



The Incarnation Word

September 2023

We love and serve the Lord by loving and serving others.

Dear friends,

When I first interviewed at Incarnation, one person described the church as “Gaffney’s best-kept secret.” He was laughing, but I thought that pointed to an issue we would need to address.



In his visit with us, the bishop talked to us about ice cream. He said that if you have some really delicious ice cream, you owe it to tell people where you got it so they can get some, too. I’ll admit I’m biased, but I think we at Incarnation have some pretty great ice cream. We have a family that deeply loves one another. We have a ministry in Bread from Heaven that makes a big difference in the lives of those we serve. And these flow from our deep faith and desire to follow in the footsteps of Jesus who loved and served the Lord by loving and serving others.

The world needs more of the ice cream we have here. But it’s up to us to tell

them about it. We have an important opportunity coming up on October 1 at the St. Frank’s Blessing of the Animals and Craft Market. It’s the perfect time to tell all your friends and neighbors about our pet-friendly, low-key event. We’ll have a bouncy house, a fenced-in play area for doggies, vendors selling all sorts of pet-themed things, and hot dog plates for sale from 1:00-5:00 and then the Blessing of the Animals Service at 5:00. It’s also the perfect chance for us to volunteer to share the love we’ve found here with others. Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway to deliver flyers, to set up tables for vendors, to donate food, to cook or serve up hot dog plates, or to clean up after the event. It’s time we let the secret out about the delicious ice cream at Incarnation!

God’s Peace,
Jenny+



Administration

YouTube Channel

Right now we livestream our services to our Facebook page.



YouTube

It's a great way to reach older folks like me who are on Facebook. But younger folks are on other

platforms and tend to look for a service to watch on YouTube

So now we have a YouTube channel! But we won't be able to livestream to it until we have at least 50 subscribers to our channel, and as of now we only have 15. So please go to

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCveQgAdpguUtSlkOuxYptLA>

and click the "Subscribe" button. It won't cost you anything, and you won't receive unwanted emails from subscribing. Help us reach more young families looking for a church!

T-Shirts

It's the last call for Incarnation T-Shirts! Sign up on the bulletin board in the hall-



way for what sizes you need. We'll place the order September 11 and only those requests that are paid in full will be ordered.



Text Notifications

We now have the ability to send, for example, a text message to all those who volunteered for Bread from Heaven or parish Work Days a text reminder of an upcoming event. But there's a hitch. Privacy laws require that you first opt in to receive text messages from us. So please take a minute. Go to your text app and start a new message. Enter the number 864-761-1864 and text the word "Start." That will give us permission to text you ministry-focused reminders. We promise not to abuse the privilege!



Buildings / Grounds

Architectural Review Board

The good news is that our trim and door paint colors received approval by the Architectural Review Board, with their thanks for doing our part to improve the appearance of the historic district. The other news is that now we can resume

painting. Keep an ear out for Work Days on which we'll continue to spruce up our trim and doors.



Christian Education

All-Ages Sunday School Sunday, September 17 at 9:30

Join us on the third Sunday of each month for a fun, interactive all-ages Sunday School experience. This month we'll explore the people of Israel's time in the wilderness. Come ready for skits, singing, and games as we talk about times when things seemed miserable and hopeless but God miraculously brought us through.



Youth Group Sunday, September 24, 11:45-1:30

Would you rather blend in or stand out? Come join us to talk about it. We'll make pizza, play some games, and do some activities about being noticed and noticing others.

Mark your calendars for youth group on the fourth Sunday of each month and make plans to be there!

Outreach

Bread from Heaven Saturday, September 16th 8:30 - 12:00

Let's get some food into the hands of our needy neighbors! We'll need volunteers for:

- Taking appointments by phone at 8:00 Thursday, September 14th
- Setting up the parish hall at 10:00 Thursday, September 14th
- Taking prayer requests or helping shoppers at 8:30 Saturday, Septem-

ber 16th

To volunteer, email [Vickie](#).

As you're shopping, consider adding staples like rice and pasta or canned vegetables (especially greens) for our shoppers.



Canned meats would also be greatly appreciated, as we gave away the last of our canned chicken and tuna last month. Thank you!

September Readings

Date	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel Reading
September 3 14th Pentecost (Proper 17)	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Psalm 26:1-8	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
September 10 15th Pentecost (Proper 18)	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Psalm 119:33-40	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
September 17 16th Pentecost (Proper 19)	Genesis 50:15-21	Psalm 103:8-13	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
September 24 17th Pentecost (Proper 20)	Jonah 3:10-4:11	Psalm 145:1-8	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16

September Servers



Date	September 3 14th Pentecost 10:30	September 10 15th Pentecost 10:30	September 17 16th Pentecost 10:30	September 24 17th Pentecost 10:30
Altar Guild	Carla Winter Jackie Hoffman	Hope Greene Marty Marett	Dawn Bridges Jennie Hamrick	Becky Vassy Niccie Dearing Cathy Roberts
Coffee Hour	Breakfast	Marty Marett	Dawn Bridges Jennie Hamrick	Joette Johnson
Greeters	Hoffman Family	Greene Family	Jennie Hamrick Carla Winter	Gena Poovey Noah Lindemann
Dig. Greet	Cora Torres	Niccie Dearing	Morgan Johnson	Angharad Torres
Camera	Max Hyde	Cora Torres	Ellie Bird	Angharad Torres
Nursery	Carla Winter	Marty Marett	Cathy Roberts	Angharad Torres
Crucifer	Lainey Mc Allister	Angharad Torres	Niccie Dearing	Cora Torres
Euch Min	Robin Childers	Cynthia Glidden	Don Bird	David Cornmesser
Lector	Amanda McAllister	Hope Greene	Bobbi Albert	Ben Torres
Intercess.	Ellie Bird	Niccie Dearing	John Gelok	Scott Glidden
Flowers	Joette Johnson	Nancy Fowler	Available	Available
Counters	Ed Hoffman John Gelok	Ben Torres David Cornmesser	Ellie Bird Nancy Fowler	Scott Glidden Niccie Dearing
Pews	Available	Hope Greene	Available	Asher Torres

Pastoral Care

Birthdays

September 11 Jennie Hamrick
September 13 Jackie Hoffman
September 19 Marty Maret
September 23 Carol Curtis

Anniversaries

September 7 Randy and Carol Pirkey
September 25 Chad and April Mabry

Prayer List

The Sick:

The Deceased:

Denny Pecacek, friend of Noah Lindemann

The Homebound and Those with Long-Term Needs:

Lucille Aldred
Jake Blackwell
Lauren Bridges
Alli Buhler
Tom and Anne Cooper
Billy Corbett
Kathy Cutler
Shirley Davidson
Kathy DeRahm
Ida May Glidden

Ed and Kathy Gumphrey
Mike Jeffries
Mike Johnson
Wayne Johnson
Deloris Livingston
Peter McAllister
Vincent Moore
June Oman
Greg Power
Erica Reel
Dever and Carolyn Smith
Linda Wilkins
Tim Wood

Those whose jobs place them in harm's way:

Jamie Greene
John Gelok
Mimi McCully
Kyle and Ann Meade



September Calendar



Sunday	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
27 13th Pentecost 8:30 Eucharist Rite I 10:30 Eucharist Rite II 2:00 Convocation Mtg.	28 8:00 MP on FB 5:30 Sewcial-	29 8:00 MP on FB	30 8:00 MP on FB	31 8:00 MP on FB 5:30 Sewcialize	1 8:00 MP on FB	2
3 14th Pentecost 8:30 Eucharist Rite I 9:30 Breakfast 10:30 Eucharist Rite II	Labor Day	5 8:00 MP on FB	6 8:00 MP on FB	7 8:00 MP on FB 5:30 Sewcialize	8 8:00 MP on FB	9 8:00 Shelby Farmer's Market 9:00 DOK
10 15th Pentecost 8:30 Eucharist Rite I 10:30 Eucharist Rite II 11:45 Vestry	11 8:00 MP on FB 5:30 Sewcialize	12 8:00 MP on FB	13 8:00 MP on FB	14 8:00 MP on FB 10:00 BfH Set-Up	15 8:00 MP on FB	16 8:30-12:00 Bread from Heaven
17 16th Pentecost 8:30 Eucharist Rite I 9:30 All-Ages Sunday School 10:30 Eucharist Rite II 3:00 Bells across America	18 8:00 MP on FB 5:30 Sewcialize	19 8:00 MP on FB	20 8:00 MP on FB	21 8:00 MP on FB 5:30 Sewcialize	22 8:00 MP on FB	23
24 17th Pentecost 8:30 Eucharist Rite I 10:30 Eucharist Rite II 11:45 Youth Group	25 8:00 MP on FB 5:30 Sewcialize	26 8:00 MP on FB	27 8:00 MP on FB	28 8:00 MP on FB 5:30 Sewcialize	29 8:00 MP on FB	30

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