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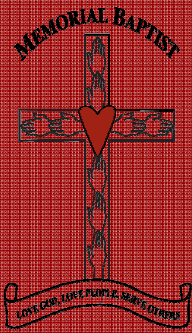
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The Heartbeat

Newsletter

Love God, Love People, Serve Others.



Pastors:

Mike Colston

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NEW YEAR PRAYER

Another year is dawning
With the chance to start anew.

May I be kinder, wiser, Lord,
In all I say and do.

Not so caught up in selfish gain
That I would fail to see
The things in life that mean the most
Cost not a fancy fee.

The warm, kind word that I can give,
The outstretched hand to help,
The prayers I pray for those in need—
More precious these than wealth.

I know not what may lie ahead
Of laughter or of tears;
I only need to know each day
That You are walking near.

I'm thankful for this brand new year
As now I humbly pray,
My hand secure in Yours, dear Lord,
Each step along the way.

Kay Hoffman

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR MBC STAFF

Perspectives

From your Pastor's heart . . .

A lot of people think their lives are a total mess. At the same time consider a few familiar Biblical messes:

- Joseph's brothers hated him so much that they sold him as a slave & made their father believe he had been devoured by animals. But "God meant it for good" to save thousands from starvation.
- King Solomon's son made a disastrous decision that lost him half the kingdom. What a mess! But God said that "this thing is from me."
- Jacob was a liar & a cheat & had to flee for his life. He slept out in the open with only a rock for a pillow. But when he woke with a vision of angels, he said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, & I did not know it."

Your life underneath may look like a disaster to you, even though it appears well-ordered on the surface. Brokenness, pain, shame overshadow you – things you seem utterly incapable of fixing.

The good news is that God is bigger than any mess you can make of your life. He is powerful & is not confined by your boundaries. He is God! And He is unafraid of working in messy situations. In fact, that is often where His amazing grace shines brightest.

What is the point of your greatest pain? What is the mess that you are struggling with? Maybe, just maybe, God is able to take your mess, & out of it to bring great blessing.

Think about it – ***How bad can it get?*** A girl gets pregnant. Her parents are totally ashamed. Her fiancé is not the baby's father & is ready to dump her. And then he is told in a dream by an angel, "Do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."

How bad can it get? The girl is in labor, far from home with only a barn in which to have her baby. The only place to put her newborn is a hay-lined feeding trough. The straw that night was neither fresh nor fragrant. In fact, life was a mess – but God was in it.

God sees Mary with her tiny infant & sends a host of angels to announce the birth.

"Behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you – you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes & lying in a manger."

The messy manger is a sign from God. Is your life a mess? Then let this be a sign to you.

Your very good news is that the God of the messy manger, the resurrected Christ of the cruel cross, & the Holy Spirit in whom you live & move & have your being, are able to break through in your life, begin to clean up your mess, & bless you beyond measure. And that – like the messy manger – will be a wonder all its own.



***May you have the merriest of Christmases!
We love you!***

Pastor Mike & Deb



Pastor Mike & Deb Colston

January 2026

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Adult Bible Study 10 A.M.
Prayer & Bible Study Online

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Children & Youth Bible Study 10-11 A.M.
Adult Bible Study 10-11 A.M.
Sunday Worship 11 A.M. – 12 NOON

BIRTHDAYS

5 Jackson Austin 15 Micheal Fraley
7 Addison Fraley 19 Owen Mays
8 Bonnie Franklin 21 Sharon Parent
10 Maddie Starkey 22 Barbara Whitehouse
12 Nancy Vaughn 23 Paula Collins
13 Trina Wallace 31 Haylee True

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 Church Office Closed	2	3
4 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Service, & Facebook, 11 A.M. Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M Deacon Mtg., 12:15 P.M.	5	6 GYF Potluck Luncheon Mtg., 12 NOON	7 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M	8	9	10
11 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Service, & Facebook, 11 A.M. Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M Stewardship Mtg., 12:15 P.M. Deacon Ordination, 5 P.M.	12	13	14 KY Blood Drive, 8 A.M.- 12 NOON Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M	15	16	17
18 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Service, & Facebook, 11 A.M. Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M	19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Church Office Closed	20	21 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M	22	23	24
25 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Service, & Facebook, 11 A.M. Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M	26	27	28 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M	29	30	31 Ladies Bookclub, 11 A.M.

THANK YOU

Dear MBC,
Thank you for your donation to furthering my academics! It is much appreciated.
Connor Wheeler

To my wonderful church family! Thank you all so much for the beautiful flowers. And the delicious and abundant meal provided. And the many cards, prayers, and thoughts. Mostly thank you for our many and blessed years together.
Love you all. Donna Howard

Thank you so much for the tree that was planted in memory of my mother, Jacqueline. We are very thankful for our church family and your prayers and support during this difficult time.
Love, Bill Wallace and family

We want to thank you for letting us use your building for our blood drive. We had 32 scheduled, 31 registered, and collected 28 units. We exceeded our goal by eight. Our next drive is January 1, 2026.

Shelia Brown, KBC Donor Recruitment Specialist

Thank you for all your love & support this year at Memorial. We appreciate all you did for us, for the church family, and the others who have been at MBC this year.

God bless you, MBC Staff

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. Contribution statements will be mailed out to everyone in January 2026.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORSHIP KIDSTYLE

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

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025 & Thursday, January 1, 2026.

DEACON MEETING

Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 12:15 P.M. in Graham's room.

GYF LUNCH & MEETING

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 12 NOON in the Narthex
Bring a side dish and / or dessert for the meal. If you need a ride contact Donna Howard or Kathey Parr.

STEWARDSHIP MEETING

Sunday, January 11, 2026 after the worship service.

DEACON ORDINATION

Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 5 P.M. Deacon candidate is Alan Beghtol.

KENTUCKY BLOOD CENTER BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 from 8 A.M. –12 NOON in the Narthex.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 19, 2026.

LADIES CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

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

For the Record

	Sunday Nov. 23	Sunday Nov. 30	Sunday Dec. 7	Sunday Dec. 14	Sunday Dec. 21	Totals
Bible Study	52	54	50	0	53	
Worship Service	65	58	48	0	56	
Facebook	101-3	157-7	182-8	0	159-11	
Budget Offerings	5,582.00	2,708.00	2,551.00	0.00	7,714.00	18,555.00
Lord OT Harvest	675.00	300.00	725.00	0.00	1,185.00	2,885.00
Designated Gifts	206.00	12.00	30.00	0.00	1,501.83	1,749.83
Online Giving	200.00	0.00	691.57	100.00	1,630.00	2,621.57
Total Gifts	6,663.00	3,020.00	3,997.57	100.00	12,030.83	25,811.40



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Future Events

LIVE LOCAL
GIVE LOCAL



KENTUCKY
BLOOD CENTER

Wednesday, January 14, 2026
Narhex from 8 A.M. to 12 NOON
You can sign up online or just walk in.