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**ITEMS FOR EVANGEL DEADLINE: MONDAY NOON**

**Meridian Prayer Line**  
579-6632  
**CALL IN YOUR PRAYER REQUEST**

**GROW TEAM "R"**  
Monday, February 11, 6:30pm

### **WORKERS FOR SUNDAY** February 10, 2019

#### **DEACONS OF THE WEEK:**

Barry McGill Gerald Blake \*  
G.T. Ballenger Jim Nations

#### **EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS:**

Kelly Keener Anne Ballenger  
Suzie Frei Emily Frei

#### **OBSERVER PATROL—TEAM FOUR**

Roger Long David Ghormley  
Norman Smelcer

#### **GREETERS**

Glenn & Dottie Patton

#### **VAN DRIVER**

David McLemore

#### **USHERS:**

Gene Walkup Shawn Lockert David Stroud  
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## ANNUAL VALENTINE BANQUET

FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 15  
6:30 p.m.



Tickets are on sale for  
our

Annual Valentine Banquet  
Cost: \$12 each

Special Guest Speaker:

### DEACON/LEADERSHIP RETREAT FEBRUARY 22nd & 23rd

All Deacons, their wives and all church leadership are invited to attend this years retreat at Park Grove Inn, Pigeon Forge. Sessions are free but rooms are \$72.00. Sessions will be Fri. night 8:00 to 9:30 pm and Sat. 9:30 am till noon. Rev. Jerry Dezeam will be our speaker, presenting "Outreach & Sharing Our Faith!" Call the church office for reservations.

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#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

10:00am—Youth to Nascar Speedpark

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

9:30am—Sunday School  
10:50am—Morning Worship  
6:00pm—Evening Worship

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

6:30pm—GROW Team R

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

10:30am—WOM

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

4:30pm—Young at Heart  
5:00pm—Meal  
6:00pm—TeamKid  
6:15pm—Business Meeting  
6:15pm—Youth Unite  
7:15pm—Sanctuary Choir

#### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

6:30pm—Valentine Banquet

### BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

Kelly DeBord  
will be sharing her  
testimony at the  
breakfast and  
AM Worship Service

Cost is \$1.00  
(tickets available in  
Sunday School  
departments or you  
may purchase from Cynthia Headrick  
or the Church Office)

### WOMAN/GIRL BREAKFAST

Volunteers are needed to assist with  
cooking breakfast - See Ray Whitson



#### CHURCH NEWS ON YOUR PHONE

We now have a new contact method for receiving important news from the church. Below are instructions to sign up for Remind:

On Your Cellphone:

Type: 81010 (in the text address line)

Type: @mbcchurch (in the message section)

Send the text message. Accept the message by typing your name

Computer/ Email Users:

In your email address box type: mbcchurch

## STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

Well here we are in February already and with the Super Bowl just ending the “biggest news stories” are the commercials and half-time show. Every year when this time comes everyone wants to spend hours watching something they honestly don’t care about to try and see something that they probably won’t care about. Of course I’m talking about watching a football game to actually see commercials. Due to my children being under the weather I didn’t do either of these things, but if you get on any “news” website that is all they are talking about. Again, none of this is something I actually care about or honestly very important in life. It makes me reflect on the days before “news”. Instead of having to simply turn on your TV, you had to actually go somewhere to see it for yourself. I wonder how many of us would have traveled based on the things being told about Jesus. We are so interested in commercials that won’t actually make me buy any products, but we probably wouldn’t leave our own town for an opportunity to meet the man who could radically change our lives! So as you watch or read your news, think about how it used to be and how the “news” about Jesus would have gotten to you, and remember what you would have had to do to experience it.

Blessings, Chris

### YOUTH TO NASCAR SPEEDPARK Saturday, February 9th

Cost: \$25 (for park & CiCi’s Pizza)  
Meet at church at 10:00 am

### WOMEN ON MISSION FEBRUARY PROJECT

We will be collecting monetary donations for South Doyle Middle School Teachers’ Wish List. Mark on envelope WOM February Project.

### RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR DONNA ABBOTT FEBRUARY 17TH

A reception will be held from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to honor Donna Abbott’s almost 30 years of service. A basket will be provided for cards of appreciation.

## Our Giving

### FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 3

General Budget Fund	\$13,433.80
Capital Improvements	35.00
Rusty Dixon Fund	25.00
Reimb. Church Envelopes	3.00
Lottie Moon Offerings	214.00
Non-Budget Designated	171.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$13,881.80</b>
Monthly Budget Requirement	\$51,803.00
February Budget Giving	\$13,433.80

Lottie Moon To Date: \$12,470.14  
Goal: \$13,000.00

## Our Attendance

Preschool	13	Grow Team
Children	17	G
Youth	15	Members
Adults	114	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
Visitors	6	45

### CONSTANT CONTACT CONSCIOUSNESS

Contacts for the week of 1/28—2/3 Total 70  
4 & 5 yrs—7 Adult 3—20  
Adult 4—36 Adult 5—7

### Memorials & Honorariums

A gift was given to the Rusty Dixon Scholarship Fund in memory of Sheila Marino from Sam & Myriam Martin.

A gift was given to the Mission Home Fund in memory of Harold Holloway from Martha Holloway.

### MAINTENANCE POSITION PART-TIME

The Personnel Committee is seeking church members who would like to apply for the part-time maintenance position at the church. The position would require abilities in painting, plumbing, electrical and general building maintenance. If you are interested in this position, please call the church office for info.

### WEDNESDAY MEAL February 13

BBQ Sliders Baked Beans  
Macaroni & Cheese Slaw Dessert

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_ Child \_\_\_

## Noteworthy News

**WHEN THINGS BREAK.** . .we live in a way that is dependent on technology! When technology fails some of us are at a loss! When our internet is down work comes to a standstill. When our cable is out superbowl parties suddenly become a source of panic rather than pleasure! When we have a doctor’s appointment that we made months ago, we turn the key and the car doesn’t make a sound...

Technology as redefined the way we think about:

1. Entertainment—if anyone wants to be entertained there is no reason to leave the house. There is no reason to shower and get dressed when you can sit on the couch and surf Netflix. With our gaming consoles we can simulate bowling, fishing, shooting, etc.
2. Social—Decades ago when you said “social” you meant you were going to another place to mingle with other people. You actually greeted, talked, etc. Now when people talk of social it often (usually) means activity on social media. Being social means you have a lot of “friends” on your lists that you may not even know!
3. GPS—We don’t even know how to read a map! Need I say more?
4. Phones—nobody (hardly anybody) knows a phone number. They are stored on our phones!

Now don’t get me wrong. I like technology as much as the next guy. But there is something better. While technology continues to change and develop there is One who never changes, Who can NEVER get better because He is already perfect. JESUS IS THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER. The next time technology breaks and your life comes to a standstill let it be a reminder!!

Blessings!

*Bro. Dennis*

### ANTHEM SCHEDULE FOR ADULT CHOIRS

Feb. 10 Whenever I Speak His Name  
Feb. 17 Orphans of God  
Feb. 24 Meridian Women’s Day  
Mar. 3 The Cross Has the Final Word



## The Pastor’s Pen

Dear Church Family,

Last week I assume you noticed the snow that fell on Tuesday morning. Thankfully schools were closed and there were no planned church activities. However, I came to work at the church anyway and made the trip without incident.

I say all that to speak to something that struck me as I traveled through the snow event. “Only God can paint the earth in this manner!” I was amazed at the snow as it clung to every tree and limb. The thought that little tiny flakes of ice crystals can cover the earth in such a majestic display. Then I remembered my science class taught that every snowflake is unique in its shape and form. Imagine that, God in His creative nature is still creating and does so right down to every snowflake that falls.

What an awesome God we serve! But this is no new revelation! The psalmist proclaimed the praise of God resounds from all His creation. Yes, even the snow is a fulfillment of God’s Word and praises Him for His creative commands. Take a moment, read Psalm 148 and praise the Lord.

With that in mind, I want to remind you of our church policy related to snow and church closing. Our intent is to have church even if there is snow on the ground. However, we leave church attendance to the discretion of each church member and their own choice for safety.

Earlier in January we had a snow event that occurred on a Sunday at 8:30 am with no warning. There was no time to make a decision about canceling services. Many were on their way to Sunday School and church. Since we were here, we continued with Sunday and AM Worship for those who arrived.

However, if it becomes necessary to cancel services or church activities during the week, we will seek to inform members in a variety of ways. In this Evangel, there is information related to receiving text messages on your cellphone or computer emails. Also, church cancelations will be placed on (meridianbaptist.org) the church website, the church voice mail, Facebook and we will seek to contact members through email.

The safety of our members is primary, however if travel to the church is not hazardous we will have church as scheduled. We will seek to keep you informed and up to date as weather events occur.

God Bless, Bro. Dana