

## In Anticipation of Sunday

I am not one who believes in speaking on behalf of the entire church. I think that is dangerous because we are comprised of so many people with varying viewpoints and beliefs. It is the beauty and strength of being Baptist! With our different thoughts, we remain united in being Christ's body in our community today. Because of our differences of opinion, I do not think it is wise to ever speak for the whole congregation.

However, today, I will. We have been tremendously blessed to have Jeremiah serve at our church as our Associate Pastor working with children, youth, and families. We are grateful to God that Jeremiah was called here and that he answered the call to come.

Since his arrival in May 2021, Jeremiah has poured his soul and passion into the ministries of this church. When searching for him, we were hopeful to find someone who worked well with young people but who also had a desire to immerse himself into the total life of the church. Jeremiah was the obvious choice, and now the entire congregation has been able to see what the search committee saw from the onset.

When he arrived in Corbin, Jeremiah immediately began reenvisioning and rewriting the discipleship model for our youth and children. Once Fall of 2021 began, he implemented this new model and offered volunteer training to ensure its success. In this process, he spent time getting to know our students and families and has developed meaningful relationships with them.

Beyond student ministry, Jeremiah dove headfirst into ministries of this church. Where there is opportunity to serve as Christ's presence, you will find Jeremiah. Perhaps what best epitomizes his heart for others is his work creating a warming center in Corbin during that awful cold spell around Christmas.

Through hard work, determination, and communication, Jeremiah successfully pulled together community people to offer a warming center at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, fulfilling a glaring and desperate need in Corbin. His work there, along with his persistent work in other helping ministries, has inspired many in our community and in our church, including me.

We have seen Jeremiah's gifts and heart for ministry. We recognize the divine calling placed on his life. Our faith has been challenged and has grown because of the minister he is to us. For these reasons and many more, we will ordain Jeremiah for Gospel ministry this Sunday morning. I hope you will come and offer your prayers, your words of affirmation, and your encouragement.

~ Alex

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### Sunday, January 8, 2023

- 8:30 am **Ordination Council** to meet in the Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship-  
**Ordination of Jeremiah Banks**  
[corbinfbc.org/joiningusfromhome](http://corbinfbc.org/joiningusfromhome)
- 11:30 am Reception for Jeremiah Banks

### Wednesday, January 11, 2023

- 5:30 pm Dinner - Baked Potato Bar (call the church office to make your reservation or to cancel a standing reservation by **Mon., Jan. 9, 2023**)
- 6:15 pm Adult Bible Study
- 6:15 pm Kids & Youth Activities

### Thursday, January 12, 2023

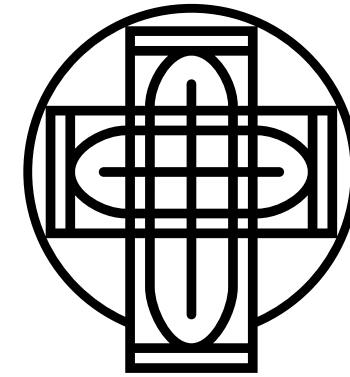
- 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm Food Pantry

### Sunday School -

Happy New Year! It's a time of fresh starts, and time to make a commitment to fellowship and Bible study. Choose a class, and then make yourself at home- really at home. Get to know the class members. You'll learn some of their prayer concerns; feel free to ask for their prayers for you. I am thankful for our faithful teachers who encourage our exchange of ideas and friendship. Also, can we commit to reading the Bible through during this year? Choose a plan; there are so many. Then let's find life-giving truths in God's word.

Donna Davis, Sunday School Director

January 08, 2023



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Please plan to join us for  
The Ordination of Jeremiah Banks to the Gospel Ministry  
Sunday, January 8, 2023, 10:30 am

Following the service, there will be a reception in honor of Jeremiah. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be offered. There will be a basket for cards and gifts, too. I don't usually speak on behalf of the whole church, but we are grateful for and blessed by Jeremiah's heart and ministry at this church. We celebrate what God has done, and through him, we look forward to the continued ministry Jeremiah will do here.

~ Alex

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Gifts have been given to the **Food Pantry** in honor of Ann Hacker  
by Stan Yonce

In memory of Cathy Prewitt, Haskell Bolding, and Naomi Lowe  
by Lillian Prewitt

Gifts have been given to the **General Fund** in memory of Olivia Robinson  
by Anna Litteral  
Stuart Robinson

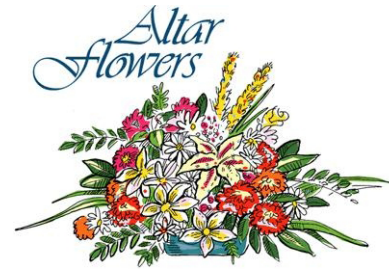
In honor of Jeremiah Banks  
by Jennifer Hannah

Gifts have been given to the **White Flag Ministry** in memory of Don Ashley  
by Donna Treadway

In honor of Jeremiah Banks  
by Jill House

In memory of Michelle Litteral Brock  
by Anna Litteral

In memory of Naomi Lowe  
by Ruth Bradley



Sanctuary flowers for Sunday, January 8, 2023 are in commemoration of the January birthdays of E.R. HOPPER, SR and E.R. HOPPER, JR  
by The Family

**Ordination Council -**

All deacons and clergy to meet at 8:30 am, Sunday, Jan. 8 in the Choir Room.

“When it rains, it pours,” they say. The rain came in the form of a broken boiler that heats our sanctuary. The pour came with the burst pipe and the literal pouring of water onto our basement floor. Instead of focusing on this, though, I choose to focus on the many people who give of their time and talents to ensure church gatherings and her mission could continue. A big thank you to Troy Mock, Jeff Tipton, J. Bill Sosh, Darrell Tremaine, Todd Tremaine, and Bryce Barton for helping mop up all the water that overflowed downstairs on Christmas Eve. A big thank you to Troy Mock, Paul Sims, and Carolyn Garr for reimagining worship in such a way that we could still gather meaningfully for worship in the fellowship hall. We are blessed at this church to have so many who care so deeply about this church. As for how we move forward, the Facilities Management Committee and the Finance Committee have agreed to hire Leo Jones & Son, Inc. to put in a new HVAC system for the sanctuary. The quote is \$17,000. Additionally, we are paying \$3,000 to run and install a gas line to this new unit thus raising the total expense to \$20,000. This will eliminate all need for the boiler system. The estimated installation time is three weeks. In the meantime, let us continue to be church however we must. ~ Alex

**Sanctuary Choir** will not meet this Sunday, but will resume on Sunday, January 15 at 8:45 a.m. Our next Wednesday rehearsal will be on the 18th.

**First Baptist Church at Worship**

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
The Ordination of Jeremiah Banks to the Gospel Ministry

January 8, 2023  
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

**Scripture Lessons**

Isaiah 42:5-9  
Acts 10:34-43

**Solo by Paul Sims**

*Dwell Thou in Me*

**Sermon by Alex Lockridge**

“Choose Baptism - Jesus Is Lord of All “

**Pastoral Care Emergencies  
Nights and Weekend:**

**Minister:** Paul Sims  
606-215-1203

If you are unable to reach this minister, please leave a message on voice mail. Messages will be monitored at regular intervals.

**Deacon:** Jane Chandler  
606-215-1203

**January 1, 2023 Offering Summary**

Budget Offerings	\$ 19,918.00
YTD Budget Offerings:	\$ 140,203.40
YTD Budget Goal:	\$ 140,028.00
Loose Change Offering for January	\$ 20.00
Loose Change received in <b>January</b> will be used for the White Flag Ministry.	