

MAMMOTH BAPTIST CHURCH
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK
January 14, 2022

Dear Church Family,

Today's newsletter article includes an introduction to a new sermon series, a call for prayer for the Vision Development Focus Group, a call for men to sing in the choir for Baptist Men's Day, an invitation to join the adult choir, information about a memorial service touching our church family, and a devotional thought for the day.

What We Do: The Six Functions of the Church Sermon Series:

Beginning this Sunday, January 16, 2022, we will walk through a new series titled "*What We Do: The Six Functions of the Church.*"

- January 16, 2022 – *Celebrating God's Presence* (Worship) – Psalm 95:3-8
- January 23, 2022 – Baptist Men's Day – Lay Preacher – Gregg Miller
- January 30, 2022 – *Harvest Principles* (Evangelism) – John 4:34-38
- February 6, 2022 – *Being on Mission* (Missions) – John 20:19-21
- February 13, 2022 – *Involving God's People* (Ministry) – Ephesians 4:12
- February 20, 2022 – *The Meaning of the Message* (Discipleship) – Ephesians 4:13
- February 27, 2022 – *What a Fellowship* (Fellowship) – Ephesians 4:25-32

The Vision Development Focus Group Schedule:

On Sunday, January 16, 2022, the Vision Development Focus Group will resume their bi-weekly schedule meeting on selected Sunday afternoons from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Continue to pray for this important focus group as they complete work toward a proposed vision document to be presented to the church in May of 2022.

MBC Adult Worship Choir:

Mark Wright, Interim Music Minister has selected choral music for the winter and spring months including a collection of songs to be presented during the Easter season. Everyone interested in singing in the choir is invited to rehearsals in the MBC Worship Center on Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm.

MBC Baptist Men's Day:

On Sunday morning, January 23, 2022, Mammoth Baptist Church will observe Baptist Men's Day. There will be a men's choir, testimonies and a lay sermon presented by our own Gregg Miller. Men, plan to stay after church on the 16th of January to prepare a song as a men's choir with Mark Wright. Everyone, plan to be present on the 23rd for this annual event at MBC.

Memorial Services:

On Saturday, January 15, 2022, family and friends of David Henshall will gather for a memorial service at 1:00 pm in the MBC Worship Center. Lift the Mary Madden and Melissa Henshall family in prayer during this time.

Daily Devotional Thought:

For me, there is nothing that compares to hearing God's voice through His Word on a daily basis. Each day I read a passage of scripture from the New Testament, a passage from the Old Testament and a chapter of Proverbs. If you are not practicing this daily exercise of listening for God's voice through the reading of His Word, you may begin by reading a chapter of Proverbs that corresponds to the day of the month (today is the 14th of the month, so I read Proverbs 14). Then select a book in the New Testament and read a section each day (today, I read Matthew 10:26-11:1). A Bible reading plan is also available under the Info Center Tab of mammothchurch.org for your use as you desire.

To give you a taste of the daily joy found in reading God's Word, I'll share what I heard today.

“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are two sparrows not sold for a *Roman Copper coin*? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not fear; you are more valuable than a great number of sparrows” (Matthew 10:28-30, NASB, description of assarion in italics, underlining for emphasis).

We have nothing to fear. The Lord knows every detail about our lives. Psalm 139:17-18 tells us that counting God's continuous thoughts toward us would be like counting the sand on the seashore. He is thinking of us when we sleep and when we awake, He is still there with His loving thoughts for us.

*You created my innermost parts;
You wove me in my mother's womb.
I will give thanks to You,
Because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Wonderful are Your works,
And my soul knows it very well.
Psalm 139:13-14, NASB*

Rejoicing in Him,

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