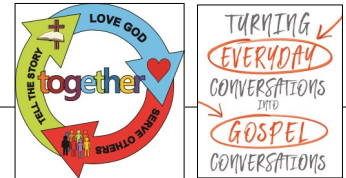


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Love God, Serve Others, Tell The Story, Together

Link...A connecting element



Pastor Link • *It Does Not End, It's Ongoing*

Bennie Portwood, Pastor

November, 2017

Wow! What a great experience it was to go through the 3 Circles Training with you these last several weeks. Our church leadership and I want to thank you for your spirit of cooperation and commitment to learn this method to share the Gospel to far-from-God folks. It has been uplifting to hear the stories of how you shared the 3 Circles with friends, relatives, co-workers and even those in prison. This was not an easy undertaking and was intimidating to some at first. However, as you worked through the process it was thrilling to see how a new zest and confidence came to the surface as you obeyed the command God has given us to tell His Story together to a lost world.



wants to start the training program right away with their entire congregation. It is multiplying. Now, that is exciting!

Thank you for all the positive comments you shared with me and our leadership about this experience. One lady expressed sincere gratitude to me and some of our leaders for making this available to learn. When I said it was a pleasure to do it she went on to say, *You know not all churches care about reaching others for Christ and I am so glad we do.* To that we replied, *Well, if that is not what we are all about we need to just close our doors.*

I was particularly pleased with a couple of benefits I saw arise from the training. The first was watching new bonds and friendships develop between folks who were paired off together to practice their reps. They came to learn special things about their partners, laugh, fellowship and appreciate each other for their unique qualities. Second, it was interesting how many Christians outside our church family showed an interest when they saw our folks wearing the bracelets and wanted to participate too. Some asked where to get bracelets and another church

Folks, this is what we are about. *It does not end because of a date on the calendar. It will be ongoing.* Our classes have collectively committed to 1,000 Gospel conversations over the coming year. Again, exciting! So continue to practice and share as you turn everyday conversations into Gospel conversations. It is the foundation for all we do as we love God,

serve others and share the Story together.

And, as we emphasize together, let me say thanks also to all who pitched in to help make the Family Day Worship Celebration Service, Potluck Lunch and Fall Festival just great! It was wonderful to have our children and youth participate in the service, the food was yummy and the game booths were so much fun. I loved seeing the smiles and hearing the laughter ring out throughout the campus. Thanks, everyone!

On a personal note, Gail & I want to thank you for all of the sweet ways you remembered us during Clergy Appreciation Month. You are so gracious and kind.

Loving Serving with You,
Bro. Bennie

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Pastor's November Message Series
Sunday, 10:55 a.m.

LISTEN TO SERMONS
ONLINE
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Christmas Musical
Sunday, December 3
10:55 a.m., Worship Center
Presented by
Celebration Choir
& Kids Praise Children's Choir

Worship Ministry

Jerry Page, Worship Leader

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Benji Morrison, Minister to Students



Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever. Psalm 118:1.

At Thanksgiving, and always, let's make sure we direct our thanks to the Lord. In the New Testament, there are repeated admonitions to give thanks to God. Thanksgiving is to always be a part of our prayers: *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you* | Thessalonians 5:16-18. *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.* Philippians 4:6. *Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men.* | Timothy 2:1.

We, like the Pilgrims, have a choice. In life there will always be those things that we can complain about (the Pilgrims had lost many loved ones), but there will also be much for which to be thankful. As our society becomes increasingly secular, the actual *giving of thanks to God* during our annual Thanksgiving holiday is being overlooked, leaving only the feasting. May God grant that He may find us grateful every day for all of His gifts, spiritual and material. *God is good, and every good gift comes from Him.* James 1:17. Got Questions Ministries.



Choir Christmas Musical Rehearsal Sundays 4:45 p.m.
New members welcome.



Awhile back, there was a big deal about people burning the U.S. flag. Now, one could say, *Well, why are people getting all upset about a piece of burning cloth?*

The reason has to do with what the cloth represents. People were upset because that cloth, Old Glory, represents our country. In fact, it became a Supreme Court issue. When a person burns the flag, they are in effect defaming the nation by defaming a symbol. A burning cloth represents a burning country. It's the principle of the matter.

When you are destructive in your own sinful life and it rubs off on other people, you are causing a division in the body because you are drawing people away from Christ and toward your sin.

In Him, *Benji*



Youth Advisory Council Meeting: November 12, 3 p.m., Youth Room, FLC
Sunday Morning Bible Study - 9:45 a.m., Sunday Night Activities - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Open Gym - 5:30 p.m., Bible Study - 7 p.m.

Ministry Link • Christmas Card Exchange for Missions December 3 - 17



Cost is 20¢ per card and the money goes to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Please put cards in box by office and your money in envelope marked *Christmas Cards*. We ask you to do this so we can keep up with the amount given to Lottie Moon through the Christmas Card Exchange. Christmas card recipient lists available in office. Please bring cards early. It would be helpful to those sorting the cards if you would put them in alphabetical order. Cards brought in will not be mailed. Be sure recipients are regular attendees who will be able to pick up their cards or persons who have someone who will pick up their cards for them. Nursing home residents and shut-ins cards will be delivered. Questions? Rose Stafford, 839-2606.

Operation Christmas Child Ends Nov. 12

Supplies available in Main Foyer if you would like to pack additional boxes. Deadline is no later than Sunday, November 12, so there will be plenty of shipping time to the children for Christmas. Postage donation is \$9 per box. Pay online to track your box to its destination.

Mission Project Update:

156 Christmas Child boxes packed by 25 volunteers on October 14. Thanks to all who helped!

Children's Church & Kids Praise Choir

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

One-Stitch Sewing Ministry

One-Stitch Ministry meets Tuesdays 10 a.m., - Noon, FLC. Sew simple children's dresses and shorts to go to orphanages worldwide. Questions? Jan Bragg, 920-1873.

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.



Holiday Highlights

- 22-26 Church Campus Closed, Thanksgiving
- 26 Christmas Ornament Deadline
- Nov. 27 Decorate Church, 9 a.m.
- Dec. 3-17 Christmas Card Exchange
- Dec. 1 Choir Dress Rehearsal & Meal, 5 p.m.
- 2 Ministry Team Party, 11:30 a.m.
- 2 Koin Class Party, Baldree Home, 6 p.m.
- 3 Christmas Musical, 10:55 a.m.
- 3 Missions Banquet, 6 p.m.
- 8 Project Joy Holloway Pickup, 9 a.m.
- 9 Deacon Christmas Party, 6 p.m.
- 11 Project Joy Box Pickup, 9 a.m.
- 11-13 Project Joy Box Delivery, Gym Closed
- 14 TNT Christmas Party, Noon
- 15 Stanley Christmas Party, FLC
- 16 Friendship Class Party, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Visitation Outreach & Lunch, Noon
- Dec. 18-31 Church Campus Closed
Except for Worship Services
- 20 Youth Christmas Party, 6-9 p.m.
- 24 Morning Worship only, No S.S. classes
- 24 Silent Candlelight Lord's Supper, 6 p.m.
- 25 Christmas Day
- Jan 1 S.S. classes & Morning Worship only



YOU Can Be a MCBC Volunteer

Bless the Lord, O my soul
And forget not all His benefits.

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New Member:
From other fellowship: 1

Attendance:
Sunday School Average Attendance: 104
Morning Worship Average Attendance: 132

Tithes & Offerings/Building Fund
Budget Requirements: \$323,331.70
Budget Receipts: \$ 295,231.42
Building Fund: \$37,689.74


Church Van Fund: \$ 1,343.11

Church Business Meeting
Wednesday, November 15, 7 p.m.


Church Office Hours
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday - Thursday

Pastor's Day Off : Friday


Welcome to the Family



Betty Montgomery




Election Tuesday, November 7, FLC
*No 42 League or
One-Stitch Sewing, Quilting & Crafts*




**Fall Time Change
November 5**

October Deacon









Darwin Stainback • 839-7314



**No Deacon Meetings
Until January, 2018**

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.

November, 2017 *When some things go wrong take a moment to be thankful for the many things that are still going right. Author Unknown*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Sundays 9:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesdays 7 p.m. <i>Book of Joshua</i></p>		<p>1 Michelle Montgomery, Neil & Donna Harbeson 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Girls In Action, FLC</p>	<p>2 Karson Rivers</p>	<p>3 V. J. Holley, Mike & Georgia Eades</p>	<p>4 Karlee Clarke Set clocks back 1 hour</p>
<p>5 Jessie Ivy, Hannah Wilcox 9 a.m. Teacher's Meeting, Enc. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:55 a.m. Worship Celebration, Children's Church, Choir 12 First-Third Graders Pizza Party 4:45 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>6 Martha Walston, Andrew & Molly Carter 1 p.m. Mah Jongg, FLC</p>	<p>7 Marie Carter, Tatum Coon, Jerry Page, Harold & Pat Mullins General Election Day No other activities on Campus </p>	<p>8 Emily Shires 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Girls In Action, FLC</p>	<p>9 Adyn Wright, Jerry Kirk</p>	<p>10 Wayne Richey</p>	<p>11 Freeda Holt, Helen Portwood</p>
<p>12 Levi Smith 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:55 a.m. Worship Celebration, Children's Church, Choir 3 p.m. Youth Advisory Council Mtg. 4:45 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>13 Della Todd 1 p.m. Mah Jongg, FLC</p>	<p>14 Gabrielle Manziel 10 a.m. One-Stitch/Quilting Craft 6 p.m. 42 League Ministry, FLC</p>	<p>15 Michelle Clark, Pat Stanton 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study 7 p.m. Business Meeting, Adult Bible Study, Girls In Action, FLC</p>	<p>16 Amanda Alderman, Neil Harbeson 12 p.m. T-N-T Senior Luncheon, FLC </p>	<p>17 Jim & Belinda Dominey</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 Greg Stanley 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:55 a.m. Worship Celebration, Children's Church, Choir 12 Visitation Luncheon, FLC 4:45 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>20 Nora Casida, Haley Dowdy, Michael Self 1 p.m. Mah Jongg, FLC</p>	<p>21 Bunch Bellah, Kim Mattox, Samantha Wilcox, Wayne & Beverly Richey 10 a.m. One-Stitch/Quilting Craft 6 p.m. 42 League Ministry, FLC</p>	<p>22 Robbie Cooper </p>	<p>23 Vicki Sanders, Greg Yacovelli  </p>	<p>24 Alexis Meredith, Vernon Shaw</p>	<p>25 Rhonda Yacovelli</p>
<p>26 Sue Pease, John Warren Regular Sunday Activities 6 p.m. Lord's Supper Observance <i>Christmas Card X-Change Begins</i></p>	<p>27 9 a.m. Decorate Church, Main Bldg. 1 p.m. Mah Jongg, FLC</p>	<p>28 10 a.m. One-Stitch/Quilting Craft 6 p.m. 42 League Ministry, FLC</p>	<p>29 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Girls In Action, FLC</p>	<p>30 Jan Bragg</p>	<p>Pray for our prayer partner church, Hope Community Fellowship, Bridgeport, Vermont</p>	

Happy 104th Birthday to Jessie Ivy

Miss Jessie is the MCBC church member who has been blessed with the most years and you are invited to a come-and-go birthday party to help celebrate this very special occasion. Her family would like for you to come by her home Sunday, November 5, sometime between 2 - 4 p.m. to wish her Happy Birthday. Address: 10288 CR 2188 (Lilly Road), Whitehouse.

Decorate Main Building for Christmas Monday, November 27, 9 a.m.



Come join in the fun as we decorate the Welcome Center, outside & Worship Center for the Christmas Season. We can have it done by noon, if several volunteers come. Questions? Mary Stainback, 571-4987.

Christmas Ornaments in Honor or Memory

We would like all of you to help decorate the Welcome Center tree again this year by providing an ornament in honor or in memory of your loved ones. These may be handmade or purchased. Last year's ornaments will be used again. If you took yours home, you may bring it back to add to the tree. If you are new to MCBC or did not make one last year, please feel free to participate this year. Ornaments needed by Sunday, November 26. Questions? Mary Stainback, 571-4987.

Visitation Outreach & Lunch Nov. 19, Noon

A light lunch will be provided for those who would like to go visit prospects or write cards to those who have not been able to attend church recently. Sign up in Main Foyer. Questions? Scott Dowdy, 570-9247.

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

42 League Regular schedule: Tuesday evenings 6:30 p.m., FLC. Bring snacks. Questions? Billy Witt, 780-1685.

Girls In Action (GA) is a mission group for girls first-sixth grade. Meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Girls first -sixth grade. Questions? Georgia Eades, 570-8975, Patty Samples, 752-1251.

Mah Jongg Regular meetings Mondays 10 a.m. • FLC. Questions? Paula Shackelford, 530-5972.

Quilting & Crafts Tuesdays 10 a.m. • FLC. Questions? Mary Tucker, 894-3792.

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.



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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 or put on back of white card Sunday mornings. Questions? Gail Portwood, 363-7457.

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.

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.

MISSIONS

Christmas Banquet December 3 6 p.m. • FLC

An evening of inspiration, music, food and fellowship! Watch for details to come in the bulletins and December newsletter.

Please bring salads, vegetables and desserts. Meat, bread, tea and coffee provided. *A great way to start your Christmas Season...come bring your family & friends.* Questions? Elaine Swinney, 839-2083.

PIZZA



First - Third Graders & Your Families Are Invited to a Pizza Lunch

Immediately following Morning Worship Service Sunday, November 5, children first - third grade and their families will be served pizza in the FLC.

Questions? Jan Bragg, 920-1873.



FLC - Family Life Center

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Sunday
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:55 a.m. Worship Celebration, Children's Choir
 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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