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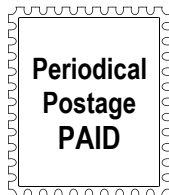
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ITEMS FOR EVANGEL DEADLINE: MONDAY NOON

Meridian Prayer Line
579-6632
CALL IN YOUR PRAYER REQUEST

GROW TEAM “O & W”
Monday, May 21, 6:30 p.m.



OR CURRENT OCCUPANT

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THURSDAY, MAY 17
10:30am—WOM serve at Montgomery Village
FRIDAY, MAY 18
10:30am—Singles to Cades Cove
5:30pm—Children Putt-Putt Fun Night
SUNDAY, MAY 20
9:30am—Sunday School
10:50am—AM Worship Service
4:00pm—Deacons Mtg.
6:00pm—PM Worship Service
MONDAY, MAY 21
6:30pm—Grow Teams O & W
TUESDAY, MAY 22
9:30am—Sr. Adult Comm.
10:30am—Sr. Adult Bible Study/Lunch
WEDNESDAY, MAY 23
4:30pm—No Young at Heart
5:00pm—Meal
6:00pm—TeamKid
6:15pm—Prayer Meeting
6:15pm—Youth Unite
7:15pm—No Sanctuary Choir

IN THE HOSPITALS



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 15th - 20th

6:15-9:00 pm
Ages: Kindergarten-
12th grade



We need workers to help in our VBS. Sign up now to participate in this very important annual outreach event. Volunteer by calling the church office or use the volunteer form inserted in the church bulletin. We need help with teaching, recreation, story time, crafts and refreshments.

Next planning meeting will be
June 13th at 5:30.

MERIDIAN DECORATION DAY Sunday, May 20



Meridian's Cemetery will be open from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm on May 20th. Flowers will be removed after two weeks. Please pick up your containers prior to that time.

MAY WOM MISSION PROJECT
Serve lunch at Montgomery Village
May 17th

“A Day At The Park” VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Oneida City Park
Saturday, June 2nd
Leave the church at 7:30 a.m.

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.

**GRADUATE
RECOGNITION**
Sunday, May 20
Recognizing our graduating
seniors in the AM service



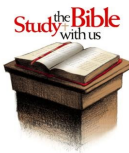
**WOMEN'S MINISTRY
POTLUCK DINNER &
FELLOWSHIP**
Thursday, June 7th

6:00 pm at the home of Leanne Evers
(7739 Pennyroyal Drive)
Please call the church office if you plan to attend. Children are welcome if parents are unable to get a sitter.

STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

I want to say a resounding thank you! The BBQ fundraiser went very well, outside of deserts taking forever to cook. We sold more tickets than we had the two years before, then also had several walk-ins that weren't expected. We don't have any final figures yet, but I already know that this year was a great success. I want to thank you again for being such a great and supportive church! I know that this will greatly help the students planning on attending the mission trip. I know parents and guardians are very grateful that they don't have to spend the money out of pocket to send students to these events as well! If you did miss out, I'm sorry but we do have about a dozen bags of BBQ left over. We also do have some tamales left as well. If you would like to purchase any of that, please contact me or the church office. We are selling the one-pound bags of BBQ for \$10. The tamales are \$8 for a half-a-dozen and \$15 for a full dozen.

Blessings,
Chris



Senior Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m. May 22
If you plan to stay for lunch call
by noon Monday, May 21
Cost: \$3.00

CHILDREN'S SPRING FUN NIGHT
FRIDAY, MAY 18
5:30 - 9:00 PM
Children 4 years
thru 5th grade)



The fun night will include a cookout at Meridian then on to play putt-putt in Farragut. Call the church office (577-6617) if your child plans to attend. Permission forms need to be filled out in advance. You may pick up a form in the church office or download a copy on the church website.

Our Giving

FIGURES FOR May 13, 2018

General Budget Fund	\$12,246.00
Capital Improvements	10.00
Non-Budget Designated	150.00
Grand Total	\$12,406.00

Monthly Budget Requirement	\$52,700.00
May Budget Giving	\$28,124.01

Our Attendance

Preschool	16	Grow Team
Children	10	R
Youth	9	Members
College & Career	1	5
Adults	119	Contacts
TOTAL	155	37
Visitors	6	

CONSTANT CONTACT CONSCIOUSNESS

Contacts for the week of 5/7—5/13 Total 62
4 & 5 yrs—8 Adult 3—34
Adult 4—7 Adults 5—13

Memorials & Honorariums:

A gift was given to the General Fund in memory of Jim & John Goddard from Charlene Goddard.

A gift was given to the Member Emergency Fund in memory of my Godly mother, Gladys Chambers, Godly mothers in my family, & honoring mothers in my church family from Sandy Chambers.

A gift was given to the Food Pantry in memory of Roe Lyle & Clint Price from Betty Lyle.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Cereal Crackers
Peanut Butter Canned Fish/Chicken
Macaroni & Cheese Spaghetti & Sauce
Be sure to check the expiration date on the food

WEDNESDAY MEAL - MAY 23

Petros Vegetable Soup
Salad Dessert

Name: _____ Adults _____ Child _____

Noteworthy News

STAYING STRONG. . .May is already half over, and summer schedules are almost ready to commence! We all look forward to summer activities—family vacations, getting away, outdoor activities. If we are not careful though, the summer months can become a season of spiritual dryness. We can all take some steps to make the summer months a time to actually GROW spiritually.

- SET SOME REASONABLE GOALS.** . .use some of your extra time to read through the Bible. Set aside some time for prayer.
- SERVE.** . .volunteer to help in VBS. Sign up to go to Oneida to help Mission of Hope reach people for Christ on June 2. Connect with an elderly friend or neighbor to help with a project or needed repair.
- READ BOOKS FOR THE SOUL.** . .countless books have been written by amazing Christians. People like C.S. Lewis, Max Lucado, Lee Strobel, etc.
- TITHE.** . .absence from church attendance often results in forgetting that the work of the church still goes on and needs to be financed!
- GATHER.** . .stay connected to the body of Christ. For some reason, when the sun is shining bright, we use Sunday as an extra day at the beach, around the pool, etc. Warning: Such activity can be habit forming! Before you know it you have missed 2 or 3 Sundays in a row.

We live in a day when apathy is rampant. I believe that an apathetic attitude can easily begin in the summer! Let's stay committed this summer!

He is risen!

Bro. Dennis

ANTHEM SCHEDULE FOR ADULT CHOIRS

May 20 Give Me Jesus
May 27 Jerusalem
June 3 Redeemer (Combined Choirs)
June 10 I Bless Your Name



The Pastor's Pen

Dear Church Family,

There is something strange about holidays and seasonal events like Mother's Day! We celebrate the day and it is not long before we get back to normal and start taking our mothers for granted. It's not just Mother's Day, but every special day of the year. We seem to get all excited and bring a big emphasis and then we migrate back to the normal state of complacency. What is wrong with us that make us recognize the importance of others, yet not practice that attitude all the year long.

Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and even the 4th of July are celebrated with passion and delight, but let a day pass and the spirit of the day has diminished. If I read my Bible right, God deserves thanks and praise everyday. We ought to live in the joy of the birth of Christ at all times and the resurrection ought to be our daily motivation for living. Mothers and fathers are deserving of our honor, not because a special day has been appointed but rather because it is commanded by our God.

Am I being too extreme? I think not! But I do believe that it is good to have special days of recognition but to use that as an excuse to not practice an attitude of thanks, praise and honor is not correct or Christ-like! The Bible tells us to live in a constant state of thanksgiving and praise. The honor due our fathers and mothers is a lifetime requirement, and at the same time a daily discipline. God deserves our thanksgiving and praise in all things and at all times!

And as for the 4th of July, I believe God has blessed us in a very unique way, to be American citizens and to live in what I believe to be the greatest nation in the world. Is America perfect, absolutely not! But despite its flaws and short comings, we are blessed to be under the liberty it affords. I am unashamedly a patriot! I still believe in taking off my hat and saluting our flag! I believe those who don't have the right to disregard the freedom they enjoy. But I also regret that they disrespect our forefathers and the men and women who have purchased their freedom with their blood and lives.

Take a knee if you desire, but as for me I will stand, salute and honor our flag, our mothers, our fathers and our God! And hopefully I will do it on a daily basis and not when I feel like it.

Extremely yours, Bro. Dana