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Meridian Prayer Line
865-579-6632
CALL IN YOUR PRAYER REQUEST

WORKERS FOR SUNDAY February 23, 2025

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Jim Brackett Joe Fielden
Johnny Lewis *

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Gayle Doman Amy Arnett
JoAnn Burchell

SAFETY TEAM – TEAM TWO

Sam & Sheree Lonas
Scott Frei Randy Burgin

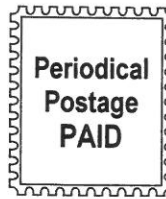
VAN DRIVER

Norman Smelcer



IN THE HOSPITAL

Joan Elkins, U.T.
Ray Whitson, Turkey Creek



OR CURRENT OCCUPANT

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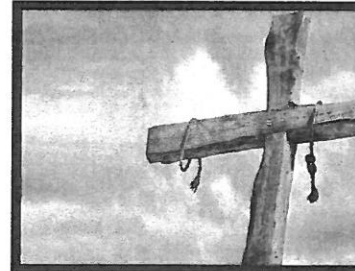


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**Gold From
Golgotha**
"A Study
on the
7 Statements
of the Cross"

March - April Sermon Series

Wednesday Bible Study
**NOT BY BREAD
ALONE**
Psalm 119



**February
Sermon Series**
"Follow Me"

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:30am—Sunday School
10:50am—Morning Worship
12:30pm—Building & Grounds Meeting

MONDAY-FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24-28

8:00am-4:30pm—Church Office Open

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:30am—Senior Adult Committee
10:30am—Senior Adult Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

Valentine Tree Teacher Wish List February Mission Project



We are helping New Hopewell & Bonny Kate Schools by providing items from their teachers' wish list. A Valentine Tree is located near the Library. Pick a Valentine from the tree, write your name along with the Valentine number. You do not need to wrap items. Please return items by February 23rd.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Week of Prayer March 2 - 9

100% of your gifts support North American missionaries. Prayer guides located in foyer. Envelopes provided in bulletins.
Our Goal: \$4,500 Given to Date: \$250

From the Search Committee for Minister to Students & Children

The Search Committee and Personnel Committee present Christopher Shane Milligan as the candidate for Minister to Students & Children in View of a Call on Sunday, March 9th. That morning, there will be a "Meet & Greet" time with the candidate at 8am in the fellowship hall (coffee & donuts will be provided). Chris will be speaking to the Youth during the Sunday School time, then sharing his testimony during the worship service. There will be a vote after the March 9th service, by secret ballot. Chris will also be meeting with the Youth on Wednesday, February 26th.

Senior Adult Bible Study
February 25th
at 10:30am



**Women of Joy Conference
October 17-19 in Pigeon Forge**

If you signed up to attend the Conference, please have your \$25 deposit turned in to the church office by the end of February.

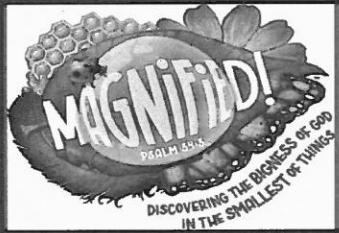


**Wednesday Meal
March 12th, 5:00-5:45**

Menu: Chicken Casserole,
Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Rolls,
Orange Jello Salad, Chess bars

Cost: \$6 Adults * \$4 Children (12 & under)
Reservations are required and will be taken until noon on Monday (March 10th).
Sign up in the Sanctuary foyer or call the office.

**VBS 2025
July 13-17
6:00-8:30**



Meridian Baptist Church T-Shirts



Cost is \$10 each.
If you would like a shirt, they are available for purchase in the church office.

NEW CHURCH EMAIL

We are slowly transitioning to a new church email due to the fact that the current company we are with will be phasing out in the near future. At this time, you can still email to webmaster@meridianbaptist.org or you can send to: meridianbaptistoffice@gmail.com

Our Attendance

February 16 - Sunday School

Preschool	9
Children	9
Youth	6
Adults	64
TOTAL	88
Visitors	8

Worship Service: 101

CONSTANT CONTACT CONSCIOUSNESS

Contacts for the week of 2/10-2/16 Total: 84
4 & 5 Years—21 Adult 3—11 Adult 4—52

Our Giving

Giving For February 16

General Budget Fund	\$6,088.00
Grand Total	\$6,088.00
Online Giving	\$350
Monthly Budget Requirement	\$51,732.00
February Budget Giving	\$25,093.00

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 Ronnie Clinton from Betty Clinton.

MISSING

A wireless microphone enclosed in a zippered hard case that is stored in fellowship hall is missing. If you see it, please bring it to the office or tell the staff.

Thank you!

Noteworthy News

CELEBRATING LOVE...to say that Billy Graham commanded respect is the ultimate understatement. His message—the gospel—was born out by his character. Young and old, affluent and poor, conservative and liberal were in nearly total agreement in the way Dr. Graham lived. When he spoke we heard the unadulterated presentation of the gospel in public places on a national scale that was unsurpassed in recent decades. Very few complained, and those that did were pretty much ignored! The message was proclaimed in a most gracious way, always highlighting the fact that "God loves you." Billy Graham died on February 21, 2018. That he died in February, the month we think about love, is a poignant reminder of his lifelong message.

Billy Graham's message was one of grace—God's grace. Max Lucado writes, "(God) starts the process. He doesn't just love, he lavishes us with love (1 John 3:1 NIV). He doesn't dole out wisdom; he 'gives generously to all without finding fault' (James 1:5). He is rich in 'kindness, tolerance and patience' (Rom. 2:4). His grace is 'exceedingly abundant' (1 Tim. 1:14) and 'indescribable' (2 Cor. 9:14-15).

The world desperately needs to hear this message of grace. South Knoxville desperately needs to hear it. Should we not be the messengers of such good news? All around us are people who long to hear it. They just don't know it. Pray that God will place you in the path of people who need to hear about Jesus. When you find yourself there—and you will—open your mouth with the expression, "God loves you!"

Blessings!

Bro. Dennis

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Meridian Family,

Here is a heartwarming story I recently read. A 3 year old girl by the name of Katie was taken to her pediatrician during a recent bout with the flu. As the doctor examined her ears, he asked, "Will I find Big Bird in here?" Apprehensively, Katie replied, "No." Then, before examining her throat, he asked, "Will I find the Cookie Monster in here?" Again, "No." Finally, listening to her heart, he asked, "Will I find Barney in here?" With innocent conviction, she looked him directly in the eye and said, "No, Jesus is in my heart. Barney is on my underwear."

Katie's innocence teaches us all a great lesson, and serves as a reminder that everyone should take spiritual inventory by asking themselves the following question; "Has there ever been a time in your life when you asked the Lord Jesus Christ into your heart by trusting in Him as your personal Lord and Savior?" You see, there is a drastic difference between having head knowledge about Jesus Christ, and having genuine sincere heart knowledge. Head knowledge will not get you to heaven. The Bible tells us that even the demons believed that Jesus was the Son of God (James 2:19). Mere intellectual knowledge of who Jesus was along with a familiarity of His teachings will not provide salvation for the lost soul. Rather, the only way a person can be genuinely saved and receive the precious gift of eternal life, is to receive Christ as personal Savior and Lord. We rest in what the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome when he said, "if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved (Romans 10:9)."

I pray your life reflects the truth of Jesus Christ and the power of the gospel!

Bro. Michael