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Fall is a season that brings a fresh sense of renewal as we marvel at God's handiwork—from the brilliant colors of the leaves to the crisp, refreshing air. For many families, Halloween is filled with fun traditions like trick-or-treating, but as a Baptist community, we are reminded to keep Christ at the center of every celebration. This season gives us the opportunity to shine the light of Jesus by reaching out to our neighbors with kindness and love. The gatherings ahead invite us to strengthen connections, share the message of Christ, and embrace the joy of the season together.

Listed below are areas within our church or community where we would like more people to get involved. If you see something on the list that fits your gifting, or where the Holy Spirit tells you to get involved, please contact Bro. Gaylin so he can help you get started.

1. Operation Christmas Child drop off location coordinator
2. Adult helpers for Wednesday night youth meetings
3. Leaders and assistants for monthly community outreach (door to door evangelism)
4. Prayer ministry intercessors
5. More to come!

OFFERING TOTALS FOR AUGUST:

General Fund: \$28,948.00
Food Pantry: \$1,150.00
Building Fund: \$5,950.00
Processing Costs-Vanco: ... \$2.52
Margaret Lackey: \$2,670.00
Youth Fund: \$500.00
Samaritan's Purse \$500.00
Funeral Meals: \$200.00

TOTAL: \$39,920.52

Sunday School Average:62
RA's and GA's Avg: 20
Youth Avg: 29

General Fund Offerings needed
monthly to meet Budget:
\$24,532.67

CHURCH INFORMATION:

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UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS:

- ♦ October 5: Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am, Deacons' meeting follows; Sunday School, 9:30; Morning Worship, 10:45; observing Lord's Supper
- ♦ October 12: Quarterly Business Meeting following Sunday Service
- ♦ October 13: Columbus Day. Church Office Closed
- ♦ October 23: Mississippi Baptist Association Meeting 6PM
- ♦ October 25: Food Distribution, 7:30am
- ♦ October 25: Trunk or Treat 5:00-7:00pm
- ♦ October 27: Sunday School, 9:30; Morning Worship 10:45; followed by Fellowship Meal

*Flowers/Ushers***October Altar****Flowers:**

Lord's Supper - Oct. 5
 Theresa Duck - Oct 12
 Patricia Rogers - Oct 19
 Betty Seguin - Oct 26

October Ushers:

Richard Newman
 Colby Daniel
 Ronnie Bean
 John Leake

October Birthdays

Justin Robinson - 10/04	Anita Fenn - 10/19
Jason Daniel - 10/05	LaVerne McDaniel - 10/20
Kim Jackson - 10/08	Colby Lane - 10/21
Dylan Ivey - 10/08	Sherie Jones - 10/22
Gloria Powers - 10/10	Anita Knighton - 10/23
Rachelle Noland - 10/12	Denise Jenkins - 10/24
Aaron Freeman - 10/15	Bubba McKey - 10/24
Mike Daughdrill - 10/16	Kate Falgout - 10/24
Dawn Bean - 10/17	Jordyn Kleinpeter - 10/25
Ashley Parrish - 10/17	Mary Cupit - 10/26
Davis Newman - 10/18	Sue Ellen Parrish - 10/28
Mike Lane - 10/19	Tod Dixon - 10/31
Gary Sullivan - 10/19	

*Serving Lord's Supper***Deacons Serving****Lord's Supper****October 5:**

Martin Longmire
 Marlin Reid
 Ricky Hill
 David Vanderford

**Deacons' Meeting & Men's Breakfast****Sunday, October 5th, 8:00**

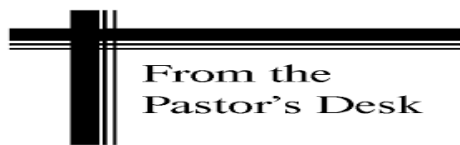
A fall "Ladies Brunch" is being planned for Saturday, November 15th at 10:00 am. Would you like to do a table? See Sandy Horne. The guest speaker for the event is Deborah Lynne, Christian Author. Tickets are \$10 per person and payable through the CBC office.



Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, invites individuals, families, and churches to pack shoeboxes with gifts, school supplies, hygiene items, and toys that are delivered to children in need around the world. Each shoebox not only brings joy but also introduces children to the hope of the Gospel through local partners and discipleship programs like *The Greatest Journey*. Many come to know Christ and share their faith with others, multiplying the impact. This ministry reminds us that even small acts of generosity can open doors for eternal change—one box, one child, one heart at a time.

**BUSINESS MEETING: OCTOBER 12TH**

Our regularly scheduled business meeting will be after worship service Sunday, October 12th. At that time, the new church budget will be presented for your vote. Along with regular membership information and financial information, you will receive the reports from the Nominating Committee (church officers and teachers) and the Committee in Committees (church committees).



From the Pastor's Desk

Centreville Baptist Family,

As we begin the month of October, I want you to think about this question: "Is your porch light on?"

This question may seem strange at first, so let me add some context. As we all know, for one night at the end of October, the streets will be filled with children and families enjoying the tradition of "Trick or Treat." Holiday etiquette dictates that if you have candy to hand out, you should leave your porch light on. If you choose not to participate in handing out candy, you should leave your porch light off.

Halloween can be a controversial subject in Christian circles. I will admit that I do not have strong enough feelings one way or another to embroil myself in that particular debate. However, I would like to point out that there are very few times in any given year when you can attract neighbors to your front door simply by stocking up on candy and turning on your porch light. That porch light isn't just a signal to trick or treaters, it is a symbol of your willingness to show hospitality to your community. Throughout Christian and Hebrew history, one of the ways that God has encouraged His people to stand out is by demonstrating generous hospitality. Instead of turning off the porch light and closing the curtains, maybe we should be "that" neighbor who hands out full-sized candy bars and wholesome conversation. It's just a thought... take it for what it's worth.

Hospitality isn't just for holidays and it shouldn't be reserved for close friends and family. Hospitality is one of the tools that God has given us to reach the lost. Is your porch light on?

As always, it is a privilege to serve as your pastor.

In Christian love,

Bro. Gaylin

youth Ministry NEWS

From Brother Dustin,

September was a very fruitful month of ministry. In my 7th and 10th grade Bible class, we have been studying through Genesis and learning about God's plan of redemption. Additionally, I was given the opportunity to speak during the midweek high school chapel service, and Mrs. Jodi invited me to speak to the kindergartener's about being a pastor during their weekly career day. The Lord has opened up many doors for ministry at CA.

On Wednesdays at the church, we have been seeing new kids come to youth group for the first time almost every week! The kitchen crew has been outstanding in making sure that the kids are fed well, and I am so appreciative of their service and our other youth volunteers. Please pray for God to move and lead many to faith in Christ during our Wednesday night gatherings.



New Sunday School Class taught by Mrs. Carrie Fuller on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Education Building,



Join us for our Tuesday evening Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm led by Ms. Amanda Aldridge.



Trunk or Treat
Saturday, October 25, 2025,
5:00–7:00 PM.

You're Invited to Trunk or Treat!

Bring the whole family and join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship at our

We'll have:

- A bounce house for the kids
- Fun games for all ages
- Plenty of candy
- Delicious chili to enjoy together

Location: 325 W Main Street, Centreville, MS 39631

This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy safe family fun, connect with neighbors, and celebrate the season together.

If you'd like to decorate a vehicle, or help by donating candy, snacks, or chili, please contact the church. Your participation will help make this event a blessing to our community!

Come ready for laughter, fellowship, and lots of treats—we can't wait to see you there!



National Collection Week

Nov. 17–24, 2025

Samaritan's Purse Prepares for Operation Christmas Child and Celebrates Impact of Veteran Outreach

As the season for *Operation Christmas Child* approaches, Samaritan's Purse is preparing to send millions of shoebox gifts to children in need around the world. The ministry, now in its 32nd year, has reached over 232 million children in 170 countries with both gifts and the message of the Gospel. Recent efforts have brought shoeboxes to remote areas like the Amazon rainforest in Peru, while personal stories from Cambodia and Chile highlight how lives are being transformed by faith through these efforts.

In addition to global outreach, Samaritan's Purse also concluded its 14th season of *Operation Heal Our Patriots*, a program supporting wounded U.S. veterans and their spouses. Over 160 couples traveled to Alaska this summer, with many re-dedicating their marriages and over 80 individuals coming to faith in Christ. The organization continues to provide long-term care through biblical counseling and community support. Samaritan's Purse President Franklin Graham credits prayer and God's work for the success of both ministries and encourages continued support as the holiday season approaches.

