21.

Their address is:  
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