

**First Church of Canton  
Canton, Mississippi  
January 2024**

From the Pastor:

January brings a new year. We know that this past year has been full of challenges, and we pray that the coming year brings brighter days. I feel that God has been so good and faithful to lead us, and will continue to bless us, walk with us, and give us strength in whatever challenges we face. I personally thank you all for your faithfulness and love for this church. You've been an inspiration to me as you have exhibited loving generosity, fellowship and concern for each other. I look forward to God's blessings for 2024.

In Christ,  
Bro. David

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

1/1	Hope Coup	1/12	Leigh Pace	1/21	Mike West
1/4	Sue Eltiste	1/16	Olivia Harrell	1/22	Al Salmi
1/4	Jacob Carter	1/16	Madeline Morris	1/22	Zan Ellis
1/6	John Duncan	1/17	Bob Cochran	1/23	Lannis Duncan
1/11	Tanya Mitchell	1/17	Ricky Norton	1/24	Lily Grace Chandler
1/11	Jean Elaine Ellis	1/17	Maggie Blye Penn	1/29	Will Britt
1/12	Becky Ladner	1/18	Bobby Hall		

**JANUARY COMMUNION OFFERING  
MadCAAP**

**MadCAAP's programs have continued to expand over the past 38 years as we seek to meet the immediate needs and foster hope in the lives of those we serve. MadCAAP has approximately 2,800 client families registered with us as living below the federally mandated poverty level in Madison County. These client families receive services through our 4, Helping Hands Garden, New Attitudes Educational Classes, Clothing Closet, Housing Repair, and Emergency Assistance programs. Our "Back to School" and "Holiday Adopt a Child" programs provide for children whose parent has completed 12 hours of educational classes. Additionally, we offer a Tutoring program, VBS, STEM projects, Project H.O.P.E., and provide 700 food boxes and frozen turkeys at Thanksgiving.**

**SECOND SUNDAY HARVEST FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

Grace Episcopal Church partnered with the Mississippi Food Network to provide food to the neediest among us. Grace Food Pantry is open from 10:00am-1:00pm on the third Thursday of each month at Grace. They have a specific need for peanut butter and canned tuna fish. If you would like to provide nonperishable food items to the pantry, please place your donations in the baskets located in the sub-story.

**Joy and I would like to thank you all for our Christmas blessings we received this year. Your cards, snacks, expressions of love are greatly appreciated. Each year in the church, Christmas is such a special time. Our prayer is for you and your families this New Year as we live out our faith together.**

**In Christ, Bro. David Lowery**

- ◆ **Communion Offering** for January is MadCAAP.
  - ◆ **Second Sunday Harvest** is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month.
  - ◆ **Prayer Quilt Ministry** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at 10:00am.
  - ◆ **Sanctuary Choir** is Wednesday nights at 7:00pm.
  - ◆ **Security Volunteers** are needed for January and February. You can find the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall.
  - ◆ **After today our website will be down for a few weeks due to the transition of our organization. Please follow us on our Facebook Page and YouTube Page. We apologize for any inconvenience.**
  - ◆ **Office will be closed for New Year's Monday, January 1st.**
  - ◆ **Mature Years Bingo** is Wednesday, January 3rd at 2:00pm.
  - ◆ **Men's Club Breakfast** is Sunday, January 7th at 8:00am.
  - ◆ **Please join us in worship on January 7th for a Covenant Renewal Service. We look forward to our New Beginnings as we start the New Year.**
  - ◆ **Ruth Jones Circle** will meet on the second & fourth Monday, January 8th & 22nd at 10:00am.
  - ◆ **Memorial Sunday Recognition Service** will be Sunday, January 21st.
  - ◆ **Sara Nichols Circle** will meet on the fourth Thursday, January 25th at 6:00pm.
  - ◆ **If anyone would like a copy of the Sunday Sermon on a disc, please contact our office at 601.859.4621 or by email at [office@firstchurchofcanton.org](mailto:office@firstchurchofcanton.org).**
  - ◆ **Please Look over our prayer list and let us know of any changes that need to be made.**
- Thank you.

*\*The newsletter has been emailed to the addresses we have on file. If you did not receive one and should have, email the office at [office@firstchurchofcanton.org](mailto:office@firstchurchofcanton.org). Copies will be mailed if requested (shut- in's will be mailed a copy).*

## **CONCERNS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

### **LONG TERM**

John Almond	Bobby Hall	Billie Jean McMullen	Christy Saxton
Ric Andreoli	Karen Hall	Chap McMullen	Bethany Hicks Sears
Gary Andrews	Toxey Hall	Clay McPherson	Philip Schmitt
Sherry Briggs	Patricia Hammack	Dorothy Measells	Sarah Schnulo
M.L. Burnside	Wendy Harms	Brianna Medina	Sieger Lee Sims
Gloria Carter	Carolyn Harris	Madge Noble	Anne Sory
Hope Coup	Mike Harvey	Sue Lowe Owen	Evelyn Springer
Jonathan Davis	Hazel Holmes	Alton Parker	Lee Stewart
Jeff Dennis	Johnny Irvin	Becca Parker	Druscilla Thompson
David Fisher	Judy Lambert	Mae Parker	Sophia Weems
Kathy Gardner	Guilda Madison	Jo Beth Ray	Mary Joe Wicke
Michelle Gardner	Mattei Family	Carolyn Rice	Jackie Worthy
Mark Gilbert	Carl McKenzie	Sue Lowe Owen	Geoffrey Yoste
Jessica Leigh Goolsby			

### **SHORT TERM**

Sherry Briggs	Edward Hayes	Bill Reedy	Janie & Mat Tumminello
Sawyer Fair	Barbara Haynes		

**If you know of someone that needs to be added to our Prayers Concern List, please fill out our Prayers Concern listed under Attendance Registration or if someone needs to be removed from the prayer list, please let us know.**

## CALENDAR

Sunday, December 31	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, January 1	CLOSED	HOLIDAY
Wednesday, January 3	2:00PM	Mature Years Bingo
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, January 7	8:00AM	Men's Club Breakfast
	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, January 8	10:00AM	Ruth Jones Circle
Thursday, January 11	10:00AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry
Sunday, January 14	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Sunday, January 21	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship - Memorial Recognition
Monday, January 22	10:00AM	Ruth Jones Circle
Wednesday, January 24	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, January 25	10:00AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry
	6:00PM	Sara Nichols Circle
Sunday, January 28	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship