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WORKERS FOR SUNDAY May 11, 2025

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

David McLemore Billy Burchell *

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Sheree Lonas Shauna Kirkland Nicole Gray

SAFETY TEAM — TEAM ONE

Randy Burgin Roger Long
Jack Oody Chrissy Johnson

VAN DRIVER

David McLemore

Wednesday Meal, May 14 at 5:00

Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls
Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Banana Pudding
Cost: \$6 Adults/\$4 Children (12 & under)

Sign up in the Sanctuary foyer or call
the office by Monday, May 12.

VBS July 13-17 6:00-8:30

VBS Workers' Meeting
Wednesday, May 14th at 5:30 (A4 Dept)

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OR CURRENT OCCUPANT

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

5:00pm—Community Fun Day Planning Mtg.

SUNDAY, MAY 11—"Mother's Day"

9:30am—Sunday School

10:50am—Morning Worship

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

5:00pm—Meal

5:30pm—VBS Workers Mtg. (A4 Dept)

6:00pm—TeamKid

6:15pm—Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

6:15pm—Youth Unite

7:15pm—Sanctuary Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MAY 15

10:30am—WOM Serve Lunch at MV



Senior Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, May 27th
at 10:30am



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Agenda-Quarterly Business Meeting, May 18

Minutes & Financial Report Provided

Reports from Building & Grounds Committee

Repairs were made to the steeple siding at a cost of \$805; paid from Capital Improvements.

Fellowship Hall painting & remodeling are still ongoing. Funds were taken from money held in Non-Budget Designated. An anonymous gift was given to purchase new light fixtures; also a gift was given for the installation of fixtures.

Playground Equipment should be installed in June.

Recommendations from Building & Grounds Comm.

Recommend new flooring installed on all 2nd floor hallways, A4 Assembly, A2 Class, A4 Couples & Friends Class, Safety & Welcome Room. Cost approximately \$35,000 (\$11,390 to come from Early Voting Funds, remainder from a maturing CD.)

Recommend replacing A/C unit behind Sanctuary at a cost of \$19,900 taken from Capital Improvements. Recommend purchasing Macbook for the Youth Ministry. Cost approximately \$1,599 to be taken from a maturing CD.

Community Fun Day at Meridian Saturday, June 7th from 11am-2pm

Food, Popcorn, Snow Cones
Balloon Animals, Face Painting
Games, Crafts, Inflatables

Volunteers are needed!

(Workers, please arrive by 9 am)

Call the office if you can help; also if you can assist with monetary donations, please mark on your envelope "Community Fun Day."

If you have a canopy we can borrow, please see Margaret Hancock.



Mother's Day Recognition Sunday, May 11th

Baby Dedication Service
Honoring and recognizing
mothers & ladies who have an
awesome influence of those in our church!

Youth Retreat May 25-27

Camp BaYoCa

6th Grade thru College
Cost: \$50 (this includes
lodging & meals)

We will have a small lunch after service Sunday, May 25th, then head to Camp. If you are interested in attending as a student or a chaperone, please reach out to Chris Milligan by phone (865) 279-3836 or email Nextgenmeridian@gmail.com



Graduate Recognition Service Sunday, May 18

Recognizing our High
School & College graduates.
Contact Chris Milligan with
info on the graduate.



Decoration Days at Meridian Cemetery May 17-18

The Cemetery will be open from
8am-6pm. Flowers will be removed
after two weeks. Please pick up
your containers prior to that time.

THE UPPER ROOMS

The Transcendentals: Goodness

The Bible begins by affirming that **all that God creates is good**. "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good" (Genesis 1:31). This foundational truth establishes that **goodness originates from God**. He is not only good in His actions but in His essence. As the psalmist proclaims, "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!" (Psalm 34:8). God's goodness is constant and unchanging.

Believers are called to reflect God's goodness in their lives. Paul identifies goodness as a fruit of the Spirit: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness..." (Galatians 5:22). This means that goodness is not merely human effort, but a **divine quality produced in the believer by the Holy Spirit**.

The call to goodness is also tied to righteous living: "As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good" (2 Thessalonians 3:13), and "Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good" (Romans 12:9). **Goodness is active**—it involves choosing righteousness, acting with integrity, and seeking the welfare of others.

Jesus Christ perfectly embodied goodness in His life and ministry. When a man called Him "Good Teacher," Jesus responded, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone" (Mark 10:18), pointing to God as the ultimate standard of goodness. Yet in Christ, we see that standard fulfilled—He healed the sick, fed the hungry, forgave sins, and ultimately gave His life for the salvation of the world.

The Bible assures that goodness will not go unrewarded. "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9). God delights in those who walk in His ways and blesses the work that reflects His goodness.

Goodness, according to the Bible, is far more than just being nice; it is a profound reflection of God's character lived out through His people. It is both a divine attribute and a human calling, made possible through the work of the Holy Spirit and modeled perfectly in Jesus Christ.

From The Upper Rooms, Christopher S. Milligan

Attendance

May 4 - Sunday School

Preschool	8
Children	11
Youth	11
Adults	69
TOTAL	99
Visitors	6

Worship Service: 123

Contacts for the week of 4/27-5/4 Total: 58
4 & 5 Years—19 Adult 3—12 Adult 4—27

Giving

Giving For May 4

General Budget Fund	\$ 9,461.00
Capital Improvements	10.00
Kitchen Fund	6.00
Non-Budget Designated	2,030.00
Youth Account	1,050.00
Grand Total	\$12,557.00
Online Giving	\$1,000
Monthly Budget Requirement	\$51,732.00
May Budget Giving	\$10,411.00

Senior Adults Tour Brushy Mountain State Prison, Thursday, June 12

Leave at 10am. Call the office if you plan to attend.

Memorials & Honorariums

A gift was given to the Member Emergency Fund in memory of Sandra Stump, sister of Pam Murphy, from the Winsome Class.

Welcome New Member

Gary Smith
319 Taliwa Drive
Knoxville, TN 37920



Every Member Involved!!

Please fill out a Membership Service Survey provided in bulletins the month of May. The survey gives each church member the opportunity to express interest in various ministry opportunities of service within the committee life of the church.

Noteworthy News

A PRETTY GOOD CHRISTIAN. . . If you don't follow professional golf you probably don't know the name Bernhard Langer. In his day Langer achieved a good bit of renown as he compiled quite a record as a professional golfer. Langer began his career as a 7-year-old caddie at a local club in Bavaria. It was here that his father had settled after escaping from a Russian prisoner of war train en route to Siberia. It was soon apparent that he had a natural talent, and he turned pro at the age of 15. Langer relates, "My best year ever came in 1985—my first year as a member of the U.S. Tour. Not only did I win the Masters—the biggest event of my career—I also won the Heritage Classic in Hilton Head, the Australian Masters, the Casio World Open in Japan, the Sun City Million Dollar event and two events in Europe. I won seven tournaments on five different continents, and was ranked number one in the world. I had a beautiful wife and had achieved everything I could ever have dreamed of. But something was missing. My priorities were golf, golf, and more golf, then myself, and finally a little time with my wife. Every now and then, I prayed. I went to church. But if my golf game was not good, my whole life was miserable, and I made everyone around me miserable." The week after he won the Masters, Langer was invited by a friend and fellow touring pro to come to the PGA Tour Bible Study. It was here that he heard for the first time about being "reborn." Like Nicodemus he did not understand. As he put it, he thought he was "a pretty good Christian." Langer learned what we did, maybe at a very young age, that on our own we do not merit eternal life.

THANKS, SENIOR ADULTS...What a pleasant celebration of our Seniors we had this weekend. Beginning with the National Day Of Prayer spearheaded by our Senior Adult Ministry, then our annual Senior Adult Banquet, (sponsored by our NexGen Student Ministry) and finally Senior Adult Sunday where we honored those in our church who have been faithful for decades. Seniors, you are cherished. Thank God for you!

Blessings! *Bro. Dennis*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Meridian family,

This past weekend was a special time in the life of the Meridian family as we celebrated our senior adults. The banquet Friday night was a wonderful occasion as our MBC student ministry led the program. I want to thank everyone involved from the decorations to the meal (and everything in between). I also would like to thank Bro. Chris Milligan for sharing from his heart. Our senior adults were highlighted during the Sunday service as we collectively expressed our appreciation for all that they have done through the years at Meridian Baptist in service of the Lord.

With Mother's Day just around the corner, I want to express appreciation and love to all of the Moms in my life. Although my mom went home to be with the Lord in 2007, I thank God for her life and testimony. I also thank God for my stepmother, my mother-in-law, and most importantly, my sweet Sarah, the mother of my children. As a church family, we tremendously appreciate all of our moms and ladies. And so during our service this coming Sunday, we will take a moment to acknowledge all of our ladies present. For the message, I will break from our current sermon series on the attributes of God and bring a special Mother's Day sermon from Mark's gospel on the topic of "A Mother's Great Faith." To be sure, it will be a special day at Meridian!

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 7 for our "Community Fun Day at Meridian." This unique outreach event will be a community family fun day with games, food, balloon animals, face painting, jumpers, crafts, etc. There will be so many opportunities for you to serve! I appreciate Jack Oody's leadership as our ministry team plans this special outreach event to show the love of Christ to our South Knoxville community. If you would like to serve, please be in attendance for our meeting this coming Wednesday at 5pm in the conference room!

Have a Jesus filled week! If there is any specific way that I can minister to you and your family, please do not hesitate to let me know. Feel free to contact me at 865-968-9916. Pastor Michael