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865-579-6632

CALL IN YOUR PRAYER REQUEST

WORKERS FOR SUNDAY December 8, 2024

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

David Stroud * James Chadwick

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Pam Murphy JoAnn Burchell
Symone Mell

SAFETY TEAM – TEAM THREE

Thomas Arnett David Brewer
Sam Lonas Jay & Tina King

VAN DRIVER

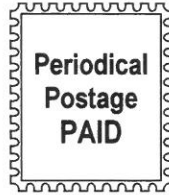
David Stroud



Items Needed for the Food Pantry

Cereal Spaghetti Noodles
Juice Canned Meat

Drop off items at the church office.



OR CURRENT OCCUPANT

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:30pm—Deacons' Banquet

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:00pm—Adult 2 Christmas Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:30am—Sunday School
10:50am—Morning Worship
12:15pm—Children's Christmas Party
3:30pm—Church Council/Budget & Finance

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

12:00pm—Willing Circle Christmas Party
1:00pm—GO Visitation

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:00pm—TeamKid
6:15pm—Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
6:15pm—Youth Unite
7:15pm—Sanctuary Choir Practice

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00am—Mission of Hope

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:30am—Workers here for Food Box Distribution



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Christmas Food Boxes Boxes due December 9

A gracious member has donated toward the cost of perishable items. Food box distribution is Saturday, December 14 (workers need to be here at 9:30am). If you can help, call the office.



Annual Deacon Christmas Banquet Friday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Widows & Widowers are invited guests of the Deacons at their annual Christmas Banquet. Please confirm your attendance by calling the office & if you will need a ride to the banquet.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Help us reach our goal by giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our Goal: \$12,000
Given to Date: \$3,080
Prayer Guides & Offering envelopes located in the Sanctuary.



Angel Tree: The Angel Tree is located near the Library. Please write your name on the sheet next to the tree along with the Angel Number. Wrap the gift & tape the Angel tag on the gift. Drop gifts off at church office no later than Monday, December 16th.



DECEMBER EVENTS

Dec. 6 Deacons' Banquet (6:30pm)
Dec. 7 Adult 2 Christmas Party (6pm)
Dec. 8 Children Christmas Party (after service)
Dec. 10 Willing Circle Christmas Party (12pm)
Dec. 13 Mission of Hope Huntsville (7am)
Dec. 14 Food Box Distribution (workers 9:30am)
Dec. 15 Christmas Musical (10:50am)
Dec. 16 Senior Adults to Nativity Pageant (5:30)
Dec. 17 Winsome Christmas Party (12pm)
Dec. 18 Youth Christmas Party (6:15pm)
Dec. 20 Adult 1 Christmas Party (6pm)
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service (4pm)
Dec. 23-27 Church Office Closed



December 15th at 10:50

A joyful Christmas
Celebration presented
by the Sanctuary Choir

Christmas Eve
Candlelight
Communion
Service
December 24th
at 4:00 p.m.





Children's Christmas Party
Sunday, December 8th
following the AM service in
the fellowship hall.

Parents are encouraged to attend.
Lunch provided. Cookie decorating.
Call the office if you plan to attend.

Youth Christmas Party 
December 18th at 6:15
Potluck dinner.
Wear your ugly sweater.
Team gingerbread house decorating
contest & ornament exchange!

Youth & College Students
Extreme Winter Conference
in Gatlinburg
December 29-31
Please contact the office if you
would like to attend!

Senior Adult Trip * Monday, Dec. 16th
Nativity Pageant at the Knoxville Civic
Coliseum. Leaving the church at 5:30 p.m.

THE THREE GIFTS



CHRISTMAS SERMON SERIES
"The Three Gifts"
Beginning December 8th

Upcoming Wednesday Bible Study
Beginning January 8th



NOT BY BREAD
ALONE
Psalm 119

Our Attendance

December 1 - Sunday School

Preschool	7
Children	16
Youth	11
Adults	72
TOTAL	106
Visitors	13

Worship Service: 172

CONSTANT CONTACT CONSCIOUSNESS

Contacts for the week of 11/25-12/1 Total: 68
4 & 5 Years—24 Adult 3—10 Adult 4—34

Our Giving

Giving For December 1

General Budget Fund	\$10,555.00
Capital Improvements	10.00
Lottie Moon Offerings	1,985.00
Grand Total	\$12,550.00

Online Giving \$770

Monthly Budget Requirement \$51,732.00
December Budget Giving \$11,325.00

Lottie Moon Offering To Date: \$3,080

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

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

Memorials & Honorariums

A gift was given to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in memory of Margaret Carpenter and Rita Brooks from David & Carolyn Douglass.

A gift was given to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in memory of Rita Brooks from A3 Couples & Friends Class.



LOTTIE MOON POST OFFICE

Located near the Library. The post office is for you to give Christmas cards to those in the church. Cost per card is .20 cents with the proceeds going toward the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Place cards in alphabetical order by last name.



ALWAYS NEW...No matter how many times we sing the Christmas carols, they always seem new, always fresh. What a pleasant, worshipful service we had at the annual Hanging of the Green. It was a time when we all agreed (how often does that happen?) that God is good, that the Savior is among us. How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)

Much thanks is due the members of the Flower Committee and those who assisted them in pulling out all the decorations, untangling cords and garlands, installing batteries, reassembling the trees. You made the service meaningful by your efforts, and I appreciate it.

Christmas is a season that is meant to bring connection, gratitude, love, hope, and joy. Christmas is a celebration, a time for giving and not simply a day we exchange gifts. The spirit of Christmas is in the "togetherness", it's in the thought to which you put into thinking about others, it's a selfless time, where we forgive, take stock of what's important and become better versions of ourselves. For many, the holiday season can be extremely painful or difficult for a variety of reasons. This Christmas let's reach out to someone who may be lonely. Let's do it, not just with prayers, but with phones, cards, a big hug, kind words.

Christmas blessings!

Bro. Dennis

MISSION OF HOPE TO HUNTSVILLE
Friday, December 13 Leaving at 7am
Sign up today!!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Meridian family,

It is hard to imagine December is already here. Where has the year gone? We had an amazing "Hanging of the Green" service this past Sunday. I want to thank everyone involved for putting together such a worshipful service. I felt the service was very special and meaningful. I especially want to thank Dennis Johnson for all of his hard work and effort in planning the service. We are so blessed to have Dennis and Deborah as part of our faith family here at Meridian!

This coming Sunday morning, we begin a three-part Christmas sermon series I am simply calling, "The Three Gifts." In the coming weeks, we will consider the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh brought to Jesus by the wise men. For our purposes this coming Sunday, we will reflect upon the gift of gold. Gold is a symbol of royalty and points to Christ as King. I pray you enjoy our study in the coming weeks.

On a darker note, this Wednesday night (Dec 4) I will bring a Christmas devotional titled, "Rachel Weeping; The Blood of Baby Boys in Bethlehem." I want us to take a moment to consider one of the darker pages of the birth narrative of our Lord (a portion of the story rarely discussed) when King Herod slaughtered all the boys born in the region aged two and under. However uncomfortable it might be, will be beneficial for us to probe a bit further into this event.

We need to see an increase in involvement pertaining to our Christmas food box project. If you are able to help, please contact the church office. Also, if you are planning to help with our Huntsville Mission of Hope project for Friday, December 13, please be sure to sign up. We are needing to get an accurate headcount so our team can plan accordingly.

There are a tremendous amount of events sandwiched into our church's December calendar. Be sure to read the bulletin & Evangel each week to stay in the know. These are exciting days at Meridian!

Have a great rest of the week! Live for Jesus and serve Him faithfully till Christ comes again!

In Him,
Bro Michael