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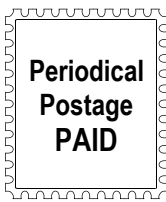
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**Meridian Prayer Line**  
865-579-6632  
**CALL IN YOUR PRAYER REQUEST**

**WORKERS FOR SUNDAY**  
**April 28, 2024**  
**DEACONS OF THE WEEK**  
David McLemore \* Johnny Lewis  
**EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS**  
Gayle Doman Anne Ballenger  
Ella Mae Hood  
**SAFETY TEAM – TEAM ONE**  
Randy Burgin David Brewer Roger Long  
Karissa Marcum Chrissy Johnson  
**VAN DRIVER**  
David McLemore

Find us on Facebook:  
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Click on the link to direct you  
to YouTube  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45AM**  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**SERVICE 10:50AM**  
**WEDNESDAY SERVICE 6:15PM**



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**THURSDAY, APRIL 25**  
9:30am—Senior Adults to Baxter Gardens  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 28**  
**150th Anniversary Celebration Service**  
9:30am—Sunday School  
All Adults meet in Sanctuary for SS  
10:50am—Worship Celebration  
(also streaming live on YouTube)  
12:00pm—Church-Wide Potluck Dinner  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY, APRIL 29 - MAY 3**  
Church Office Open 8:00am-4:30pm  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**  
5:30pm—VBS Workers Mtg.  
6:00pm—TeamKid  
6:15pm—Prayer Meeting/Bible Study  
(also streaming live on YouTube)  
6:15pm—Youth Unite  
7:15pm—Sanctuary Choir Practice  
**THURSDAY, MAY 2**  
National Day of Prayer  
Sanctuary Open 8am-6pm  
**FRIDAY, MAY 3**  
6:00pm—Senior Adult Banquet



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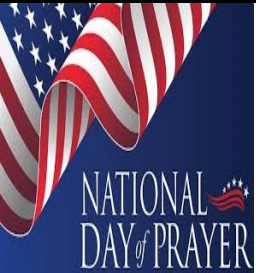
## 150th Anniversary Celebration Service

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**  
**Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.**  
**All Adults meet in Sanctuary**  
**Worship Celebration - 10:50 a.m.**  
**Church-Wide Potluck Dinner**  
**Following the Celebration Service**  
*Join us for the Celebration Service!*



Our new Pastor of Meridian Baptist Church, Rev. Michael Martin  
Bro. Michael's first Sunday in the pulpit will be June 2nd

Looking forward to the Martin family joining the Meridian family!



## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER


**Thursday, May 2, 2024**  
Sanctuary will be open 8:00am-6:00pm

### Senior Adult Banquet

Friday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m.  
*Join us for an evening of food, fellowship & entertainment*  
Entertainment: Mr. Pat Corn  
Call the office if you plan to attend!  
**Senior Adult Sunday**  
May 5th \* 10:50 a.m. Service  
“Honoring Our Senior Adults”


## Vacation Bible School

**July 14-19**  
**We need workers in all areas for VBS!**  
**Sign-up sheets are Sunday's bulletin.**  
**First VBS Workers' Meeting: May 1st at 5:30 in Adult 4**



### Mother's Day Recognition And Baby March

Mother's Day is May 12th & we will be celebrating all mothers along with our annual Mother's Day Baby March. Mothers of children ages birth thru 3 years who would like to participate in the Baby March, please call or email the church office with information on child's name & birthdate. Please include a picture of your child.



## STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

This last Sunday in children's church, the kids were taught about Elijah. The story was speaking of Elijah being taken by a chariot of fire into Heaven. One of the students then asked "do you think it would be possible for someone to be taken like this today and not have to die?" What a challenging question. There are only two men who have ever lived that did not face death, Elijah and Enoch. So the likelihood is certainly low. But the follow up becomes, what would that actually take? Enoch was known as a righteous man. Elijah was a prophet of God who stood before hundreds of false prophets. Those are probably the most over implication versions of their stories ever, but yet how hard is it for us to do those things today? I know I for one struggle many times, every day to be righteous. So I certainly don't qualify for the first. Then the question is do I have to have boldness to profess God before a massive crowd of borderline crazy fanatics professing a false god? I would like to think I do, but many people cave to the pressure of public speaking. How do you do on these simple questions? Sincerely, Chris

### Biscuit Sunday on Mother's Day Sunday, May 12th

The Student Ministry is sponsoring a Biscuit Sunday. Proceeds will benefit individual student accounts for student events. Students will be serving biscuits from 9:00-9:45am in the fellowship hall. Coffee, milk & juice will be provided. Please pay when you pick up biscuits. Forms to pre-order are provided in SS classes and in Sunday's bulletin.



### CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY, MAY 19

We will be recognizing our High School & College graduates during the May 19th service. Please contact Chris with information on the graduate.

**April Collections for OCC Shoeboxes**  
Rain Ponchos/Umbrellas Sunglasses  
Work or Garden Gloves Hand Garden Tools  
(Place items in tote located near office)

## Our Attendance

APRIL 21

Preschool	5
Children	15
Youth	13
Adults	74
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107</b>
Visitors	4

### CONSTANT CONTACT CONSCIOUSNESS

Contacts for the week of 4/15-4/21 Total 37  
4&5 Years—17 Adult 3—5 Adult 4—15

## Our Giving

### FIGURES FOR APRIL 21

General Budget Fund	\$6,761.50
Pavilion Fund	1,000.00
Reimb. WMU	50.00
Non-Budget Designated	500.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$8,311.50</b>
Online Giving	\$360
Monthly Budget Requirement	\$51,926.00
April Budget Giving	\$28,904.52

### ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

If you would like to give online, go to the church website at [www.meridianbaptist.org](http://www.meridianbaptist.org); go to the "Online Giving" section, click on the link provided to be directed to our giving page.

### MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

The **March** Financial Report is ready to be viewed online or can be picked up in the church office or in the Sanctuary foyer.

### Memorials & Honorariums

A gift was given to the Mission Home Fund in memory of John & Jerry Day, Carolyn Tallant, and Georgia Jones from Sutton & Lynn McCallie.

### DECORATION DAY AT MERIDIAN CEMETERY \* MAY 18-19

Meridian Cemetery will be open May 18-19 from 8:00am-6:00pm. Flowers will be removed after two weeks. Please pick up your containers prior to that time.



## Noteworthy News

**SAY THAT AGAIN...**When you were young, did it annoy you when your parents repeated themselves? Maybe they gave instructions and admonitions for the day. Then, just before you left the house to get on the bus, they went through that litany of direction one more time. And instead of listening, you mentally rolled your eyes. (You better not *really* roll your eyes!) That must have been what was happening with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and several others in the Bible. Repeatedly God gave instructions, promised blessings, offered reassurance, only to repeat Himself again (and again). God promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that they would be a nation of nations, that they would inherit a land, that they would be blessed by God, that they would be a blessing to the rest of the world, that those who blessed them would be blessed by God. The message was not complicated. So why all the duplication? If you have sung in my choir (or any choir) you know that practice means rehearsing passages, sections of music, the entire song repeatedly. It's how we learn. There is a saying that most directors use. "There is no substitute for repetition." Repetition is how we learn. If a conductor wants to rehearse a passage again, it is because he detects that the singers aren't performing it correctly—they don't know the music! Same principle goes with God. When He repeated Himself, He knew that his followers did not yet fully understand what He was repeating. Do you know the phrase that God repeats the most in scripture? **DO NOT BE AFRAID!** God wants to bless us. And He want us to bless others. And He patiently reminds us of that. In closing, let me quote my parents: "How many times do I have to tell you?"

Blessings!

*Bro. Dennis*

**WOMEN ON MISSION APRIL PROJECT**  
**Collect snacks for ICU Lounges**  
Place items in box located near office

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Meridian family,

This Sunday, we celebrate the sesquicentennial of Meridian Baptist Church. (Sarah wanted everyone to know I had to google "sesquicentennial"...). But as we celebrate this amazing milestone, we are reminded of Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans for prosperity and not disaster, to give you a future and a hope" (NASB). Think about it; for over fifteen decades, MBC has been a beacon of light and a gospel witness to the south Knoxville community and beyond. It is evident that the good hand of God has been (and is) upon our church. And as we look to the future, we must stay on mission to make the name of Jesus known to our neighbors and the nations.

We are eagerly counting down the days until our arrival to Knoxville! Again, my first Sunday in the pulpit will be June 2nd. Please know we are forever grateful for everyone's patience as we delay our arrival so Aubrey can finish out her senior year at Cullman High School. With that said, I am excited to share with you all that Sarah and I will be at the Meridian 150th anniversary celebration this Sunday! We are looking forward to being with our new church family! In the meantime, if there is anything you need, do not hesitate to contact me at 256-727-3077. Have a great rest of the week, and we will see you Sunday!

In Christ alone,

Bro. Michael

**Correction on Bro. Michael's weekly  
blog post: [www.truthapplied.org](http://www.truthapplied.org)**