

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Kevin Chapman	13 Aiden Blackwell	25 Chene Veldhuizen
7 Linda Jaarda	15 Adam Caballero	27 Beth Heath
	Dave Winters	
9 Elizabeth Bennett	18 Isabelle McCune	29 Mike Phillips
10 Jerry DuBois	20 Neal Kesterson	31 Grace Lovelace
12 Chris Veldhuizen	22 Rick Gay	

Anniversaries

2 Jerry & Jan Austin Mel & Alpha Ott	12 Mark & Linda McDonald
3 Mike & Karen Phillips	25 Chuck & Donna Gates
4 Kurt & Becky Heinold	28 Mitchell & Jackie Blake
11 Dan & Tracey Brooks	

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Christmas in August August 21 @ 7 p.m.

Anyone interested in Praise Choir or
Orchestra is encouraged to attend!



A Word from Our Pastor

Can't believe another summer is coming to a close here in "Pure Michigan." I would like us to think about setting some goals this fall. You'll never find the ideal time to take the next step toward your goals. So *do it now*. Those three words could change your life. The Bible says, "He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap." (Ecclesiastes 11:4 ESV). In other words, if you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done. You can't wait until your life settles down to reach for that elusive goal. You can't wait until everyone else is on board to do what you know the Lord has called you to do. The time is now. Your life must be able to thrive under imperfect conditions or it will never thrive. So let's get started today with these four steps.

First, you need to **CLARIFY YOUR GOALS**. God gave you an amazing ability to choose what's important in your life. Many people never stop to think through and identify what's really important to them. You can't do what's important in your life until you clarify what it is. Take some time to think and pray about two specific things: What do I value? What do I want to change? I've been to many conferences over the years on setting "God honoring goals for life and ministry" and most of the time it boils down to a contemplation of four areas:

- Intellectual goals: What do I want to learn?
- Physical goals: How can I improve my health?
- Spiritual goals: How do I deepen my relationship with God?
- Social goals: How can I serve other people more effectively?

Secondly, **WRITE YOUR GOALS DOWN**. You won't complete any goals you don't write down. As you write them down, word them so they are SMART goals. That means they are: **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**chievable, **R**elevant, **T**ime-sensitive. A goal is a dream with a deadline. Thirdly, **GET SUPPORT FROM OTHER BELIEVERS**. Too many people try to achieve goals by themselves. If you're going to reach the goals you set for yourself, you need other people to cheer you on and be accountable to. And Finally, **ASK GOD FOR HELP**. If you're going to complete your personal goals this year, you need to expect that God will help. Pray expectantly. The Bible says, "But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame." (Isaiah 50:7). Someone has said, "You can only accomplish the impossible if you see the invisible." Living in the light of eternity is the only thing that'll keep you on track in 2019.

New ABF Classes

We are offering 3 new classes for ABF (Adult Bible Fellowship)! Our first class takes place in Room 207 (Bible Discussion Class) and they will be studying "The Ten Commandments" with Larry Jedele. Meeting in the MAC, we have two new classes. The first class is called "Paul's Life Story" and is taught by Dick Glaser. The second class is called "The Lost Generation – The Millennials" and is taught by Merle Jaarda. If you have any questions about our ABF groups, please see Chuck Bushart.

SeniorLife Picnic

SeniorLife doesn't have to wait until September to get together! We will be hosting our 2nd SeniorLife Picnic on August 3 from 12-2 p.m. in the MAC. We hope to see you there!

Ladies' Ministry – First Friday

Our next First Friday is August 2. AM Session is at 9:30.

Young Adult Ministry

We appreciate your prayers as we ramp up the Young Adults Ministry at MBC. We are hosting a casual Dinner/Bible Study at our home this summer for young adults to connect with each other and get to know us too. We plan a larger launch in the Fall of a weekly mid-week gathering with Bible content, worship and more. Please pray for the Spirit to form a strong community, teachable hearts, spiritual growth, and an outward focus.

Young Adult Summer Hangouts

Mondays 6:30 - 8:30pm:

August 5, 12, 19

Join us for a casual time of dinner and a dive into God's Word at our (Kurt & Becky Heindl) home on Mondays in July and August! We'll eat dinner on our deck (indoors if needed), do a Bible Study/Discussion to encourage us in our faith (all levels of experience welcome), and maybe play games afterwards. We are excited to get to know you (or know you better)! Invite friends!

Text one of us by Sunday afternoon the day before if you're planning on coming that week just so we know for food (Incl. food allergies/requirements) and we'll send you our address. *If you don't text you can still come and eat -- we'll make extra! (Kurt cell 734-730-0015; Becky cell 734-652-2366). Call or text with questions.

Construction Days

We will be continuing MAC Construction throughout the summer. They will meet at 8a.m. every Saturday in August except 8/3.

North Carolina Short Term Mission Trip

We are asking for prayers for our Short Term Mission Team as they are on their trip July 27-August 3. Join us August 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the MAC to hear their report on their trip!

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

This is a "new" adult fellowship coming to MBC; premiering in September. Everyone is invited to sign-up (starting in August) to be a dinner guest or a dinner host for one or more months. On the evening of the fellowship the dinner guests will all meet in the MAC @ 6:00 pm to find out where they will be going to dinner. Names (couples or singles) will be drawn at random & given a host's name & address. Dinner hosts will have indicated how many guests they are inviting to dinner. The hosts will not know "who is coming to dinner" until they arrive at their door.

Dinner will begin sometime from 6:30 to 7:00 & conclude between 8:30 & 9:00 p.m.

The hosts will be responsible for providing the entire meal, but it does not need to be anything fancy. The goal of this fellowship is not to eat, but to build relationships with others in our church. There will be an information table in the narthex, this month, to sign-up & to help answer any questions.

MLT Meeting

Our next MLT meeting will be Saturday, August 24 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 207.

Ministry Fair

Save the date! Our Ministry Fair will be August 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the MAC

Mission Spotlight:

Youth Haven Ranch
Youth Haven is a year round outreach for disadvantaged children.



Children's Ministry Birth – Grade 6

Kathy Winters, Children's Ministry Coordinator
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Sunday School

Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:30am!

Kids Worship

Attend the Worship Service with your parents and then join us downstairs following the Children's Sermon! Visit our facebook page at www.facebook.com/MBCKidsWorship for daily ideas to reinforce each Sunday's lessons.

Teen Ministry

Grade 7 – Grade 12

Noah Radtke, Youth Pastor
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Sunday School (Sundays, 9:30-10:30, MAC)

Bible Education for Grades 7-12

C2: Christ-Centered Teen Ministries

(Sundays, 6:00-8:00, MAC)

Youth Group for Grades 7-12

DEEPER (Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00, Room 207)

Small Group Discipleship for Grades 7-12

Your Spot Community Youth Outreach

(Thursdays, 6:30-8:30, MAC)

Gospel-Centered Outreach and Open Gym for Grades 7-12



Note from our Youth Pastor...

I hope you guys are getting some seriously needed rest over Summer Break! I think we often think of rest as lying around and doing nothing (which I bet some of you are experts at during the summer), but I want to throw out that there's something more to it! In today's language, "rest" could be better described as **RECHARGING**. Imagine you're watching your favorite show on Netflix with your phone, and you get that "10% Battery Life" warning...you ignore it and keep watching, but within minutes your phone suddenly goes dark during a super pivotal scene! You've got to know what happens to the main character!!! So you take your phone over to a coffee table, set it down, and just stare at it, waiting for something to happen. Umm...WHAT?! Your phone is resting after working hard, but it's not recharging. This Summer—especially now that we're coming to the tail end of break—I can't encourage you enough to plug into a "power source" and get recharging for this coming year; which leads to my main question: where do you get your power from? **In Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus says, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."** Rest is great and all, but recharging is even better! You not only get rest, you also are given strength to conquer tomorrow's challenges; but you need to decide where you get your power from. Take time this summer and plug into Christ; He's the source of power you truly need to recharge! Tangibly, read your Bible more, talk to God more, make solid Christian friends your *best* friends, come to church, and be a part of our Teen Ministries! Plug in, charge up, and get ready for what God has in store for you! We're here if you need help in that!