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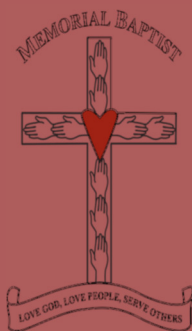
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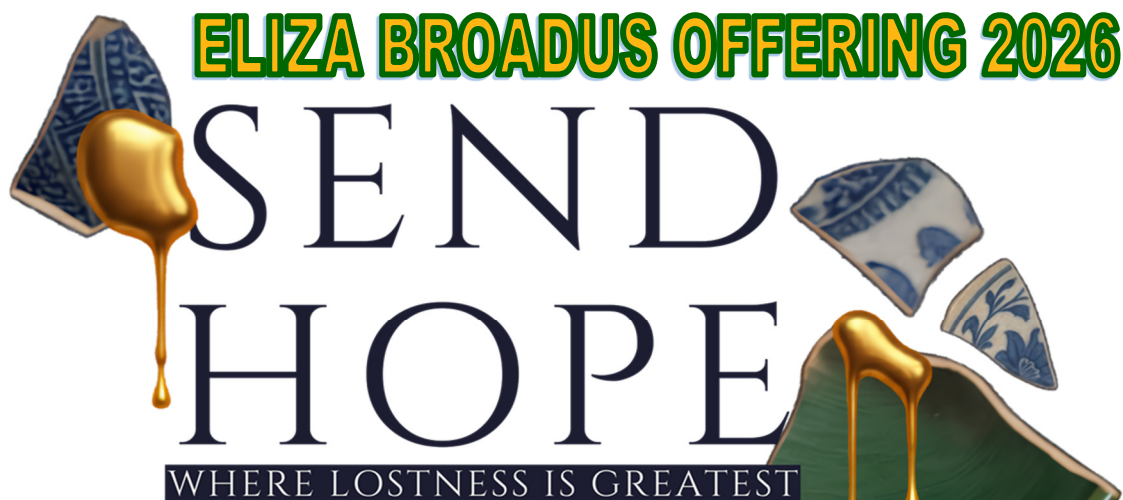


The Heartbeat Newsletter

Love God, Love People, Serve Others.



Pastors:
Mike Colston
Lee Meadows



¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Ephesians 4:15-16

**Where brokenness leaves gaps,
God fills them with grace.**

Across Kentucky, there are real gaps—families in need, students searching for purpose, churches working to reach their neighbors, and people who have yet to hear the hope of the Gospel.

Through the Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions, Kentucky Baptists come together to step into those gaps with prayer, generosity, and gospel hope. Inspired by Ephesians 4:15–16 and the beauty of kintsugi, this year's theme, **Fill the Gap**, reminds us that God restores what is broken and uses every part of His body to build up the church.

Every gift helps fill a real gap. Every church has a part. Every believer has a role.

**State Goal is \$1,275,000
MBC GOAL is \$750.00**

Kintsugi — which means “join with gold” — is the Japanese art of repairing broken objects, often ceramic pottery or glass. Traditionally, gold lacquer is used to piece shards together again, creating a more beautiful object through the acts of breaking and repair.

**Where to give
to MBC:**
Our Website
Texting
MBCFRANK
to 73256
Abundant App
@ App Store



Perspectives

A Change of Pace.....

It's amazing how difficult a **change of pace** can be to adjust to. When Kathryn played basketball in high school, it always seemed like her coach was a master of **changing pace** in a game. All it took to upset the composure of the opposing team was to snatch a rebound off their errant shot, release an outlet pass to a guard at halfcourt who would launch a 40-foot pass across court to a breaking guard or forward who lunged at a hurried pace for their basket ahead of the other team's defender. And immediately her players would bust into an **"in-the-face"** feverish full-court press. After **the change of pace** of the breakaway basket, the opposing team was caught off-guard & thrown into a panic trying to get the ball safely past halfcourt before the 10 second transition time elapsed.

A **change of pace** is difficult in sports. But it's even more difficult in life. Consider what families go through when their high school aged child moves away to college. With our oldest two children, the transition was far easier because they went to college 11 miles away in Florence, AL. But with our youngest, she moved 85 miles away to Fayette, AL. Add to that detail the fact that this was **"our baby,"** & the difficulty multiplies 10-fold. Lord, have mercy on any family whose child moves a day's journey away. Even lumping that into a category like a **change of pace** doesn't make the change one bit easier.

Possibly the easiest **change of pace** for any family is moving from the lazy pace of a summer with the kids out of school & taking a vacation trip away from home for a much needed break & moving back into the regular routines of work & school & sports & the busyness of a fall restart. Possibly the hardest **change of pace** is for farming families who approach the season of harvest after planting, tilling & caring for their crop at a steady pace. As the seasons change, there is always a risk of losing a harvest before it can be successfully brought in. I still remember living in a farming community, & seeing a mix of green John Deere, red Massey Ferguson & blue Ford tractors in a field working feverishly together to get one farmer's crop in before the heavy rain hit & devastated his harvest.

Church is not restricted from such a **change of pace** either. We have had a good summer – two mission trips that utilized a number of church members, several isolated outreach efforts, & social gatherings that blessed members & guests alike. As fall approaches, we face a busier pace & a change of opportunities to serve. Please prayerfully consider where we can use your gifts, talents & abilities. The Nominating Committee is gearing up to restock existing committees with new members, & deacon selection will be here before we know it. There are numerous places where you can be plugged in. You are needed & you are wanted. Ask yourself, "where can I best be used?" Then get involved. Your spot is waiting for you to step in & serve others.

You are loved & appreciated!

Pastor Mike



Mike Colston
Senior Pastor



SEPT 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

1 Donna Jones 16 Harry Smith
2 Donna Howard 18 Benny Young
6 Lauren Meadows 19 Dianna Moore
11 James Wallace 21 Connor Wheeler
12 Carolyn Rayborn 23 Cara Meadows
15 Einor Blankenship 30 Dave Crowe

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 GYF Potluck Luncheon, 12 NOON	2 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	3	4	5
6 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Service, & Facebook, 11 A.M. Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M	7 Labor Day Church Office Closed	8	9 KY Blood Center Blood Drive 8:30—12 NOON Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	10	11	12
13 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Service, & Facebook, 11 A.M. Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M Deacon Mtg, 4 P.M. MBC Church Picnic, 5 P.M.	14	15	16 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	17 BUNCO, 6 P.M.	18	19
20 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Service, & Facebook, 11 A.M. Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M	21	22	23 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	24	25	26 Ladies Book Club, 11 A.M.
27 Communion Service Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Service, & Facebook, 11 A.M. Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M	28	29	30 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.			

UPCOMING



THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for their donations of money and shoes for the Harlan County Mission Trip Back to School Bash Event. We had 263 school aged children, 10 smaller siblings, and 47 at another location get shoes during our event. Thanks to all those who came to wash feet, put on socks, shoes and retrieve shoes during our trip. We had a great time seeing old friends and making new ones.

Thank you so very much for your participation in our annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser. We are blessed to see how God multiplies you support by sowing seeds that last eternally. To date MBC has contributed a total of \$391.77 toward the fundraiser. Every penny will be used to minister to women, children, and families in our community.

Cheri Scott, Executive Director

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORSHIP KIDSTYLE

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

GYF LUNCH & MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026 at 12 NOON in the Youth area. We are having a potluck meal with fried chicken. Bring side dishes and dessert. There will be a brief meeting and other activities. If you need a ride talk to Donna or Kathey.

LABOR DAY

Church office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7, 2026.

KY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2026 from 8 A.M. –12 NOON in the Youth area. You can sign up online or walk-in to give. Must have ID.

DEACON MEETING

Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 4 P.M. before the picnic.

CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 5 P.M. at the church in the small parking lot. Deacons will provide meal & drinks. Church families can bring desserts..

BUNCO FOR CINDERELLA'S CLOSET

Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 6 P.M. in the Youth Area. Cost is \$5 per person. Bring a dish / snack to share.

LADIES CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

Saturday, September 26, 2026 at 11 A.M. in the Narthex area. We will discuss "The Lady's Mine" by Francine Rivers. Leaders are Deb Colston & Dianna Moore.

For the Record

	Sunday July 26	Sunday Aug. 2	Sunday Aug. 9	Sunday Aug. 16	Sunday Aug. 16	Totals
Bible Study	58	63	52	58	55	
Worship Service	53	59	48	57	56	
Facebook	115-10	79-5	131-6	80-4	58-3	
Budget Offerings	2,670.00	3,136.00	2,420.00	5,330.00	4,498.00	18,054.00
Lord OT Harvest	550.00	425.00	350.00	925.00	1,200.00	3,450.00
Designated Gifts	100.00	78.00	0.00	75.00	82.00	335.00
Online Giving	600.00	261.00	411.57	300.00	511.00	2,083.57
Total Gifts	3,920.00	3,900.00	3,181.57	6,630.00	6,291.00	23,922.57



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Return Service Requested**

Future Events

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL

CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 13, 2026
5 P.M. at MBC
Church small parking lot.
Deacons are providing the meal.
Church can bring desserts.

The graphic features a green and white checkered background. At the bottom left, there is an illustration of a picnic basket filled with bread, fruit, and a water bottle, resting on a blue and white checkered cloth. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts.