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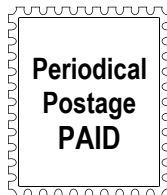
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ITEMS FOR EVANGEL DEADLINE: MONDAY NOON

Meridian Prayer Line
579-6632
CALL IN YOUR PRAYER REQUEST

GROW TEAM "O"
Monday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.



OR CURRENT OCCUPANT



Dana L. Fachman, Pastor

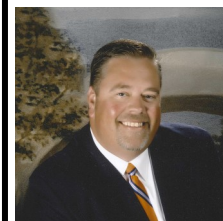
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Meridian Baptist Church One Day Spring Revival Sunday, April 15th



Our guest speaker:
Dr. Roc Collins

Sunday AM Worship 10:50
PM Worship 6:00
Nursery care provided



YOUTH BARBEQUE FUNDRAISER EVENT MAY 12 4:00—8:00 P.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL

The BBQ plate includes pulled pork, 2 sides, dessert & drink for \$10. Please help the youth finance their summer mission trip by purchasing a ticket from one of our youth. Tickets are also available in the church office.

CHURCH SECURITY TEAM MEMBER!

We are now enlisting more members who would be willing to assist in our security team patrols on Sunday during worship services. If you would like to volunteer or have some interest, we will be having a Security Patrol Training in the coming month. Call the office to volunteer!

SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

National Day of Prayer
May 3 8:00 AM—7:00 PM

Senior Adult Banquet
May 4, 6:00 PM

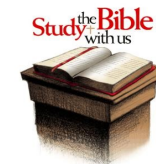
Senior Adult Sunday
May 6

TuneShare, FBC Clinton
May 8, leaving church at 8:00 AM

"A Day At The Park" VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Oneida City Park - Saturday, June 2nd

We are in need of volunteers to help set-up and supervise games and activities for an outreach event in Oneida Park. Transportation & lunch will be provided. Adults & students alike are needed. This is a great opportunity to share our faith and minister to people who need the Lord. Call the church to volunteer or sign-up in the Sanctuary foyer or on the bulletin board down from the church office across from the water fountain.

Senior Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m. April 24
If you plan to stay for lunch
call by noon Monday, April 23
Cost: \$3.00



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SUNDAY, APRIL 15 REVIVAL

9:30am—Sunday School
10:50am—AM Worship Service REVIVAL
4:00pm—Deacons meet
4:00pm—Women's Bible Study
6:00pm—PM Worship Service REVIVAL

MONDAY, APRIL 16

12:00pm—Win-Some Class at the Chop House
6:30pm—Grow Team O

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

4:30pm—Young at Heart
5:00pm—Meal
5:45pm—Youth/Adult S.S. Workers
6:00pm—TeamKid
6:15pm—Prayer Meeting
6:15pm—Youth Unite
7:15pm—Sanctuary Choir

WORKERS FOR SUNDAY April 15, 2018

DEACONS OF THE WEEK:

David Ghormley * Calvin Green Gene Walkup

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS:

Gayle & Owen Doman
Ella Mae Hood Lynda Shade

OBSERVER PATROL—TEAM ONE

Barry McGill
Linville Brooks Shawn Lockert

GREETERS

Peggy Tubbs/Wanda Ailshie

VAN DRIVER

Norman Smelcer

USHERS:

David Ghormley Scott Frei Joe Fielden
David McLemore Bob Overton Shawn Lockert

IN THE HOSPITALS

Jody Duncan, 1122, U.T. Hosp.
Mike Wooliver, U.T. Hosp.



STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

This last weekend was our yearly Disciple Now weekend. While we ended up not having as many students as were originally planned, it was a remarkable weekend. Instead of getting discouraged by "lower numbers" we decided to instead focus on the ability to now "dig deeper" with individuals, as we didn't have to worry about trying to focus on too many people at once. Lower numbers also leads to more attention from the students as they don't have as many people or things to be distracted by. This worked out wonderful as the students were very attentive and engaged during the music and teaching. This weekend focused on us trying to become "more one." Unity is a key in Christianity as people watch to see if we are unified or not. If we aren't, or act like we don't like each other, then they aren't going to want to be part of what we are doing. I know the students were challenged this weekend and found at least one thing in their lives that needed to change in order to be in unity, not only with each other, but more importantly with God. So please pray for their boldness and willingness to try to change their lives to a degree!

Blessings, Chris

BBQ Fundraiser — May 12th

Youth will be selling BBQ tickets for the Youth Fundraiser to help pay for the summer mission trip. You can also purchase tickets in the church office. Purchasing your tickets early will help us plan ahead on the number of people we may be serving May 12th in the Fellowship Hall.

MERIDIAN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 15th - 20th

The time has arrived to start our planning for Vacation Bible School and we need workers to sign up now to participate in this very important annual outreach event. Volunteer by calling the church office or use the volunteer form. We need help with teaching, recreation, story time, crafts and refreshments.

G*R*O*W (God Rewards Our Work)

Help us grow our church by being a monthly participant in outreach. Visit, write cards or make calls to prospects. Call the Church Office to be a part of GROW.

Our Giving

FIGURES FOR April 8, 2018

General Budget Fund	\$17,488.00
Annie Armstrong	737.00
Non-Budget Designated	30.00
Grand Total	\$18,255.00

Monthly Budget Requirement	\$52,700.00
April Budget giving	\$30,804.17

Annie Armstrong Offering to date: \$4,565.00

Our Attendance

Preschool	19	Grow Team
Children	13	R
Youth	12	Members
College & Career	0	4
Adults	118	Contacts
TOTAL	162	9
Visitors	3	

CONSTANT CONTACT CONSCIOUSNESS

Contacts for the week of 4/2—4/8 Total 71
 4 & 5 yrs—7 Adult 3—32
 Adult 4—20 Adults 5—12

Memorials & Honorariums:

A gift was given to the General Fund in memory of Frank Barnes from the Steadfast Class.

APRIL WOM MISSION PROJECT

Bring snacks for ICU lounges.

WIN-SOME CLASS MEETING

The class will meet at the Chop House on April 16th at noon for their meeting & lunch.

ANTHEM SCHEDULE FOR ADULT CHOIRS

Apr. 15	REVIVAL CHOIR WILL SING IN AM AND PM SERVICES Jesus Saves, The Point of Grace I'll Put On A Crown, Firmly Committed
Apr. 22	Draw Me Close
Apr. 29	No Longer Slaves (Combined Adult and Children's Choir with soloists and narrator.)
May 6	Senior Adult Sunday

Noteworthy News

WHAT DO I DO DURING AN INTERLUDE? Many songs that we sing in worship contain an instrumental interlude. It may occur in the middle of the song. Sometimes there is a "turn around," a short section between verses. Or there may be times when the instruments continue to play for a few bars at the end of a song after the singing has ended. For some it may seem a bit awkward, especially if the interlude gets a little long. We don't know what to do with ourselves when the words stop and the music continues, and sometimes it shows in our body language.

Ideally an interlude gives worshippers an opportunity to respond to what they have just sung. It can be celebration, but more often it should be a quiet reflection or introspection. The choir members will tell you that if a song we are singing ends with an extended instrumental section I am saying, "be still, don't move." We need those few moments to reflect on the spiritual truths that have been expressed in the song.

The point is worship doesn't end when the song does. There is a scriptural basis for this concept. In the Psalms you will occasionally see the selah. It doesn't add to the content of the psalm. Scholars believe that this was an instruction to the worshippers to think about what has just been said. Chuck Swindoll says it means, "There, think about that!" Ps. 4:4 and 39:5 contain a selah that comes after a reflective thought, while the selah's in Ps. 3:8 and 24:10 follow verses that are more exuberant in nature.

The next time we encounter such an interlude, don't just do something, stand there! And think about what you have just sung or heard.

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Bro. Dennis

WEDNESDAY MEAL APRIL 18

Petros Baked Potato Salad Dessert

Name: _____ Adults _____ Child _____



The Pastor's Pen

Dear Church Family,

Are you ready for revival? This past Sunday I preached a message to the church related to personally preparing for revival. Revival is a corporate event for the church schedule but it is an individual response to God speaking to the body of Christ. I have had the privilege of being present when God's Spirit fell in a very unique way. It was not programmed or orchestrated in anyway. Rather God came in the midst of His people with power and when He did it was an awesome experience.

When I say, experience, I am not talking about emotion, but an atmosphere charged with the presence of God and a mighty moving in the hearts of individual believers. God chose the time and place and thankful I have been present on such occasions multiple times in my life. We don't bring revival! It cannot be scheduled or even planned. It is spontaneous, but I do believe that it is tied to the prayers of God's people and the receptivity of their hearts to God's moving.

I ask you to spend this week preparing your hearts and sharing with others to be present for these two special services. Dr. Roc Collins is one of God's special communicators and I believe that if you hear his messages you will be blessed. He served at Indian Springs Baptist in Kingsport, TN for years and now serves our Tennessee Mission Board in the area of evangelism. But it's more about the message than the messenger. I believe that if we pray, and prepare our heart to say yes to God, God can bring a mighty outpouring of renewal to our heart and our church.

Meridian needs revival! Meridian needs to renew their vows to God and find a renewed passion for lost souls. Revival is for church members, but it can also be for those who don't know the Lord. If you bring your lost family members, friends and neighbors, I believe they will receive a clear message of the gospel and be given every opportunity to be saved by the transforming work of Christ.

Start now, inviting people to come with you. Offer to pick them up or to take them to lunch. Just think, you might be a part of someone being in heaven one day because you did your part. I do ask that you make a strong effort to be at both services. Make it your aim to dedicate next Sunday to the Lord, and pray for God to bless!

Pray for revival, Bro. Dana