

**MAMMOTH BAPTIST CHURCH  
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK  
May 27, 2022**

Dear Church Family,

This Sunday, we will continue our month of celebrating the people of MBC. So far, we have given thanks for and honored our moms, our graduates, and the work our Focus Group has completed. This Sunday, May 29, we will honor our military and veterans. There is so much to celebrate and for which to be grateful at Mammoth. It is a privilege to serve as your pastor.

**Memorial Day Weekend Service, Sunday, May 29, 2022:**

Please invite members of the military to our service on Sunday morning, May 29, 2022. We will take a moment in the program to recognize these heroes and to express our gratitude for their service. Our guest worship leaders will be Jerry and Barbara Billingsley. They are longtime worship leaders in the state of Oklahoma having served in Norman, all across the state through Singing Churchmen and Singing Church Women, and through our state convention. Jerry also served in the military through the Army.

**Summit Camp, June 6-11, 2022:**

MBC Student Ministry is headed to Summit Camp June 6-11, 2022. On Wednesday, June 1 the parent/guardian camp meeting will be held at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact Brian Jones, MBC Student Minister. All members of MBC are encouraged to place the dates of the camp on their calendars as reminders to pray for our students as they head to KBA for the week.

- Sunday Evening, June 12, 2022, at 6:00 pm – Summit Camp Testimonies, presented by our student ministry under the leadership of Brian Jones.

**A Special Word about Mark Wright and Worship Plans for the Summer:**

Mark Wright will serve as our interim music minister through the end of December 2022. When Mark first agreed to serve as our interim worship leader, he indicated that he will be at Ponderosa Camp in Colorado Springs, Colorado for eight weeks. The Sundays Mark will be away are May 29- July 17, 2022. Although Mark will be missed I am pleased to announce the worship leaders for Summer 2022.

- Sunday, May 29, 2022 – Jerry (Veteran) and Barbara Billingsley
- Sunday June 5, 2022 – Dr. Louima Lilite, OBU Professor of Music
- Sunday June 12, 2022 – Kelly, Robin and Hillary Anderson, Worship Pastor of Brookwood Baptist Church in Oklahoma City and family
- Sunday June 19, 2022 – Dr. Bill Green, well known Oklahoma Baptists worship leader and former director of the Singing Churchmen and Singing Churchwomen of Oklahoma
- Sunday June 26, 2022 – Dr. Stephen Sims, OBU Professor of Music, Worship Leadership
- Sunday July 3, 2022 – In House Worship Leadership
- Sunday July 10, 2022 – Randy Lind, Oklahoma Baptists Music Ministry Partner
- Sunday July 17, 2022 – In House Worship Leadership

**Vision Development Focus Group Report:**

On Sunday evening, May 22, 2022, a Focus Group Report was presented to the church by way of the monthly business meeting at 6:00 pm. Thank you for prayerfully reading through the report, reviewing the appendices, and considering the recommendation found on the one page of chapter eight. Please contact Bro. Dale and any member of the Focus Group (listed in the abstract statement at the beginning of the report) with any questions. And continue to prayerfully participate in the following action points:

- Sunday, June 5, 2022 – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm – Question and Answer Session
  - Prayerfully review the report and plan to participate in the Q&A
  - Take special note of the Abstract at the beginning of the report and the recommendation page in Chapter 8, p. 59.
- Sunday, June 12, 2022 – 5:00 pm – Monthly Business Meeting
  - The church will take action on the Focus Group Report during this business meeting
  - See the recommendation of the Focus Group as presented at the May 22 business meeting
  - The recommendation can be found on page 59 of the report, a one page chapter 8.

**Devotional Thought for Today:**

*Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends* (John 15:13). When Jesus offered Himself to God as a sacrifice taking our place on the cross and dying a substitutionary death on our behalf, He fulfilled the words of John 15:13. He laid down His life for His friends.

Only a few verses later, Jesus states, *“No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, because all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you”* (John 15:15). The Lord has revealed Himself to us through His Word, through His life, death and resurrection, and through the Holy Spirit as we have received His salvation.

This Sunday, we will express gratitude for the men and women who have willingly laid down their lives for the many generations of this country. Our military, veterans, and fallen mean much to us as a nation, as a people, and as a church. The Lord has richly blessed us through these men and women. We salute you.

This Sunday, we will also remember the One who laid down His life for us. And for an eternity, we will worship the Lamb of Glory slain from the foundation of the world.

*And I heard every created thing which is in heaven,  
or on the earth, or under the earth,  
or on the sea, and all the things in them, saying,  
“To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing,  
the honor, the glory, and the dominion  
forever and ever.”  
Revelation 5:13 (NASB)*

Rejoicing,

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