

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

8 Jerry David	25 Larry Van Buren	30 Dorsey Conley
12 Lisa Strader	28 Mary Gable	
18 Karen Phillips	29 Chuck Gates	

## Anniversaries

6 Les & Lynn Brooks	24 Charles & Mendy Jackson	28 Gene & Adah Bushart
15 Don & Suzette Curtis	25 Larry & Lois Jedele	
22 Lyle & Bonnie Veldhuizen	26 Jerry & Sharon David	



Milan Baptist  
Church

# Monthly Newsletter

November 2017



### MBC Thanksgiving Dinner

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner will be November 12 following the service in *the*MAC. Look for the signup sheets! If you are interested in making one of the turkeys for the dinner, please contact Gerri Beehler at [gerbeehler@hotmail.com](mailto:gerbeehler@hotmail.com) or Jackie James at [jsjames13@yahoo.com](mailto:jsjames13@yahoo.com).

### Note from Our Pastor...

#### Hebrews 12:3 ESV

*"Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."*

As we all know...life can grow wearisome and hard at times, but with Christ Himself as our example, the Lord admonishes us not to give up, but always to press-on. For example...if our prayers seem to go unanswered, He reminds us that we *"...ought always to pray and not lose heart."* (Luke 18:1) When we grow tired and are tempted to quit, the Scriptures assure us that *"in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."* (Galatians 6:9)

When God has entrusted us with a certain ministry, we need to learn to say, as the apostle Paul did, *"Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart."* As we see mercy and blessing begin to flow, we then can say, as he did, *"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day."* (2 Corinthians 4:16) We can even encourage others not to lose heart, as He did: *"So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory."* (Ephesians 3:13) Interestingly enough, the same Greek word is translated *"weary"* (grow tired) in 2 Thessalonians 3:13 *"...do not grow weary in doing good."*

Finally, even when God has to discipline us, we've got to learn to receive it patiently, *"...do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him."* (Hebrews 12:5; Proverbs 3:11-12 *it's a sign of God's love*) But with all these strong exhortations to not give up, we also need to know just HOW we can obtain the needed strength to keep-on keeping-on. The answer is in God's amazing counsel to the prophet Isaiah: *"...they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."* (Isaiah 40:31)

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fridays 9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m

### Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

The church office will be closing at noon on Wednesday, November 22. We will be closed on Thursday November 23 and Friday November 24.

### SeniorLife Ministry

Join us at 11:00 a.m. in the MAC, for worship, Bible study, and fellowship for Seniors. Our sermon series this year is from the book of Psalms. Included each week is a luncheon served at noon. November 8 will be this month's activity trip. There will be NO SeniorLife on November 22 (Happy Thanksgiving!).

### Kitchen Korner

There are lots of events going on in the MAC this month! The Saturday work days will continue, if you want to make lunch for our workers, let us know. We'll be having our Thanksgiving dinner on Sun., Nov. 12. Look for signup sheets! If you would like to make one of the turkeys for dinner, see Gerri or Jackie. In the next couple of months, there will be a lot of family things going on. Remember that we have a wonderful ice machine in the kitchen that can be used, so no need to bring your own ice. Make sure you talk to one of us on the Kitchen Committee for what needs to be done to care for the kitchen. Have a great November!

### Barakel Christmas

For those wishing to purchase Christmas gifts for our Barakel families, we will have slips available soon! Please contact Amy Stinehelfer at (770) 655-4991 or amgirl00@yahoo.com for any questions!

### First Fridays

Our newest ministry will be kicking off in January of 2018! The Ladies' Ministry will be hosting this "girl time" once a month! Make new friends, learn crafts, learn new cooking skills, and spend time in God's Word! They are offering two meeting time options: 9:30a.m.-11:30a.m. led by Joan Hendee or 7p.m.-9p.m. led by Lisa Strader. Kickoff is January 12!

### Deacon Caring Fund

This fund is used at the Deacons' discretion to assist members/non-members with dire, one time, financial needs. Examples of how we have been able to assist include things like a night at a hotel, replacing a tire, car repair, groceries, utility bill, medical bill, etc. The congregation's ongoing support for this offering/fund is so needed, and so appreciated by the Deacons and those that we have

been able to assist over the years. You can also designate for this fund on your offering envelopes at any time. Thanks for all of your on-going support.



### Operation Christmas Child

**DO NOT INCLUDE**



Candy; Toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns; knives; or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans; dice or games that contain dice.

### ITEMS THAT CAN BE FOR BOYS OR GIRLS:

Stuffed Animals; Harmonicas; Combs; Hairbrush; Toothbrush; Washcloth; Bar soap; Hat/scarf/mittens; Sunglasses; Pencils; Crayons; Markers; Pens; Notebooks; Picture books; Playdough; Stickers; Jump rope; Slinky

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### Ladies Ministry

"Christmas Medley" is the theme for our annual Ladies' Christmas Banquet coming on Tuesday, December 5, at 6:30. Tracey Brooks will be our speaker. There will be great food, great fellowship, and lots of special music. Ladies, please mark your calendars and begin inviting family and friends.

### Mission Spotlight:

#### Samaritan's Purse

Samaritan's Purse is a Christian International Relief organization. Not only do we support them through Operation Christmas Child, but we have supported their short term mission trips as well. Currently, they are working with the hurricane victims in TX, FL, LA, and Puerto Rico.



## Children's Ministry

### Birth – Grade 5

#### Sunday School

Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:30am! We have classes for children birth-grade 5

#### Kids Worship

Sunday Mornings at 10:45am! Attend the Worship Service with your parents and then join us downstairs following the Children's Sermon!

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#### Bible Adventurers (Grades 1-5)

See you January 14 for our Winter Semester!

#### Awana (Ages 3-Grade 6)

November 1: Small Toy Night (Bring your favorite!)  
November 8: Veterans Day! (Wear red/white/blue!)  
November 15: Hershey Kiss Night  
November 22: NO CLUBS (Happy Thanksgiving!)  
November 29: Camo Night

## Youth Ministry

### Grade 6 – Grade 12

#### Sunday School

9:30a.m.—Education: A Place Where Students Can Learn From God's Word With Like-Minded Peers.

#### C<sup>2</sup> (Christ Center Student Ministries)

Grades 6-12 are invited to join our study on Developing a Godly Character. Learn to study the Bible deeper, enhance your prayer life, and grow spiritually!

**NO C<sup>2</sup> on November 26! Happy Thanksgiving!**



#### YEC (Youth Evangelism Conference)

The dates are November 17-18!  
Make sure you see Noah to get signed up today!

#### Your Spot Community Youth Outreach

Thursdays 6:30-8:30 in the MAC, grades 6-12

Join us November 9 as we celebrate birthdays!

**November 16 we will be having our Your Spot Thanksgiving! NO Your Spot on November 23.**

### Note from our Youth Pastor...



If you're a student, we're in an extremely exciting time for our Teem Ministry! First, we have kicked off a new series at C-Squared called "Unapologetic." It's a combination of the term apologetics—defending what we believe—and Romans 1:16 with our hearts unashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! In Your Spot, we have been going through the Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23, encouraging our students to have those godly characteristics that will help them in life and relationships.

And THEN there are our two new and exciting opportunities. On November 19 at 5:00pm, we will have our first ever Teen Worship Ministry Interest Meeting (conveniently right before C-Squared). If you're interested in learning more about worship and developing your musical skills for the Lord, you won't want to miss this! The second thing, coming in December, is a small group Bible Study for teens who want to take things one step further. In line with our study of defending our beliefs, the Bible Study will be based around David Platt's book, *Counter Culture*, and discuss current social issues in today's culture matched with the appropriate and biblical response of a Believer changed by the Gospel. If that all wasn't enough, we have the Youth Evangelism Conference November 17-18, which will equip students for serving the Lord in a really neat way! It's time to own our faith...it's time to be unashamed!