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Pastor Link • Some Important Save the Dates

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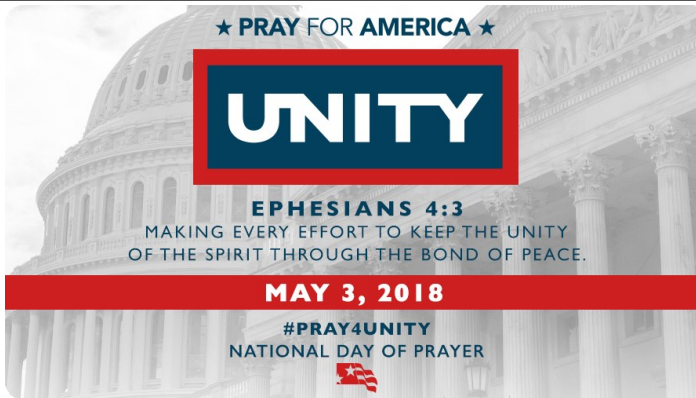


Got your cell phone or calendar handy? Well, if not, please get it because I have some important *save the dates* for you.

First of all, circle Sunday, August 5 because that will be the our MCBC Anniversary Celebration...115 years! This will be a special day where we will celebrate both the past, present and future of God's mission field in this place.

Second, circle September 27-29 which will be the *only* dates photos for a new church directory will be taken. More about the directory process coming in the weeks ahead.

Finally, please don't forget the National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 3. Once again, the National Day of Prayer Chairman has written a pray-



er to be simultaneously read throughout the nation at noon Thursday, May 3. This recitation will create a huge wave of prayer, flowing from one coast to the other, illustrating the unity of God's people and acknowledging His dominion over the circumstances facing us. Because of the length of the prayer, we are unable to include it in the newsletter. I have included a link below for the National Prayer. If you are unable to obtain it

online, you may pick up a copy in the Main Foyer. Please join us as we pray. As our Nation continues to face critical times, we can do nothing more important than pray.

Link to National Prayer:

<http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/national-prayer>

Loving Serving with You,
Bro. Bennie

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Upcoming Sermons

May 6
Storms of Life
May 13
Mother's Day
May 20
Graduate Sunday
May 27
Memorial Day

Sunday Mornings, 10:55 a.m.

Listen to Sermons Online
www.mcbbcwhitehouse.com

Save the Date

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5
MCBC ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
115 YEARS**

Save the Date

**SEPTEMBER 27 - 29
ONLY PHOTO DATES
FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Worship Ministry

Jerry Page, Worship Leader



Music is deeply rooted in our souls. And for followers of Jesus, it is a powerful means of encouraging each other along the journey of faith. Paul urged the believers, *Let Christ's teaching live in your hearts, making you rich in the true wisdom. Teach and help one another along the right road with your psalms and hymns and Christian songs, singing God's praises with joyful hearts* (Col. 3:16 Phillips).

Singing together to the Lord embeds the message of His love in our minds and souls. It is a powerful ministry of teaching and encouragement that we share together. Whether our hearts cry out, *Create in me a pure heart, O God* (Ps. 51:10), or joyfully shout, *And He will reign forever and ever* (Rev. 11:15), the power of music that exalts God lifts our spirits and grants us peace. Let us sing to the Lord today. Our Daily Bread (3/6/16)

In His Service, *Bro. Jerry*

**Celebration Choir Rehearsal
Sundays 4:45 p.m.**

Worship Service Request

If you must leave before the close of the service for a ministry responsibility or some personal reason, please wait until the congregation is being seated for announcements. Please do not leave during the Time of Commitment/Invitation.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Benji Morrison, Minister to Students



We have all taken pictures and sent them to the developer. The pictures are originally on the negatives, which aren't really that great to look at. The pictures are small and not easy to see. So in order to get pictures that you can see, the developers have to take the negatives to the darkroom where they can be developed in secret.

When the pictures come back to you, they are larger and now in color. The final product looks nothing like the original image on the negative. In order to get to the final product, however, the negatives have to be taken to a darkroom where they are worked over by the man in the photo lab.

We can't always see what God is doing. It may look like all we are getting is one negative after another. However, there is good news. God is working on the negatives in a darkroom, in secret where we can't see. He will bring them back in living color. We will see that He was up to something and working something out that we didn't know about. He has a purpose for every trial that you face. He has a reason for your development in your trial. In Him, *Benji*



Graduates: Brittany Huff, Erica Olmstead, Logan Rose

Sunday, May 20, 9:45 a.m., Graduate Breakfast & Recognition

Ministry Link • Ministry Opportunities for You

It Takes a Village - Gospel Village

The Mentoring Alliance

Come learn about what God is doing in our community at Discover Gospel Village! Gospel Village connects children with godly mentors in one-on-one mutually transforming relationships. Join us the first Tuesday of every month at Boys & Girls Club of East Texas, 504 W. 32nd Street, Tyler, 6-8 p.m. To learn more about opportunities to serve, please Web site: gospelvillage@thementoringalliance.com. Questions? Contact Pastor, 839-2606.

Social Media Ministry Coordinator Position

A volunteer is needed to set up accounts for our church on appropriate social media channels such as Twitter and Instagram as a form of outreach and advertising MCBC. This would also include updating our present Facebook page and regularly monitoring the channels, in accordance with church social media guidelines. This position will not include work on the church website we already have established. Questions? Contact Pastor.

One-Stitch Sewing Ministry

We will be sewing simple children's dresses and shorts to go to orphanages worldwide. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon in FLC. Questions? Jan Bragg, 920-1873.

Think About It

One SONG can spark a moment
 One FLOWER can wake the dream
 One TREE can start a forest
 One BIRD can herald spring
 One SMILE begins a friendship
 One HANDCLASP lifts a soul
 One STAR can guide a ship at sea
 One WORD can frame the goal
 One VOTE can change a nation
 One SUNBEAM lights a room
 One CANDLE wipes out darkness
 One LAUGH will conquer gloom
 One STEP must start each journey
 One WORD must start a prayer
 One HOPE will raise our spirits
 One TOUCH can show you care
 One VOICE can speak with wisdom
 One HEART can know what is true
One LIFE can make a difference.



**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
 YOU CAN Be a MCBC Volunteer!
 Information in Main Foyer.**

Girls in Action Schedule

Last meeting until the Fall will be Wednesday, May 9. Questions? Georgia Eades, 570-8975, Patty Samples, 752-1251.

Church-wide Christmas Child Project

Items being donated through September to be used to prepare Christmas Child Boxes in October. When buying items, THINK SMALL. 12 items placed in each shoe box so things need to be small to fit. For girls: Pretty hair accessories like ribbon, barrettes. For boys: Tiny Matchbox cars & trucks. All can be purchased at dollar stores. Place in receptacle in Main Foyer. Questions? Scott Dowdy, 570-9247.

Children's Church Ministry

Sunday morning ministry that provides Bible-based activities for children first - sixth grade during morning worship service. Children are in the Worship Center through song service and then dismissed to go upstairs in the Family Life Center. Questions? Pat Smith, 539-9692.

Visitation Outreach & Lunch May 20, Noon

A light lunch will be provided for those who would like to go visit folks interested in becoming a part of our church family, shut-ins, or write cards to those who have not been able to attend church recently. Sign up in Main Foyer. Questions? Scott Dowdy, 570-9247.

Bless the Lord, O my soul
 And forget not all His benefits.
 Psalm 103:1-2

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New Members

From Other Fellowships: 3

Attendance:

Sunday School Average Attendance: 119

Worship Service Attendance: 150

Tithes & Offerings/Building Fund/Bus Fund

Budget Requirements: \$ 124,352.00

Budget Receipts: \$ 119,688.73

Building Fund: \$ 37,978.05

Church Bus Fund: \$ 2,965.00

Church Business Meeting

Wednesday, May 16, 7 p.m.

Family Life Center

Church Office Hours

8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday - Thursday

Pastor's Day Off: Friday

Welcome New Members



Jim & Anita Nash



Lauren Lankford

May Deacon



Robert Cates • 839-2311

New Home Address, Phone, E-Mail?

Please let us know by writing them on the back of your white registration card on Sunday morning or calling the office, 839-2606. Please let us know if your birthday or anniversary is not on the calendar so we can update the database.



Sundays 9:45 a.m., 6 p.m.

Wednesdays 7 p.m.

Book of Judges

A bad attitude is like a flat tire. You can't go anywhere until you change it. Author Unknown

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Pray for our prayer partner church, Hope Community Fellowship, Bridgeport, Vermont</p>		<p>1 10 a.m. One-Stitch Ministry, FLC 6 p.m. -42 League Ministry, FLC 6:30 p.m. Evening in the Word, (5)Enc.</p>	<p>2 Phil & Sherry Smith 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Girls in Action, FLC</p>	<p>3 National Day of Prayer Church Campus open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. 10 a.m. His Story, Enc.</p>	<p>4 5 p.m. Lenderman Vow Renewal Rehearsal, Auditorium, FLC</p>	<p>5 Ed & Sue Dowden 2-4 p.m. Lenderman Vow Renewal Ceremony, Worship Center, FLC</p>
<p>6 Megan Baldree, Kasey & Meagan Hearon. 9 a.m. Teacher Meeting, Encouragers 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:55 a.m. Worship Celeb. Children's Church Noon-Nominating Committee, Encouragers 4:45 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7 1 p.m. Mah Jongg, FLC</p>	<p>8 10 a.m. One-Stitch Ministry, FLC 6 p.m. -42 League Ministry, FLC 6:30 p.m. Evening in the Word, Enc.</p>	<p>9 Dennis Bennett 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Girls in Action, FLC</p>	<p>10 10 a.m. His Story, Encouragers</p>	<p>11 Jerry Alvis</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 Joyce Satterfield, Jim & Mary Lenderman Mother's Day 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:55 a.m. Worship Celebration <i>No Evening Activities on Campus</i></p>	<p>14 Randy Eaton Perry & Patty Samples, Joe & Jeanie Turner</p>	<p>15 Kristi Martin, Mitchell Montgomery, Gary & Maxine Barkley 10 a.m. One-Stitch Ministry, FLC 6 p.m. -42 League Ministry, FLC</p>	<p>16 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study 7 p.m. Business Meeting, Adult Bible Study, FLC</p>	<p>17 Caleb Hall 10 a.m. His Story, Encouragers Noon -T-N-T Senior Luncheon, FLC</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 Gary Barkley, sue Bell, Shay MacPhearson, Chris & Ivy Coon 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:55 a.m. Worship Celeb. Children's Church Noon-Visitation Outreach & Lunch, FLC 1 p.m. Youth Advisory Council Mtg. FLC 4:45 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal 6 p.m. Lord's Supper Observance</p>	<p>21 1 p.m. Mah Jongg, FLC</p>	<p>22 Derek Eades Primary Run-Off Election 5:45 a.m.-8 p.m.  <i>No other Activities on Church Campus</i></p>	<p>23 Cynthia Inman, Carolyn Melton 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, FLC</p>	<p>24 Sue Dowden, Ginger Eaton</p>	<p>25 Brenda Smith</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 Benji & Carla Morrison 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:55 a.m. Worship Celeb. Children's Church <i>No Other Activities On Church Campus In Observance of Memorial Day</i></p>	<p>28 Church Campus Closed for Memorial Day </p>	<p>29 Victoria Swinney 10 a.m. One-Stitch Ministry, FLC 6 p.m. -42 League Ministry, FLC</p>	<p>30 Garry Virden 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, FLC</p>	<p>31</p>		

We Still Do...Celebrating 30 Years of Marriage

Please join us as we renew our vows Saturday, May 5, 2 p.m., MCBC Worship Center. Reception following. No gifts, just fun & fellowship!
Mary & Jim Lenderman

50 Year Wedding Anniversary Celebration For Bro. Bennie & Gail Portwood

Sunday, June 10, 2-4 p.m., Family Life Center
There will be a "Treasure Chest" for gifts to help with costs for them to take a future trip to Italy to visit daughter, Amy, and family who are serving as missionaries. Hosted with love by the Deacon Wives.

Items Needed for Vacation Bible School Crafts

Newspapers, shirt-size gift boxes, buttons (any color), 3 bags pillow stuffing, 4 yards brown fleece material, 4 yards white fleece material, one-inch wide royal blue ribbon, 30 oz. clean, empty canned vegetable cans, boxes of larger size stick matches, and ream of white card stock. Please place items on table in Main Foyer. Questions? Elaine Swinney, 839-2083.

Mercy Me Concert, Oil Palace, Tyler, Oct. 13

Tickets \$50 per person. Sign up in Main Foyer. Tickets must be paid for at the time you sign up. No refunds. Deadline Sunday, May 13. Questions? Joyce Stanley, 590-6506.

Meals for Morrison Family

A meal train is now going for the Morrison Family like before. It's through carecalendar.com. The link and password are below. If anyone would like to do meals on days not listed, please contact Benji Morrison to set that up. <http://www.carecalendar.org/logon/229869>. ; Pin 2953. Questions? Benji Morrison, 363-3858.

TNT Senior Adult Lunch May 17

Noon, FLC. Questions? Elaine Swinney, 839-2038.

Please let us know if your birthday or anniversary is not on the calendar so we can update the database.

Prayer Requests

As requests come in they are added to the Prayer List, which is read aloud Sunday & Wednesday evenings, and sent out on HisMail, if they are not marked confidential. Names read during Sunday morning worship service are limited to those hospitalized, having procedures, victims of catastrophic event, or passed away during the current week.

Church Calendar Procedure

All groups or individuals wishing to reserve any portion of the church facility need to fill out a form to give us necessary information about the event. All

non-church events must be approved by the Pastor and some fees may apply.

Get Church News On His Mail Internet Ministry & Website

Two great ways to stay connected! The web site & His Mail! You may get monthly newsletter via His Mail Internet Ministry, along with church news about those who are sick, deaths, special needs and upcoming church events. Sign up your e-mail address in the Main Foyer. Web Site: www.mbcwhitehouse.com
His Mail & Web Site maintained by Women's Ministry. Questions? Gail Portwood, 363-7457.

Visit Our Church Library

Wonderful selection of current Christian books and movies for all ages. Library open weekdays during regular office hours and Sundays during morning and evening activities.

Policy for Borrowed Church Items

All items borrowed from the church campus must be checked out through the church office before they are removed from the premises. Please go to the office so you can sign a form. Returned items are to be checked back in through the office also.



Order Vacation Bible School T-Shirts • Deadline Sunday, May 27

Again, this year, all t-shirts will be ordered at the same time in May, so students and workers can wear their shirts during VBS. Beginning May 1, student t-shirts can be ordered online on our web site or in the Main Foyer. Deadline for orders and payment is Sunday, May 27. Cost: \$5 per shirt. Make checks payable to Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. Color: Athletic Gray. Text: Navy & Orange. When in doubt, go up a size. No refunds or exchanges. If you know of children who are planning to come who do not attend MCBC, please pass this information along to them so they can register early and order their t-shirts.
Questions? Gail Portwood, 363-7457.

Vacation Bible School Registration

VBS Dates: June 18-22 • 9 a.m. - Noon • Age 4 - Grade 6 • Register online at www.mbcwhitehouse.com or in Main Foyer beginning May 1. Family Day & Musical June 24 • 10:55 a.m. Sign up in Main Foyer to volunteer.
Questions? Krystal Montgomery, 539-5336.

RETURNED SERVICE REQUESTED



FLC - Family Life Center

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Sunday
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:55 a.m. Worship Celebration
4:45 p.m. Celebration Choir
6 p.m. Worship & Bible Study

Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. Open Gym/Youth Bible Study
7 p.m. Adult Bible Study



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