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WORKERS FOR SUNDAY July 6, 2025

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

David Stroud * James Chadwick

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Emily Frei Scott & Suzie Frei

SAFETY TEAM — TEAM ONE

Randy Burgin Roger Long
Jack Oody Chrissy Johnson

VAN DRIVER

David Stroud



IN THE HOSPITAL

Ella Mae Hood, Ft. Sanders

No Wednesday Meal in July

Monthly Wednesday meals start back in August (2nd Wednesday of the month).

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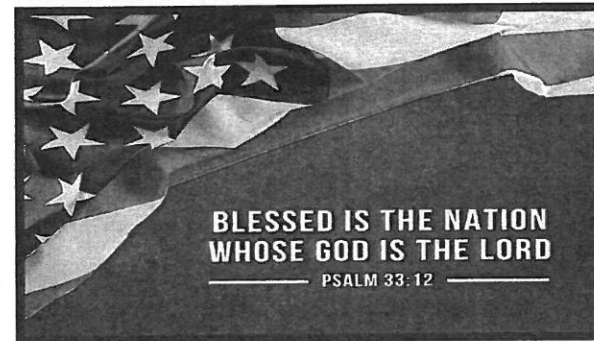
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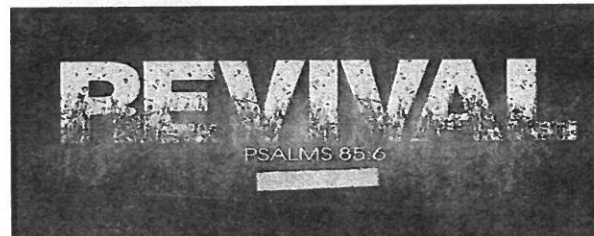
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"Given
for
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*Observance of
Lord's Supper
July 13th*



Fall Revival
September 14-17
10:50 am Sunday
7:00 pm Nightly
Speaker: Jeff Harvel
Music: Daniel Young

VBS July 13-17

6:00-8:30

**4 Years thru
12th Grade**

Adult Class offered
Pre-register Today!



Call or email the church office
meridianbaptistoffice@gmail.com)
to register your child or if you would
like to attend the adult class.

**Pick up a VBS Prayer Calendar
located in the Sanctuary foyer.**

We need volunteers for Thursday,
Family Fun Night. Signup sheets are
in the Sanctuary foyer. We need people at
these areas set up and ready by 8:15.

Search Committee for Music Minister

Pray for this Committee:

Randy Burgin, Cynthia Headrick,
Tommy Leavelle, Jon McCammon,
Brenda Swinson

Women on Mission July Project

**Collect school supplies
for Montgomery Village**

Spiral binders 3-ring binders
Backpacks Pencils Pens

Crayons Glue sticks Colored markers
Pencils Wide-ruled paper Pocket folders

Place items in box located near office!



The Spiritual Disciplines – Evangelism

When we think about spiritual disciplines, we often think of things like prayer, reading the Bible, or worship. But one important discipline that is sometimes overlooked is evangelism—the act of sharing the good news of Jesus with others.

Evangelism isn't just for pastors, missionaries, or those with outgoing personalities. It's something that every follower of Christ is called to do. Jesus made that clear when He said in Matthew 28:19–20, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." This command, often called the Great Commission, is for all believers—not just a select few.

Author Donald Whitney reminds us that evangelism is not just expected—it's something we can grow in. Just like prayer or reading Scripture, sharing our faith is a discipline we practice. Whitney writes, "Many Christians are passive in evangelism because they don't see it as a discipline to be developed." In other words, we don't wait to feel ready or confident—we take small, faithful steps and trust God to use them.

Dallas Willard helps us see that evangelism is more than trying to get someone to "pray a prayer." He explains that we're not just inviting people to believe in Jesus, but to follow Him. Evangelism is about helping people enter into the Kingdom of God—a life of purpose, peace, and transformation with Jesus at the center. It's not only about what people are saved from, but also what they're saved into.

So how do we begin? It starts by living lives that reflect the hope we have in Christ. Scripture says in 1 Peter 3:15, "Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect." Evangelism doesn't always mean standing on a street corner or preaching a sermon—it often looks like having a real conversation, listening well, and gently pointing someone toward Jesus.

Ultimately, sharing our faith is not about having all the right answers or convincing arguments. It's about being faithful to speak the truth of the gospel and trusting that God will do the work in people's hearts. Paul reminds us in Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes."

Evangelism can feel intimidating, but when we see it as a way to love others & honor Christ, it becomes less about pressure & more about partnership with God. As a church, let's encourage one another to grow in this discipline—praying for boldness, seizing everyday opportunities, & trusting that God is already at work.

The Upper Rooms, Christopher S. Milligan

Attendance

June 29 - Sunday School

Preschool	10
Children	10
Youth	11
Adults	80
TOTAL	111
Visitors	5

Worship Service: 156

Contacts for the week of 6/23-6/29 Total: 108
4 & 5 Years—21 3rd-5th Grades—2
Adult 3—11 Adult 4—74

Giving

Giving For June 29

General Budget Fund	\$6,649.00
Non-Budget Designated	50.00
Grand Total	\$6,699.00
Online Giving	\$ 30.00
Monthly Budget Requirement	\$51,732.00
June Budget Giving	\$43,374.52

Items Needed for the Food Pantry

Crackers Peanut Butter Juice
Green Beans Peas Corn
Jello Spaghetti Noodles
Canned Potatoes or Dry Mix

Drop off items at the church office.



Senior Adults September Bible Study

The Senior Adults will have their September Bible Study at Cades Cove on Tuesday, September 23rd, leaving at 8:30am. Coffee & donuts provided for breakfast; lunch in Maryville. Call the office to sign up!

**Mission of Hope Backpack Day
Friday, August 8th**

Huntsville Elementary & Middle Schools



Volunteers are needed to help the kids fill their backpacks while shopping at the Mission of Hope School Supply Store. Signup sheets are located on bulletin boards around the church. Leaving church at 7:15am.



Noteworthy News

PSALM 147 (A PARAPHRASE). . . Praise the Lord! It is good to sing praises to our God; It is pleasant to God and it is pleasant to us because praise is becoming. The Lord builds up Meridian, he gathers the outcasts of South Knoxville. He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving, sing praises to our God on the piano and organ, drums and guitars! He sends forth His command to the earth. He sends forth his word and causes the winds to blow and the waters to flow. He declares His words to His people, His ordinances to Meridian. Praise the Lord, O Meridian! Praise your God!

If you read the words in the psalms, especially Psalm 146-150, you will notice that the primary emphasis is on the greatness of God. Another emphasis is on singing, playing instruments, clapping and even (yes) DANCING! (Psalm 150:4)

When we get together this Sunday let us remember that we sing to the one who invented music. He loves to hear the song(s) of the redeemed—our songs!

But I will sing of Your power; yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning; for You have been my defense and refuge in the day of trouble. To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; for God is my defense, my God of mercy. (Psalm 59:16–17—NKJV)

Read these scriptures: Exodus 15, Deut. 32, Rev. 5:9-10, 14:3-5.

HAPPY CELEBRATION... Thanks to our choir, narrator and tech team for a wonderful tribute to our nation. You are to be commended for your dedication to task, for your time, for your faithfulness. God is to be commended for enabling you to have all the above.

To God be the glory! Blessings!

Bro. Dennis

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Meridian family,

Sunday was a wonderful day in the Lord's house as we celebrated God and country! Our worship attendance was strong with 156 people in the building. So it was so wonderful to have so many guests and visitors. I want to thank our music department for an amazing musical presentation. A special thanks to Bro. Dennis and Mrs. Deborah for their meaningful piano arrangement together, along with our soloist Brenda Swinson. Finally, a special thanks to our narrator Arthur Kirkland. The fellowship meal was well attended. A special thanks to our entire kitchen team and cooking crew for making everything so festive; from the decorations to the amazing food, it was certainly a special time of fellowship together.

We continue our study on "The Attributes of God" this coming Sunday as we consider "The Righteousness of God." Next Sunday July 13, we will pause from our current study and observe the Lord's Supper together.

This coming Thursday from 10:30am to 12:30pm we will host a special outreach event for our neighbors and friends in Montgomery Village. A wonderful hot dog picnic lunch will be provided, along with fun for the kids such as face painting, balloon animals, crafts, snow cones, and popcorn. Most importantly, we will be sharing and showing the love of Christ. If you would like to help, please let me know. It will be a wonderful opportunity to show the love of Christ! We will be set up at the Baptist Center in the heart of Montgomery Village.

It is hard to imagine July is already here, and with July comes Vacation Bible School. (July 13-17). A friendly reminder; we have a VBS workers meeting this Wednesday at 5:30 PM in the Adult 4 assembly room. Let's partner together in prayer and expect great things!

Finally, please be in prayer for our Music Minister search committee as they begin their search process. Our team members are Randy Burgin, Cynthia Headrick, Tommy Leavelle, Jon McCammon, and Brenda Swinson.

If you have a ministerial need please do not hesitate to contact me at 865-968-9916. Have a great rest of the week. Live for Jesus and serve him faithfully until Christ comes again!

3 John 2, Pastor Michael