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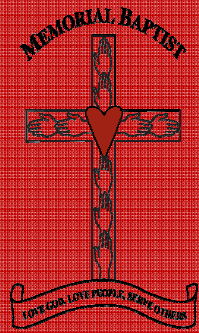
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# The Heartbeat

## Newsletter

*Love God, Love People, Serve Others.*



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**Mike Colston**

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# CHURCH Picnic

FOOD • FRIENDS • FUN

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**  
**FROM 5-7 P.M.**

**JOIN US AT MBC**

**Deacons will provide the meat, condiments, & drinks.**

**Members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts.**

**Please bring indoor / outdoor games & musical instruments.**



## From your Pastor's heart.....

I love the **fall** for so many reasons. First, the temperatures are beginning to change, so it's getting cooler. Second, college football starts, which consumes most of our time on Saturdays. Third, we are getting closer to the holidays, including Thanksgiving & Christmas. All bringing changes & excitement into all of our lives.

At the same time, there are many families who have experienced the loss of loved ones, which puts somewhat of a cloud over the holidays, with empty seats around the table & a void in many hearts. I still remember my family's first Thanksgiving after my father passed. We made numerous changes in where we celebrated, as well as what we did after our Thanksgiving dinner – my brothers & our wives went to an NHL hockey match to see the Nashville Predators play that night. Yes, it served as a little bit of a distraction to keep us from focusing too much on our personal void. It was different, but it was still all about family.

Change is never easy! In fact, changes often remind us of our personal pains. They don't keep us from going on with life – but they do reflect how different our lives are as a result. In a **1994 Our Daily Bread** devotion, the story is told of when evangelist John Wesley was returning home from a service one night, & he was robbed. The thief, however, found his victim to have only a little money & some Christian literature. As the bandit was leaving, Wesley called out, "Stop! I have something more to give you." The surprised robber paused. "My friend," said Wesley, "you may live to regret this sort of life. If you ever do, here's something to remember: 'The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin!'" The thief hurried away, & Wesley prayed that his words might bear fruit.



Years later, Wesley was greeting people after a Sunday service when he was approached by a stranger. What a surprise to learn that this visitor, now a believer in Christ as a successful businessman, was the one who had robbed him years before! "I owe it all to you," said the changed man. "Oh no, my friend," Wesley exclaimed, "not to me, but to the precious blood of Christ that cleanses us from all sin!"

In light of how our lives have changed because of our losses, we must never lose sight of the lives we come in contact with, & all that is going on in their lives as well. We all have opportunities to share a word or a thought with those around us. You may think you don't possess the ability to change a life, but Colossians 1:27 reminds us that "Christ **IN** you is the **hope** of glory." **HE** is the One who can change any life if we show His love to those around us who are hurting. Help keep **hope** alive this fall in the midst of the holidays by "letting your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, & glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 4:16).

It is my privilege to serve as your pastor,

*Pastor Mike*



**Mike Colston**  
Senior Pastor

# SEPT

| SUN   | MON                                    | TUES                             | WED   | THUR                              | FRI  | SAT   |
|---|--|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|
|   | 1<br><b>LABOR DAY</b><br>Office Closed | 2<br>GYF Lunch & Mtg.<br>12 NOON | 3<br>Bible Study, 10 A.M.<br>Bible Study &<br>Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.   | 4                                 | 5  | 6   |
| 7<br>Bible Study, 10 A.M.<br>Worship Service, &<br>Facebook, 11 A.M.<br>Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M.<br>Deacon Mtg.: 3:30 P.M.<br>MBC Deacon Picnic,<br>5 – 7 P.M. @ MBC | 8                                      | 9                                | 10<br>KY Blood Drive,<br>Narthex,<br>8 A.M. - 12 NOON<br>Bible Study, 10 A.M.<br>Bible Study &<br>Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M. | 11                                | 12<br>Proclaim<br>Women's<br>Conference,<br>12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>Shelbyville, KY | 13  |
| 14<br>Bible Study, 10 A.M.<br>Worship Service, &<br>Facebook, 11 A.M.<br>Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M.  | 15                                     | 16                               | 17<br>Bible Study, 10 A.M.<br>Bible Study &<br>Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.  | 18<br>BUNCO, 6 P.M.<br>Youth Area | 19   | 20  |
| 21<br>Bible Study, 10 A.M.<br>Worship, Communion<br>Service & Facebook,<br>11 A.M.<br>Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M.   | 22                                     | 23                               | 24<br>Bible Study, 10 A.M.<br>Bible Study &<br>Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.  | 25                                | 26   | 27<br>Ladies Bookclub<br>11 A.M. in Narthex |
| 28<br>Bible Study, 10 A.M.<br>Worship Service, &<br>Facebook, 11 A.M.<br>Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M.  | 29                                     | 30                               |   |                                   |  |   |

## WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Adult Bible Study      10 A<sup>7</sup>M<sup>2</sup>

Adult Prayer &  
Bible Study      6 -7:30 P<sup>7</sup>M<sup>2</sup>

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Praise Band Practice      8:30 A<sup>7</sup>M<sup>2</sup>

Children & Youth      10-11 A<sup>7</sup>M<sup>2</sup>

Bible Study

Adult Bible Study      10-11 A<sup>7</sup>M<sup>2</sup>

Sunday Worship      11 A<sup>7</sup>M<sup>2</sup>- 12 NOON

## BIRTHDAYS

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Donna Jones      | 18 Benny Young    |
| 2 Larry Johnson    | 19 Dianna Moore   |
| 2 Donna Howard     | 21 Connor Wheeler |
| 6 Lauren Meadows   | 23 Cara Meadows   |
| 12 Carolyn Rayborn | 30 Dave Crowe     |
| 16 Harry Smith     |                   |

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

## COLLECTION WEEK IS NOVEMBER 17-24, 2025

Join Samaritan's Purse in sending Christmas to a child in our country and overseas. Pack a shoebox for a boy or girl from 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 years old with toys, school supplies, personal care items, and a "wow" gift. Put in a note, prayer, and / or photo. Go to Samaritan's Purse website to pay for the labels to track the box, and to pay for processing, shipping, and other project costs. For more information or ideas, go to [www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/)

## THANK YOU

Thank you so very much for your participation in our annual Baby Bottle Blessing fundraiser. We are blessed to see how God multiplies your support by sowing seeds that last eternally.

Altogether, the participating church have raised over \$99,000 and bottles are still coming in!. We appreciate the way the churches in our community come together to serve those that need the help Avenues offers in the name of Jesus. To date, your church contributed a total of \$349.69! Every penny will be used to minister to women, children, and families in our community. Thankfully, Cheri Scott, Executive Director of Avenues for Women

## NEW MEMBER

Addison Fraley is our newest member of MBC. She will be baptized on Sunday, August 31, 2025. She is the daughter of Micheal & Adrienne Fraley & granddaughter of Denise & Tony Gibson.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

## WORSHIP KIDSTYLE

Sundays at 11 A.M. for kids from K-Grade 3.

## GYF LUNCH TRIP

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 We will have potluck lunch, business meeting, and games. Bring a game to play..

## DEACON MEETING

Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 3:30 P.M.

## CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 7, 2025 from 5-7 P.M. at the church. Bring side dishes, desserts, & musical instruments for the Jam Session.

## KENTUCKY BLOOD CENTER

Blood Drive Wednesday, September 10 from 8 A.M.– 12 NOON in the Narthex. You can walk-in or make an appointment on the KY Blood Center website.

## BUNCO FOR CINDERELLA'S CLOSET

Thursday, September 18 at 6 P.M. Cost is \$5 per person. Bring a snack to share.

## COMMUNION SERVICE

Sunday, September 21, 2025

## LADIES CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 11 A.M. in the Narthex area. We will discuss "Unyielding" by Karen Kingsbury. Leaders are Deb Colston & Dianna Moore.

## For the Record

|                  | Sunday<br>July 27 | Sunday<br>Aug <sup>23</sup> | Sunday<br>Aug <sup>24</sup> | Sunday<br>Aug <sup>25</sup> | Sunday<br>Aug <sup>26</sup> | Totals    |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Bible Study      | 46                | 48                          | 57                          | 47                          | 51                          |           |
| Worship Service  | 46                | 57                          | 67                          | 64                          | 56                          |           |
| Facebook         | 119-7             | 116-5                       | 172-6                       | 113-4                       | 98-2                        |           |
| Budget Offerings | 4,091.00          | 4,002.00                    | 4,205.00                    | 5,911.00                    | 4,438.00                    | 22,647.00 |
| Lord OT Harvest  | 525.00            | 300.00                      | 385.00                      | 1,425.00                    | 989.00                      | 3,624.00  |
| Designated Gifts | 113.11            | 1,091.00                    | 140.00                      | 0.00                        | 210.00                      | 1,554.11  |
| Online Giving    | 650.00            | 232.50                      | 411.57                      | 50.00                       | 782.50                      | 2,126.57  |
| Total Gifts      | 5,379.11          | 5,625.50                    | 5,141.57                    | 7,386.00                    | 6,419.50                    | 29,951.68 |



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## Future Events

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