

PLEASE PRAY WITH US...

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>11 For MBC as we face the post-quarantine world that we would see this as a blank slate and an opportunity to discover what God has for MBC in the future</p> <p>18 For MBC to see digital opportunities as a new mission field as an opportunity to reach people with the Gospel that would not have been reached before and as an opportunity to disciple believers in new ways</p> <p>25 That MBC would see our facilities as a gift from God to be used for His glory and that we would rethink how we can strategically use our building to reach our community</p>	<p>12 That during these difficult days I (we) would faithfully be a part of MBC digitally or in person and that I(we) would actively seek ways to encourage others</p> <p>19 That I (we) would be intentional in sharing the Gospel with family, friends, neighbors, and those who the Lord brings into our lives who do not know Him</p> <p>26 For staff as they adjust to potential changes that their focus will always be on making disciples and sharing the Gospel as they plan and serve MBC and the community</p>	<p>13 For the MBC family to see that faithful earnest prayer is the first step for any plans – that we can't accomplish God's mission without God - that we would be DEVOTED to prayer</p> <p>20 For MBC to be open to change and with that change to establish a clear plan for discipleship and fulfillment of the Great Commission – to go into all the world and make disciples - knowing that the Lord is with us always (Mt 28:19,20)</p> <p>27 That the reason every ministry at MBC exists is to reach the lost with the Gospel and to make disciples and that I(we) would be willing to encourage them and help them as they fulfill the Great Commission</p>	<p>14 That the pandemic would result in a new spiritual awakening across the globe and that our missionaries would be used by God to share the Gospel with the lost and to make disciples</p> <p>21 For Rachel and her Kids Connect Team and Caroline and her Youth Team as they seek to make disciples through innovative technology, teaching and reaching out to the kids and youth of MBC and their families</p> <p>28 For MBC's Leadership for wisdom and discernment and to be excited and encouraged about the changes that will come - because not only is God with us He has gone before us</p>	<p>15 For Pastor Nathan that God will use him to lead us – that God would equip him and give him people who can come alongside to encourage and help share the Gospel and make disciples</p> <p>22 For MBC to engage our community in praying for them and their needs – especially for local officials and health care workers – and to seek opportunities to share the Gospel with them</p> <p>29 Praise that God's Wisdom and His Faithfulness never change and that He will lead MBC in the days ahead as we follow Him</p>

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2:42)

Y/OUR GREAT COMMISSION

OVERVIEW

During the month of January 2021, Manahawkin Baptist Church will be working together to sharpen our focus on our great commission calling: **to make disciples of Jesus in Southern Ocean County.** This is our priority: to be a church that fulfills this great calling. So how can we do this *well* in our world mid-pandemic and into our post-pandemic world, into a world harshly divided? To answer this question together, we will be doing the following:

- A sermon series on our Christian calling, entitled **Y/OUR GREAT COMMANDMENT.**
- Joint, daily prayer throughout January for the various callings the Lord has laid before us. (See other side.)
- Corporate reading of [The Post-Pandemic Church](#) (Thom Ranier). On January 17, 24, 31 from 4:00p-5:30p, we will be sharing in **online meetings** to discuss the content of the book. January 17 will focus on *the introduction and chapters 1–2*; January 24 will focus on *chapters 3–5*; January 31, *chapters 6 and concluding thoughts.*

WHAT THIS IS

Our purpose (and guiding question) is **how do we fulfill our great commission as Manahawkin Baptist Church?** Under normal circumstances, a church will need to stop, refocus, retool, and sharpen its understanding of how to fulfill this. Pushing against the tides of apathy and slow decay of enthusiasm. The pandemic has brought us a world where we must stop and focus on how we fulfill our great commission, because the “old normal” is gone and will not return. However, the gospel is not limited, even **how we do our job** has changed.

WHAT THIS IS NOT

Our job is to be a church—to fulfill the responsibilities of a church within our area. Our purposes in this corporate discussion is not to become *not a church.* We are not a social club, a school, a world relief program: we are a church. There will always be *great opportunities*, and we want to support those great opportunities—but the central focus of our church is to be *a church*, which means *we are a place where non-Christians can find salvation and where Christians can be discipled to God-glorifying good works and worship.*

OUR HOPES

More than anything, our hope is that this process gives us a clear vision of Jesus’ glory, for he is seated on the throne—and has not been dethroned by the events of our world. With this vision of glory, **we want to be faithful to our commission**, faithful to the calling God has given us, faithful to the Lord who has called us and given us empowerment to bring his love and light to the world.



Manahawkin Baptist Church exists to mature Christians in meaningful worship, intentional community, & indigenous missions.