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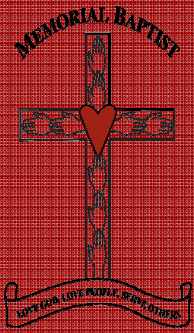
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The Heartbeat

Newsletter

Love God, Love People, Serve Others.



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MBC FALL FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025

5:00-8:00 P.M.

Memorial Baptist Church • 130 Holmes Street • Parking Lot

Join us at the Fall Festival and celebrate the season with games, candy, and entertainment.

In conjunction with our Fall Festival. We will be handing out water to runners / walkers participating in the Black Cat Chase.

Invite friends, family, and neighbors to come with you.

FELLOWSHIP

Can you define what a Christian is without mentioning the church? If you can, your definition just might not line up with the Bible's. This past year, I have walked through the lessons learned nearly 20 years ago during our 40 days of purpose study. We still have 1 purpose left to cover, but I have received a lot of feedback after my last time preaching a couple of weeks ago. The week before we had our annual church picnic, school is back in session and fall sports are currently in action. The overwhelming response was that lately we have had a better feeling of community within our church.

Community in the New Testament sense of *koinonia* assumes and requires face-to-face communication, whether in a horse-and-buggy age or an Internet age. Three things marked New Testament Christian community: It was centered in Jesus Christ—believers met together as Jesus' followers, constituting his body; this fellowship was a gift of the Holy Spirit; and the community was missional. That is, the New Testament community was directed toward a purpose outside itself—actually being a living witness to Christ and the gospel's power in the world.

Is it truly community whenever a Christian shares something with another Christian? What about a recipe swap? An extra meal? A carpool to work? Is it considered fellowship just because it happens in a part of a church building called the "Fellowship Hall"? Is it fellowship any time Christians hang out in a social setting—a women's book club, the gym, or the ball park? Or must Christians do something together, like share a meal? Or does it count as fellowship only if it is a "spiritual activity"? Does the prayer before we eat the fried chicken count as fellowship, while the eating itself remains purely hunger satisfaction?

Biblically speaking, what counts as fellowship?

In order to answer that question, we need to see how the New Testament uses the word "fellowship" (and words similar to it). The word appears in a variety of contexts and, as it turns out, does not refer to only one concept or activity. In fact, we can observe at least three senses in which the Bible talks about fellowship.

1. Shared Life from Jesus

Sometimes the word fellowship is used to explain the bond between believers and the Lord. God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:9) Real "Christian" fellowship happens when branches draw life from the vine (John 15:1-11).

2. Shared Life with Each Other

Fellowship also involves the ways believers help one another, often in the context of meeting physical needs. And do not neglect doing good and sharing; for with such sacrifices God is pleased (Hebrews 13:16). Much the same way Christ supplies all our needs according to His riches (Philippians 4:19), we reflect His love by supplying the same kind of love to the rest of His body (1 John 3:17).

3. Shared Living for the Same Purpose

Finally, fellowship can refer to a sharing of the same purpose. They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. . . . And all those who had believed were together, and had all things in common." (Acts 2:42, 44).

Community in the early church consisted with unity in doctrine, belief, and direction. They joined TOGETHER in the essentials of who they were and what their purpose was. You and I cannot demonstrate love or joy or peace or patience or kindness sitting all by ourselves on an island. No, we demonstrate it when the people we have committed to loving give us good reasons not to love them, but we do anyway. Together we can display the gospel of Jesus Christ in a way we just can't by ourselves.

Love seeing our church thrive together as we seek to be a community that Loves God, Loves People, and Serves Others. See you Sunday!

Running with Him,

Lee

Lee Meadows
Pastor for Youth



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	2	3	4
5 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Service, & Facebook, 11 A.M. Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M. Deacon Meeting, 12:15 P.M. Publicity Committee/ Children's Team Mtg., 4 P.M.	6	7 GYF Trip to Bread of Life Cafe, 11:30 A.M.	8 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	9	10	11
12 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Service, & Facebook, 11 A.M. Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M.	13 COLUMBUS DAY	14	15 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	16 BUNCO, 6 P.M. Youth Area	17	18
19 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Service, & Facebook, 11 A.M. Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M.	20	21	22 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	23	24 MBC Fall Festival, 5-8 P.M. Black Cat Chase	25 Ladies Bookclub 11 A.M. in Narthex
26 INTERFAITH FOOD DRIVE Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Service, & Facebook, 11 A.M. Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M.	27 Franklin County Associational. Mtg. @ MBC from 4-8 P.M.	28	29 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	30	31	

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Adult Bible Study	10 A.M.
Adult Prayer & Bible Study	6 -7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Praise Band Practice	8:30 A ² M ²
Children & Youth Bible Study	10-11 A ² M ²
Adult Bible Study	10-11 A ² M ²
Sunday Worship	11 A.M. – 12 NOON

BIRTHDAYS

3 Deb Colston	21 Glenda Lynch
6 Janet Lanphierd	30 Tommy Bright
10 Anita Duvall	
19 Mark Hatfield	
20 Nathaniel Lawrence	

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/

INTERFAITH FOOD DRIVE

How can you help?

Donate most needed food items: canned chicken, meats, or tuna, peanut butter, boxed instant oatmeal, Spaghetti & Sauce, rice 1lbs bags, soup, canned fruit, beans & vegetables. **Volunteers:** Help sort and shelve food occasionally after major food drives, (family-friendly activity). Serve once a month to fill food orders for families. If you have a special skill which might be helpful, let us know. **Donate financially:** by check to Emergency food Pantry, P.O. Box 48, Frankfort, KY 40602 or online at www.frankfortfoodpantry.org.

All food items are due at the church by
Sunday, October 26, 2025.

SYMPATHY

To the family of Katherine DeBold. She was the sister of Betty Mason, who passed away on August 29, 2025.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORSHIP KIDSTYLE

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

DEACON MEETING

Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 12:15 P.M.

GYF LUNCH TRIP

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 We will be going to the Bread of Life Café at 5369 US 127, Liberty, KY. Talked to Donna or Kathey if you need a ride.

BUNCO FOR CINDERELLA'S CLOSET

Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 6 P.M. Cost is \$5 per person. Bring a snack to share.

MBC FALL FESTIVAL / BLACK CAT CHASE

Friday, October 24, 2025 from 5-8 P.M. in the large parking lot. Volunteers, water, and candy is needed for this event. If you can help contact Dianna or Deb.

LADIES CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 11 A.M. in the Narthex area. We will discuss "Sustaining Faith" by Janette Oke. Leaders are Deb Colston & Dianna Moore.

FRANKLIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MTG.

Monday, October 27, 2025 from 4-8 P.M.

BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

18 scheduled, 16 registered, 2 deferrals, & 15 collected.

Gifts given in memory of Linda Chilton.

For the Record

	Sunday Aug. 31	Sunday Sept. 7	Sunday Sept. 14	Sunday Sept. 21	Totals
Bible Study	54	50	47	39	
Worship Service	69	54	61	48	
Facebook	130-5	82-1	121-0	100-2	
Budget Offerings	2,765.00	2,113.00	5,228.40	5,244.00	15,350.40
Lord OT Harvest	550.00	50.00	2,660.00	1,175.00	4,435.00
Designated Gifts	1.00	0.00	1,164.72	116.90	1,282.62
Online Giving	0.00	646.57	50.00	830.00	1,526.57
Total Gifts	3,316.00	2,809.57	9,103.12	7,365.90	22,594.59



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Future Events



SHOEBOX COLLECTION WEEK November 17-24

Boxes for boys and / or girls from 2-14 years old.
For ideas, information, or sign up to follow a box
go to <https://samaritanspurse.ca/operation-christmas-child/>

Thursday, November 13, 2025
5-8 P.M.

Volunteers, hot chocolate,
and apple cider mixes
are needed. See Dianna, Deb,
Yvonne, Erin, Connor, Dave
or Jamie, if you can help.



**CANDLELIGHT
WEEKEND**
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN FRANKFORT