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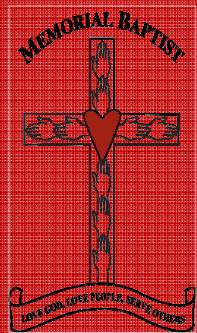
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The Heartbeat

Newsletter

Love God, Love People, Serve Others.



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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR

DONUTS

With **DADS**



SUNDAY

16

9:30 A.M.

NARTHEX

**COME & ENJOY DONUTS, COFFEE, JUICE, & MILK
WITH DADS, UNCLES, GRANDFATHERS, AND FRIENDS**

From Pastor Mike...

This week Deb & I are in Covington, TN visiting her mom & dad & in Muscle Shoals, AL visiting my brothers. It's always good to get back around family & to reconnect with those we love & grew up around.

Traveling down I65 Deb kept talking about all of the cicadas & the noise they were making in the trees. She kept losing me because she didn't refer to the "cicadas" - her reference was to "the plague of locusts." This reference comes from 1 of the 10 plagues that God brought on Egypt & Pharaoh as a result of him refusing Moses' entreaties for him to let the enslaved Israelites go free.

The 10 plagues of Egypt in order were water turning to blood, frogs, lice, flies, livestock pestilence, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, & the killing of firstborn children. The plague of locusts was the 8th of 10 plagues that God sent on Egypt & Pharaoh as recorded in Exodus 7-12. Moses & Aaron met with Pharaoh to bargain for the Israelites' freedom, but Pharaoh would not budge. Moses warned him that even greater suffering would fall upon Egypt should he continue to disobey God, but his warning fell on deaf ears.

Once Moses left Pharaoh's palace, he lifted his arms to heaven & a wind from the East brought a swarm of locusts into Egypt. It is said that the sheer volume of locusts was so much that the sun was completely blocked out resulting in darkness. The insects forged a path of destruction across the land. Again, Pharaoh begged Moses & Aaron to pray for an end to the plague. Moses agreed, & God sent a wind from the west to drive the locusts away. However, once the plague was gone, Pharaoh's heart hardened once again, & he refused to let the Israelites go.

I specifically remember the noise that the cicadas make because it was a calming sound for me when I was a child because it reminded me of the onset of summer months & the start of being out of school for the summer & playing baseball & riding bikes & camping out under the stars. It was a reminder of better days & happier times.

I love when God sends reminders to His people of better days & happier times - especially when there have been difficult days & challenging times. There have been 2 recent happenings that have served as reminders from God - since the start of the March 2020 COVID pandemic, church-life has seen unprecedented decline in numbers & attendance.

The 1st reminder has been an increase in numbers & new faces in recent months. When numbers decrease, it always feels like the drain has been opened & the water is running out like the life-flow is coming to an end. But when numbers rise, it is a tell-tell sign that God is up to something. The 2nd reminder has been a recent increase in resources. If you put those 2 together, it's a sign that God is working from both directions to bring a blessing.

There are 2 things you & I can do to accommodate what God is up to: (1) is to keep your knees bent in prayer that He will find you faithful & worthy of being a part of His blessing; (2) is to keep your eyes open in anticipation of what He is doing & how you can step into His blessing & participate in His outpouring. If you apply *Malachi 3:10* into our part in what God is up to, it becomes mind-boggling - *'Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, & try Me now in this,' says the Lord of hosts, 'If I will not open for you the windows of heaven & pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.'* (NKJV)

Our God is good all the time! Let's not miss a moment of His overwhelming goodness.

It is a blessing to serve you,

Pastor Mike



Mike Colston



JUNE

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Adult Bible Study	10 A.M.
Adult Prayer & Bible Study	6 -7:30 P.M.
Awana (ages 3 - 8th grade)	6 -7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Praise Band Practice	8:30 A.M.
Children & Youth Bible Study	9:40-10:40 A.M.
Adult Bible Study	9:40-10:40 A.M.
Sunday Worship	10:50 A.M. – 12 NOON

BIRTHDAYS

1 Paula Peltrey	12 Rachel Whitt
5 Bryan David Starkey	13 Julia Hershey
7 Kathy Parr	13 Amaka Oleka
7 Denise Gibson	18 Rosy Griffin
12 Leslie Smith	20 Cindy Thomas
12 Anne Goins	22 Benjamin Pulliam

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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2 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Service & Facebook, 11 A.M. SNL, 4:30 P.M. Youth, 6 P.M.	3	4 GYF Lunch @ B & N Market, Bagdad	5 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	6	7	8
9 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Service & Facebook, 11 A.M. SNL, 4:30 P.M. Youth, 6 P.M.	10	11	12 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	13	14	15 Ladies Bookclub, 11 A.M.
16 FATHER'S DAY Donuts with Dad, 9:30 A.M. Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Service & Facebook, 11 A.M.	17	18	19 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	20 Bunco, 6 P.M.	21	22
23 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Communion Service & Facebook, 11 A.M. SNL, 4:30 P.M. Youth, 6 P.M.	24	25	26 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	27	28	29
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MISSIONS

We are collecting paper towels, tissues & baby wipes for Second Street School. We will also be collecting gently used shirts, pants, socks (no holes, tears, or stains) and new underwear to support the School Resource Office. This will be an ongoing collection. If you have any questions, contact Dianna Moore.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To the family of Viola Stivers. She was 100 years old. She had been a member of MBC since 1947.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the people who helped make Mother's Day so very special. Those people were Erin Wheeler, Yvonne Beghtol, Denise Gibson, Deb Colston, Ruth Wiley, Rachel Whitt, Kayla Mitchell, Bill Wallace, and Dianna Moore.

Thank you to our Kid's Cove Servants in Training, who helped greet guest & serve our Mothers on Mother's Day.

COMING EVENTS

MBC 5TH ANNUAL VENDOR MARKET

Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 9 A.M.—3 P.M.
 Large parking lot near the Transportation Department.
 Booths are available at \$50. If you have any questions, contact Deb Colston at DachshundDeb1003@gmail.com or go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/3944992712453567?ref=newsfeed> to get a form for a booth.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SNL (Sunday Night Live)

Sunday Nights in Kid's Cove from 4:30- 5:30 P.M.

YOUTH SMALL GROUPS

Sunday Nights at 6 P.M. at the Meadows' House.

GYF LUNCH TRIP

Tuesday, June 4 at B & N Market, 5945 Elmburg Road Bagdad, KY. Let Donna Howard know if you are going.

CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

Saturday, June 15 at 11 A.M. in the Narthex area. We will discuss "Aftermath" by Terri Blackstock.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

All baby bottles are due back to the church by Father's Day on Sunday, June 16, 2024. Please put coins, cash, or check in the bottles and put in the Narthex Area.

BUNCO

Thursday, June 20 at 6 P.M in the Youth Room.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, June 23, 2024

SAVE THE DATE

Church Mission Trip from July 15-19, 2024 in Harlan County Kentucky. We are taking shoes for the annual Back to School Event. We will wash feet and put on new socks and shoes on the children who attend this event. If you would like to go, contact Ruth Wiley.

Donation given in memory of James Lewis Blakeman.

For the Record

	Sunday April 28	Sunday May 5	Sunday May 12	Sunday May 19	Totals
Bible Study	58	56	61	53	
Worship Service	72	67	93	64	
Facebook	58-3	110-2	142-7	146-7	
Budget Offerings	5,879.00	3,256.00	2,311.00	7,767.00	19,213.00
Lord OT Harvest	375.00	250.00	450.00	960.00	2,035.00
Designated Gifts	0.00	7,140.00	0.00	2,176.00	9,316.00
Online Giving	880.00	980.87	50.00	630.00	2,540.87
Total Gifts	7,134.00	11,626.87	2,811.00	11,533.00	33,104.87



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Future Events



BIBLE STUDY AND WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Sunday, June 2, 2024

Bible Study will start at 10 A.M.

Worship Service will start at 11 A.M.