

THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY
OF McCOMB
PRESENTS

63RD
AZALEA BALL

*Midnight
in the
Magnolias*

Saturday, February 28, 2026

TAYLOR
'26

Order of Service

Midnight in the Magnolias

Overture

Welcome Candi Reid

Emcee..... Terri Barnes

Introduction of Past Royalty

Presentation of 2025 Royalty

Queen Linda Love

King John Dale Dumas

Introduction of 2026 Court Attendants

Introduction of 2026 Royalty

Music by “Nola Dukes”

Silent Art Auction until 10:30 p.m.

Dear Friends of JA,

On behalf of the Junior Auxiliary of McComb, welcome to the 63rd Annual Azalea Ball. Tonight, as the timeless beauty of magnolias surrounds us, we are honored to have you join us as we celebrate the traditions and service projects of our chapter that benefit and impact our community's children and our friends of Camp Sunshine.

We began our JA year with the theme given to us by our NAJA President, Kathryn Huffman, "It's Time to Live Your Legacy." This theme has reminded us that legacy is not defined solely by what we leave behind, but how we live, love, and serve today. Each act of kindness and every choice made to serve the children in our community becomes a part of a legacy that reaches far beyond ourselves. We have worked together to serve Pike County through each of our service projects, in hopes of contributing to the lives of children today and in future generations.



Beth Hemeter, Image Maker Photography

Left to Right: Laci Godbold, Candi Reid,
and Allison Viator

It is an absolute honor to recognize two individuals tonight who are true examples of Living their Legacy. They understand that community is built on actions, and they have chosen to serve with open hands and humble hearts. They lead by example, uplift those around them, and pour into others without expecting anything in return. These two have both made an impact in the lives of others in Pike County with their selfless service and are continuing to make a contribution in the lives of future generations today.

Tonight, as we recognize the achievements of our new royalty and celebrate our year of service, we are also celebrating YOU, our supporters. Our chapter would like to thank each of you for your continued financial support and for being here with us tonight. Because of you, lives are being touched, and needs are being met. Thank you for joining us in our efforts to make Pike County a better place for our children and friends with special needs. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of others. Thank you again for allowing us to do what we love, and we hope you have a wonderful evening celebrating our community and the people in it. Welcome to Midnight in the Magnolias!

Sincerely,
Candi Reid, President
Laci Godbold, Azalea Ball Chairman
Allison Viator, Azalea Ball Decorations Chairman

2026 Azalea Ball

Midnight in the Magnolias

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Laci Godbold

Decorations Chair

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Candi Reid

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Ball Book/Flag

Leigh Anne Gibson

Royalty Room/Band Hospitality

*Courtney Richard

Brooke Wells

Fundraising/Camp Sunshine/Art

*Emily Sanders

Amber Magee

Becky Simmons

India Woods

Theme Corner

*Darion Fortenberry

Hali Reed

Blair Rushing

Table Decorations

*Abigail Liuzza

Leanne Andrews

Melisa Decoux

Allie Price

Brianna Wishart

Royalty Stage

*Brittany Raybon

Haylie Blossman

Anna Klaire Drury

Karly Roberts

Inside/Outside Ball Entrance

*Jordan Porter

Elise Reeves

Charly Schmidt

Camri Stutzman

Band Stage/Dance Floor

*Heidi Brent

Kiersten Lampton

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Bathroom Decorations

*Liza Wallace

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Tables/Chairs/Tablecloths

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Assembly/Disassembly

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*denotes Chairman



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REIGNING ROYALTY

Queen Linda Love and King John Dale Dumas

The Junior Auxiliary believes that when we care today, we build the character of community for tomorrow. Queen Linda Love and King John Dale Dumas both represent this, our JA mission. For over five decades, a king and queen have been chosen to represent JA. This honor is based on leadership, vision, character, and a commitment to our community. Tonight, we salute our outgoing Queen Linda Love and King John Dale Dumas for a job well done.



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Junior Court Attendants

Libby Grace Merideth - Daughter of Heather and Wesley Merideth

Bess Hemphill - Daughter of Sara and Patrick Hemphill

Graham Pearson - Son of Sarah Beth and Steven Pearson

Henry Causey - Son of Brianna and Matthew Causey

Past Royalty

Azalea Ball King

1962 Oliver Emmerich*(**)
1963 Prescott Sherman*
1964 J. W. Alford*
1965 William Neville, Jr.*
1966 A. B. Williams*
1967 J. O. Lenoir*
1968 J. Burton Alford*
1969 Dr. Julian Janes*
1970 Herbert Wilmsherr*
1971 Rev. Francis Gehring*
1972 H. T. Huddleston*
1973 Judge J. Gordon Roach*
1974 Tom Magruder*
1975 Dr. Wendell Holmes*
1976 Dr. Verner Holmes*
1977 Louis Alford*
1978 Norman Gillis, Jr.*
1979 Joe Pigott*
1980 William Wiltshire*
1981 Thomas Austin *
1982 Newton James*
1983 Dr. Thomas L. Moore*
1984 Robert White Brumfield*
1985 Charles Dunagin
1986 John S. Thompson*
1987 Philip Enochs*
1988 Dr. Ralph Brock*
1989 Carl Haskins, Sr.*
1990 Dr. William T. Mayer*
1991 Hershhal Grady*
1992 Jewel Rushing*

Azalea Ball Queen

1965 Emma Holmes*
1966 Inez Alford*
1967 Jan Kennedy*
1968 Mary Middleton*
1969 Bae Magruder*
1970 Loreice Naklie*
1971 Katie Gillis*
1972 Jane Stickney*
1973 Helen White Brumfield*
1974 Lorraine Pigott*
1975 Betty Brumfield*
1976 Dennie Brumfield*
1977 Billie Brock*
1978 Jackie Enochs*
1979 Hazel Neville*
1980 Doris Hayles*
1981 Louise Quin*
1982 Joy Holmes*
1983 Janie Myers*
1984 Mary Lucille James*
1985 Helen Elise McMillan*
1986 Gaye Watkins*
1987 Ann Wiltshire*
1988 Liddell Hemeter*
1989 Hazel Jean Newman*
1990 Peggy Thompson*
1991 Mary Ford Roach
1992 Lillian Lamkin*

1993	Jimmy Clark	1993	Flo Boyd*
1994	Julius M. Alford*	1994	Virgie Dunagin
1995	Harvey Vest*	1995	Ophelia Moore*
1996	Bob Decoux*	1996	Marjean Gillis*
1997	Dr. Gene Price	1997	Jean Voss
1998	Renan Richmond*	1998	Susan Dowdy
1999	Richard Busby*	1999	Mary Elizabeth Lipscomb
2000	Dr. Tom Carey*	2000	Debbie Aycock
2001	Dr. Terry Westbrook*	2001	Winnie Len Howell
2002	Warren Fesmire*	2002	Gaye Atkinson
2003	John Ott	2003	Linda Meyer
2004	Horace Holmes*	2004	Carol Smith
2005	Claude Parker*	2005	Susy Sanders*
2006	Wayne Dowdy	2006	Mattie Rials*
2007	Dr. Will Austin	2007	Colleen Parker
2008	Paul Ott Carruth*	2008	Vicki Hollingsworth
2009	Lamar Stokes*	2009	Virginia Goza
2010	Judge Keith Starrett	2010	Lissa Covington
2011	Jimmy Carol Robertson*	2011	Renee Belote
2012	Amos Parker, Sr.*	2012	Gay Austin
2013	Balfour Lipscomb	2013	Sylvia Burrow
2014	Bobby McDaniel	2014	Deranne Boothe
2015	James (Jim) O'Rourke	2015	Terri Barnes
2016	Steve Cox	2016	Tina Brumfield
2017	Dr. Shelby Smith	2017	Betsy Murrell
2018	Ralph Price	2018	Trisha Ray
2019	Charles Ray	2019	Cyrena Austin
2020	Dr. Andy Watson	2020	Monica Garner
2022	Robert "Bob" Hemeter*	2022	Judi Passman
2023	Whitney Rawlings	2023	Carlyn Doyle
2024	Pat Brumfield	2024	Nancy Smith
2025	John Dale Dumas	2025	Linda Love

* Denotes those that are deceased

(**) First Azalea Festival King sponsored by the McComb Garden Club.

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2025-2026 Provisional Class

Front Row L to R: Hannah Kettle, Angela Gill, and Molly White

Back Row L to R: Sara Williams, Emily Boyd, Courtni Elliott, and
Carrie Nunnery

Junior Auxiliary of McComb Caring Hearts - Helping Hands - Changing Lives

The Junior Auxiliary of McComb began as a service organization in 1938 by local women who wanted to assist children in their growth, health, and education. The McComb Chapter was chartered in 1941 and is a chartered chapter of the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc.

The McComb chapter has been in existence for 88 years. Currently there are 48 active members, 1 non-resident, 7 provisional members, 6 associate members, 262 life members, and 4 sustaining members. Last year more than 6,000 volunteer hours were logged and JA of McComb provided service to over 2,000 children and special friends in Pike County.

Camp Sunshine 2025

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year



Chosen by NAJA as the 2023-2024 “Martha Wise Best Existing Service Project”, Camp Sunshine is a week-long, overnight summer camp experience for mentally and physically handicapped children and adults. Camp is completely funded by the Junior Auxiliary of McComb and allows high school and college students the opportunity to serve alongside JA members. It offers an exciting week of adventure and fun for campers while providing respite for the full-time caregivers of campers. July 2025 was the 50th year JA of McComb sponsored Camp Sunshine at Percy Quin State Park.





2025-2026 JA of McComb Service Projects

You are Enough

Winning the “Louise Eskrigge Crump” Child Welfare Award for the 2024-2025 year, You are Enough targets fourth-grade students in the areas of social-emotional development.

Research has shown that 80% or more public schools agree that the pandemic has negatively impacted student behaviors and social-emotional development. This project is designed to focus on key components that students face each and every day, such as peer pressure, inclusion, anxiety/stress, healthy device habits, and self-image. JA members encourage students to be their best selves, be kind to others, and celebrate differences during their bi-monthly interactive presentations at a local elementary school. Members teach students strategies for coping with each social-emotional issue. Small group games and activities have allowed members to build relationships, encourage, and provide support strategies for students. This year, JA partnered with the McComb Boys and Girls Club to be able to reach students at multiple schools in Pike County.



Crown Club

JA of McComb's Crown Club was awarded NAJA's Outstanding Crown Club Chapter for the 2023-2024 service year. This group is comprised of young ladies who are in the 11th or 12th grade at one of the local high schools or homeschooled. The objective is for JA members to mentor these young ladies and for them to foster social, economic, and civic interest and to build strong leadership skills. These ladies choose and conduct their own fundraiser and then use those funds to conduct their service project or projects for the year. This year, these young ladies have also collaborated with JA of McComb to plan and execute their project, Girls Night Out: A Night In Wonderland”. Seventy-six 4th- 6th grade girls from Pike County Schools were in attendance for the event, where they created flowers, decorated cookies, designed a bracelet, had a tea party, and participated in a Tea Talk.



Community Blessings

Community Blessings was established for when different needs arose within the community, and the need did not “fit in the box” of an existing project. The objective of this project is for JA members to assist those in need during the service year, as long as it is within the guidelines of the Constitution of the Junior Auxiliary of McComb, Inc. JA members have assisted Child Protective Services of Pike County, families, and local schools in need of food, basic hygiene items, uniforms, and school supplies. This year, members have handed out popsicles to area football teams to cool off from from the August heat, provided snacks to the cast of Open Doors Theater’s



“The Wizard of Oz,” participated in The Boys and Girls Club of Southwest Mississippi’s Lights on Afterschool event, held a coat drive to provide winter coats for children in need, planned Christmas at the Club for the Boys and Girls Club, and packed Hug Bags to provide to the local hospital and Children’s Advocacy Center for the children they see.

Kickball for All

Kickball for All is a kickball league for the special needs population in Pike and surrounding counties. This project provides our special needs community with a sports activity during the fall season. The second annual Kickball for All matches were held in September at the McComb Miracle League field with 46 players and 48 area youth volunteers. Each player was partnered with a buddy or volunteer to help with kicking, running, and playing in the outfield. Lots of joy and laughter were heard across the field. Players are already preparing for next year’s games. Full chapter participation was required for this project.



Read Across Pike County

Eighty-five percent of third graders in MS passed the Reading Assessment in 2025. Second-grade teachers are working towards preparing their students to take the mandated reading test as third graders the following year. Our objective is to assist our local second-grade teachers in promoting the importance of reading. This project was designed to re-engage our Life and Associate members. During the week of Dr. Seuss’s birthday in March, we will participate with readers across America in the “Read Across America” event by Reading Across Pike County. Life, Associate, and Active members will be invited to read their favorite Dr. Seuss or children’s book to a local second-grade class. While there, each second grader will be gifted a free book with a personal note of encouragement from JA members. As Dr. Seuss says, “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”



Queens’ Project

Returning for a second year, former Azalea Ball Queens planned and chose a literacy project of reading to 3-year-old students at the FBC McComb’s WEE Center in February. Our Queens shared a Valentine’s story with the students and then helped them complete an art activity that corresponded with the lesson.



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SILENT ART AUCTION

The bidding on the Silent Auction items during tonight's festivities will close at 10:30 p.m. You are invited to view, enjoy, and bid on the beautiful artwork that has been graciously donated by talented artists and donors whose biographies are summarized as follows:

Sylvia Burrow - I find great inspiration from observing the simple things in my daily surroundings, particularly those found in nature. My aim as an artist is to pay homage to these creations and to allow the viewer to connect in a new, deeper way to the subject.

I am proud to be a lifetime member of the McComb Junior Auxiliary and was honored to serve as the 2013 Azalea Ball Queen.

Jason Carter was born and raised in McComb. His love of woodworking began in his dad's shop at a very young age while building toy airplanes and turning wooden lamps on a lathe. Jason's passion for woodworking has grown over the years. He loves working with premium and exotic hardwoods to make edge-grain and end-grain cutting boards. Today his projects include hand-crafted furniture using more traditional joinery. Jason is honored to contribute to the Azalea Ball silent auction.

Beverly Dick was born and lived her life in the Magnolia area. She was married to the late Wilfred Dick. They shared a love for art and travel. She has one daughter, Heather, and a son-in-law Brien from Madison, Mississippi. Art has always been a large part of her life. Though mainly self-taught, she has taken numerous workshops with local and traveling artists. She was a member of the local art guild for 20 years and had numerous art shows mainly at Gulf South Gallery in McComb and some in Jackson, Mississippi and Talladega, Alabama. Beverly has a studio at her home in Magnolia and taught art for 40 years to both children and adults. Her favorite medium is oil, although watercolors run a close second. She also loves to experiment with different mediums when possible. Although she retired from teaching, she stays very active in her art and takes every opportunity to paint with friends who love art as much as she does.

Will DeLong of Summit, MS is married to Sara DeLong and has two children, Colbie & Campbell. Will and his business partner, Michael Watts, created the Hydro Bat as a training tool for baseball players of all ages. The bat is designed with a unique baffling system that helps increase swing velocity and correct bat path with the use of internal water. Each bat has Joshua 1:9 written beneath the bat wrap to encourage all players to know that

their strength and worth come from the Lord. Although this budding business is new to the baseball world, it is the hope and prayer of the team, that Hydro Bat is used not only to help baseball players grow stronger in their swing but also grow stronger in their walk with the Lord.

John Dale Dumas is married to the former Jennifer Brooke Smith of McComb. They have 3 children. He opened his Family Dental Practice in McComb in January 2000. Upon purchasing an old farm place with multiple old sheds, he and his sons saved the old tin they tore down. Always being quite patriotic, having 4 years of service, one 4th of July, they painted a few American flags for friends and family. Today, Dr. Dumas paints larger scale flags than those in the first couple of years for gifts to family, friends, and causes such as those that the Junior Auxiliary support. It's an honor to be part of this evening as outgoing King, as well as offer a small piece of amateur art from Chatawa, MS.

Amanda Fischer of Ruth, MS is married to Trey and has four children Luke (8), Logan (6), Ruth Allyn (4) and Walt (2). She is an occupational therapist at the Summit Health and Rehab. In her spare time, Amanda enjoys baking, antiques, reading and painting.

Mikey Godbold is a tattoo artist and co-owner of Camellia City Tattoos in McComb, Mississippi. A lifelong artist, Mikey has been immersed in creative pursuits for as long as he can remember, but it was the art of tattooing that truly ignited his passion. With over two decades of experience in the field, Mikey has built a reputation for his skill and dedication to the craft.

Outside of work, Mikey enjoys spending time with his wife, Laci, and their daughter, Ginger. Hobbies include hunting, playing video games, or going junkin' on weekends. Mikey's grounded, family-oriented lifestyle reflects his life for both his craft and his loved ones.

Kandace Carruth Hart was born and raised in Amite County. She has spent her adulthood with her husband, Jamie, and their two boys, Jay and Kellen, in Summit, MS. Kandace is a registered cardiac nurse and a spin instructor at Fitlife in McComb. In her time off, she works sales and marketing for her husband at Dixie Packaging Incorporated. She is currently a life member of the Junior Auxiliary of McComb, an active member of the McComb Garden Club, and member of PFC at Parklane where her boys attend. Art has always been an admired fascination of Kandace's when touring amazing exhibits by well-known artists, such as Vincent Van Gogh, in New York City at the Museum of Modern Art. She admires many local artists and is heavily inspired by their talents as well. Acrylic abstract is a favorite medium, but she has

recently explored and enjoys ink and resin art. She strongly believes creativity has no boundaries, and art is one of the many pleasures that unites us. The goal of each art piece is to help someone escape since that is what happens with an artist.

Robert W. Hensarling, Sr. is a native of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and is a 1958 graduate of Hattiesburg High School. He continued his education at William Carey University, with a degree in Biomedical Science, and worked for 40 years with a major pharmaceutical company. Since retirement, Robert has served as President of Sunny Hill Water Association and McComb Pike County Airport Board. He is active in community activities and is an active member and former chairman of the finance and staff committee of Centenary Methodist Church. Robert is the former president and speaker coordinator of McComb Lions Club and twice the recipient of the highest honor of service, the Melvin Jones Fellowship, and The Sight Foundations Archie Bethne award.

Robert is married to Nancy Hensarling, father to Robynne and Robert Jr., and grandfather of three college-aged grandchildren.

In retirement, Robert enjoys hobbies, one of which is woodworking. He has a well-equipped woodworking shop and has made many furniture items for friends, family, and church. Other interests include international travel. He enjoys recreational flying and occasionally serves as a co-pilot on flights to transport cancer patients to M.D. Anderson, in Houston, Texas.

Casey Jones, a native southwest Mississippian, is a contemporary mixed media artist currently residing in Hattiesburg, MS. Her vibrant style brings the abstract to life through broad sweeps of color and careful layering of various mediums including inks, acrylics, watercolors, and resin. Elements of nature, such as water and clouds, provide inspiration for the interesting shapes, textures, and free-flowing colors that can be found within each piece and invite the viewer to see nature in diverse ways. Casey's work has been featured in multiple episodes of the HGTV revitalization and design series, Hometown. Additionally, she was one of six artists selected to participate in the "Gallery at the Cedars: Alchemy" exhibit through the Fondren Renaissance Society. Casey is a member of the South Mississippi Art Association, and her work can be found in homes and businesses throughout the United States as well as Gulf South Art Gallery in Summit, MS.

Joan McRaney is a seasoned Mississippi based artist with over 50 years of experience. She is known for versatility in painting, sculpture and digital photography. A native of McComb, she works from her studio in Hattiesburg and is especially known for her elegant portraits of many of McComb's

young people. The painting is donated by Robert and Nancy Hensarling, art collectors, with emphasis on local artists. It was on loan to and displayed in the lobby of The State Theater for over 30 years. The painting depicts James Dean, a famous Hollywood actor of the 1950's, on screen in a movie theater.

Courtney Richard of McComb, MS is married to Sam Richard and has one daughter Lynleigh, and a son Lohman. Courtney has always had a love for arts of all kinds. She enjoys working with acrylics and watercolors. She has created many one-of-a-kind pieces for people over the years. She also enjoys collecting pottery, baking, exercising, shopping, and spending time with her family.

Julie Shepherd a McComb-based artist, has been sharpening her skills in glass art since 2012. Working as a registered nurse, art became a stress-relieving hobby. Julie enjoys creating colorful pieces of art from broken and crushed glass. Her subject matter varies widely, but inspiration comes from places and events in Mississippi, nature, and whimsy. As a nurse with a desire to fix or make things better, repurposing broken glass is a hopeful form of art that does just that! Julie lives in McComb with her husband, Mark. They have three sons: Clay and his wife Christy who have a daughter Stella, J.T. and his wife Lindsey who have a son Ethan, and Jacob.

Guy Shumate grew up in Kentucky enjoying hunting, fishing, basketball, and baseball. After finishing his engineering education at the University of Kentucky, he lived in Florida, South Carolina, and Louisiana, working as an engineer designing and building plants for the oil and gas industry, chemical industry, and the pharmaceutical industry. His love of the outdoors continued throughout his adult life, which included traveling, golfing, and living the country life near Kentwood, Louisiana with his wife, Suzanne. To Guy, photography came as a natural part of outdoor living, allowing him to capture the surrounding beauty of nature. Mr. Guy passed away in December of 2025 but made sure that his wife, Suzanne, would continue to donate his photography to Junior Auxiliary of McComb as he loved being a part of the Azalea Ball.

Suzanne Shumate always had an interest in art and would seek it out in museums, gardens, and galleries and studied art and artists in books. She didn't personally begin creating art until adulthood when she decided it was "now or never". She took a painting class in a local craft store and was hooked. Mainly self-taught, she attended water media and drawing classes at the local community college, as well as various workshops with local and traveling artists. Suzanne enjoys trying all mediums of art but enjoys watercolor most of all. She finds her inspiration in the beauty of the world

around her. The colors and textures of nature and the unique and exotic people, places, and things seen while traveling (down the street or across the world) are her favorite subject matter. Suzanne enjoys supporting local art organizations and is a member of the Louisiana Watercolor Society, the Hammond Art Guild, and past president of the Amite Art Club. Originally from Pensacola FL, she lived in the country near Kentwood LA with her husband Guy until his passing in December of 2025. She enjoys traveling, gardening, supporting church and community activities such as McComb Miracle League Baseball, and spending time with family and friends.

Allison Viator grew up in Osyka, Mississippi. She is a graduate of Parklane Academy. She is an X-ray Technologist at STATcare Urgent care clinic, where she is the supervisor of the Radiology department. Allison began taking art lessons around the age of thirteen, and painting quickly became one of her passions. Along with painting, Allison enjoys pottery, gardening, sport events, and other outdoor activities. Her love of flowers is a main inspiration for her paintings. Allison is also an Active member in Junior Auxiliary of McComb, Flower Lovers Club, and McComb Garden Club.

Taylor Ann Wells is a local 27-year-old artist who has just recently discovered her talent for watercolors. She has her own thriving note-card business, Taylor-Made Notecards. She hand-makes each individual card and prays over its recipient as she creates. Gifted with Down Syndrome, Taylor loves any creative challenge she pursues. Her God-given heart inspires all her artistic endeavors.



Junior Auxiliary Prayer

Send us, O God, as Thy messengers to the hearts without a home, to lives without love, to the crowds without a guide. Send us to the children whom none have blessed, to the famished whom none have visited, to the fallen whom none have lifted, to the bereaved whom none have comforted.

Kindle Thy flame on the altars of our hearts, that others may be warmed thereby, cause Thy light to shine in our souls, that others may see the way, keep our sympathies and insight ready, our wills keen, our hands quick to help others in their need.

Grant us clear vision, true judgment, with great daring as we seek to right the wrong, and so endow us with cheerful love that we may minister to the suffering and forlorn even as Thou wouldst. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, rest upon us and upon all our work. May He give us light to guide us, courage to support us, and love to unite us now and forever more.

-Amen

The Junior Auxiliary of McComb would like to recognize the following individuals and businesses for their service to the 2026 Azalea Ball:

Mikey Godbold, Keith Raybon, St. Andrew's Mission, Nona-Lynn's Catering, Lott Furniture, Billy Powe, Layna Myers, Denny Johnson, Kim Wall, Matt Williamson, Mike Austin, Pike County Sheriff's Department, A2Z Printing, Sign Here, Main Street Dance Company, McComb Garden Club, Beth Hemeter with Image Maker Photography, SMCC Soccer Team, Kelly Hart and The Flower Nook, Wendy O'Hern with Graphics Etc., Pike County Arts Council, Wayne-Sanderson Farms, Selman's Jewelers, Covington's Ace Hardware, Ben Reid, Jason Cooksey, Bob Budhiraja, Williamson Nursery, Nancy Smith and Crown Club Members: Eleanor Bishop, Phiffer Crawford, Rubye Dyess, Liza Hallmark, Sara Harden, Lexi Lott, Bently Roberson, and Caroline Williams.

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An extra special thanks to our artists: Camp Sunshine Campers, Sylvia Burrow, Jason Carter, Beverly Dick, Will Delong, John Dale Dumas, Amanda Fisher, Mikey Godbold, Kandace Hart, Robert Hensarling, Casey Jones, Joan McRaine, Courtney Richard, Julie Shepard, The Late Guy Shumate, Suzanne Shumate, Allison Viator, and Taylor Wells, who generously donated their time and talents toward tonight's fundraising endeavors.

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As we celebrate the 63rd Azalea Ball, we would like to acknowledge our many faithful sponsors for their continued generosity and support of the Junior Auxiliary of McComb. This support contributes to the success of Camp Sunshine and our other worthwhile projects. Thank you for supporting us as we work together to make a positive impact on the lives of children and those with special needs in our community!

