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### Meridian Prayer Line

865-579-6632

**CALL IN YOUR PRAYER REQUEST**

### WORKERS FOR SUNDAY September 8, 2024

#### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

David McLemore \* Billy Burchell

#### EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Suzie & Scott Frei  
Ella Mae Hood

#### SAFETY TEAM — TEAM TWO

Sam Lonas Scott Frei  
Ray Whitson Randy Burgin

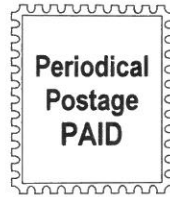
#### VAN DRIVER

Norman Smelcer



### IN THE HOSPITAL

Rita Brooks, Patricia Neal Rehab  
Lu Jones, Ft. Sanders



OR CURRENT OCCUPANT

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

10:30am—WOM Serve Lunch at Mont. Village

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:30am—Sunday School  
10:50am—Morning Worship  
12:00pm—VBS Roundtable Discussion/Lunch  
3:30pm—Church Council/Budget & Finance Mtg.

### MONDAY-FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9-13

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

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

1:00pm—"GO" Visitation (Canvassing)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:00-5:45pm—Meal  
6:00pm—TeamKid  
6:15pm—Prayer Meeting/Bible Study  
6:15pm—Youth Unite  
7:15pm—Sanctuary Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

10:00am—Senior Adults to Athens



Michael Martin, Pastor

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### Golden Offering for TN Missions

Our Goal: \$2,500

Given to Date: \$570

Week of Prayer:

September 8-15

Prayer Guides provided on Sanctuary foyer table.  
Offering envelopes provided in bulletins.



### Youth Trip to Tennessee Smokies Game

Wednesday, September 11  
(Grades 7-12)

We will leave the church at 4:30pm. Transportation provided. Tickets will be provided. You will only need to bring money for food. If you plan to attend, please contact Leanne Evers (803-6756).

### ALL COMMITTEES MEETING Sunday, September 15th at 5:00

If you are serving on a committee for the new church year, please plan to attend this meeting (in the fellowship hall). You will be given a copy of the duties of your committee. At that time, a chairperson will be selected to serve on that committee during the new church year and plan your first meeting as a committee.

### Newly Elected Trustees

Wayne Baker Tommy Leavelle  
Jon McCammon

Sue Dodge

**DOVE**  
4-Time winner  
**AWARD**

In concert

MERIDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

September 29, 10:50 AM

Admission: FREE

A love offering will be taken.



**"GO" Outreach Ministry**  
Every other Tuesday at 1:00  
Tuesday, September 10  
Tuesday, September 24



"Given for you."

Observance of the  
Lord's Supper  
September 22nd

### VBS ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION Sunday, September 8th following AM Service in the Fellowship Hall

We will be discussing things that worked well in VBS and ways we can improve. If you helped in VBS and would like to attend this discussion, please call the office.  
A light lunch will be provided.

**Wednesday Night Meal  
September 11th, 5:00-5:45**



Menu: Meatloaf, Creamed Potatoes, Pinto Beans, Slaw, Cornbread, Banana Pudding  
Cost: \$6 Adults \* \$4 Children (12 & under)  
Reservations are required and will be taken until noon on Monday (Sept. 9th).  
Sign up in the Sanctuary foyer or call the office.

**Women on Mission will serve lunch at Montgomery Village Thursday, September 5**

**Women on Mission will serve lunch at U.T. BCM on Monday, September 16**

**Volunteer to Help With College Students**

We are in need of a volunteer(s) to lead/teach our college students on Wednesday nights from 7:00-7:45 p.m. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, call the office or contact Bro. Michael.

**Senior Adults Trip to Athens, TN  
Thursday, September 12**

**Touring Mayfield Dairy and Eating Out!**  
Leaving at 10:00 a.m. Cost: \$8.50 for the tour; meal on your own. Call the office to sign up!

**Extended Session Workers Needed!**

If you can volunteer on a rotation basis in Extended Session on Sundays during worship service, please contact Gayle Doman (573-0252).

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS NEEDED**

If you can volunteer on a rotation basis as a worker in Children's Church on Sundays during worship, please call the office!



**Food Pantry Items Needed:**

Box of Crackers Bags of Rice  
Spaghetti Noodles & Sauce  
Canned Meats Boxed Jello  
Dry Mix Potatoes Biscuit/Muffin Mix  
Peanut Butter Juice Ramen Noodles  
**Drop off items at the church office**

**Our Attendance**

**September 1 - Sunday School**

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Preschool    | 12         |
| Children     | 8          |
| Youth        | 8          |
| Adults       | 76         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>104</b> |
| Visitors     | 15         |

**Worship Service: 120**

**CONSTANT CONTACT CONSCIOUSNESS**

Contacts for the week of 8/26-9/1 Total: 73  
4 & 5 Years—20 Adult 3—9 Adult 4—44

**Our Giving**

**Giving For September 1**

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| General Budget Fund            | \$10,926.00        |
| Capital Improvements           | 260.00             |
| Golden State Offerings         | 320.00             |
| <b>Grand Total</b>             | <b>\$11,506.00</b> |
| Online Giving                  | \$560              |
| Golden State Offering To Date: | \$570              |
| Monthly Budget Requirement     | \$51,732.00        |
| September Budget Giving        | \$11,486.00        |

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The **August** Financial Report can be picked up in the church office or in the Sanctuary foyer.

**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.

**Memorials & Honorariums**

Gifts were given to Capital Improvements in memory of Gene Walkup from the following:  
Ruth W. Ridenour & Family  
Gene & Barbara Willhoff  
James & Susan Maples



**FAITHFUL SERVICE...**Sunday we recognized and honored Cindy Stoffle for her almost 26 years of faithful service to the Meridian family. Those years have been marked by faithfulness and skillfulness. She has served many roles at Meridian including administration, bookkeeping, advising and counseling and mentoring. She is the first voice you hear when you call Meridian. It is a friendly voice that expresses empathy, sympathy, helpfulness and understanding. She has been my friend and co-worker in ministry for my soon to be 24 years. I've never met a more skilled and efficient church secretary. (Now we call it administrative assistant.) Whatever we call it, we say "Thank you, Cindy, for your years of faithful service at Meridian."

**CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER...**By the time you read this, the Sanctuary Choir's Christmas in September has already occurred. If you couldn't make the party, there is still time for you to get in on the "Christmas action". For the next several months we will be spending time at each rehearsal learning and practicing the music we will perform this year at Christmas. I urge you to join in with us as we help our church in celebrating the arrival of our Savior.

**YOU KNOW SOMEONE...**who needs a helping hand, a kind word of encouragement, a pat on the back. It's especially so now as our kids are back at school facing new challenges, learning new life skills. Be that voice of helpfulness and joy-wishing! You will be encouraged as much as they will!

Blessings!

*Bro. Dennis*

**Senior Adult Bible Study  
Tuesday, September 24th  
at 10:30am**



**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Meridian family,

I pray everyone had a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. This past Sunday was a beautiful day together in the Lord's house. The worship service was so encouraging and God-glorifying. I want to express my appreciation and gratitude for our choir and musicians. Each week, they faithfully set the proper tone so our people can readily receive a message from God's Word. It was also a blessing to take a moment to honor our secretary Cindy Stoffle. Cindy, we tremendously appreciate you!

I look forward to our Montgomery Village community project this Thursday. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead a devotional thought for those in attendance. A special thanks to our Women on Mission ladies who are preparing a meal for the residents at Montgomery Village.

VBS workers: please mark your calendars! This Sunday, there is a special lunch for those who served at VBS this summer. We will have a general, roundtable discussion about our VBS ministry. Lunch is provided!

We will launch our G.O. outreach visitation next Tuesday, September 10. Our initial task in the coming months is to begin the massive task of canvassing our 37920 zip code with informational door hangers. Each door hanger will contain a gospel tract, a connect card, a Jesus movie DVD, and information about Meridian Baptist. If you are available to help canvas our community, please sign up or contact the church office.

Have a great rest of the week!

In Christ Alone,  
Pastor Michael