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### **WORKERS FOR SUNDAY** **June 8, 2025**

#### **DEACONS OF THE WEEK**

Jim Brackett      Joe Fielden  
Johnny Lewis \*

#### **EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS**

Gayle Doman      Amy Arnett  
Starlene Williams

#### **SAFETY TEAM — TEAM ONE**

Randy Burgin      Roger Long  
Jack Oody      Chrissy Johnson

#### **VAN DRIVER**

Scott Frei



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## **Community Fun Day** **Saturday, June 7th**

**11am-2pm**



**Food, Popcorn,  
Snow Cones  
Balloon Animals,  
Face Painting**



**Games, Crafts, Inflatables**  
**4 bicycles will be given away!**

(Workers, please arrive by 9 am)

**Invite family, friends, and those  
in your community!**

**Posters & Flyers are available  
if you would like to hand out in your  
community or place of business.**

**Planning Meeting: June 4th at 5pm**

### **Search Committee Nomination Form for Music Minister**

Provided as an insert in the church bulletin is a Nomination Form for a Search Committee for Music Minister. Please turn these nomination forms in through the offering plate or the church office. These forms will be available for the next two Sundays and a Special-Called Business Meeting will be held June 22 to elect the Search Committee.



## **VBS July 13-17**

**6:00-8:30**

**4 Years-12th Grade  
Adult Class offered**

Pre-registration forms are available in June bulletins. You can also call or email the church office

(meridianbaptistoffice@gmail.com)

to register your child or to attend adult class (taught by Chris Francis).

**Next Workers Meeting:**  
**June 11 at 5:30**

## **Patriotic Celebration Service** **Sunday, June 29th**

Patriotic Music & Message at 10:50 followed by lunch in the fellowship hall. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the sides provided.

Signup sheets are in the Sanctuary or call the office if you plan to attend and if you can bring a dessert.

**Spiritual Disciplines - Worship**

Donald Whitney states in *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, worship is “focusing on and responding to God.” It is both an individual and corporate act that aligns the heart with God’s glory, reorients the soul, and deepens our relationship with Him.

Dallas Willard, in *The Spirit of the Disciplines*, emphasizes that worship is a formative practice, shaping our inner lives to reflect Christ. For Willard, worship is not primarily about emotional experience, but about the transformation of the heart through the adoration of God. He writes, “To worship is to see God as worthy, to ascribe worth, to praise and honor.” This vision of God’s worthiness recalibrates the soul and draws us out of self-centeredness into God-centered living.

Scripture highlights worship as central to our identity and purpose. Jesus declares in **John 4:23-24** that “true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.” Worship is not confined to a place or ritual but is rooted in an authentic relationship with God.

Whitney further notes that worship is essential because “there is nothing more important in your life than being a worshiper of God.” The psalmist echoes this in **Psalms 95:6-7**, saying, “Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture...” Worship reminds us of who we are and whose we are.

Regular worship cultivates humility, gratitude, and joy. It also helps believers resist idolatry and live in the presence of God throughout all aspects of life. **Romans 12:1** urges believers, “Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.” This verse reveals that worship encompasses all of life, not just moments set aside for singing or prayer.

In a world filled with distractions, the discipline of worship keeps the believer anchored. Whether through Scripture reading, prayer, music, or silence, worship fosters a deeper awareness of God’s presence. It transforms duty into delight and compels a life of obedience and love.

In short, worship is not just a discipline among many—it is the goal of all the disciplines. It is both a means and an end: we worship to become like Christ, and we become like Christ so that we may worship more fully. As **Revelation 4:11** proclaims, “‘Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.’” Worship is the believer’s response to the incomparable worth of God—and the pathway to being continually transformed in His presence.

The Upper Rooms, Christopher S. Milligan

**Attendance**

**June 2 - Sunday School**

|           |    |
|-----------|----|
| Preschool | 8  |
| Children  | 12 |
| Youth     | 4  |
| Adults    | 66 |
| TOTAL     | 90 |
| Visitors  | 5  |

**Worship Service: 110**

Contacts for the week of 5/26-6/1 Total: 78  
4 & 5 Years—20 Adult 3—14 Adult 4—44

**Giving**

**Giving For June 2**

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| General Budget Fund        | \$15,423.00 |
| Capital Improvements       | 10.00       |
| Non-Budget Designated      | 125.00      |
| Grand Total                | \$15,558.00 |
| Monthly Budget Requirement | \$51,732.00 |
| June Budget Giving         | \$15,423.00 |

**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.

**“GO” OUTREACH MINISTRY**  
Tuesday, June 17 at 1:00 pm

**No Wednesday Meals in June and July**  
Due to several upcoming events/meals, we will cancel Wednesday meals in June and July, but will start back in August.

**Women on Mission June Project**  
Collect items for Angelic Ministries  
Toiletry items and laundry detergent  
Place items in box located near office.

**Noteworthy News**

**HOW AWESOME IS YOUR GOD...**The size of your vision will be dependent on the size of your vision of God. A.W. Tozer wrote, ‘What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.’ This past Sunday, in our Sunday School classes, many of us began to look the Psalms. When we think of the Psalms, we think about King David (even though he did not write all of them). David was extraordinarily gifted—naturally as well as supernaturally. He was handsome and in good health (Psalm 16:12). He was talented musically (v.18). He was a gifted speaker (v.18). He had athletic ability (17:1–37; 18:11). He was a leader (18:13). He was successful (vv.14,30). He was famous (v.30). Yet it was for none of these reasons that God used him. The Lord said to Samuel, ‘The LORD does not look at the things people look at. Human beings look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart’ (1 Samuel 16:7). The reason that David was able to tackle Goliath was that he was anointed by God: ‘Samuel took his flask of oil and anointed him, with his brothers standing around watching. The Spirit of God entered David like a rush of wind, God vitally empowering him for the rest of his life’ (16:13, MSG). The only way you will be able to tackle the giants in your life, in society and in the world, is through the anointing of the Holy Spirit. In 1988 Rich Mullins wrote:

*When the sky was starless in the void of the night  
He spoke into the darkness and created the light  
With judgement and wrath He poured out on Sodom  
Mercy and grace He gave us at the cross  
I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten  
That our God is an awesome God*

David was able to accomplish awesome things because his view of God was awesome. Can’t we do some awesome things too? I think so.

Awesome blessings!

*Bro. Dennis*

**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK**

Dear Meridian family,  
I recently read a funny story...

*“If you think you are having a bad day ... the following true story should help put everything in perspective. Seems a couple got a brand new, top of the line, Jeep Cherokee for Christmas and drove it to visit relatives in Michigan. The guys decided to do that male bonding ritual of duck hunting. So they load up the Cherokee with decoys, food, beer, guns, warm clothes, etc. and head off for the lake. Now it’s a little known fact that when duck hunting in cold climates like that, it’s common to drive the truck out onto the ice. It’s also a little known fact that, to break a hole in the ice for the decoys, a stick of dynamite is commonly used. (We are talking Michigan.) Now this particular stick of dynamite had a short fuse, estimated at 20 seconds or so. Normally you put the dynamite on the ice, light the fuse, and run away. But with only 20 seconds they didn’t want to do that, they might slip while running. So the guy lights the fuse and throws the stick of dynamite out onto the ice. Next thing you know, their well-trained Labrador Retriever dashes out onto the ice and, just as he’s done several times before, picks up the stick (of lit dynamite) in his mouth and starts running back to the group of guys. The guys start yelling at the dog but, as he’s played fetch so many times before, he just keeps bringing the stick back to his master. One of the guys thinks fast and loads his shotgun, and shoots the dog. As it’s loaded with bird shot the dog isn’t hurt much, but is confused. The guy shoots the dog again. The dog gets scared and runs, stick in his mouth, under the Cherokee. The Cherokee is now at the bottom of the lake. The insurance company won’t pay up because the Jeep was destroyed due to an illegal use of explosives.”*

From our perspective, life is filled with both “good” and “bad” days. But the Bible teaches every day is a gift from God. Psalm 118:24 says, “this is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!” I pray you have a wonderful day, and also a wonderful week!

In Christ, Pastor Michael