

November 6, 2022 Issue



## DEACON ELECTION NOVEMBER 13

Vote by Ballot during both AM Services 2022

### CANDIDATES FOR DEACON ELECTION

TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 13



I was born and raised in Mobile, AL and grew up attending a Southern Baptist Church. I received Christ as my Savior while attending a James Robinson Crusade at the age of 13. I can still remember the moment and where I was sitting in the Mobile Auditorium when Jesus entered my life. At the time I was a shy and timid teenager but I was proud to go forward and accept Jesus into my life in front of a few thousand people. Over the past 25 years my love for my Savior and spiritual growth has steadily increased. Since coming to FBCV about 8 years ago, my wife (Barbara) and I have experienced dramatic growth in our spiritual life and created a strong desire to serve our Lord and FBCV.

I currently serve as President of our Connect Group and help augment the Security team by monitoring security cameras. Prior to the COVID pandemic, Barbara and I were part of the counting team and she is now part of our Connect Group's Care Team.

I was fortunate to grow up in a Christian home and was led to Christ by my youth leader in late elementary school. As I grew older it became ever clear that the Bible was the standard that all my life is referenced by. I have just recently retired from the military and during our tenure in the Air Force Connie and I lived by the maxim "God we will go anywhere you want and do whatever you want, just make it clear to us". In all my assignments we had a say in where we would go or what job until this assignment. We were going to Biloxi MS, a state we had never stepped foot in.

Within a couple weeks of arrival we were here at First Baptist of Vancleave and never looked back. Connie and I will have been married 30 years next month and minister as a team. We have been blessed to be a part of the out reach here and continue to look for ways to serve. From Connie singing in the praise team and me running the sound board to medical coverage on the security team, Connie and I will go and do whatever God has called us to do.





I asked Christ into my heart when I was 7 years old, but, it wasn't until I became a single dad of two that my faith in Christ truly became the forefront of my life. My two older daughters and myself attended and joined FBC Biloxi, where they both asked Christ into their hearts. I met my wife, Julie, and we joined her at Mosaics Church in Ocean Springs. As a family, we each helped in various areas to start a non-denominational church in Gulfport. Julie started and led the Children's Ministry, and I took on many roles from volunteering in the Children's Ministry, Security, IT, and serving as Lead Deacon. Covid (well, God) closed and opened doors for us, and allowed us to step back and focus on what we truly wanted to have in a home church. One that would best serve the needs of our family. We knew we weren't wanting to stop serving as a whole, but that God was telling us we needed to be in a church where not only could we serve, but that we could also BE served. Throughout the years, I have served in many areas of the church, and community, from sports, to leading Home Groups, being on Boards to serving meals to others in need. But, I believe, my greatest task in serving has been leading my family as a godly husband and dad.

I was raised by Christian parents and attended church as a child. I accepted Christ at the age of 10 at First Baptist Church Moss Point.

I have been blessed with a wonderful Christian wife. Cindy and I have been married for 42 years. We were members of First Baptist Church Vancleave from 1986 through 1988 while I was teaching and coaching at Vancleave High School. After some years away we returned to Vancleave in 1996 and have been members of FBCV since that time.

Hal has previously served as a deacon, on the personnel committee, counting committee, and currently on the By-laws committee.





I grew up attending a small church in a rural area of southeast Alabama. My family and I attended regularly, and I remember feeling God's call on my life as a child. When I was a teenager, I publicly accepted Christ as my savior. But even as a young adult I struggled for a time with what it meant to be saved and even if I was saved. Looking back, I can see now that God brought the right people into my life at the right time to help guide me to fully settle my salvation and to learn how to grow as a Christian. My motivation for serving God is His love for me.

Clay has previously served as deacon at Selma Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Vancleave.

When I was in middle school, I was invited to FBCV by a friend and that led to my salvation in 1999. After college I moved to Ocean Springs and attended Mosaic Church. In 2017, the Lord blessed me with a beautiful and godly woman. I became a member of FBC Gulfport where my wife was a member and we served in the youth and preschool ministry. We also led our life group when needed.

The Lord continued to bless us, and after we had our daughter, we moved to Vancleave. After attending one service, we knew this was where we needed to be. Heather and I have two beautiful children, Finley and Asher.

Each day I hope to grow in my relationship with Christ and lead my family in a way that is pleasing to the Lord. I currently serve on the FBCV Vision Committee.





I was raised in a devout Catholic family. After leaving home I met my wife of 35 years and joined the Navy. I was transferred to many different locations throughout my naval career but was always searching for more, attending many churches for a better understanding. In 2020 I believe God lead me to the FBC of Vancleave to help me grow and mature in his word. I accepted Christ as my lord and savior and was baptized here at the FBC in February 2021.

I have assisted in several construction projects for the community and completed the Discipleship training. I'm forever grateful for the changes God has made in my life and the love and kindness this faith family has shown us.

I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior at the age of 17, at Calvary Baptist Church, Pascagoula, MS. I was ordained in 1992 and served as a deacon at First Baptist Church of Pascagoula. I also served as a deacon at Martin Bluff Baptist Church prior to moving my membership to First Baptist Church of Vancleave. In the past, I served my church as a Sunday School teacher, a VBS teacher, Chairman of Deacons, Worship Leader and served on various committees.

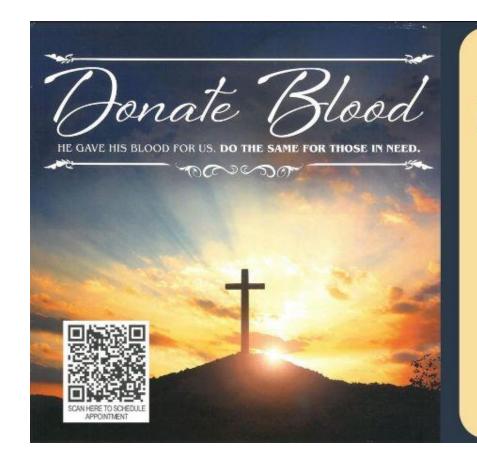
The Lord has blessed me with a Christian wife, three Christian daughters, Angelique, Candice and Christin and four grandchildren, Emma, Cohen, Allie and Wesley. Brenda and I have been married for 49 years and have resided in Gautier since 1989. At First Baptist Church of Vancleave, I currently am part of a Connection Group and Young at Heart. Brenda and I feel so blessed to be able to be a part of this wonderful church and loving church family.





# COLLECTING FOOD FOR CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR NEEDY FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

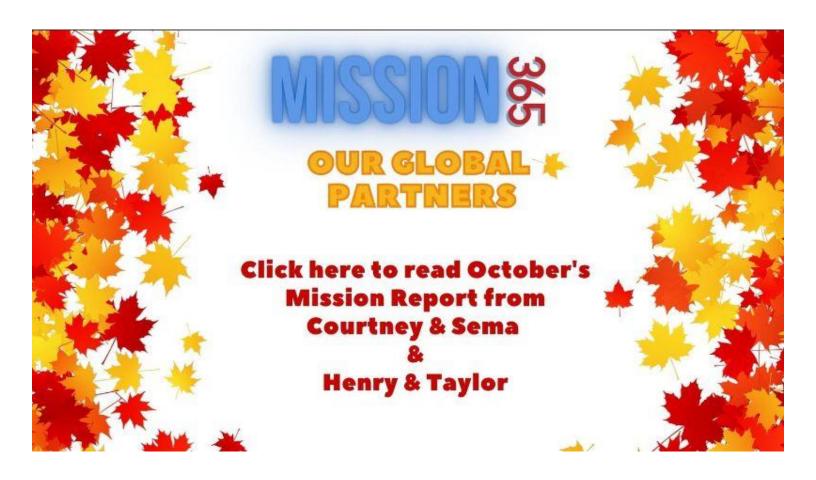
- Collection Boxes will be placed in Worship Center and Connect Group Classes
- Begin bringing items during Harvest Meal on November 20 through December 4
- Each Connect Group will be assigned items
- · Gift cards for perishable items are welcomed



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13

**FBCV MPR** 

9:00 AM TO 1:30 PM



## CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

**ACCEPTED THRU NOV. 6** 

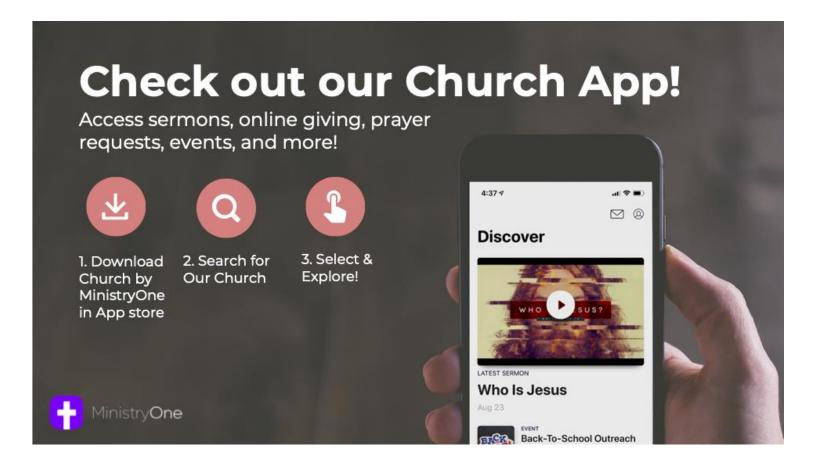
Nomination forms are available in the main entrance foyer and the office entrance foyer

### The Bylaws Vote Results

Total votes: 265
251 Approved, 14 Disapproved
95% Approval



- Weekly Menu is attached <u>here</u>
- Use this link to make reservations





### WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting for Senior Adults will meet at 4:30 pm in the Worship Center.

Family Meal 5:00-6:00 pm in MPR.

Check-in for Children and Youth begins at 6:00pm.

AWANA begins at 6:15pm.

Youth Worship begins at 6:30pm.

College & Career Bible Study meets at 6:30pm in Rm 271.

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting will meet at 6:30pm in Rm 202.

Choir Rehearsal will meet at 6:30 in the Worship Center.



**LINK TO DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS\*** 

\*Click this link daily for each day's devotion or bookmark the link

### **November 7-11**

### How to Build Your Life on God's Word: Meditate on God's Word

Monday - Psalm 119:97

Tuesday - Psalm 119:98-100

Wednesday - Psalm 119:101-102

Thursday - Psalm 119:103

Friday - Psalm 119:104

### WEEKLY GIVING Sunday, October 30, 2022

Budget Offering \$24,798.26

Weekly Requirement \$25,034.73

Second Mile Giving \$941.80

Year to Date Needs \$1,101,528.12

Year to Date Gifts \$1,003,491.34

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Sherry Farabee and family, upon the passing of her father, Floyd Pacey
- Kelli Ely
- Ron Miller
- Debbie Mohler and family, upon the passing of her father Dwight Rivers
- Susan Wiley, upon the passing of her father Jim Ferencek Debbie Tew
- Ginger Verheeck
- Charles Magard
- Michael Singleton
- The Donna Washington Family upon her passing Virginia Washington
- Jex Havard Mickey Worzella
- Becky Loughlin Jay Speight
- Sada Sistrunk
- Pauline Ward and family, upon the passing of her husband, David
- Alan Loving Bradley Farabee
- Madison Treace Dan Treace
- Dwayne Bardwell- Roger Bardwell
- Brian Malone
- Lauren Clark
- Debbie Hackler
- Gina Woods Jim Brewer
- Joe Tillson
- Ukraine and Maxim Dzhum
- Natalie Holmes' family still in Ukraine
- Dave Gaunce Joey Noble, Jim Bloomfield

### **PRAYER REQUESTS Continued**

- Karen Young Sheree Brewer
- James McNair Jo McNair
- Mary Rutledge Bill Safley
- Rose Rodzos
- Dockalee Garrison
- Preston Tootle
- Jennifer Brown
- Brad Cox
- Dean Hubbard
- Richard Coleman Kaitlyn McKee
- Patricia Rainwater Shirley Kendrick
- Laura Noble
- Linda Stewart
- Jeff Goff Ryan Goff
- Julian Sullivan Lisa and Steve Maultsby
- Randy Hall Gail Bolton
- Margery Sims Christopher Shows
- Robert Verheeck
- Steve Maultsby
- Tom Carmack
- Jeanette Saylor, Bill Lizano, and Mike Turnipseed Jimmy Ellzey
- Bobbie Thornton
- Carolyn Smith
- Henry Bruebaker
- Susan Sigurnjak Susan Bardwell
- Joann Russell Monique Rigdon
- Gary Harmon
- Steve Pemperton
- Wayne Roch Rose Rodzos
- Greg Buchanan David and Sharon Buchanan
- Jeff Minor Peggy Church
- Kathy Sykes