

The Messenger

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Sunday Worship:

8am Sunrise SS Class
9:50am SS Classes
9 & 11am Worship

Wednesday Nights:

5:30pm Catered Meal
6:30-7:30pm Bible Study
& Programs
7:45pm Choir Practice

Thanksgiving Offering

God has been good to us throughout the year and during this time of Thanksgiving we are taking up a special offering to help pay down the building debt on the beautiful sanctuary and preschool area that we have enjoyed so much during the past 12 years. Specially marked envelopes will be placed in the foyer and the Sanctuary of the church. 100% of the money received will go on the principal of the loan. Through this offering and other decisions in the church we have taken at least two years off of the building debt. By January 2020 we will be well under the \$500,000 threshold bringing the church much closer to financial freedom. We ask that any gift that you give be above what you have committed to give on a regular basis that supports the missions and functioning of Memorial Baptist Church from day to day. We will finish the offering at the end of the worship service on November 24. Thank you so much for your continued generosity to the work of the Lord.



TIME FOR CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES! Our shoe box project for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child will be conducted for the next three weeks. Shoe boxes, information and instructions are available in the atrium hallway. Pick up yours today! Return filled box to the same table by November 17.

DIVORCE Care Surviving the Holidays

If you are separated or divorced, the holidays can be a lonely, stressful, and depressing time, but they don't have to be.

Join us at 12:30-3:30pm on Sunday, November 17th for an encouraging seminar and discover how to enjoy the holidays again.

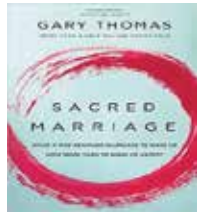
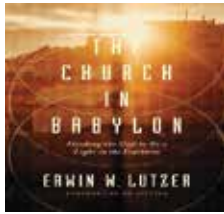
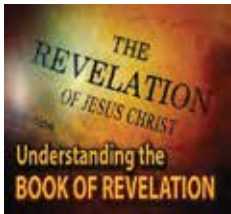
This free session includes lunch.

Registration required by Nov. 10.
Call (540) 294-0015 to register.

wednights

dinner & adult classes

The Pastor will have his Bible study in the Social Hall. We are teaching through the book: The Church in Babylon. It is a challenging study of what the church needs to do in a world that is increasingly counter to the Christian faith. It is the type of study that you can drop in on any time and get something out of it. Danny Rexrode will be teaching his class on Revelation. This is an in-depth class working through the entirety of Revelation as well as Daniel and other books of Scripture that weave into the theology of Revelation. This is a class that you need to attend regularly in order to keep up. It meets in the Friends in Fellowship Class in the Adult Hall. Kim Kirschneck is wrapping up "Sacred Marriage" also in the Adult Hall. Also, we continue to have our class for women doing hands on mission work: SHINE. They meet in the DFC Class. The classes will meet through December 4 and then will reconvene in January.



Wednesday Night Schedule:

5:30pm Catered Meal/Pizza
6:15 - 7:30pm Wee Worshipers & Jazzy Juniors
6:30 - 7:30pm REFINE Youth & Adult classes
7:45 pm Choir Practice

Be sure to check the
menu & sign up for
your meal/pizza!



Sign up for ONLINE GIVING:
memorial-baptist.org/online-giving



Respite Night
for Special Friends
families and their children

For more info or to help,
contact Ellen Carlton: 540-294-0430

DEACONS

Leading through Serving

The ballots for the top nominated deacons are now available in the foyer of the church. Each member should take their ballot from the envelope that is assigned for their family, prayerfully vote for 6 from the list of deacon candidates and then place their ballot in the box.



November 3
9 & 11 services



Video recorders needed!

What a wonderful ministry we have, being able to offer the recording of each service and live streaming to Facebook every week! It IS a wonderful ministry, however, we are short-handed. We need more volunteers to cover recording services on Sunday mornings and special services/events if we are going to continue this ministry.

If you would like to be trained to film (easy!) and help make this happen, please contact Kathy Lafon ASAP. kwlafon@comcast.net or come see her after any service. Thank you!



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Introducing New Books and Media in the MBC Library...

Adult Non Fiction

Becoming A Woman of Extraordinary Faith

by Julie Clinton

The Quick Reference Guide to Counseling

Women by Tim Clinton

Sacred Holidays by Becky Kiser

A Different Kind of Happiness

by Larry Crabb

Come Thirsty Participants Guide

by Max Lucado

Adult Fiction

Almost Home by Yalene Fraser Luesse

Convergence by Ginny L. Yttrup

Courting Mr. Emerson by Melody Carlson

Far Side of the Sea by Kate Breslin

Indivisible by Travis Thrasher

Children's Books

Christian Liberty Nature Reader #3

by Julia McNair Wright

Christian Liberty Nature Reader #4

by Julia McNair Wright

Dash by Kate Klimo

Dog Diaries Series #5

Fala by Kate Klimo

Dog Diaries Series #8

Lucy's Diary by Stacie Deutsch

Spirit Riding Free #3

DVDs

Pilgrim's Progress

Russ Taff I Still Believe

The Lion King



CHRISTMAS MUSIC DAY!

On Sunday, December 15, we will have only ONE service at 10:30 am with special Christmas music from the Sounds of Joy Handbell Choir and the Sanctuary Choir. This year, the choir will present a new musical, "Hallelujah, Jesus is Born!" written by Dave Clark and Nick Robertson. It features well-loved classic carols, as well as newer songs of praise including "Is He Worthy?"

That same night at 7 pm, join us for the traditional Children's Celebration featuring the Pre-school Sunday School Class and Wee Worshipers displaying the nativity scene, and the Jazzy Juniors as they present "The Christmas Express". You will see the Jazzies travel to Bethlehem, PA where they meet new friends and see lives changed on the Christmas Express!

Check out these PLUS MANY MORE books and media new to the MBC Library this month!

THANKSGIVING SERVICE, November 24

Join us November 24 at 10:30am as we celebrate Thanksgiving with our traditional one service. We will give thanks throughout the service as we remember what God has done for us. Special music will be heard from the Wee Worshipers, Jazzy Juniors, Sounds of Joy Handbell Choir, and the Sanctuary Choir! Following the service, we will have an all-church luncheon. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Come and fellowship with your church family!



SACRA CONCERT

Join us on Monday, December 9th at 7 pm for an amazing concert with all proceeds going to SACRA: Staunton Augusta Church Relief Association. It's a beautiful way to kick off the holiday...bring a friend!



Churchwide Christmas Party and Children's Celebration

All are invited to a fun-filled night of music on Sunday, December 15 at 7pm for our Children's Celebration. Following the program, we will head to the Great Hall for snacks, fellowship, and a special visit from Santa for the children!



REFINE

YOUTH MINISTRY



November 3

Serving Food @ The Valley Mission

2:00 - 5:30pm

We will be cooking the food at the church and then heading over to serve the people at Valley Mission. This was a great event last year and went really well! Looking to continue the tradition! Cooking will begin in the Great Hall Kitchen at 2:00. Night will end around 5:30pm.



November 10

Pizza and Aliens

5:30 - 7:30pm

Two Fan Favorites. Pizza and Aliens! You can't beat that! We will be here at the church from 5:30-7:30pm for a night of Aliens and other games throughout the church. We will start with eating some pizza and then have a quick devotion then play games for the rest of the night! No cost for this event. Bring a drink to share.

November 17

Godly Guys and Girls

The last Sunday of each month the guys and girls are splitting up to meet together. This is a chance for fellowship and also a chance to be more open about one's struggles in the faith. We will try to meet at different people's homes instead of at the church so stay tuned for locations and times.



November 27

Shop Til You Drop

8:30am - 6:30pm

We will be heading to Richmond area to do some Christmas shopping! We will start the day off doing some shopping for the Christmas Families, then we will end the afternoon with going to Short Pump Mall and doing some personal Christmas shopping & exploring!



December 1

Christmas Caroling @ Envoy

6:00-7:30pm

We have started a great relationship with Envoy Nursing Home. They loved having the opportunity to meet with our students and chat with them Oct. 20th. They were very excited to hear that we were coming back for some Christmas Caroling! Meet at the church at 5:45pm so we can leave at 6pm. Pick up at 7:30.



December 8

Youth Christmas Party

6:00-7:30pm

We will be having our annual Youth Christmas Party with games and food and desserts and Christmas! This was a great event last year and we are waiting to hear where we can host this event! You will be asked to bring a side or dessert to share.



NOVEMBER 2019



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|----------------------------------|--|---|--|--------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 9am-12noon Comfort Quilts |
| 3 9&11am Communion 7pm Deacons Mtg  | 4 | 5 ELECTION DAY 10am WMU Bible Study 6pm Leland Sem. Class | 6 9am Christmas Family Sign Up 5:30pm Wed. Supper | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 6pm Leland Sem. Class 6pm Pack Food on Friday | 13 5:30pm Wed. Supper & programming | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 12:30pm Surviving the Holidays - Divorce Care | 18 6:30pm Finance | 19 6pm Leland Sem. Class | 20 5:30pm Wed. Supper & programming | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Thanksgiving Sunday 10:30am one service with meal following | 25 6pm Pack Food on Friday | 26 6pm Leland Sem. Class | 27 Refine Youth - Shop Til You Drop No Supper/Programs | 28 Happy Thanksgiving!  | 29 | 30 |

November Birthdays

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|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Melvin Sweeney | 18 Lisa Burns | 26 Camden Lawhorne |
| 6 Bruce Thompson | 18 Brenna Collins | 27 Sarah Fitzgerald |
| 7 Leah Davis | 19 Matt Baraclough | 28 Linda Snyder |
| 7 Karen Frank | 19 Paula Hoal | 29 Suzanne Meeks |
| 10 Sharon Masincup | 20 Andrea Journell | 30 Kim Snider |
| 11 Alexandra Bishop | 21 Danielle Bowman | |
| 11 Edith Flavin | 21 Ann Myers | |
| 11 JoAnn Mowbray | 22 Kate Houff | |
| 12 Mark Anthony | 23 Alexis Martin | |
| 14 Denise Humphries | 24 Becky Park | |
| 14 Brian Viel | 25 Faye Giles | |
| 15 Thelma Rexrode | 25 Katrina Perdue | |
| 16 Madison Davis | 26 Janet Ewing | |



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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|--|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 6pm Leland Sem. Class | 4 5:30pm Wed. Supper & programming | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 7pm SACRA concert | 10 6pm Leland Sem. Class | 11 5:30pm Wed. Supper & programming | 12 | 13 GYM CLOSED | 14 Dress Rehearsal GYM CLOSED |
| 15 10:30am Cantata 7pm Children's musical & Church Christmas Party | 16 Christmas Family Gifts Distributed | 17 10:30am WMU Bible Study 6pm Leland Sem. Class | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 7pm Christmas Eve | 25 Merry Christmas  | 26 Church Office Closed | 27 Church Office Closed | 28 Friends in Fellowship Christmas Party |
| 29 | 30 | 31 New Years Eve | | | | |

December Birthdays

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|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Shannon Zaccaria | 12 Todd Wilmore | 19 Larry Dawson |
| 3 Lynn Flattum | 13 Alan Stamp | 22 Cary Robinson |
| 3 Eric Kuremsky | 14 Ruth Ann Beaghan | 25 Kay McDonagh |
| 5 Hani Baramki | 15 Michael Lacey | 26 Tim Fitzgerald |
| 5 Brenda Cason | 15 Kenneth Page | 27 Mike Guertler |
| 7 Marilyn Long | 17 Samantha Aikens | 28 Donna Baker |
| 8 Daniel Fahey | 17 Sandra Patterson | 28 Tim Bowers |
| 8 Connie Wimer | 18 Milton Franklin | 28 Scott Harris |
| 9 Judy Rowe | 18 Dan Knopp | 28 Kate Schneider |
| 10 Carolyn Morris | 18 Ramona Lovegrove | 29 Woody Sowers |
| 11 Bob Allred | 18 John Whitfield | |
| 12 Mike Wade | 19 Marla Chambers | |