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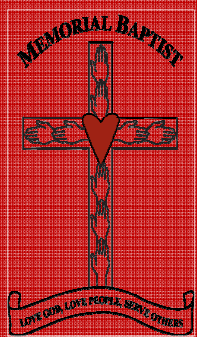
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The Heartbeat

Newsletter

Love God, Love People, Serve Others.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

JOIN US

Christmas Eve Communion Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 24, 2023

10 A.M.

Perspectives

From your Pastor's heart.....

Why should you invite your friends to church this Christmas season?

Here are 4 reasons:

1. Life is scary!

The economy, war, terrorism, ill health — there is a lot to be afraid of in our world today. But those who have met the One that calms storms know that though the journey might be challenging, we are ultimately promised a safe harbor. Invite your friends to meet Jesus, the only reliable Guide through scary times.

2. People are lonely!

Lies, abandonment, abuse, disappointment — no matter how wonderful the person or relationship, there are times when the best of human companionship will disappoint. That's because, as St. Augustine said, *"we all have a God-shaped void inside of us that only Jesus can fill."* Invite your friends to meet Jesus, the only person whose love will never fail through all of life, death, and into eternity.

3. Everyone needs a purpose!

As a former Watergate conspirator said, *"Many folks live their lives climbing the ladder of success only to realize that it was leaning against the wrong wall."* Jesus' resurrection provides us with the power to live lives of significant purpose and to discern between true and false success. Invite your friends to discover Jesus, the only compass to guide you to a life of genuine, meaningful purpose.

4. We are all going to live forever!

Most people of our day believe that they will live forever. The question is, if you are going to live forever, what neighborhood will you live in? Jesus promises that for those who believe in Him they will live in an eternal neighborhood of light, joy, purpose, and companionship with loved ones. But Jesus won't force anyone to live in His neighborhood. The problem is, any place outside of His source of light, joy, purpose, and companionship is an eternal place of darkness, pain, regret, and isolation — not the type of neighborhood we want anyone we know and care about to live in. Invite your friends to meet Jesus so they can live forever in the neighborhood of joy that Jesus referred to as Heaven.



Please don't let the opportunity pass you by this Christmas season to invite your friends to church!

Be blessed..... *Pastor Mike*



Mike Colston
Senior Pastor

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
3 Bible Study, 9:30 A.M. Worship Service & Facebook, 10:50 A.M. SNL, 4:30 P.M. Youth, 6 P.M.	4	5 GYF Christmas Party, 12 NOON	6 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	7	8	9
LOTTIE MOON WEEK OF PRAYER DEC. 3-10						
10 Bible Study, 9:30 A.M. Worship Service & Facebook, 10:50 A.M. Dress Rehearsal, 4 - 5:30 P.M. Youth, 6 P.M.	11	12	13 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	14	15	16
17 Bible Study, 9:30 A.M. Children's Program & Facebook, 10:50 A.M. Youth, 6 P.M.	18 Ladies Potluck Christmas Party, 5:30 P.M. FCA Christmas Party, 5 P.M.	19	20 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	21	22 Office Closed	23
24 Communion & Candlelight Service Facebook, 10 A.M.	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Office Closed	26	27 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	28	29 Office Closed	30
31 Worship Service & Facebook, 10 A.M.						

DEC

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Adult Bible Study	10 A.M.
Adult Prayer & Bible Study	6 -7:30 P.M.
Awana (ages 3 - 8th grade)	6 -7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Praise Band Practice	8:30 A.M.
Children & Youth Bible Study	9:30-10:40 A.M.
Adult Bible Study	9:40-10:40 A.M.
Sunday Worship	10:50 A.M.- 12 NOON

BIRTHDAY

2 Bill Jones	17 Amy Dungan
4 Stephanie Starkey	18 Bonnie Feedback
5 Kay Quire	19 Riley Welch
7 Karen Cook	24 Martha Evilsizor
10 Dawn Welch	27 Lee Meadows
12 Alan Beghtol	28 Millie McClain
17 Bill Wallace	28 Zach Smith
17 Linda Whit	

CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

The Christian Book Club will start back in January. We will be reading *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis Higgs. You can contact Dianna Moore or Deb Colston.

MISSIONS

We are collecting paper towels, tissues & baby wipes for Second Street School. We will also be collecting gently used shirts, pants, socks (no holes, tears, or stains) and new underwear to support the School Resource Office. This will be an ongoing collection. If you have any questions, contact Dianna Moore.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much to Maddie Starkey and the Kentucky County Fair Pageant Winners Teen Queens for their donation of 311 pairs of shoes for the Harlan County Shoe Project.

Thank to all that came for the blessing of my new home. I love my church family! Janet Lanphierd

SYMPATHY

Deepest sympathy to the family of Nancy Snook, who passed away Wednesday, November 15, 2023. She was a member of GYF & the Sunshine Bible Class. She had been a member of MBC since April 1995.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Gary Wayne Lynn. He was the father of Kathy Ramlee, who passed away on Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SNL (Sunday Night Live)

Sunday Nights in Kid's Cove from 4:30- 5 P.M.

YOUTH SMALL GROUPS

Sunday Nights at 6 P.M. at the Meadows' House.

FCA Christmas party is Monday, December 18 at 5 p.m. in the Youth area.

GYF EVENT

Tuesday, December 5 It is Christmas time. We are having our Christmas party in the Narthex at 12 NOON. Please bring a \$10 gift for one of our games.

LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, December 18 at 6 P.M. in the Narthex. Please bring a gift and a dish for the potluck dinner.

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR CLOSING

The church office will be closed for Christmas on Friday, December 22 and Monday, December 25. For New Years we will be closed on Friday, December 29 and Monday, January 1, 2024.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Week of Prayer is December 3-10

To learn more about the impact that the Lottie Moon offering has had globally and to learn more about the founder, Lottie Moon, go to <https://www.imb.org/generosity/lottie-moon-christmas-offering/>.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

No Bible Study classes on Sunday, Dec. 24 & 31.

For the Record

	Sunday Oct. 29	Sunday Nov. 5	Sunday Nov. 12	Sunday Nov. 19	Sunday Nov. 26	Totals
Bible Study	48	48	47	51	39	
Worship Service	48	75	57	63	56	
Facebook	90-9	81-14	94-4	114-7	130-4	
Budget Offerings	2,813.00	4,276.00	3,905.56	8,919.00	3,322.00	23,235.56
Lord OT Harvest	400.00	650.00	575.00	1,610.00	625.00	3,860.00
Designated Gifts	587.00	498.00	304.00	504.00	222.63	1,893.00
Online Giving	180.00	670.00	0.00	450.00	830.00	2,130.00
Total Gifts	3,980.00	6,094.00	4,784.56	11,483.00	4,999.63	27,041.56



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Future Events



**CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM**
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023
10:50 A.M.

DRESS REHEARSAL IS SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 10 AT 4 P.M. IN THE
WORSHIP CENTER.