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### Meridian Prayer Line

865-579-6632

**CALL IN YOUR PRAYER REQUEST**

### WORKERS FOR SUNDAY November 3, 2024

#### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

David Stroud James Chadwick \*

#### EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Emily Frei Suzie Frei Nicole Arnett

#### SAFETY TEAM — TEAM TWO

Sam & Sheree Lonas  
Scott Frei Randy Burgin

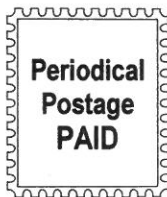
#### VAN DRIVER

Joe Fielden



### IN THE HOSPITAL

Gerald Blake, Ft. Sanders



OR CURRENT OCCUPANT

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

FALL FESTIVAL \* 6:00-8:00 (setup begins at 4)

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

2:00pm—Family Event at Oakes Farm  
\*\*Set your clocks back one hour Saturday night

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:30am—Sunday School  
10:50am—Morning Worship  
12:00pm—Nominating Comm. Mtg.  
3:30pm—Church Council/Budget & Finance  
5:00pm—Search Comm. Mtg.

### MONDAY-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4-8

Church Office Open 8:00am-4:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

5:30pm—Committee on Committees Mtg.  
6:00pm—TeamKid  
6:15pm—Prayer Meeting/Bible Study  
6:15pm—Youth Unite  
7:15pm—Sanctuary Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

10:00am—Senior Adults leave for Pigeon Forge



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## Fall Festival

### Thursday, October 31

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

### MISSION OF HOPE TO HUNTSVILLE

#### Friday, December 13

Volunteers are needed! Signup sheets located in the Sanctuary, bulletin boards around the church or call the office. Let's bring joy to children at Huntsville. We will leave the church at 7am and return by late afternoon. Contact Jack Oody for more info.



### Christmas Food Boxes

Church members, Sunday School classes: Consider providing a food box for needy families in our area. You can pick up a box near the Library or the church office. (A complete list of food items is provided inside the box.) Boxes are due December 9. Brown bags with a partial list of items are located in the foyer if you are not able to complete a full box.

*A gracious member has donated toward the cost of perishable items.*



**Set your clocks back one hour Saturday night, November 2**

**Women's Christmas Craft Party**  
Sunday, November 10th  
at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

**Shoeboxes due November 10**

Shoeboxes are located near the Library. Inside the box is a list of items suitable to pack in your box. Thank you to the Winsome Class for furnishing the boxes. A gracious member has donated toward the shipping costs.



### ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA

Poinsettia order forms are now available. Fill out the form, turn in to the office or offering plate. Poinsettia orders are due November 17th. Please list an individual or couple per plant ordered and include correct amount for each plant. Cost is \$8.00 per plant.

**"Family Event"**  
**Corn Maze/Hayride at Oakes Farm, Saturday, Nov. 2nd**

**\$19 Admission (includes corn maze & hayride); bring extra money for snacks. Plan to drive or carpool. Leaving the church at 2pm. Call the office if you plan to attend!**



### SENIOR ADULT TRIP NOVEMBER 7

Senior Adults to see the Sistine Chapel Exhibit in Pigeon Forge

**We will be leaving the church at 10am**

Cost is \$20 for the trip plus your meal.  
Call the office to sign up.



#### Food Pantry Items Needed:

Peanut Butter \* Juice \* Jello  
Canned Fruit \* Muffin Mix  
Canned Pinto Beans  
Canned Ravioli

**Drop off items at the church office**



### Wednesday Meal November 13th, 5:00-5:45

Turkey & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Cranberry Sauce, Pumpkin Pie

Cost: \$6 Adults \* \$4 Children (12 & under)  
Reservations are required and will be taken until noon on Monday (Nov. 11th).

### Meridian Baptist Church T-Shirts



We have ordered T-shirts with the MBC logo. Cost is \$10 each. If you would like a shirt, they will be available for purchase on Sunday after the service near the Library or you can come by the office & pick one up.

### Senior Adult Trip Monday, December 16th

Nativity Pageant at the Knoxville Civic Coliseum. Leaving the church at 5:30 p.m.  
Call the office to sign up.

### 2025 Calendars

2025 calendars can be picked up in the church office. Cost is \$8.00 and proceeds will go into youth scholarships.

## Our Attendance

### October 27 - Sunday School

Preschool	13
Children	10
Youth	7
Adults	62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>92</b>
Visitors	12

**Worship Service: 132**

### CONSTANT CONTACT CONSCIOUSNESS

Contacts for the week of 10/21-10/27 Total: 71  
4 & 5 Years—20 Adult 3—7 Adult 4—44

## Our Giving

### Giving For October 27

General Budget Fund	\$10,699.84
Capital Improvements	25.00
Non-Budget Designated	300.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$11,024.84</b>
Online Giving	\$1,380
Monthly Budget Requirement	\$51,732.00
October Budget Giving	\$40,803.84

### 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.

### SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR MINISTER TO STUDENTS & CHILDREN

Debbie Dexter, Leanne Evers, Arthur Kirkland,  
David McLemore, Robyn Stroud  
Continue to pray for this committee!

### Disaster Relief Training

November 9th in Knoxville. Information sheets are located on bulletin boards, sanctuary foyer, and in the church office.



**JUST LIKE THAT...**Everything is going along just fine and just like that...an unexpected repair bill comes in...an accident occurs...the freezer stops working...Covid strikes! That's what happened at our house over the weekend. (Not all of it, just Covid) I went to the doctor for my normal yearly treatment for bronchitis only to discover that I had the covid virus. It's Monday now and I am nearly completely recovered, but now the rest of the household is infected!

**APPRECIATION...**it's times like these when capable people, with very little time for preparation, step up to fill the roles vacated by my absence. Thanks to Tommy Leavelle for teaching my Sunday School class and to Jon McCammon and Brenda Swinson for assisting with worship leadership. Everything went on without a hitch!

**FROM MY DEVOTIONAL READING...**from Hebrews 2. Jesus became like us in that he: became, for a while, lower than the angels (v.9), is of the same family (v. 11), calls us brothers and sisters (v.11), shares in our humanity (v.14), was made like us in every way (v. 17), suffered when he was tempted (v. 18). On the cross, He tasted death for everyone (v. 9), destroyed the devil (v.14), freed us from the fear of death (v.15), made atonement for our sins (v.17), pioneered our salvation (v.10), was made perfect through suffering (v.10). Praise God for the priceless gift of eternal life through Christ Jesus, Immanuel, God with us.

Blessings!

*Bro. Dennis*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Meridian family,

Another election year is upon us. I am forever grateful we are blessed with the God-given right to vote. As your pastor, allow me to share a few biblical principles to remember as you enter the voting booth...

Remember life begins at conception (Jeremiah 1:5, Luke 1:41-44) and that abortion is murder (Exodus 20:13). Remember God designed marriage to be between a man and a woman (Genesis 2:24, Romans 1:24-27) and that God only created two genders (Genesis 1:27). Remember the importance of respecting and protecting women by keeping men out of women's sports and women's bathrooms (Deuteronomy 22:5). And when it comes to transgenderism and the mutilation of children's bodies, remember that God does not make mistakes (Psalm 18:30) and He is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33). Remember parents have the primary responsibility to raise their children, not the government (Deuteronomy 6:7, Proverbs 22:6). Remember that it is God who sets the boundaries and borders of the nations (Exodus 23:31; Acts 17:26-27) and God's love for the nation of Israel (Deuteronomy 7:6).

The Bible makes it clear that in the last days, people will be lovers of themselves (2 Timothy 3:1-5). People will call evil good and good evil (Isaiah 5:20) and even celebrate what is abhorrent to God (Romans 1:32). This is evident by the societal rebranding of sin into culturally acceptable terms. The slaughtering of unborn babies is called "women's reproductive healthcare" while sexual perversion is called a person's "orientation" or "gender identity".

You say, "Pastor, don't get political." I'm not. These issues are not political but moral, and the Bible is a book of morality. I will never apologize for God's Word.

The motive behind your vote should not be the person or personality; for people are flawed. The motive behind your vote should not be a particular political party. Political parties can become corrupt. Rather, your motive should be a desire to honor God's Word.

In Christ, Bro. Michael