

## *The Treasure Principle*

In the first chapter of his book “The Treasure Principle”, Randy Alcorn tells this story:

A first-century Hebrew walks alone on a hot afternoon, staff in hand. His shoulders are stooped, his tunic stained with sweat. But he doesn't stop to rest. He has pressing business in the city.

He veers off the road into a field, seeking a shortcut. The owner won't mind—travelers are permitted this courtesy. The field is uneven. To keep his balance he thrusts his staff into the dirt.

*Thunk.* The staff strikes something hard.

He stops, wipes his brow, and pokes again.

*Thunk.* Something's under there, and it's not a rock. The weary traveler's curiosity wins out. He jabs at the ground. Something reflects a sliver of sunlight. He drops to his knees and starts digging.

Five minutes later, he's uncovered a case fringed in gold. By the looks of it, it's been there for decades. Hands shaking and heart racing, he pries off the lock and opens the lid.

Gold coins! Jewelry! Precious stones! A treasure more valuable than anything he's ever imagined.

Some wealthy man must have buried the treasure and died suddenly, its secret location dying with him. There's no homestead nearby. Surely the current landowner has no clue this ancient treasure is here.

The traveler buries the chest and marks the spot. He turns to head home—only now he's not plodding. He's skipping like a child and smiling broadly.

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*What a find! Unbelievable! I've got to have that treasure! But I can't just take it. By law, whoever buys a field assumes ownership of all that's in it. But how can I afford to buy it? I'll sell my farm... and crops... all my tools... my prize oxen. Yes, if I sell everything, that should be enough!*

From the moment of his discovery, the traveler's life changes. The treasure captures his imagination. It's his reference point, his new center of gravity. The traveler takes every new step with this treasure in mind. He experiences a radical paradigm shift.

This story is captured by Jesus in a single verse: "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field" (Matthew 13:44).

The power of this parable is that it illustrates a truth about Jesus – that when we truly encounter his power to deliver us and free us from our sinfulness, our brokenness, our emptiness, our anxiety, and our despair, we will gladly give up all the things that we used to value in order to receive more of Jesus. The joy of finding the eternal treasure of Jesus far surpasses whatever costs we pay to receive it.

In Christ,  
Clint

*"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."*

*Matthew 13:44*



## **OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH:**

a great time to thank Clint for all he has done, and continues to do, for our church. Take a moment this month to let him know he is appreciated and loved not only in October but throughout the whole year!

**Thank you, Clint!**

# Fall Festival

We will have games, trunks for trunk or treat, hot dogs, popcorn machine, pumpkin painting, hay ride, cake walk, and snow cones!

We are in need of these items:

candy

small prizes

Individually wrapped cupcakes, cookies, cakes



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH THE FALL FESTIVAL OR HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE LET PEYTON MOORE KNOW OR SIGN UP USING THE LINK ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE!**

**START PLANNING NOW!**



Help us

pack a shoebox

for a child in need!

THERE ARE 3 WAYS TO HELP:

1. Pack a shoebox of your own and drop it off at the church.
2. Donate money towards buying supplies for a shoebox.
3. Buy supplies to donate for a shoebox.

We will be collecting donations & items through Nov. 8th

Already packed boxes can be turned in until Nov 13th.

See Peyton Moore for additional details/questions

## YOUTH & KIDS SCHEDULE

### KIDS

Sunday School - 10:00 am - K - 6th grade - Beach Room

Sunday afternoon - 5-6:30 pm - Beach Room

Dinner provided

Wednesday - 6:00 - 6:30 pm - Dinner provided

6:30 - 7:15 pm - Beach Room

### LAMP

Lamp 5-7th Grade - Wednesday - 6:30 - 7:15 - Room 301 (3rd floor)

### YOUTH

Sunday School - 10:00 am 7th - 12th grade - Youth Room

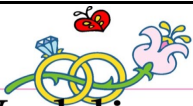
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**There is a meal train that has been posted in the Facebook group to help provide meals for the youth and children on Sunday nights.**



# Wedding Announcement

Bryan & Kim Hancock would like to announce the wedding of their son Braxton Hancock & Sophie Hodge on October 28th at the History Museum of Mobile, downtown Mobile. After their honeymoon the couple will reside in Mobile. They are both graduates of the University of South Alabama with Doctorates in Physical Therapy.



Group 4: "Soul Sisters" Sporting their shirts, while cooking a Wednesday night meal! Come be a part of Wednesday night. There is something for everyone!!!

## ACTS

Is in need of flour and corn meal. Please leave it in the fellowship hall or bring it by the church office.

## Stewardship Summary

September 2023 (to 9/19)

### General Operating Fund

Monthly Contributions  
Budgeted - \$32,083  
Actual - **\$23,159**

Year to Date Contributions  
Budgeted - \$288,750\*  
Actual - **\$276,875**

Monthly Expenses  
Budgeted - \$34,771  
Actual - **\$26,454**

Year to Date Expenses  
Budgeted - \$312,935\*  
Actual - **\$287,361**

*\*budgeted to 09/30*

Year to Date, our income minus expenses = **-\$3,293**

**Overall Financial Status: downward trend continuing**

### New Beginnings Campaign

Raised so far: \$64,847 -- *We are halfway there!!*

**Still needed: \$64,704**

*You can make a contribution at any time toward helping us with our disaffiliation costs! Simply designate your gift "New Beginnings", or donate online [fmcatalassee.com/giving](https://www.fmcatalassee.com/giving) and choose "New Beginnings" from the Fund drop-down menu.*

*Avg. total worship attendance per Sunday: 120*



- 01 Elizabeth Ames
- 02 Lily Love
- 04 Emily Cullars  
Allison Johnson  
Delmar McCaig, Jr.  
Andrew Pressley  
Laura Sanders
- 05 Laura Leigh Peters
- 07 Lochlyn Crain  
Marilyn Durham  
Cindy Pressley
- 08 Bruin Hathcock
- 10 Jake Crain
- 11 Jason Barker
- 12 Bryan Hancock
- 14 Toby Burnham
- 15 Mike Segrest
- 16 John Burgess  
Milly Crain
- 19 Steele Segrest
- 20 Jonathan Cullars
- 21 Lilly Martin  
Becky Segrest
- 27 Steve Missildine  
Elizabeth Moseley
- 31 Lynn Norwood



- 04 Mike & Traci Segrest
- 12 Toby & Leah Burnham
- 18 Todd & Jessica Justice

MEN COME JOIN US FOR  
**Men's Breakfast**  
SUNDAY OCTOBER 8TH  
7:00 AM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

HOME SUPPER CLUB  
THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 12TH, 6:30 PM  
THE HEACOCK'S HOUSE

*Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.*  
*Psalm 31:24, niv*

# OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Ladies Circle 10:00 am Crafty Christians 1:00 - 2:30 pm Church Council 6:00pm , FH	3 Chrismons 9-11am	4 Wednesday Night Activities 6:00 - 7:15pm	5 Restaurant Supper Club 5:00 pm @ church	6	7
8 Men's Breakfast 7:00 am	9	10 Chrismons 9-11am	11 Wednesday Night Activities 6:00 - 7:15pm	12 Home Supper Club 6:00 pm	13	14
15	16 Crafty Christians 1:00 - 2:30 pm	17 Chrismons 9-11am	18 Wednesday Night Activities 6:00 - 7:15pm	19	20	21
22	23	24 Chrismons 9-11am	25 Wednesday Night Activities 6:00 - 7:15pm	26	27	28
29 Combined Service 10:00 am  <b>FALL FESTIVAL</b> 4-6 pm	30	31 Chrismons 9-11am				

## October Altar Flowers

**October 01** - Frankie Scott  
**October 08** - Heacocks  
**October 15** - Jackie Golden  
**October 22** - Richard Ellis  
**October 29** - Open



## Wednesday Night Meal Schedule

**October 04** - Group 6  
**October 11** - Men's Club  
**October 18** - Group 3  
**October 25** - Soul Sisters (Group4)

God   
makes everything  
beautiful  
in its time. -Ecclesiastes 3:11  
Happy Fall!  
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October

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### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:50 am - contemporary worship  
10 am - Sunday School, **all ages**  
11 am - traditional worship

### KIDS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sundays - 5 to 6:30 pm  
Wednesdays - 6 to 7:15 pm



[Facebook.com/FMCTallassee](https://www.facebook.com/FMCTallassee)

The service for the preceding week is broadcast each  
Sunday at **11 am**. Listen to Clint's daily devotions at  
**7:15 am** each weekday morning.



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