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865-579-6632
CALL IN YOUR PRAYER REQUEST

WORKERS FOR SUNDAY March 16, 2025

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Ray Whitson Tommy Leavelle *
Russell Blevins

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Jessica & Scott Bennett
Amy Arnett

SAFETY TEAM – TEAM ONE

Randy Burgin Roger Long
Jack Oody Chrissy Johnson

VAN DRIVER

Scott Frei

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Sunday Worship Service 10:50am
Wednesday Service 6:15pm

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

9:30am—Sunday School
10:50am—Morning Worship
3:30pm—Deacons' Meeting

MONDAY-FRIDAY, MARCH 17-21

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

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



MBC T-Shirts

T-shirts with the MBC logo are available in the church office.



Michael Martin, Pastor

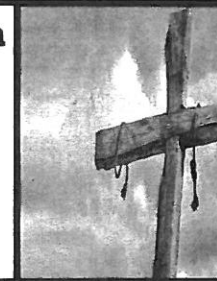
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Gold From Golgotha
"A Study on the
7 Statements
of the Cross"
March - April
Sermon Series



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

100% of your gifts support
North American Missionaries
Prayer guides located in
Sanctuary foyer. Envelopes
provided in bulletins.
Our Goal: \$4,500
Given to Date: \$2,920



WOMEN ON MISSION MARCH PROJECT

Collect money for Mobile Meals
Make checks payable
to Meridian Baptist Church.

Quarterly Sunday School Teachers' Breakfast

April 6th at 8:00 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall
Breakfast provided!

Welcome Chris Milligan
Minister to Students & Children
Pray for Chris as he begins his
ministry at Meridian

MOVIE NIGHT Sunday, March 30

We will begin the evening
at 6:00 pm in the Fellow-
ship Hall for RC & Moon
Pie; then move to the
Sanctuary for the movie "A Man
Called Norman". Invite someone!



Wednesday Bible Study
"Not By Bread Alone"
Psalm 119

New Sunday School Class

Beginning Sunday morning, April 20
"The Gene Walkup
Sunday School Class"
Taught by Bro. Michael
in the Conference Room
(Adult class for all ages)



Senior Adults to Dogwood Trail

Thursday, April 10th

The Senior Adults will be going on the dogwood trail April 10th leaving at 10:00 a.m.

Lunch to follow at Shoney's.

Call the office if you plan to attend.

Painting the Fellowship Hall

We will be painting the Fellowship

Hall on Saturday, March 29th at 8:30 a.m. We need lots of

volunteers!! Lunch will be provided. Building & Grounds

Committee would love to see lots of helpers that day!



From The Cemetery Committee

Mowing season is approaching. If you have items on graves you would like to keep, please pick those up soon. (Silk flowers and plants that are placed on gravestones are fine and do not have to be picked up; no glass containers, please.)

VBS July 13-17 6:00-8:30



Worker signups to begin in April



Youth Mentor Program

We are launching a "Youth Mentor Program". Youth will be paired with an adult member. This adult member would be a prayer partner and encouragement for their assigned student. This is a way for our students to know how important they are to our Meridian family! If you are willing to be a mentor, please contact Sarah Martin.

Our Attendance

March 9 - Sunday School

Preschool	8
Children	14
Youth	9
Adults	67
TOTAL	98
Visitors	8

Worship Service: 130

CONSTANT CONTACT CONSCIOUSNESS

Contacts for the week of 3/3-3/9 Total: 76
4 & 5 Years—22 Adult 3—5 Adult 4—49

Our Giving

Giving For March 9

General Budget Fund	\$9,447.30
Reimb. Church Envelopes	1.00
Annie Armstrong Offerings	915.00
Grand Total	\$10,363.30
Online Giving	\$810
Monthly Budget Requirement	\$51,732.00
March Budget Giving	\$23,945.30
Annie Armstrong To Date:	\$2,920

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.

Memorials & Honorariums

A gift was given to the General Fund in memory of G. T. Ballenger and Robert Pickens and in honor of Anne Ballenger and Barbara Pickens from Sutton & Lynn McCallie.



Senior Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, March 25th
at 10:30am



BUT...During one of the severe potato famines in Ireland, a number of families wrote letters to their landlord saying they had absolutely no money at all to pay their rent and begged to be let off all their debts. The Irish landlord, Andrew Robert Fausset, Canon Fausset wrote back to his tenants. He said it was quite impossible to let them off their debts. It would set a bad precedent. They had to pay every single penny. "But," he wrote, "I enclose something that might help you." In contrast to so many of the other landlords at the time, he sent a check for a very large sum of money – which far more than covered all their debts. Their hearts must have leapt with joy when they saw the word "but". "But" is a powerful word when facing trouble, tests and temptations.

David says in Psalm 31:9-19:

My life is spent with sorrow and my years with sighing. My strength has failed because of my guilt. My body has wasted away. Because of all my adversaries, I have become a disgrace, especially to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintance. Those who see me in the street flee from me. I am forgotten like a dead person...I have heard the slander of many, terror is on every side. They took counsel together against me; they schemed to take away my life. **BUT...**I trust in You, Lord, I say, "You are my God. My times are in Your hands...How great is Your goodness which you have stored up for those who fear You, which You have performed for those who take refuge in You".

Next time you find yourself in a bad stretch, spend some time in the Psalms. You will find out you ARE NOT ALONE!

Blessings!

Bro. Dennis

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Meridian family,

This past Sunday was a wonderful day in God's house! I am so encouraged the Lord has blessed us with Bro. Chris Milligan to MBC to serve as our next student pastor. Please take time to get to know Chris and extend to him a warm Meridian Baptist welcome! I especially want to thank the Search Committee for all of their hard work and effort for the last six months as they faithfully sought the Lord's direction and diligently pursued the candidate the Lord placed upon their heart. Finally, I am thankful for the sweet spirit demonstrated by the congregation during our special-called business session to elect Chris as student minister. To be sure, it is encouraging to see our church be like-minded as we move forward together in effort to further the Kingdom of God.

Our family will be on vacation enjoying a trip to Washington D.C. March 15-22. Thank you for allowing us to slip away for a season of refreshment. We do not take your kindness and hospitality for granted. We are so overwhelmed by the love demonstrated to our family by the Meridian Church family. We are grateful and sincerely look forward to the years ahead. I have asked Bro. Dana Fachman to preach in my absence this coming Sunday, March 16. Bro. Tommy Leavelle will lead the Wednesday night Bible study March 19. I will be back in the pulpit Sunday, March 23.

Our RC/Moon Pie movie night is just around the corner. Join us Sunday night March 30 at 6:00 p.m. for this special time of fellowship! (We will have a handful of flavors of the moon pies and also Diet RC Colas).

I truly believe God is doing great things within our congregation. Look around you; the fingerprints of God are evident all around us! If you have a ministerial need this week, please do not hesitate to contact me (865-968-9916). Have a great rest of the week and keep Christ first in all things!

May He have preeminence,

Pastor Michael