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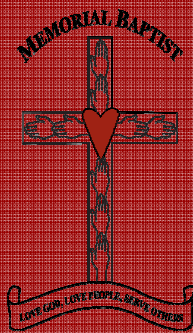
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The Heartbeat

Newsletter

Love God, Love People, Serve Others.



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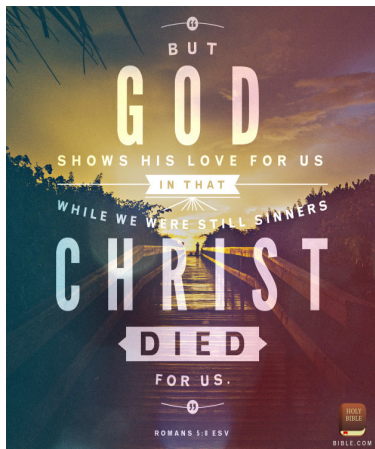
GRACE

I read a story recently about an elderly woman who walked into a large department store and approached a salesperson. She explained that she wanted to return an automobile tire she felt was unsuitable for her car. The salesperson discovered that she was a long-time customer of the store and that she and her friends spent much of their time there.

However, she was unhappy with the tire she had purchased. The salesperson was surprised, but he asked if she had the tire with her. She told him she had the tire in her car, but that she had lost the receipt.

“Well, that’s not a problem,” the salesperson said after a moment of thought. “You can return the tire. Would store credit be okay?” The woman agreed and the salesperson gave her a store voucher for the full value of the tire. You may think there’s nothing extraordinary about how this particular salesperson handled the situation. After all, he worked it out so that the woman would still end up spending her money in his department store. And she would probably tell her friends how fairly and respectfully she was treated there. It was just good business, right?

Well, yes. But there’s something else you should know. This incident occurred in a store that doesn’t sell automotive equipment - not even tires.



This is the kind of story that Jesus might have told. Consider the parable of the laborers in the vineyard who were paid a full day’s wage even though they worked only an hour or two (Matthew 20:1-16). You might remember the story of the prodigal son, who received a gala homecoming party even though he had been selfish and rebellious (Luke 15:11-32). Those are grace stories - stories about people who received good things they didn’t deserve.

Sometimes you may want to believe that if you’re good enough, you can earn your way to heaven and eternal life. On the other hand, you may worry that God will never let you into heaven because you’ve been so bad. But that’s not how grace works. Grace is not about what you’ve done in the past or about what you can do in the future. It’s about what God can do right now. I give a lot of grace to students on my bus! Just as the store salesperson gave the elderly woman store credit because he could, so God credits us with eternal life because he can. He loves us and will do anything he can to make it possible for us to draw near to him. “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

And now Jesus calls us to treat others with grace as well. Hey, if a department store can do it, so can you!

Running with Him,

Lee

Lee Meadows
Pastor for Youth



DEC

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2 GYF Potluck Christmas Party, 12 NOON	3 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Deerby Dinner GYF Event Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M	4	5	6
LOTTIE MOON INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS WEEK OF PRAYER NOV. 30-DEC. 7						
7 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Service, & Facebook, 11 A.M. Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M Deacon Meeting, 12:15 P.M.	8 Ladies Christmas Party, 6 P.M.	9	10 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	11	12	13
14 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Service, & Facebook, 11 A.M. Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M	15	16	17 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	18	19	20
21 KID'S COVE BAKE SALE Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Service, Children's Nativity & Facebook, 11 A.M. Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5 P.M.	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Service, & Facebook, 11 A.M. Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.			
			Office Closed for Christmas			
			Office Closed for New Year's			

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Adult Bible Study 10 A²M²
Adult Prayer & Bible Study 6 -7:30 P²M²

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Praise Band Practice 8:30 A²M²
Children & Youth 10-11 A²M²
Bible Study
Adult Bible Study 10-11 A²M²
Sunday Worship 11 A²M²- 12 NOON

BIRTHDAYS

2 Bill Jones 17 Amy Dungan
4 Stephanie Starkey 18 Bonnie Feeback
5 Kay Quire 19 Riley Welch
7 Karen Cook 24 Martha Evisizor
10 Dawn Welch 25 Michael Whitt
12 Alan Beghtol 27 Lee Meadows
17 Bill Wallace 28 Millie McClain
17 Linda Whitt 28 Zach Smith

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

SUMMER 2026 VBS

We are trying to get an idea of how many people would make the commitment to volunteer and make VBS happen in 2026. Please take a look at your calendar and see if you are available from June 11-13 from 6-8 or 8:30 P.M.

If you can volunteer, contact Ms. Dianna at dlfmoore4@gmail.com or sign up on the sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please do this by the end of December. We pray that you would help us show the love of Jesus to children at VBS.

MBC GIVING

Just a reminder about 2025 giving. In order for your end of year payment to be included on your 2025 giving statement, you must have it in the offering plate or mailed and have a post date of 12.31.2025. Offering can also be made through the Abundant app by 12.31.2025. We want to thank everyone for your contributions.

THANK YOU

Friends of MBC,

On behalf of the Board, volunteers, and the neighbors served by the Food Pantry, thank you so much for the many ways you support the work of the Food Pantry. We are so grateful for the work you do as one of our community partners. We are so grateful for donations that have been given from your church to the Food Pantry.

In these uncertain times, your gifts mean so much to our neighbors in need. Thank you so much for your support of the Food Pantry and for all you do for neighbors in need.

Warm wishes, Regina Wink Swinford

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORSHIP KIDSTYLE

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

GYF POTLUCK CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday, December 2, 2025. at 12 NOON in the Narthex Bring a side dish and / or dessert for the meal. Bring a \$10-15 gift for the party.

GYF DERBY DINNER PLAYHOUSE

Wednesday, December 3, 2025. Going to see "Elf Musical"

DEACON MEETING

Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 12:15 P.M. in Graham's room.

LADIES WINTER WONDERLAND POTLUCK CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, December 8, 2025 at 6 P.M. in the Narthex. Bring a dish and / or dessert. Bring a \$10 -15 gift for the exchange. Music with Bonnie Reeves.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 at 5 P.M.

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, Dec. 24 & Thursday, Dec. 25, 2025 for Christmas.
Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025 & Thursday, January 1, 2025

LADIES CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

Saturday, January 31, 2026 at 11 A.M. in the Narthex area. We will discuss "Harbinger" by Jonathan Cahn. Leaders are Deb Colston & Dianna Moore.



For the Record

	Sunday Oct 26	Sunday Nov 2	Sunday Nov 9	Sunday Nov 16	Totals
Bible Study	54	58	56	52	
Worship Service	60	55	61	57	
Facebook	79-3	106-3	92-3	77-2	
Budget Offerings	3,265.00	3,078.00	2,410.00	8,445.00	17,198.00
Lord OT Harvest	1,745.00	375.00	400.00	1,940.00	4,460.00
Designated Gifts	560.00	146.00	180.00	210.00	1,096.00
Online Giving	1,000.00	1,236.57	100.00	280.00	2,616.57
Total Gifts	6,570.00	4,835.57	3,090.00	10,875.00	25,370.57

