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Dear Church,

This is an exciting time in the life of our church! The Lord has blessed us richly with a significant expansion to our facility. We now have 23,000 new square feet to help us be the church that God has called us to be. Our new parking lot is exactly what we needed to accommodate more guests on Sunday mornings. The new classrooms will help us disciple and teach more people on Sundays and throughout the week. The new worship venue for students will be an incredible blessing to our student ministry and will give us space to reach more teenagers with the Gospel. I know that other ministries in our church will benefit from this new space as well. I am also personally grateful for the beautiful new administrative offices, which will help our staff collaborate and work together to better serve our church.

There is no question—Project 18|28 will be an amazing blessing to our church. But ultimately, we need something more to reach our community and world for the Lord Jesus Christ. We need power from on high! Adding more square feet to our current facility is not enough. We need Jesus. We need a fresh move of the Holy Spirit in our church! We need a move of God in our midst. We need revival!

This month, we begin an intentional season of drawing closer to the Lord Jesus in prayer. On the heels of our sermon series, *FAITH: ALL THINGS POSSIBLE*, I cannot think of a better next step for our church—especially as we anticipate another churchwide revival in March. Prayer is a quintessential expression of strong faith. As our church grows in faith, we must also grow in our commitment to seek the Lord in prayer. David wrote in Psalm 57, “Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.” David knew that his soul needed to be stirred to connect with the presence of God in worship. May the Lord awaken our souls as we seek Him in prayer.

Join us each Sunday morning as we begin our new sermon series on prayer. While it is important to study prayer, I have always found that one of the best ways to learn the spiritual discipline of prayer is simply to pray. There are aspects of prayer we can only learn by praying. Pray with all your heart, and the Lord will open your eyes to what prayer is truly about. The more I pray, the more I want to pray; the less I pray, the less I want to pray. I look forward to offering new opportunities for you to pray with your brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. More on that soon.

I am honored to serve as your pastor and look forward to seeing how the Lord responds to the cries of our hearts as we...

“Live Sent to Make Disciples” in 2026!

Love,

*Pastor Kevin*

**MZBC**  
**JAN.**  
**2026**

***Come near to God and He will come near to you. James 4:8***

# Chapel Worship

January 4 & 11

5pm in the Chapel

Led by Rev. Mike Nolen

## DEACON ON CALL

**Jan. 4** | Jason Blaxton | 256-656-3979

**Jan. 11** | Derrell Deloney | 256-694-9277

**Jan. 18** | Matthew Deloney | 256-655-7116

**Jan. 25** | Tim Garner | 256-755-1063

## MINISTER ON CALL

**Jan. 2 - 4** | Jonathan Moore | 251-465-6639

**Jan. 9 - 11** | David Henderson | 334-676-9313

**Jan. 16 - 18** | Mark Jacobs | 256-797-4377

**Jan. 23 - 25** | Greg Stringfield | 256-631-0132

**Jan. 30 - Feb. 1** | Joey Collins | 601-287-2662

## MZBC GIVING

Given to Date | \$4,764,975

## LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

Goal | \$290,000

Given | \$176,926

## MEMBER INFORMATION CLASS

February 1 | 3pm | Fellowship Hall

The Member Information Class is designed for individuals considering membership in the MZBC family. It will answer questions about our beliefs, structure, and expectations for members. Childcare is provided.

Click the link to join us!

<https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1386/responses/new>



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

**Jan. 7** | Olive Garden Chicken, Salad, Bread & Dessert OR Salad Box\*

Kid's Menu: Pizza

**Jan. 14** | Taco Salad & Dessert

Kid's Menu: Hotdog

**Jan. 21** | Chicken Tenders, Potatoes, Green Beans & Dessert OR Salad Box\*

Kid's Menu: Chicken Nuggets

**Jan. 28** | Chicken Broccoli Casserole, Rice, Salad & Dessert OR Salad Box\*

Kid's Menu: Chicken Nuggets

\*Gluten-Free

Reservations are required and can be made online at [mzbc.net](http://mzbc.net) or in the MZBC App. The deadline to register is on Mondays at midnight.

## FACILITY USE

MZBC is a multi-use facility that serves a variety of ministries and age groups. We are grateful to open our doors not only to our church family, but also to the surrounding community. If you are interested in reserving one or more of our facilities, please review the guidelines below and complete the Facility & Bus Request Form linked below. *Please note: the guidelines and request form do not apply to weddings.*

- Facility Usage Request must be made at least two weeks before the event.
- Facility Usage Fees are required at the time of request.
- Facility Usage Fees will be refunded if the request is not approved.
- Cancellation: A full refund will be given if cancellation notice is received 2 weeks before the event. Anything less than 2 weeks' notice, one-half of the payment will be refunded.
- Any damage to equipment or facilities, other than from normal use, shall be the responsibility of those renting the facility.
- Liability: It is an express term of this agreement that the renter will be liable to the Church for any costs or damages of any kind incurred by the Church, as a result of the rental of the facility by the renter.
- Use of any audio, media, or light resources in the Sanctuary, Chapel, or Chapel Commons requires completion of the request and payment of established fees.
- No alcoholic beverages or tobacco products will be allowed on any part of the MZBC Campus.

Link:

<https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/17/responses/new>

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Baptist Church

## GET THE MZBC APP

Available in the Apple and  
Google Play stores.

# MZBC ADULTS

## MZBC Men

**Man Up** | Mondays | 6pm | Fellowship Hall  
Beginning Jan. 5

**Biscuits & Brothers** | Thursdays | 6am  
Fellowship Hall | Beginning Jan. 8

## MZBC Women

**Bible Study Kick Off** | Jan. 12 | 9am | Fellowship Hall  
Studies begin Jan. 20.

**At Home Study** [via Zoom]  
Thursdays beginning Jan. 22 | 12 Sessions | 10am  
12 *Daring Women of the Bible* | Led by Candy Craig

Registration Link | <https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1374/responses/new>

## Z-Groups

Wednesday Nights Beginning Jan. 7 at 6pm

- Exploring Ezekiel | Led by Adam Landers. | S202  
Cost: \$5.00.
- Church History, Part II | Led by Brian Schneider and Greg Rogers. | S104 | Cost: \$10.00.
- The Book of Psalms, ongoing Bible study led by Dr. George Foust. | S201 | No cost.
- *Advance the Faith* | Led by Patrick Collins | S205 | No Cost

Registration Link | <https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1370/responses/new>

## Adult Teacher Training

Jan. 3 | 8am – 12pm | This class is for all leaders, associate leaders, and anyone interested in being a leader or associate leader for our adult Sunday School classes. All classes should have at least one representative in attendance. Our special guest is Rick Howerton, an experienced church planter, pastor, campus minister, church consultant, speaker, and author.

Registration Link | <https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1387/responses/new>

## MZBC SENIOR ADULTS 60+

HAPPY NEW YEAR! That seems to be unbelievable to say! Yet here we at the beginning of a brand new set of opportunities called 2026...WOW! Before we move into the New Year, take a moment and reflect with me on some of the wonderful experiences our Senior Adults have enjoyed in this past year.

Our Senior Adult ministry was involved in Mission Lab in New Orleans, the Recognition Day in May, the many enjoyable day trips throughout the year, our trip to the Ark Encounter, the Celebrators Conference in Pigeon Forge, and various choir concerts and nursing home ministry times. We have been busy yet fulfilled by giving ourselves away to be a blessing to others. Thank You, Lord, for Your goodness to us!

It is amazing to realize that the Lord is granting us another day, a week or a new year to serve Him! I'm blessed to begin this new calendar year ministering with each of you in the Kingdom work of Jesus. Jackie and I count it our great privilege to know you, to serve with you and to call you our church family. I pray the Lord's favor upon each of you during this New Year.... Let's make a difference in a life this year!

His for More Souls,  
Pastor Mike

## Winter Bible Study

with Dr. Edwin Jenkins  
Wednesdays | 10am | Jan. 7 – Feb. 25 | Chapel  
Book Cost | \$15  
Registration Link | <https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1373/responses/new>

## SonShine Lunch

Jan. 29 | 10:30am | Gym  
Potluck lunch with special guest Dr. Robert Mullins, Executive Director of the Madison Baptist Association.

## Got Questions About Senior Events?

Contact Senior Adult Ministry Assistant, Rachel Arney, by email at [rachel.arney@mzbc.net](mailto:rachel.arney@mzbc.net) or by phone at 256-837-2665. Rachel can answer all your questions, take payments, and so much more!

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## QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Jan. 25 | 5pm | Sanctuary

Please submit all business meeting reports to Mandy at [mandy.godbehere@mzbc.net](mailto:mandy.godbehere@mzbc.net) by Wednesday, January 21.

## MISSIONS & OUTREACH

### Now Available: 2026 PS96 Prayer Guides

Stop by the PS96 Station in the Commons Area to pick up your copy.

### Conversation English

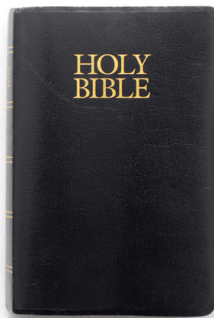
Mondays @ 6pm | Beginning Jan. 12 | Contact Jonathan Moore for details.

## January BIBLE DRIVE

### GOAL: 1,000

- Whole Bibles
- New Testament
- Any Language

Drop off Bibles at the PS96 Station or at the Church Library.



## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2025 Contribution Statements will be available in ChMS (formerly CCB) beginning January 10, 2026. Your contribution statement can be printed from the privacy of your home from your account in ChMS. Click on the link below to view a short video that explains how to print your contribution statement.

Video Link | <https://vimeo.com/495564208>

If you encounter difficulties after watching the video, or if you do not own a computer, please call the church office and choose one of four additional avenues to receive your statement. They are as follows:

1. Access your statement through the church mobile app by tapping on your profile in the upper right corner, then My Giving, and the Giving Statements.
2. Have your statement emailed (make sure to provide a current email address).
3. Pick up your statement from the church office.
4. Have your statement mailed to you.

## MZBC KIDS

A.W.A.N.A.

Sundays | 5pm | Beginning Jan. 11  
A.W.A.N.A. will not meet on Jan. 18

R.A. Lock-In

Jan. 16-17 | Cost: \$10 | Includes bowling off campus.  
Registration Link | <https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1383/responses/new>

## CENTRIKID CAMP

June 8-12 | Grades 4-6  
Cumberland University | Lebanon, TN  
Total Cost: \$305 | Non-refundable Deposit: \$75  
Parent Meeting | Jan. 11 | 4:30pm | N206  
Registration Deadline | Jan. 28, 2026  
Registration Link | <https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1366/responses/new>

## MZBC STUDENTS

Greenhouse

Wednesdays | Beginning Jan. 7 | 6:15pm | Chapel

**D-Now 2026** | February 6-8 | 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades | \$95  
Registration Link | <https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1362/responses/new>

**Mission Fuge** | 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades | June 15-19  
Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi  
Early Bird Price: \$225 | Jan. 25 or Later: \$275  
Registration Link | <https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1371/responses/new>

**Romania Impact Trip** | 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades  
June 22-29 | Total Trip Cost: \$1,500  
Deposit: \$300 | Deadline: March 1  
Registration Link | <https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1378/responses/new>

**Dallas, TX Impact Trip** | 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades  
July 8-12 | Total Trip Cost: \$500  
Deposit: \$100 | Deadline: March 1  
Registration Link | <https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1376/responses/new>

If you have questions or need scholarship information, contact Braxton at [braxton.blankenship@mzbc.net](mailto:braxton.blankenship@mzbc.net) or at 662-416-3124.