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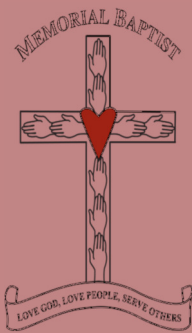
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The Heartbeat

Newsletter

Love God, Love People, Serve Others.



Pastors:
Mike Colston
Lee Meadows



*Happy Pastor
Appreciation Month!*

Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to
acknowledge those who work hard among you, who
care for you in the Lord and who admonish you.

~1 Thessalonians 5:12



OCTOBER IS
PASTOR
APPRECIATION
MONTH

Dear Lord,

As Pastor Appreciation begins, we thank you for Pastor Mike, Pastor Lee & our church leaders. Bless their dedication and love. Replenish their strength as they guide us and protect their families. May we, as a congregation, consistently support and up lift them in both action and prayer.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

AMEN

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Do You Make His Name Known?

We often think about our relationship with God as something personal—and it certainly is. But our faith was never meant to remain private. One of the primary ways the world sees God is through the way His people treat one another.

Jesus made this very clear. He did not say that people would recognize His followers simply because they attended church, knew Scripture, or could explain their beliefs. He said, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:35). In other words, our relationships can become advertisements for the goodness of God.

Think about a porch light on a dark night. The light is not there to draw attention to the bulb. Its purpose is to illuminate the way so that people can see where they are going. In much the same way, the love, patience, forgiveness, kindness, and grace we show others should point beyond ourselves and toward Jesus.

That changes the way we think about our relationships. When we forgive someone who has hurt us, we make His name known. When we show kindness to someone who cannot repay us, we make His name known. When we refuse to participate in gossip, we make His name known. When we remain patient with a difficult person, we make His name known. When we encourage someone who is struggling, we make His name known.

Jesus said, “Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16). Notice where the attention ultimately goes—not to us, but to our Father in heaven. Sometimes we may be the closest picture of Jesus that another person sees that day.

This is especially important when relationships become difficult. It is easy to love people who agree with us, appreciate us, and treat us well. But Jesus calls us to something greater. Colossians 3:12–13 tells us to clothe ourselves with “compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience,” bearing with one another and forgiving as the Lord forgave us.

Imagine what could happen if those words described not only our church services, but also our homes, workplaces, friendships, social media conversations, and interactions with strangers. People are watching how Christians treat people. They notice how we respond

when we are disappointed. They notice how we speak about people who are not in the room. They notice whether our faith produces grace or merely words. Our goal should never be to make people think, “What a wonderful person.” Our greater desire should be that something about our lives causes people to think, “There must be something wonderful about the God they serve.” The Apostle Paul wrote, “Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31). That includes our relationships.

So perhaps a good question for each of us this week is: Do the way I speak, forgive, serve, encourage, and love others make the name of Jesus more attractive to the people around me?

May our relationships become living testimonies of His grace. May our homes reflect His love. May our church reflect His unity. And wherever God places us, may the way we treat others accomplish something much greater than building our own reputation. May it make His name known.

Running with Him.

Lee

Lee Meadows
Pastor for Youth



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WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

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

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

BIRTHDAYS

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

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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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 Lunch Trip, 11:30 A.M.	7 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	8	9	10
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18 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Worship Service, & Facebook, 11 A.M. Worship Kidstyle, 11 A.M	19	20	21 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	22 BUNCO	23	24 Ladies Book Club, 11 A.M.
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

UPCOMING



THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

We will be taking donations for our Thanksgiving food baskets starting October 18 to November 22. We will need canned vegetables (peas, corn, green beans, sweet potatoes, and carrots), cranberry sauce, gravy, fruit, boxed desserts, cornbread mixes, mac & cheese, instant potatoes, stuffing, & gravy packets or you can make a donation to purchase items.

TRIP TO BERNHEIM FOREST

Children's Ministry will be taking a trip to Bernheim Forest & Arboretum at 2075 Clermont Road, Clermont, KY on Sunday, November 8, 2026. We will leave after the Worship Service. The cost is \$15 per car. They have Forrest Giants, Playcosystem (17 acre natural playground), Expressive Art, Heart of the Forrest, Sensory Garden and much more to see and do. If you are going, please let Dianna Moore know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORSHIP KIDSTYLE

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

DEACON MEETING

Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 12 NOON after worship service in Graham Duvall's room.

GYF LUNCH & MEETING

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 We will meet at 11:30 A.M. at Ford's Garage, 140 Rojay Drive, Lexington. If you need a ride talk to Donna or Kathey.

BABY SHOWER FOR KAYLA HAMMONDS

Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 2 P.M. in the Narthex area. Kayla & Kris are having a baby girl and have a registry on Amazon. <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/kayla-hammond-november-2026-lawrenceburg/2FJRY0RYVMJL8> Bring a book instead of a card and write a message in the front. Bring any size diapers and be put in the Diaper raffle to win a prize. They are happy to receive any secondhand clothes, toys or books. RSVP to Kim Knight at 502-600-0640.

LADIES CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

Saturday, October 24, 2026 at 11 A.M. in the Narthex. The book is "If I Were You" by Lynn Austin. Deb Colston is the group leader.

For the Record

	Sunday Aug. 23	Sunday Aug. 30	Sunday Sept. 6	Sunday Sept. 13	Sunday Sept. 20	Totals
Bible Study	55	69	51	61	61	
Worship Service	56	70	56	55	58	
Facebook	58-3	83-2	86-3	76-4	114-3	
Budget Offerings	4,498.00	3,313.00	2,397.00	2,731.00	6,152.00	19,091.00
Lord OT Harvest	1,200.00	350.00	425.00	720.00	1,320.00	4,015.00
Designated Gifts	82.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	335.00	417.00
Online Giving	511.00	0.00	971.57	1,072.00	300.00	2,854.57
Total Gifts	6,291.00	3,663.00	3,793.57	4,523.00	8,107.00	26,377.57



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Future Events



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