

TRANSITIONS

A quarterly publication for the extended family and community of

Barnum

FUNERAL HOME, INC.



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Servants of the People Since 1905

Welcome to *Transitions*. In this quarterly newsletter, we would like to share valuable and timely information with our families and community. We hope that you continue to see us as a valuable community resource.

Sincerely,
Lorena Sabbs, Owner/CEO
and Staff of Barnum Funeral Home, Inc.

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FACEBOOK UPDATES

On December 31, 2018, we created a Facebook business page. The page features information on funeral services for the deceased that are entrusted in our care, memorial tributes, and Facebook Live videos. Facebook Live is available for Sunday morning broadcasts, which are recorded from Americus's local radio station, WDEC/94.7. We also use Facebook Live to record funeral services to share with family and friends who cannot be present the day of their loved one's services.



Lorena Sabbs, Owner/CEO and Justin Wells using Facebook Live at WDEC to record the Sunday morning broadcast.



A funeral is an important event for a grieving family. Psychologically, it provides a sense of closure and enables the family to begin the healing process. Families benefit emotionally and socially by honoring the lives of their loved ones with a fitting ceremony and by giving them a proper send off. It is difficult to make the funeral the best it can be when planning it in a short time.

Some benefits of preplanning a funeral for yourself, your spouse or a parent are:

1. Confusion and disagreements are common occurrences when there is no plan to follow. You can avoid this by leaving behind a plan.
2. Planning ahead enables you to make financial arrangements to cover your funeral costs.
3. If you have specific preferences for the disposition of your remains and the nature of your funeral services, you can clearly express them in your funeral plan. It is to be noted, a will is traditionally not probated until long after funeral decisions must be completed and is not a good tool for the purpose of funeral planning.

For more information about preplanning, call the office at 229-924-2958.

EASTER Blessings

Chocolate, colored eggs, cute little bunnies! These fun activities are just some of the things that usually come to mind when we think of Easter, but there's more! These things aren't really the reason we celebrate Easter every year. This year Easter is April 21. Because Spring means the coming back to life of plants and trees that have been dormant for winter, as well as the birth of new life in the animal world, many believe it was only natural to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at this time of the year. To Christians, it is the most special day of the year. Yes, the birth of Christ is quite important. But, His resurrection offers the hope of everlasting life to everyone!



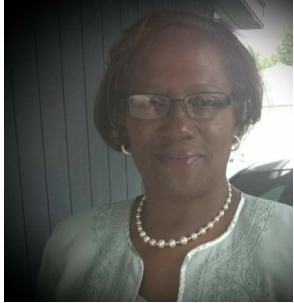
At the start of year, we redesigned our website with a fresh look. We hope that the redesign encourages more engagement and interaction with the families we serve and the community of BFH, Inc.

STAFF Spotlight

MARTHA PAYNE BARNUM: “Ms. Martha” or “Aunt Mart” as she’s affectionately called by many has worked for BFH for the last 24 years as the office assistant, a notary public, and an attendant during funeral services. Martha is the widow of the late John Lee “Bunk” Barnum, III, who was also a licensed funeral director and embalmer for the family business. She is the mother of one daughter, Janice Payne Harris and the grandmother to six grandchildren: Raven, Jessica, Marcus, Timothy, Brittany, and John David, and the great grandmother of four: Jaylen, McKenzie, Jada, and Caden.



SHIRLEY POLK: Shirley has worked for BFH for the last 31 years. She is the administrative assistant, a notary public and works with families in the planning and arrangement of their deceased loved one’s funeral services. She is married to Mack Polk. She is the mother of Eric Bryant, Sr. and Demetry Polk. Shirley is the grandmother of seven, and she is a member of Lebanon Baptist Church.



WILLIAM “JUSTIN” WELLS: Justin has been working for BFH for 3 years. Justin is one of BFH’s attendants and the voice you also hear with Lorena Sabbs, Owner/CEO, during the Sunday morning broadcast on WDEC/94.7. When not assisting BFH, Justin is a technology specialist at the Sumter County Board of Education, a pharmacist technician at Clinic Drug Store, and the sound technician at United Holiness Church, where he is also a member. Justin is the son of William and Lora Wells.



Reaching Out and Making a Difference: twenty40 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP



Three of BFH’s staff members are the founders of twenty40 Young Professionals Group (YPG): Darrell Sabbs, Jr., Apprentice/ Embalmer and Funeral Director/ Notary Public; Raven Payne, Office Assistant/Program and Web Designer/Associate; BroDrick Engram, Attendant. twenty40 YPG was recently featured in the Spring edition of the *Sumter County Living* magazine. The mission of the group is to energize, empower and engage young professionals in the Americus-Sumter County community. To learn more about them, visit www.twenty40ypg.org.



MEMORIAL BACKDROP: A Memorial Keepsake

The memorial backdrop is a new feature that we are offering to families. It is a complimentary memorial keepsake. The memorial backdrop is on display during visitation hours of the deceased at the funeral home. Based on space availability during the day of a service, we also display the backdrop in the church. Many families have used the backdrop to take photos with family and friends present the day of services, specifically at the repast hour. We hope this memorial keepsake provides another unique way for families to cherish the memories of their loved one.



Staff Check-in : JAMES JONES

We are pleased to share with our extended family and community of BFH that James Jones is recovering well and is in great spirits. James has been committed to BFH for over 28 years. We ask that you continue to keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

