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865-579-6632  
**CALL IN YOUR PRAYER REQUEST**

### WORKERS FOR SUNDAY October 20, 2024

#### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Gerald Blake Arthur Kirkland \*

#### EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Pam Ford Bobbie Temple Tina King

#### SAFETY TEAM — TEAM FOUR

Johnny Lewis David McLemore  
Ray Whitson Chrissy Johnson

#### VAN DRIVER

Norman Smelcer

### IN THE HOSPITAL

Bonnie Davis, Ft. Sanders  
Lu Jones, Ft. Sanders

### SYMPATHY

To the family of Elizabeth Beverly  
in her passing

OR CURRENT OCCUPANT

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## Fall Festival Thursday, October 31 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Signup sheets are available  
or call the church office and let us  
know how you can help!

We need workers for the following:

- Setup (begins at 4pm)
- Trunk or Treat (begins at 6pm; decorate your car & provide candy)
- Help with refreshments
- Help with games/inflatables
- Donate candy
- Bring cupcakes/cookies



### 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.

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:30am—Sunday School  
10:50am—Morning Worship  
3:30pm—Deacons' Meeting  
5:00pm—Search Committee Mtg.

### MONDAY-FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21-25

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

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:30am—Senior Adult Committee Mtg.  
10:30am—Senior Adult Bible Study  
1:00pm—GO Visitation/Canvassing

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

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

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month



Thank you:  
Pastor Michael & Dennis

This Sunday will be a special recognition time!



### Women's Christmas Craft Party Sunday, November 10th

at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
Join us for food, fellowship & lots of fun!  
We will be serving soup/chili, a dessert and  
drink for lunch. Registration forms along with  
payment are due October 27.

*Sponsored by the Women's Ministry.*



### 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.

**Senior Adult Bible Study**  
Tuesday, October 22  
at 10:30am






**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).

**WOMEN ON MISSION OCTOBER PROJECT**  
*Collect the following items for Salvation Army Women's Shelter:*  
 Body Wash Shampoo Conditioner  
 Toothpaste Toothbrushes Dental Floss  
 Hair Brushes Baby Wipes  
 Reading Glasses (not prescription)  
 Diapers (sz. 4, 5, 6, 7) Pull-ups (sz 4T, 5T)

**"Booook and Treat"**  
 During the month of October, the Library is having a special promotion called "Booook and Treat". Every time that you visit and check out a book, you will receive a special treat. Library hours are Sundays 9:00-9:45 and Wednesday nights 5:30-6:10. We have all sorts of great inspirational books: Biblical praises, education, devotional, Bible reference, biographies, fictional stories, children's books, and even DVDs. So come on in during this trick or treat season and enjoy a treat along with a good "booook".



**2025 Calendars**  
 We have 2025 calendars in the church office. Cost is \$8.00 and proceeds will go into youth scholarships.

**SENIOR ADULT TRIP NOVEMBER 7**  
 Senior Adults will be going to see the Sistine Chapel Exhibit in Pigeon Forge on Thursday, November 7th, leaving the church at 10am. Cost is \$20 for the trip plus your meal. Call the office to sign up.

**Our Attendance**

**October 13 - Sunday School**

Preschool	9
Children	11
Youth	3
Adults	66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>89</b>
Visitors	11

**Worship Service: 90**

**CONSTANT CONTACT CONSCIOUSNESS**  
 Contacts for the week of 10/7-10/13 Total: 89  
 4 & 5 Years—20 Adult 3—10 Adult 4—59

**Our Giving**

**Giving For October 13**

General Budget Fund	\$7,308.00
Non-Budget Designated	200.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$7,508.00</b>
Online Giving	\$760
Monthly Budget Requirement	\$51,732.00
October Budget Giving	\$24,211.00

**Memorials & Honorariums**  
 A gift was given to the Children's Ministry in honor of Bonnie Davis from the Winsome Class.  
 A gift was given to the Homebound Ministry in honor of Betty Woods from the Winsome Class.

**SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR MINISTER TO STUDENTS & CHILDREN**  
 Debbie Dexter, Leeanne Evers, Arthur Kirkland, David McLemore, Robyn Stroud  
 Continue to pray for this committee!

**"GO" Outreach Ministry**  
**Tuesday, October 22 at 1pm**  
**Sign up if you can help!**



**Disaster Relief Training**  
 If you are interested in disaster relief training, information sheets with dates & times of training are located on bulletin boards, sanctuary foyer, and in the church office.

**Noteworthy News**

**HOME, SWEET HOME...**It's a little cliché, but it's true. Vacations are nice. They are fun. They can be interesting. But, for sure, they make you appreciate home. Your own recliner. Your own snacks in the fridge. Your own bed. And your own church family welcoming you back. Deborah and I had a good week. I highly recommend that you attend a production at the Sight And Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. You will never forget it. The BEST thing about a vacation is getting back home. One of the best things about home is our church family. How pleasant were the "welcome home" sentiments we received Sunday.

**FROM A DEVOTIONAL** I read this week. Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626), was one of the great theologians and preachers of his day. After he died, his private notebook on prayer was discovered and published. In it he had written two lists: First he wrote a list of "times" of prayer in the Bible: "Always... without ceasing...at all times...Three times a day...Evening, and morning, and at noon... Seven times a day...In the morning, a great while before the day...At daybreak...The third hour of the day...About the sixth hour...The hour of prayer, the ninth...The evening...By night...At midnight." The next thing he wrote was a list of "places" of prayer in the Bible: "In the assembly...and in the congregation...Your closet...An upper room...A housetop...The temple...On the shore...A garden...On their beds...A desert place...In every place..." There is no limit to the times, places and different ways in which you can pray. Was there EVER a time in which we need prayer more? We all want to hear from God. We all want God to make right a lot of wrong things. Our best tool, our best weapon is prayer.

Let's do it! Blessings!  
*Bro. Dennis*

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Meridian family,  
 It is hard to imagine we are over halfway through the month of October. Where has the month gone? We are in the peak season for the fall foliage. Let me just say with this being our first fall in the area, the trees look absolutely stunning!

Our family enjoyed a little time off this past weekend. Thank you for allowing us to slip away and have a time of refreshment. We do not take your kindness and hospitality for granted. Since our arrival at Meridian, we have been overwhelmed by the love demonstrated to our family by the church family. We are grateful, and look forward to the years ahead. I believe with all of my heart that the Lord is doing great things within our congregation. Look around you; the fingerprints of God are evident all around us!

This coming Sunday, we will continue our current sermon series on "The Armor of God." My next sermon will reflect upon "The Breastplate of Righteousness." I pray you are enjoying the study. On Wednesday nights, we are walking verse by verse through Colossians. Come and be a part of our Wednesday night Bible fellowship hour. It is a tremendous blessing!

I want to thank our team members who manned our booth at the "Back the Blue" community project this week. We are so blessed to have so many willing workers. With this in mind, our annual Fall Fest is just around the corner. We are still in need of volunteers. For more information, please contact Cindy in the office.

Have a great rest of the week. If there is any specific way I can minister to you and your family, please let me know. You can reach me at 865-968-9916. I will see you Sunday!

Soli Deo Gloria,  
 Bro. Michael