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# Lighthouse

News

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## A Lighthouse to our Community

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If you would like to participate in the Digital Regroup hosted by the Louisiana Baptist please go to the website listed below. Topics will include; Reaching and Connecting in a Social Distancing World, Leading Bible Study Live and Online, Finding new ways to Minister and Care for people. They are offering four sessions:

**Aug.10th @6PM**

Session 1: Pastors,Staff/KeyMinistry Leaders

**August. 11th @7:30PM**

Session 2: Adult Leaders

**August 11th @6PM**

Session 3: Next Gen./Preschool/Children's Leaders

**August 11th@7:30PM**

Session 4: Next Gen./Youth Leaders

Aug.10th @6PM

## Our Services

### Sunday

Morning Worship 10:00AM

### Wednesday

Prayer Meeting 6:00PM

Bible Study 6:00PM

<https://louisianabaptists.org/event/digital-regroup-2020#toggle-id-2-closed>

Everyone must register on the site to attend. This web event is free.

# Pastor's COLUMN

## **The Name**

### **John 20:30-31**

"And many other signs truly Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you might have life through His Name."

There is life in His name.

### **1Corinthians 6:9-11**

"Know you not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind. Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but you are washed, but you are sanctified, but you are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

There is unity in His name.

### **Matthew 18:20**

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

### **1Corinthians 1:10**

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

There is no Church without His name.

### **1Corinthians 1:2**

"Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:"

There is service and worship through His name.

### **Colossians 3:17**

"And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him."

### **Matthew 18:5**

"And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me."

### **Mark 9:41**

"For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward."

There is power in His name.

### **John 14:13**

"And whatsoever you shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

### **Acts 16:18**

"And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour."

Hold fast to His name.

### **Revelation 2:12-13**

"And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write: These things saith He which hath the sharp sword with two edges: I know thy works and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast My name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherin Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth."

"There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
It sounds as music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

It tells me of a Savior's love, Who died to set me free;  
It tells me of His precious blood, the sinners's perfect plea.

It tells me what my Father Has in store for every day;  
And though I tread a dark-some path, yields sunshine all the way.

It tells of One whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe,  
Who in each sorrow bears a part, that none can bear below.

Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus,  
Oh, how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me."!

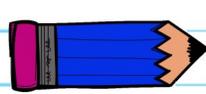
Frederick Whitfield, 1829-1904

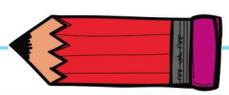
**PRAY EVERYDAY**

## School Begins Soon!!!

Lets provide our Children, Teachers, Staff  
and all the Administrators all the P.P.E  
they need!!!

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-very Day 

Driving past a school? Pull in, park and  
pray for our children, teachers, and staff!

Driving past an administration building?

Pull in, park and pray for our leaders!

Driving past a bus lot? Pull in, park and  
pray for our bus drivers!



Do your part...

**Park and Pray Every Day!!!**



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (AGES 2-14) THROUGH THE YEAR

- JANUARY:** Hats, scarves, gloves, socks, underwear, slippers, pajamas, etc.
- FEBRUARY:** Combs, brushes, washcloths, soap, clippers, sponges, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc. (**Hygiene Items – no liquids**)
- MARCH:** Thread, jewelry making items, etc. (**Craft Items**)
- APRIL:** Stuffed animals, barbies, small dolls, etc.
- MAY:** Cards, dice, pick up sticks, jacks, slinky, etc. (**Games**)
- JUNE:** Sunglasses, watches, hair bows, rings, necklaces, flip flops, chap stick, etc.
- JULY:** Toys, cars, etc.
- AUGUST:** Pencils, sharpeners, pens, colors, markers, scissors, coloring book, etc. (**School Supplies**)
- SEPTEMBER:** Clothing items for kids
- OCTOBER:** Envelope with \$9.00 – shipping cost per box

**WATCH FOR SALES!!!**

### **Do Not Include**

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



August 2020

Devotion

### **Here are 3 key Bible verses about overcoming fear for kids!**

In Isaiah, God commands us not to fear. Plus, He tells us why we don't have to be afraid ~ because He is with us! **He promises to strengthen us and help us.**

"Fear not, for I am with you;

Be not dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you,

Yes, I will help you.

I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

(Isaiah 41:10)

Psalms 23 repeats the same idea:

"...I will fear no evil;

For you are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

(Psalm 23:4b)

And again, in Joshua, God says the same thing:

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

(Joshua 1:9)

#### **God is greater than your kids' fears**

When you teach your kids from God's Word about fear, you'll help them realize that:

1. God can handle the things they are afraid of.
2. They can trust God to handle the things they are afraid of.

3. If they trust God to handle the things they are afraid of, they don't have to be afraid anymore!

That truth is not just for kids.

If you can successfully teach these Bible lessons on fear for children, then you set them up for a lifetime of trusting the Lord and living without fear.

That is huge.

### **Effectively teach kids what the Bible says about Fear.**

How do you teach your kids what God says about fear in a way that's memorable and meaningful? Here are a few simple ideas for you!

1. **Sleep on it.**

To help me overcome my fear of the dark, my parents hung God's word on the wall opposite my bed. But think you could do even better than that ~ put His truth directly on the pillow where you kids lay their heads!

Or, you could make your own pillowcases too! Simple copy the verse of your choice onto a blank pillowcase using a fabric marker or a permanent marker.

2. **Drink from it.**

Give your kids water bottles with Scripture verses!

Fear Not ~ Insulated Straw Tumbler

3. **Hang it on the wall.**

This is another simple craft that creates a useful reminder of God's truth about fear.

Give each child a sheet of paper or cardstock.

Show them how to use this "Faith>Fear" to create a message based on God's Word about not being afraid.

Let the kids decorate the page using the craft supplies you may have.

Tell the kids to hang up their pictures where they will see them frequently. And encourage them to remember, every time they see their picture, what God's Word says about fear

4. **Listen to it.**

It's always a good idea to absorb God's truth in more than one way, if possible.

You've looked at what Scripture says about Fear. Now listen to it!

5. **Sing it!**

Music may be the most powerful learning method that I know of. I have forgotten many things I've read, heard, or done. But I have forgotten very few of the song I've learned.

6. **Wear it.**

The simple act of getting dressed could become a prompt that helps your kids remember to trust God when they're afraid ~ if they have a shirt with God's statements about fear. You could also make a shirt with fabric markers. Write the verse on the shirt and decorate it.

**God's word is powerful. Use it to help your kids banish fear, and you'll enjoy watching the difference it can make in everyday life.**

See you soon!

Ms. Tammy and the Children's Ministry Team

# A 7-DAY CORONAVIRUS PRAYER GUIDE



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pray for those who are sick, and their families, that the Lord would heal and comfort them.

## PRAY FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Pray for those on the frontlines treating those who are sick, that the Lord would protect and strengthen them.



## PRAY FOR THE VULNERABLE

Pray for those who are especially vulnerable to disease, that the sickness would pass over them and that they would rely on others for help.

## PRAY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Pray for those who have lost work, that God would provide through their families and communities.



## PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

Pray for national and local government leaders, that they would have wisdom to do what is best for all.

## PRAY FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Pray for students who are out of school, and their families, that the Lord would give them patience and discipline.



## PRAY FOR CHURCHES

Pray for churches and ministry leaders, that they would know how to best show the love of Christ in this time.

“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Don’t let your heart be troubled or fearful.”

**JOHN 14:27**

The onset of the Fall season means many things to many people; but topping the list for most is back to school and back to church. Never in our lifetimes has these two events looked so different as they do this year. Nonetheless, Brother Rob & Ms. Michelle are excited to minister to some great teens and their families as they start back to area schools this month across the parish!



Promotion Sunday is right around the corner, and so if you have a young person going into 6th grade, we would love to have them be a part of the happenings at youth! The excitement in welcoming the arrival of new teens and the start of a new school year, is countered with the reminder of those in our youth group who graduated this past May and are moving forward with what God would have for them. Madison & Lexi are 2 such teens in the youth group who have grown up at Cooper and stayed active over the years and they will be sincerely missed!

Brother Rob is currently going through a series on Wednesdays titled, "I'll Have Seconds" and looking at biblically at second chances, the second birth, second mile, second nature and for most of the month of August, the second coming. Together the teens will look at 20 biblical reasons why Christ could return in 2020...Don't miss it!

Bro. Rob Fleshman

Dear Choir,

I hope all of you are doing well! I know we all still miss being able to have regular choir rehearsals, but I still find much joy being able to sing together in worship on Sundays.

I know some of you may have struggled lately to find comfort in the days we have had recently with the pandemic we face on top of our every day burdens. Some of you may have even looked to the phrase "This too shall pass." Some people even believe that phrase to be in the Bible; however, it is not. It doesn't mean it is a bad phrase, but I implore you in these tough times to focus on what truly is God's word.

Here's some examples:

"rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;"

Romans 12:12 NKJV

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

II Corinthians 4:17-18 NKJV

Love in Christ,

Bro. Roland Smith





## LOUISIANA BAPTISTS

### **RESOLUTION 3: ON LOVE LIFE AMENDMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Louisiana Baptists have declared our unwavering commitment to rescue and protect life from the womb through eternity; and

**WHEREAS**, that commitment includes our pledge to continue to fight for the rights of the unborn and the care of their mothers; and

**WHEREAS**, state judges in 13 states, most recently this year in Kansas, have ignored legal precedent, or the actual language, or both, regarding their state constitutions to declare an unwritten but inherent right to an abortion, thus overturning common-sense protections for the unborn and their mothers in their laws; and

**WHEREAS**, in a move to prevent such action in Louisiana, the overwhelming majority of our state legislators in 2019 approved a constitutional amendment stating, "To protect human life, nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion"; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed state constitutional amendment will be a ballot measure in the 2020 fall elections; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that we, the messengers to this 172nd session of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, meeting in Alexandria, Louisiana, November 11-12, 2019, unequivocally reaffirm we are pro-life; and be it further.

**RESOLVED**, that we most strongly urge our lawmakers to continue to write legislation and pass laws that protect human life, especially the lives of the unborn and their mothers; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that we give our strongest possible endorsement of the Love Life Amendment and the constitutional protection it affords against unilateral actions to undo pro-life laws: and be it finally

**RESOLVED**, that we urge all eligible Louisiana Baptists to register and to vote for the Love Life Amendment and to encourage others to do likewise in order to overwhelmingly pass this 2020 ballot measure.

**Unanimously passed Nov. 12 by messengers to the 2019 annual meeting of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.**

# Love Life. Vote Yes.

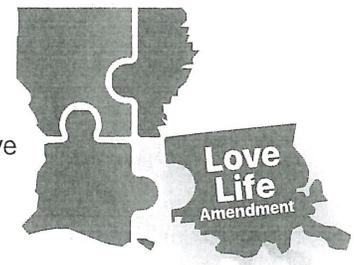
## 2020 Louisiana Love Life Constitutional Amendment

**Ballot Vote: Tuesday November 3, 2020. Let's Show Our Love for Life By Making Sure There is No Right to Abortion in the Louisiana Constitution!**

### THE BASICS

#### What's the Love Life Amendment All About?

As New York and other states are moving to legalize abortion up to the very moment before a baby is born, Louisiana must act to show its love for life! The Love Life Amendment is the final piece of the puzzle to ensure that Louisiana protects unborn babies from abortion the minute Roe v. Wade is reversed. In the meantime, it protects our pro-life laws from being overturned by state judges.



#### When is the Vote?

The Love Life Amendment will be on the Louisiana ballot on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. All people need to go to the polls and vote YES!



#### What Does This Amendment Do?

The Love Life Amendment does two main things:

- Places our long-standing Louisiana pro-life ethic in our Louisiana Constitution.
- Ensures that state courts, whether now or when the U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade, cannot establish a "right to abortion" or require the tax funding of abortion in Louisiana.

#### What Does This Amendment Say?

When you go into the voting booth this fall, you will read, *"Do you support an amendment declaring that, to protect human life, a right to abortion and the funding of abortion shall not be found in the Louisiana Constitution?"*

The actual language added to the constitution will be, *"To protect human life, nothing in this constitution shall be construed to secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion."*

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Louisiana Pro-Life Amendment Coalition

[www.LoveLifeVoteYes.com](http://www.LoveLifeVoteYes.com) | 1.866.463.5433

# Fall Food Round Up

Please bring your items no later than September 13th. Items with an\* are much needed. Please no bulk or gallon sizes items. These meals are prepared in cottages, not cafeteria style. Thank you.

## 2020 NEEDS LIST:

Aluminum Foil/Plastic Wrap Baked Beans Baking Powder/Soda/Corn Starch Bath-  
room & Facial Tissue Body Wash & Deodorant (Men/\*Women) \*Bottled Juice  
(Orange/Apple/Grape/Fruit Punch) Brownie Mix Cake Mixes/Muffin Mixes/Icing  
Canned Meats (Chicken/Spam/Tuna/ Vienna Sausage) Canned Vegetables  
(Butter/Lima/Pinto/ Red Beans; Black-Eyed/Field/Purple Hull Peas; Turnip Greens)  
\*Cereal (Children's Brands) Cheese (Parmesan & \*Velveeta) Chili w/o Beans  
\*Cleaning Supplies Bathroom/Kitchen/ Furniture Polish/Disinfectant Spray) Clorox  
Bleach & Wipes Cocoa Powder Condensed & Evaporated Milk Cookies & Cookie  
Mix \*Cooking Oil & Crisco Shortening Corn Meal (Plain/Self-rising) Crackers (Ritz/  
Saltines) \*Dishwasher Detergent \*Flavors (Almond/Lemon/Vanilla) Flour (Plain/Self-  
rising) \*Freezer Bags (Quart and Gallon) \*Fruit (Canned) Gravy Mixes Green Chiles  
Grits (Regular/Instant) Hand Soap/Sanitizer \*Pie Filling/Pudding (Instant/Choc/  
Vanilla) Jelly/Jam (\*Apple/Grape/Strawberry) Jiffy Cornbread Mix \*Kool-Aid  
\*Laundry Detergent (HE-Liquid)/Spray 'n Wash/Dryer Sheets) Mayonnaise Mushrooms  
(Canned/Bottled) Oatmeal (Instant/Quick/Old Fashioned) \*Pam Cooking Spray  
\*Paper Towels Pastas Peanut Butter (Smooth & Crunchy) \*Pickles & Relish (Dill/Sweet)  
Pie Fillings (Canned/\*Peach) Pop Corn & Pop Tarts \*Potatoes (Boxed & Instant) Rice  
(Instant & Boxed Dinners) \*Salad Dressings (Ranch/Italian/1000 Isl.) \*Sauces (Alfredo/  
\*BBQ/Enchilada/Mild Salsa/Soy/Spaghetti/Teriyaki/ Worcestershire) Soups (Variety/  
Cream of Chick/Mushroom/ Chicken Broth/Onion Soup Mix) Spices (Allspice/Black  
Pepper/Cayenne Pepper/Garlic/Lemon Pepper/ Nutmeg/Onion Powder/Poultry/  
Sage) Stuffing (Stove Top) Sugar (Regular/Brown/Powdered) Syrup (Chocolate/  
Pancake/White Karo) Seasonings (Sloppy Joe/Taco/Tony Chachere's) Tea (Regular/  
\*Decaf) Tomatoes (Diced/Stewed/Rotel) Tomato Sauce/Paste Vinegar (Apple Cider  
& White)

## HELPING HANDS STOREFRONT HISTORY

The inspiration for the ministry was given to Modie Phillips, Chairman of the Vernon Baptist Missions Committee in 1991 as a result of Desert Storm. The news of the swift departure of troops was given on the KALB News Channel. A child of an American service member was telling how bad she felt because her Mother was crying and said she had no one to help her. The child did not know what to do. Praying and asking for God's leadership Modie Phillips called the main chapel at Ft. Polk asking the chaplain there what could be done to help. The Chaplain said collecting and giving food to the families would be good since this was much needed. Modie Phillips then approached the churches of Vernon Baptist Association asking for their help in the donation and distribution of food for these families. Upon request, Ft. Polk Army Community Services sent the families who needed the food to Castor Baptist Church, the location of the food distribution. Many military families were helped by this event.

As a result of this and the publicity, hungry families began calling; many saying their children were hungry. With inspiration from God and prayer Modie Phillips, Chairman of the Vernon Baptist Missions committee approached the churches of this Association with a request of financial sponsorship. The churches responded and the ministry began with 64 families receiving food in the beginning month, which was distributed from East Leesville Baptist Church, continuing monthly during 1992.

The Vernon Baptist Association elected Modie Phillips as Director of Helping Hands Storefront in 1992.

Food is received in agreement with The Food Bank Of Central Louisiana and is now given to approximately 300 families each month.

The Ministry continued to grow, as the ministry was then located to the former Porter Western Store until 2000.

A building at 603 South Third Street in Leesville was found and purchased by Helping Hands Storefront. The ministry then relocated there. As the ministries grew a request was made by the mission through the Vernon Baptist Association to the Louisiana Ministries and Missions Department of the Louisiana Baptist Convention seeking volunteer workers to build on a lot purchased by the ministry at 620 South Third. Louisiana Campers On Mission built the building in 2002 under the guidance of team leader Philip Granger.

The ministry continued to outgrow the space. A request for help was again made through the Vernon Baptist Association to The Louisiana Baptist Missions and Ministries Department of the Louisiana Baptist Convention for volunteer builders. The request was granted. The Baptist Men's Ministry of the Louisiana Baptist Convention led by team leader Steve Hayes, local volunteers and volunteers from several states built the building at the present location at 518 South Third Street. Other ministries offered at the mission are:

Worship Services each Friday morning. The main purpose for the total ministry is to present God's Son Jesus Christ and salvation through Him to all who enter the doors of this mission.

The Clothes Center Ministry began as people started donating clothing and other items to the Mission in 1993. This main focus for this ministry is to distribute clothing to those in need. Clothing to the public is offered for a small donation price. The Home Center Thrift Store and Home Crisis Center began in 1993 and give household items and furniture to victims of burnout and other crisis situations. The general public may also purchase items. All workers are volunteers thus allowing all money collected to be put back into the total ministry.

English as a Second Language tutoring classes were started in 1993 with a plea given to Modie Phillips, Director by the pastor of Sandy Hill Spanish Mission for their church people to learn English. Students from many countries have benefited from these classes with some gaining their citizenship in this country that they have chosen as their adopted country. Classes and books are free.

School Supplies Distribution is held each August. This ministry began in 1995 as the need was seen for children to not be ashamed that they do not have the supplies that they need for school. Supplies are given to approximately 250 children each year before the opening of school.

Shop With A Cop Christmas For Children was started in 1996. Modie Phillips, Director realized the need for this ministry as she was unloading the trunk of her car on a food distribution day. In the trunk were a few broken toys left from a toy collection given to the children of the Cheyenne River Sioux in South Dakota. Modie and her husband J.D. worked with the Louisiana Campers On Mission to build a church there for the Indian people.

A man saw the broken toys and asked if he could have them. He said he could repair them and that this would be the only gifts that his children would receive for Christmas. It was at that moment that God put upon the heart of Modie Phillips the need for a Christmas gift ministry. Helping Hands Storefront volunteers work together with local law enforcement, Wal-Mart, Energy Transfer and other donors to help the children have a happier Christmas. There are approximately 200 children each year who shop for their Christmas gifts with the help of a law enforcement officer. A fundraiser is held each year in November with all proceeds and donations paying for the children's Christmas. Prior to this the children had received used repaired toys.

Modie Phillips, Director says that the 60 volunteers who serve at Helping Hands Storefront in the ministry to which God has called them are the heart of the total ministry.

Modie Phillips, Director of Helping Hands Storefront announced her retirement effective July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Modie has served as Helping Hands Storefront Director since it's beginning 28 years ago.

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as Helping Hands Storefront Director. I will miss my coworkers and the many people that I have come to love as we have served them over the years. I know that God will continue to bless this mission as He has in the past years.

**The Missions and Ministries Department of the Louisiana Baptist Convention honored Modie Phillips in 2008 for having served as Director of Helping Hands Storefront for 16 years.**

**Modie Phillips was honored with a certificate of appreciation by the state of Louisiana in 2017 for serving the people of Vernon Parish for 25 years.**

**Modie Phillips serves as a state volunteer missionary with the North American Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention.**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



2 James Fletcher  
4 Faye Littleton  
5 Hope Childress  
6 John Littleton  
8 Barbara Cart  
8 Tonya McKee  
8 Kathy Rector  
9 Debra Willis  
9 Mary Thomas  
10 Phyllis Lenz  
11 Troy Hines  
12 Joshua Walker  
13 Tabatha Green  
14 Caitlin Kunath  
15 James Pelican  
16 Dan Atchison  
18 Tom Harvey  
19 Vencil Horn  
20 Elbert Harbin III

23 Amanda Brown  
24 Kendrick Cooke  
28 Meagan McKee  
29 Heather Drury  
30 Alex Montes  
31 Heather Holsomback  
31 Myra Revelle

## Children's Church Schedule

No Children's Church at this time

## Nurse Schedule

No Nurse Services at this time

## Parking Lot Security

**July 26th - Aug. 1st:** Dan Atchison

**August 2nd - 8th:** Phillip Fletcher

**August 9th - 15th:** Ronnie Redmond

**August 16th - 22nd:** Jody Littleton

**August 23rd - 29th:** Harry Mugrage

**August 30th - September 5th:** Pat Green

## Deacons for August

Elroy Treme: 392-9313

Paul Eaves: 397-8131

## Cancelled

The Incrediball season  
has been cancelled  
for this year.