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Love God, Serve Others, Tell The Story, Together

Link...A connecting element



Pastor Link • We live in a broken world!

Bennie Portwood, Pastor

September, 2017

Our church family is about to embark on one of the most important journeys in our history. Beginning Sunday, September 10, we start a 6-week study of a book called *Turning Everyday Conversations Into Gospel Conversations* that will teach us the 3 Circles evangelism method. Folks say all of the time they would talk to others about Christ but they don't know how to present the Gospel. Well, that won't be the case any longer! This simple, concise method will be taught in all youth and adult Sunday School classes and my messages during the worship services will focus on this as well.



generation. In addition, we will be trained to incorporate the biblical Story, as well as our own personal stories, to tell the good news that Jesus has made a way out of the broken places we find ourselves.

Churches around the world are training people to share the Gospel using this method, as well as the SBC North American Mission Board. It has proven appeal across generations and cultures. They've heard stories about an 8-year-old boy leading his 26-year-old cousin to repent and believe in Jesus and a 70-plus-year-old church member, who had never before shared his faith, leading his Spanish-speaking neighbor to Christ. It's been used to train the Mixtec in Mexico, Maasai Warriors in Kenya, and prisoners in America. It's been presented on napkins, in concrete, in the sand, and using tortillas. *The 3 Circles method works.* It doesn't matter if you have been a Christian for decades or days, you can learn to do what God commands us to do - to make His appeal to others through us. In other words, *make disciples!*

Each participant will be given a short training manual. This manual empowers and inspires millions of Christians to turn hundreds of millions of everyday conversations into Gospel conversations.

Even in our church family, I already have been told by adult members they are excited because they want to share the Gospel, but no one has ever shown them how to either. Well, we are now! There is such a spirit of anticipation and enthusiasm with our deacons, teachers & church leadership about doing this. I personally am thrilled for us to make this journey. It is going to be such an incredible blessing to so many!

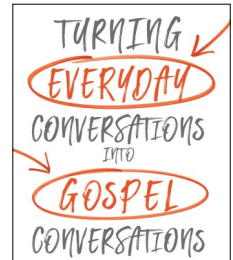
Won't you prayerfully and earnestly join us as we use this method to reach the lost in our community for the Lord?

Let's love God, serve others and share the Story Together!

Loving Serving with You,
Bro. Bennie

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Pastor's Message Series

**September 10 - October 15
Sunday, 10:55 a.m.**

Listen to Sermons Online:
www.mcbbcwhitehouse.com.



Week of Prayer September 10-17

Church Goal: \$1,500.

Worship Ministry

Jerry Page, Worship Leader



That you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:6 When Mitch Miller died in July 2010, most people remembered him as the man who invited everyone to sing along. On his popular 1960's TV program *Sing Along with Mitch*, an all-male chorus sang well-loved songs while the words appeared on the screen so viewers could join in. A *Los Angeles Times* obituary cited Miller's belief that one reason for the program's success was the appeal of his chorus: *I always made a point of hiring singers who were tall, short, bald, round, fat, whatever—everyday-looking guys. From that unified diversity came beautiful music in which everyone was invited to participate.*

In Romans 15, Paul called for unity among the followers of Christ—that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (v.6). From several Old Testament passages, he spoke of Gentiles and Jews together singing praise to God (vv.9-12). A unity that had been considered impossible became reality as people who had been deeply divided began thanking God together for His mercy shown in Christ. Like them, we are filled with joy, peace, and hope *by the power of the Holy Spirit* (v.13). What a unique choir we belong to, and what a privilege it is to sing along!

Lord, we are grateful that we can be a part of Your family. Help us to live in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ so that others may see how gracious You are and want to know You too. Amen. (From *Our Daily Bread* September 2012)

Bro. Jerry

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

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Benji Morrison, Minister to Students



A fairly wealthy man one day was driving his BMW and had an accident—a very bad accident. The car was totaled. A policeman came on the scene and got the man out of the car. As the man came to, he said, *My BMW, oh my BMW!* The policeman said, *Sir, I'm sorry but you don't have time to worry about your BMW. It's just a car. We've got to rush you to the hospital because your arm*

has been severed at the elbow. The wealthy man said, *Oh my Rolex, oh my Rolex!* He had mixed-up priorities.

In Him, *Benji*



Upcoming Events

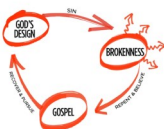
September 9, 5-7 p.m., Fall Kickoff

September 24, Noon, Operation Christmas Child Fundraiser

September 27, See You at the Pole, Various Schools

Youth Advisory Council Meeting: September 10, 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 • 3 Circle Training Sessions



3 CIRCLES:
LIFE CONVERSATION GUIDE
A simple way to share the gospel

3 Circles Training Sessions

Saturday, September 9, 10 a.m.; Sunday, September 10, 9:45 a.m.; Monday, September 11, 10 a.m.; Saturday, September 16, 10 a.m.; Sunday, September 17, 9:45 a.m.; Monday, September 18, 10 a.m.; Saturday, September 23, 10 a.m.; Sunday, September 24, 9:45 a.m.; Monday, September 25, 10 a.m.; Saturday, September 30, 10 a.m.; Sunday, October 1, 9:45 a.m.; Monday, October 2, 10 a.m.; Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m.; Sunday, October 8, 9:45 a.m.; Monday, October 9, 10 a.m.; Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m.; Sunday, October 15, 9:45 a.m.; Monday, October 16, 10 a.m. Place: Worship Center. Questions? Pastor, 839-2606.

Fall Start Dates

September 5, 1 p.m. - Mah Jongg; 6:30 p.m. - Evening in the Word; September 6, 7 p.m. - Girls in Action; September 12, 10 a.m. - One-Stitch Sewing Ministry; September 12, 10 a.m. - Quilting & Crafts; September 21, Noon - TNT Senior Adult Lunch.

New Children's Church Coordinator

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. Pat Smith has volunteered to coordinate these activities. *Beginning Sunday, September 10, Children's Church will consist of both a Bible lesson and a Children's Choir time where they will learn new songs.* Thank you, Pat! Questions? Pat Smith, 539-9692.

Women's Ministry Bible Study Begins

Tuesday, September 5

Seamless, Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story. In seven sessions, Seamless covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Participants in this study will gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of the Bible. Workbooks: \$12.99 at Lifeway. Begins Tuesday, September 5, 6:30 p.m., Encouragers Room. Sign-up in Main Foyer. Questions? Belinda Dominey, 805-3369.

New Singles in Action Class Now Available

If you know of anyone between the ages of 19-50, single, and are not attending a Sunday School class, please forward their name, E-mail address, and phone number to Larry and Linda Frogge at L.frogge@yahoo.com. They would like to reach out to them and invite them to class. Group meets in Room 139, Old Sanctuary Building.

September Items for Christmas Child Boxes

Wash cloths and plastic shoe boxes. We are asking you to donate designated items through September that will be used to prepare Christmas Child Boxes in October. 12 items will be placed in each box so things need to be small to fit. Questions? Scott Dowdy, 570-9247.

One-Stitch Ministry Starts Tues, Sept. 12

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

Mission Project Donations Update

August Christmas Child: Scissors, 108 pairs.



YOU Can Be a MCBC Volunteer

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

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New Members
Profession of Faith/Baptism: 1
From Another Fellowship: 2

Attendance:
Sunday School Average Attendance: 122
Morning Worship Average Attendance: 139

Tithes & Offerings/Building Fund
Budget Requirements: \$ 258,665.36
Budget Receipts: \$ 237,752.52
Building Fund: \$38,098.11


Church Van Fund: \$20,394.11

Church Business Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 7 p.m.
Family Life Center


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

Pastor's Day Off: Friday

Welcome to the Family



Benny & Mary Jo Evans



Zane Morrison


Labor Day Holiday Schedule

No Evening Activities Sunday, September 3 
Church Campus Closed Monday, September 4



Sundays 9:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesdays 7 p.m.
Book of Joshua

September Yokefellow




Jim Lenderman • 871-8577

 **No September Deacons Monthly Meeting**
Questions? Pastor, 839-2606

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.

September, 2017

Laughter is the most beautiful and beneficial therapy God ever granted to humanity. Chuck Swindoll

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>Pray for our prayer partner church, Hope Community Fellowship, Bridgeport, Vermont</p> | | | | | <p>1 Patti Lynn, Michele Richey Kenneth & Sue Hearon Wess & Cody Vilo</p> | <p>2 David Dowdy</p> |
| <p>3 J. T. & Pat Stanton 9 a.m. Teacher Mtg, Encouragers Noon Fellowship, FLC <i>No Evening Services</i></p> | <p>4 Matthew Montgomery, Marcus Swinney, Robert & Joy Adams </p> | <p>5 1 p.m. Mah Jongg, FLC 6 p.m. 42 League Ministry, FLC 6:30 p.m. Seamless, Women's Bible Study</p> | <p>6 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study, FLC 6 p.m. Girls In Action, FLC 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, GA, FLC</p> | <p>7 Cody Carter, Curtis Warren 7 p.m. Centershot, FLC (8)</p> | <p>8 Allison Coon, Gracie Murr</p> | <p>9 Sam Cunningham, Steven & Michelle Carter 9-4 Tomlin Reunion 10 3 Circles Training 5-7 Youth Fall Kick-off</p> |
| <p>10 Kay Sampson, Lana Wimberly, Eston & Mary Stainback, Robert & Laurel Cates 9:45 a.m. 3 Circles Training 10:55 a.m. Children's Church Resumes 3 p.m. Youth Adv. Council 4:45 Celebration Choir Rehearsal Week of Prayer Mary Hill Davis 10-17</p> | <p>11 Viola Alvis, James & Jo Haile 10 a.m. 3 Circles Training 10 a.m. Mah Jongg, FLC</p> | <p>12 10 a.m. One Stitch/Quilting Craft 6 p.m. 42 League Ministry, FLC 6:30 p.m. Seamless, Women's Bible Study</p> | <p>13 Mike Sanders, Trent & Kim Mattox 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study, FLC 6 p.m. Girls In Action, FLC 7 p.m. Business Meeting/Adult Bible Study, FLC</p> | <p>14 Roger Graham, Donna Hammonds 7 p.m. Centershot, FLC (7)</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16 10 a.m. 3 Circles Training</p> |
| <p>17 Mario Rangel, Silver Roberts 10:55 a.m. Children's Church 12 p.m. Visitation Outreach, FLC 4:45 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal Week of Prayer Mary Hill Davis 10-17</p> | <p>18 Susan Griffin 10 a.m. 3 Circles Training 10 a.m. Mah Jongg, FLC</p> | <p>19 Pat Alderman, Jerry & Viola Alvis 10 a.m. One Stitch/Quilting Craft 6 p.m. 42 League Ministry, FLC 6:30 Seamless, Women's, Enc.</p> | <p>20 Ann King, Carolina Rangel 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study, FLC 6 p.m. Girls In Action, FLC 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, FLC</p> | <p>21 12 p.m. T-N-T Senior Luncheon, FLC 7 p.m. Centershot, FLC (6)</p> | <p>22 Rhona Butler, Christine Page</p> | <p>23 J. T. Stanton, David & Susan Griffin Brown Reunion 8-5 FLC 10 a.m. 3 Circles Training</p> |
| <p>24 Shyanne Ball, Cooper Stanley 10:55 a.m. Children's Church 12 p.m. Christ Child Fundraiser Lunch 4:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6 p.m. Lord's Supper</p> | <p>25 Hal & Beverly Raspberry 10 a.m. 3 Circles Training 10 a.m. Mah Jongg, FLC</p> | <p>26 Kaitlyn Perez 10 a.m. One Stitch/Quilting Craft 6 p.m. 42 League Ministry, FLC 6:30 p.m. Seamless, Women's, Enc.</p> | <p>27 Bryan Clarke 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study, FLC 6 p.m. Girls In Action, FLC 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, FLC</p> | <p>28 Jimmy Carr, Andrew Carter, Roy Peters, Dennis & Ann Bennett 7 p.m. Centershot, FLC (5)</p> | <p>29 Cassi Clarke</p> | <p>30 10 a.m. 3 Circles Training</p> |

➔ A Note About the Monthly Newsletter

Because our mailing list no longer qualifies for bulk mail status and also high postage rates of regular mail, we need to consider alternate ways to distribute the newsletter. Please sign up in the Main Foyer or call the church office to let us know if you prefer to get the newsletter only by e-mail, by e-mail and printed copies available at church, or mail only. While we do not want to inconvenience anyone, we also believe we need to be good stewards of church financial resources. *This new procedure becomes effective in October.*

Teachers Meeting Sunday, September 3

Encouragers Room. Questions? Scott Dowdy, 570-9247.

Visitation Outreach & Lunch Sept. 17, 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 snack to share. Questions? Billy Witt, 780-1685.

Girls In Action (GA) is a mission group for girls first-sixth grade. Meets Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Girls first –sixth grade. Starts September 6.

Questions? Georgia Eades, 570-8975, Patty Samples, 752-1251.

Mah Jongg will play Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1 p.m. due to holiday. Regular meetings Mondays 10 a.m. • FLC

Questions? Paula Shackelford, 530-5972.

Quilting & Crafts Begins September 12

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.

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.



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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.

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.



We are His work. He has made us to belong to Christ Jesus so we can work for Him. He planned that we should do this.
Ephesians 2:10 (New Life Version)



For Christmas Child Boxes Postage Sunday, September 24 • Noon • FLC

Throughout the year we have collected hundreds of items to be put in Christmas Child Boxes to be sent in November to children around the world. Proceeds of this fundraiser meal will go to pay the shipping cost of \$7 per box. Goal: 250 boxes.

Questions? Scott Dowdy, 570-9247.



Sunday Noon Fellowship • September 3 Family Life Center

Meal served immediately after morning service followed by games and fellowship! Church providing hamburgers, chips, tea & coffee. If you plan to attend, please bring side dishes & desserts. Remember to bring **LARGE** portions so there will be enough food for everyone. Questions? Elaine Swinney, 839-2083.

No evening activities on church campus.

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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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