

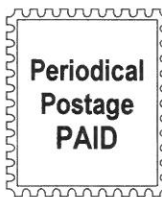
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865-579-6632
CALL IN YOUR PRAYER REQUEST

WORKERS FOR SUNDAY November 24, 2024

DEACONS OF THE WEEK
Arthur Kirkland *

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS
Gayle Doman Amy Arnett Scott Frei

SAFETY TEAM — TEAM ONE
Randy Burgin Roger Long
Jack Oody Chrissy Johnson

VAN DRIVER
Jon McCammon



IN THE HOSPITAL

Gerald Blake, Patricia Neal
Mary June Foulk, Ft. Sanders
Lu Jones, Ft. Sanders

SYMPATHY

To the family of Rita Brooks in her passing.
To the family of Beulah Hall in her passing.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:30am—Sunday School
10:50am—Morning Worship
12:30pm—Building & Grounds Mtg.

MONDAY-TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25-26

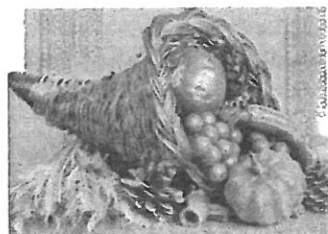
Church Office Open 8:00am-4:30pm

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27-29

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26-TUESDAY OF THANKS

6:15pm—Church family is invited to this service; children & youth will also be in the sanctuary.
7:15pm—Sanctuary Choir Practice



Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.
Psalm 107:1

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TUESDAY OF THANKS

Tuesday, November 26th. All regular Wednesday activities moved to this date. All the church family will be together for the service.

OFFICE CLOSED

Nov. 27, 28, 29 (Thanksgiving holidays)

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 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.*



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.

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 the office no later than Monday, December 16th.



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Help us reach our goal by giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Our Goal: \$12,000

Given to Date: \$715

Prayer Guides located in Sanctuary. Offering envelopes available in bulletins. Week of Prayer: December 1 - 8



Hanging of the Green Service Sunday, December 1st

If you have been assigned a part, please be in the Sanctuary by 10:30.



December 15th at 10:50
A joyful Christmas Celebration presented by the Sanctuary Choir

DECEMBER EVENTS

- Dec. 1 Hanging of the Green Service (10:50am)
- Dec. 6 Deacons' Banquet (6:30pm)
- Dec. 7 Adult 2 Christmas Party (6pm)
- Dec. 8 Children Christmas Party (12pm)
- 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. 24 Christmas Eve Service (4pm)
- Dec. 23-27 Church Office Closed

“GO” Visitation Community Canvassing
Tuesday, November 26th at 1:00

Women on Mission November Project

Collect the following items for InterFaith:
Boxes of gloves (S-XL); alcohol wipes;
gauze (rolls or squares); Clorox wipes;
copy paper; toothbrushes & toothpaste;
Scotch tape; dry erase markers

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.

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 in the church office.

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.



Items Needed for the Food Pantry

Cereal Spaghetti Noodles
Juice Canned Meat

Drop off items at the church office.

Our Attendance

November 17 - Sunday School

Preschool	5
Children	14
Youth	8
Adults	75
TOTAL	102
Visitors	11

Worship Service: 125

CONSTANT CONTACT CONSCIOUSNESS

Contacts for the week of 11/4-11/10 Total: 88
4 & 5 Years—22 Adult 3—22 Adult 4—44

Our Giving

Giving For November 17

General Budget Fund	\$5,278.00
Capital Improvements	10.00
Lottie Moon Offerings	295.00
Non-Budget Designated	1,330.00
Grand Total	\$6,913.00
Online Giving	\$110
Monthly Budget Requirement	\$51,732.00
November Budget Giving	\$21,986.00
Lottie Moon Given To Date:	\$715

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.

SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR MINISTER TO STUDENTS & CHILDREN

Debbie Dexter, LEEANNE EVERS, ARTHUR KIRKLAND,
DAVID McLEMORE, ROBYN STROUD
Continue to pray for this committee!



Thank you Meridian!
We collected 115
OCC shoeboxes.

Noteworthy News

CONNECTIONS. . . In my former profession as an industrial electrician I was aware that for a machine to operate correctly it needed a sound connection to its power source. A poor connection resulted in excessive heat and poor conductivity. Over a period of time and excessive heat the joint begins to break down further. Eventually the connection becomes so poor that electrical arcing can occur causing a fire and catastrophic damage. In some cases when an electrical episode occurs the only thing one can do is stand back and let it run its course and pick up the pieces later.

What is true in industry is true in our personal lives. Author Nicky Gumbel writes "...there is power in connection. Connections lead to life. When a husband and wife come together in love, babies are born. When the spirit of a person and the Spirit of God come together new birth takes place. When brothers and sisters come together in unity, God commands his blessing (Psalm 133). Satan fears connection. His ultimate goal is to cut you off from God. He tries to split marriages and friendships, to divide churches and denominations and to isolate people. Although our culture is more connected than ever before through the internet, phones, and social media, people are more isolated and lonely than ever before."

Now is a time when it is very easy to become disconnected. The holiday season can be a time of extreme loneliness for some. More than ever we need to make intentional efforts to reach out to each other and keep the bonds of love and fellowship alive and vibrant. Be sure to make a call, write a note, post something positive (instead of negative) on Facebook.

You never know what a blessing you are!

Bro. Dennis

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Meridian family,

It is hard to imagine, but the Thanksgiving season is upon us. For obvious reasons, it is engrained in our culture to associate an attitude of appreciation and thanksgiving this time of year. Yet through the years, I have reminded people that an attitude of gratitude should be lived out each and every day by the follower of Christ, not just in the month of November. We have so much to be thankful for, and we must guard against allowing "Thanksgiving" to simply be a date on the calendar. May our lives be marked with gratitude; for a lost, dark and dying world is watching.

We will close out our current sermon series on the armor of God this coming Sunday as we consider what I refer to as the prayer warrior in Ephesians 6:18. I pray our study has been an encouragement to your heart. On Tuesday evening, November 26, we will have our "Tuesday of Thanks" annual Thanksgiving service. It will be a special "open mic" testimony night. Please prayerfully consider on what God might have you share with the church family. I will also share a devotional thought from Luke the 17th chapter on "The Thankful Leper".

The Church calendar is full of exciting seasonal events as we enter the holiday seasons. Please mark your calendars for the "Hanging of the Green" service on December 1. To be sure, it will be a festive celebration as we usher in the Christmas Season at Meridian Baptist Church. Our annual Deacon's banquet is Friday, December 6. Our Christmas "Mission of Hope" project is Friday, December 13. The food box distribution project is scheduled for Saturday, December 14. The music ministry presents the annual Christmas musical on December 15. Please be sure to join us for this spectacular message through song! Our Senior Adults will be attending the "Nativity Pageant of Knoxville" Monday, December 16. Finally, our annual Christmas Eve service is always a seasonal highlight as we have a special candlelight Lord's Supper service.

Give Thanks, Bro. Michael