

The Inman Informer

The Newsletter of Inman United Methodist Church
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Path to Discipleship

As I write this, it is currently 59 degrees outside, and my heart is so happy for Fall's arrival. Autumn is my favorite seasons. There is a crispness in the air and expectation of something that is coming. Colors in the trees begin to turn and you can't help but stand in awe of the beauty. In a similar way, I am so excited for all the ways that this church is serving and growing. I was amazed at the faithful turnout at Farm Heritage Days, both serving at our booth and engaging with folks at the Brush Arbor Service. We had dozens of kids join us for crafts, which allowed for those at the booth to engage in conversation with their parents. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this happen, from those who donated waters, to the set up and clean crew, those who worked the booth, the Hooked Praise team for leading us in worship, and Dena for organizing the crafts for the kids.

And we are only getting started! October is the beginning of full season on the church calendar. This month, we have programs almost every Sunday after church! We also are back in full swing with Wednesday nights. It is exhilarating looking at all that we have coming up on the calendar.

As we enter Stewardship season, we enter this season filled with gratitude and with joy. This years' stewardship season is "Stewards of All: A Mark of Discipleship", where we will explore the ways that we steward all that has been given to us. We grow in discipleship through our prayers, our presence, our service, our gifts, and our witness. We are celebrating God's faithfulness in our lives and in the life of Inman. We've come this far by God's grace and by your faithfulness in giving, serving, and praying.

This month, we are celebrating the ministries here at Inman. We are celebrating the ways that you all have been faithful during this turbulent and unprecedented time in history. We are celebrating what God has done and what God is doing in the life of this con-

gregation. And we are remembering the membership vows that many of us have taken as United Methodists. In these vows, we promise to be holistic stewards, to be faithful to the church through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

For God is still working through us and throughout our community. We continue to be a beacon of hope and light in this community. We celebrate what God has done and we use this time to gather to dream of what God may be wanting to do through us. And we can only do this through your support. When you give to Inman, you are giving to the work of God. We would not be able to share the good news of Jesus Christ through all our programs, services, and outreach opportunities. We would not be able to keep the lights on for Sundays without your faithfulness.

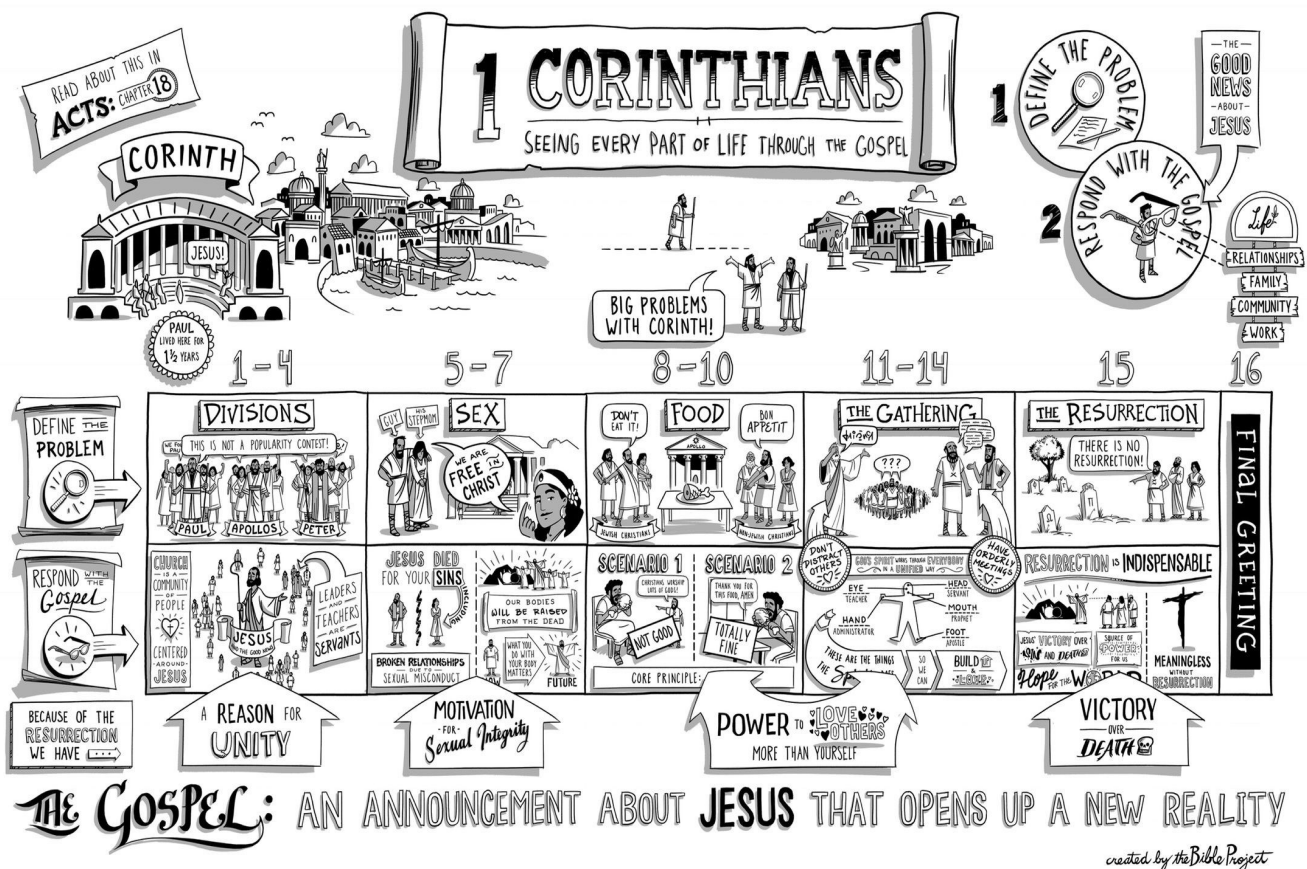
We will conclude our stewardship season with a celebration services on October 31, where we will turn in and celebrate our commitments to God and God's work in the coming year. There will be opportunities on October 31. We also will welcome anyone who would like to become a member of Inman UMC join the church that day. I look forward to seeing you each week and growing together, as we faithfully steward the gifts God has given each of us.

Peace,
Pastor Whitney



Tools in the Toolkit

I love having resources within my reach to help whenever I have questions during Bible study. During seminary, I discovered The Bible Project, which is an organization that creates free Bible videos to explain the common themes and structures of each book of the Bible. During each video, they literally “draw it out” in an easy-to-understand diagram, explaining the major sections of the book and what questions or conclusions are being posed by the author. Even having spent 7 years studying the Bible in academic settings, I still find myself going back to these videos as refreshers. They help me to maintain a wholistic view of a book (rather than just the couple of verses that I am reading.) It’s just another tool in the toolkit. Here is an example of their diagram from the end of their video on 1 Corinthians.



While this isn't a replacement for reading your Bible, I find this an invaluable tool to help further understand and equip you as you read. You can find these videos on their website: <https://bibleproject.com/explore>. Or you can search on YouTube "Bible Project Video fill in book of the Bible."

"Generous persons will prosper; those who
refresh others will themselves be refreshed."

PROVERBS 11:25, CEB



Thank you

for giving faithfully 100%
of its apportioned share in 2020

Inman
United Methodist Church
Fayetteville, GA

North Georgia Conference
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General Council on Finance and Administration



Bishop Michael McKee
President, General Council on
Finance and Administration



The logo features a stylized blue 'S' at the top. Below it, the word 'WEDNESDAY' is written in a bold, orange, serif font. Underneath 'WEDNESDAY', the word 'NIGHT' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font inside a blue oval. At the bottom, the word 'Suppers' is written in a large, orange, cursive font. Green leaves are positioned on either side of the 'WEDNESDAY' text.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT Suppers

Wednesday Night Supper is BACK!

Supper starts at 5:30PM with prayer and ends at 6:30PM. Choir practice and Wednesday night programs start at 6:30PM. The cost for Wednesday Night Supper is: \$7.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for children ages 3-12, and children under 3 eat for free.



The upcoming menu and committee helpers are:

October 6: Spaghetti & Meat Balls, Committee Helpers: Trustees

October 13: Chicken, Committee Helpers: Staff-Parish

October 20: Lasagna, Committee Helpers: Finance

October 27: Pork Roast (Kids Ckn Nuggets), Committee Helpers: Worship

November 3: Meat Loaf (Kids Hot Dogs), Committee Helpers: Missions

Note: Committee Helpers, the prep time is the most critical. If you can possibly be there by 4:30 PM on the assigned date, it would be very much appreciated.

Please let the church office know by 1:00PM on Tuesday if you regularly attend and do not plan to be there.

What's New?

All Saints Sunday

On November 7, we recognize All Saints Day and remember those from our lives who have gone on before us. We will celebrate their impact, remember our grief, and recognize their role in the church Triumphant.

As part of the service, we will be lighting candles in memory of those who have passed away within the last year. If you would like to submit the names of any family or friends who have died, you can submit the following information to Kari by email or by filling out a slip in the box by her office. The deadline for submissions is October 31.

Please submit their name, their birthdate, and their death date



Sunday Offering Counting Teams: We need a few more folks to join the Counting Team and **help ONE Sunday a month** to count the offering.

We work in pairs to count the Sunday offering, it takes about 30 minutes right after church, and we will partner you with a trained individual to make the process go as quickly as possible.



Perks of this position include working with fun people AND getting to use an adding machine! If you are interested, please contact Linda Wagner, Linda Price or Brenda Neupert and we will get you signed up!

Sunday Funday



A ladies day outing is planned for Sunday
December 5th.

Lunch buffet at Partners Pizza in Tyrone and then go
across the street to the

Legacy Theatre to see the play "Sound Of Music." The play starts at 2pm.
Group rate of (20) tickets are \$34.24 to be paid in advance.
Tickets will be purchased once all of the money is received.

MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED IN THE THEATRE.

Please contact Deborah Morris @ 770-289-7717 if you are interested in a Sunday Funday
Ladies Day! Deadline will be November 7th.

All Daughters Luncheon

October 10th at 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

We invite all the women and girls to attend.

We are asking you reserve a seat by
Wednesday, October 6th.

Please contact

Joni Janssen at (770) 468-8947 or

Kathy Barb at kbarb320215@yahoo.com

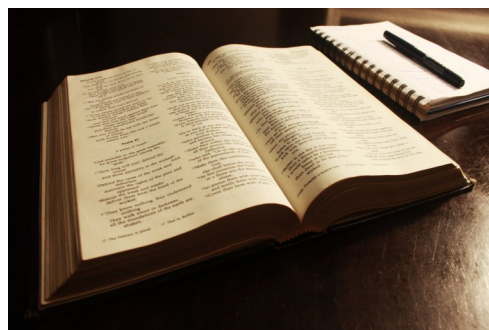
to reserve a seat or if you have any questions.



Who are we as Methodists?

Dates: October 20- November 17 (6 Weeks)

Join Pastor Whitney as we explore what it means to be a
Methodist. The study will look at our beliefs, our understanding of Scripture, our struc-
ture, and where the church may be headed in the future



TRUSTEES REPORT

Storage Shed Ramp. It's almost like "Spaghetti Junction " but without the turns. The ramp was completely rebuilt and widened to fully accommodate our Hustler zero turn lawn mower. Thanks to the engineering and mechanical expertise of Delta Airlines (Herm Janssen) and Georgia Tech (Linda Wagner) the project was accomplished in record time and under budget.



Church Kitchen. It's hard to believe that thanks to Covid 19, we have used the kitchen only twice in seventeen months. In September, the entire kitchen was cleaned and reorganized in preparation for the resumption of "Wednesday Night Suppers" on the 15th. Special thanks to Jean Haygood, Linda Price, Herm and Joni Janssen and Linda Wagner for their diligence and perseverance in a less than fun task.

Youth House Deck and Shed. All of the top railing and one of the picnic bench seats have been replaced with new pressure-treated wood. The molding on one corner of the shed and some of the ramp boards were replaced. The wood was just old and had rotted. Thanks to Linda Wagner for her help and guidance.



Inman UMC Church Wide Work Day. As has been tradition at Inman for many years, the Trustees have scheduled a work day to prepare both the interior and exterior of our Church for the Christmas season. There will be projects for all ages and skill levels. Please mark you calendars now --Saturday November 6, 2021 at 9:00 AM. In case of inclement weather, the work day will be held on November 13. Bring your work gloves and wear old clothes. All other materials and supplies will be provided.

FINANCE

Giving Statements:

By now you should have received your Giving Statement for January 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021.

Please look this over carefully to ensure our records accurately reflect your records. If there are any discrepancies, please let us know so we can get corrections made before the end of the year. *If you HAVE NOT received an offering statement and feel like you should have, please contact Linda Wagner, Linda Price or Brenda Neupert.*

Financial Report for August, 2021

Income	August	Year to Date
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 23,853	\$ 166,168
ASP	\$ 250	\$ 3,260
Other Designated Funds	\$ 108	\$ 2,238
Grand Total Income	\$ 24,211	\$ 171,666
Expenses	August	Year to Date
ASP	\$ 3,297	\$ 9,119
Committee Expenditures	\$ 463	\$ 1,832
Operational Expenses	\$ 1,983	\$ 22,220
All Other Expenses	\$ 17,058	\$ 99,280
Grand Total Expenses	\$ 22,801	\$ 132,452

**Pledge Sunday
is October 31st.**



6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:6-7

**Please make plans to
give to the church.**

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The season of giving is upon us! October 31st is Pledge Sunday and it will be here before you know it! Hopefully by now you have been not only thinking about how you will bless the church with your gifts and talents, but also with your tithes and offerings in the upcoming year. When considering pledging to the church, please think about the answers to the following questions:

Who should pledge to the church?

Everyone! Pledging is not a "members only" opportunity. If you routinely attend church or church functions, please make a plan to give back to the church.

Why should I pledge to give to the church?

By pledging to the church, you are helping us map out our financial capabilities for next year. You are helping shape and guide the future of Inman UMC and the United Methodist Church as a whole.

Where do my tithes and offerings go?

Your tithes and offerings will be used to support missions, programs, operational and personnel expenses at Inman UMC and outreaches of the United Methodist Church as a whole. Your tithes and offerings support:

- ◆ **IUMC Missions & Programs:** Adult Studies, Children & Youth, Missions (think UMCOR and Fayette Samaritans) & Outreach, Membership Care, Music and Worship
- ◆ **IUMC Operational Expenses:** Office supplies & postage, utilities, pest control, and things like the copy machine, telephone and technology needs
- ◆ **IUMC Salaries and Payroll Expenses**
- ◆ **Conference Apportionments**

When should I pledge?

October 31st is pledge Sunday.

Please complete and submit your pledge to the church on or before October 31st

3 Easy Ways to Make an Offering to the Church

Online

Use your credit card & submit your offering online through your Realm account. Go to www.inmanmethodist.org for a link to Realm.

In Person

Drop your offering in the collection plate, one of the little churches in the office hallway, or in the white mailbox directly outside the office door.

By Mail

Mail a check to the church. *(Please do not send cash in the mail.)*

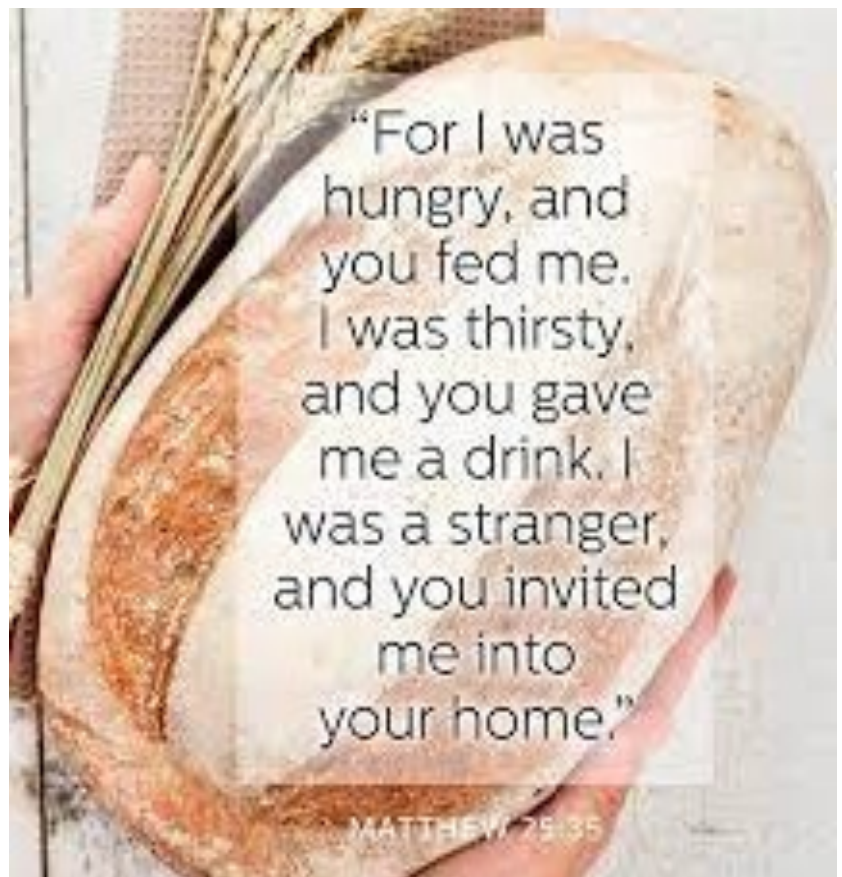
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Dear Church Members,

Fayette Samaritans has resumed our pre-pandemic schedule for all services. We are open Monday – Friday 9:00am to 12:00am, for assistance please arrive no later than 11:00am. No appointment is necessary, interviews are required for all services and mask will be required. If we can be of service to anyone in your congregation, please call our office.

The following are the items most needed for the month of October, however, all donations are appreciated:

1. Canned English Peas
2. Canned Sweet Potatoes
3. Boxed Mac and Cheese
4. Jiffy Cornbread Mix
5. Boxed Cereal (no Oatmeal)
6. Cranberry Sauce
7. Shampoo
8. Toilet Paper
9. Feminine Products



Thank you.

Jerry Daughtry

Secretary

Fayette Samaritans, Inc.

A View from the Lay Leader

October is here right on the tails of the Tractor Show, which means it is the start of the busiest time of the year for the Church. Oh gosh, one thing after another is on the horizon. “Tunk or Treat”, “Angel Tree”, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Charge Conference, and the next year’s budget, just to list a few. Plus, everything going on in our personal lives, and to cap off the year with “New Year’s Eve”.

Such a hectic schedule reminds me of how those who are trying to remain involved over great personal trials and tribulations, can get close to just giving up. Concerns for our country, our county and the world pile on and then the BILLS. Is it any wonder that the highest instances of bankruptcy and suicide take place in January and February? Now add COVID on the top and it is no wonder we are so confused.



The Tractor Show was a breath of fresh air in all ways. Not too hot and the rain held off until 4 pm Sunday. There was a nice crowd at the brush arbor service, and I got to visit with old friends and new. I did not even look at my program until this morning and to my surprise on the cover was a very handsome picture of Ann and Jim Minter

amongst the sunflowers. A very special and welcome nod to the heritage and legacy of the show and our church. Minters, Masks, Harps and McLucas' just to name a few in that group. I know I have missed many that should be listed, but you know how that goes. You would always miss three or four on the list, so I started there.

I know that some folks may say, using the past to determine the future is not considered a prudent move. As far as where the church is going there is a little truth in that, but using the past to show the dedication, love, commitment and legacy is not. October also has Halloween and the 1st of November is "All Saints Day" or a celebration of Inman's Legacy. All those who have gone before us.

October thru the end of the year is also a busy "business time" for the church, let us not forget. We are also to be about the "business" of the church, winning souls for Christ.

Ray Boltz said it in his song, "Thank you", and this is a little quote;

*Then someone called your name
You turned and saw this young man
And he was smiling as he came
And he said friend you may not know me now
And then he said but wait
You used to teach my Sunday School
When I was only eight
And every week you would say a prayer
Before the class would start
And one day when you said that prayer
I asked Jesus in my heart
Thank you for giving to the Lord*

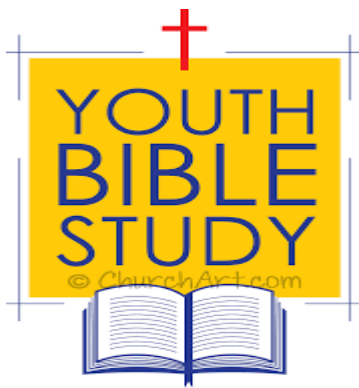
Pictures of Frank Reeves and Jim Minter having Sunday School in a car, dance in my head. I will say it too, 'Thank you

Jeff Wedge

Children & Youth

Youth and Children Spotlight

All Youth and Children (5-18) are asked to join us each Wednesday evening after dinner for Games with a Mission from 6:30-7:30 . We meet in the fellowship Hall then go to the game area.



Your Inman Youth (grades 6th-12th) meet each Sunday evening at 5:pm at the youth house for dinner, music, and bible study.
*If you would like to help support your youth, please sign up outside of the Youth and Children's office to bring a meal.

Potato Bakes are BACK!!!!

On Sunday October 17th, we are so excited to resume our once a month ASP Potato Bake lunches from 12:15-2:00pm in the fellowship hall. Let us worry about lunch! Come fellowship with us. We will have sweet or baked potatoes with all the fixins, salad , drinks and desert. All donations go to help your youth help others as they serve on mission in the Appalachia's this coming June!



Are you looking for a way to get connected and serve? Your youth and Children's Department has many opportunities for you to get plugged in. This is a great way to be blessed and be a blessing at the same time!!!

TRUNK OR TREAT

We are thrilled to be holding our annual trunk or treat at Inman UMC from 5:-7: pm. Register your vehicle for our highly competitive trunk or treat "Best Trunk" competition, pumpkin decorating competition, corn hole tournament; hay ride and of course games and food galore!!

* We need your help to make this community outreach event a success. There are many ways you can serve. Sign up sheets are outside of the Youth and Children's office!



We will as in the past be collecting donations of,

- candy,
- pumpkins,
- canned drinks
- individual bags of chips

Donations can be placed in the boxes outside of the children's office or on the fellowship hall. Thank you in Advance for your support!

Be on the look out for a new date as We are looking to hold a volunteer and safe sanctuary training meeting for anyone that serves others in our church. Your church family needs you to come alongside them to, love each other and grow in our relationships with Christ.

Our Prayers

For healing from health concerns

Carlos Allen (Gloria Reid's brother)
Sara Ballard
Roger Barnhill
Michael Barb
Ray Barday (Charles Cox)
Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)
Jack Brannon (Jeff Wedge)
Russell Clarke (Maggie Clarke)
Darleen Cornelison
Kay Cox
Lane Cox (Lyn Wheeler)
Nancy Dunaway (Mary Jane Fortner)
Karen Glessner (Kay Cox)
Charles Harp
Nicole Henry
John Kozisek
William LaTerre (Martha Kozisek)
Sarah McCart (Jane St. Amour)
Joanne Minter
Cris Price (Linda Price)
Eugene Pritchard
Miriam Schmidt
Scott Smith (Melanie Wagner)
Ruth Sitton
Jane St. Amour
Claire Starkey
Roger Starkey
Katy Swanger
Marvin Tidwell
Patricia Vaughn
Luz Webster (Gloria Reid)
Jeff Wedge
Rhonda Wheeler (George & Lynn Wheeler)
Chance Whittington (Will Chance)
Kathey Young

For healing from cancer

Roger Allgood
Denise Anderson (Joni Janssen)
Katherine Bennett (Linda Wagner)
David Booth (Martha Kozisek)
Tim Casteel (Dena Anderson)
Jackie Clayburn
Nancy Cox (Cox's sister-in-law)

Walter Delia (Martha Kozisek)
Dan Dudley (Pat Pratt)
Mary Lee Giddings
Bill Haleday
Leigh Hawkins
Daniel Houghton (Martha Kozisek)
JL Houze (Charles Cox)
Burl Hurley
Jean Jones (Nancy Allgood)
Luke Key (Mary Jane Fortner)
Matt Kirkindall
Carol Kline (Linda Chaffin)
Marvin Markham (Brenda Schachle)
Katie Schmidt (Brenda Schachle)
Joey Shelton (Deborah Morris)
Bobby Smith (Tammy Cox)
Brent Taylor (Jim & Karen Blue)
Earl Terry (Charles Cox)
George Wheeler
Ruth Williams
Bobby Williams (Rick Minter)
Louise Woods (Ann Hembree)
Kay Young (Forrest & Sara Ballard)

For Those Mourning the Death of These Loved Ones

Ira Bishop
Tommy Mask (Jerry Mask)
Jody Allen
Clint & Carla Smith (Jeff Wedge)

Other Concerns

For the children/youth programs of Inman
Unspoken prayers of the congregation

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Vivian Christian	October 4th
Craig Zoeliner	October 9th
Collin Gibson	October 14th
Anna Anderson	October 17th
Dixie Berner	October 18th
Mary Jane Fortner	October 18th
Linda DeLisle	October 18th
Linda Chaffin	October 19th
Melanie Maloney	October 23rd
Kay Cox	October 31st

If you see that a birthday is missing, please notify the church office so that we can make the correction in our records.



Administrative Board Meeting:

will be held Tuesday, October
12th at 7pm

5th Sunday Social: Come join us
October 31st immediately following
the 11am service for our 5th
Sunday Social.

*ALL FOOD will be provided by
the church.*

Charge Conference: will be held

on Sunday, November 7
at 3pm on Zoom.