



THE CHIMES

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to:

- Glorify** and Praise God
- Grow** and develop disciples
- Go** into our community and bring people to Christ

OUR GOAL

We are Committed to:

- L**ordship of Christ Mt 22:37
- O**ngoing Stewardship Mal 3:10
- R**eaching out in Evangelism Mt 28:19-20
- D**iscipleship Training II Tim 2:15

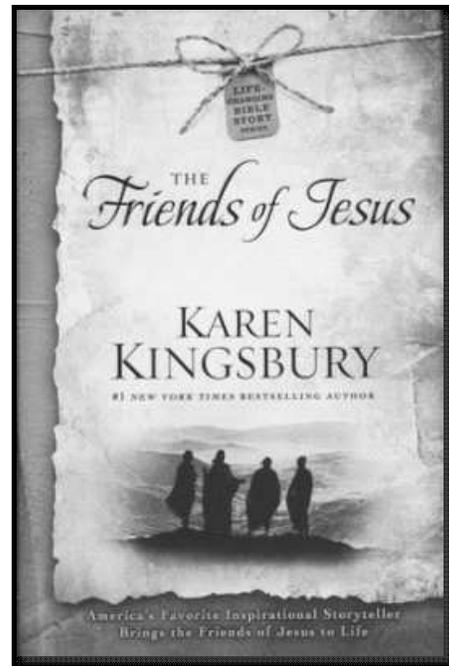
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Ladies Winter Bible Study



Meets on Tuesdays
 January 26 to March 15
 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
 Upper Room Fellowship Hall

OR

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
 Brick house next to church

Sign up on the bulletin board
 or call the church office to register
 at 864.852.2640



Dear Church Family,

Hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. As you think about the New Year to come, consider following the example of our Savior, Jesus Christ. In Mark 1:35, the Bible shows us Jesus' habit of spending time alone with the Father in prayer. Jesus woke up early in the morning while it was still dark and He found a place where He could pray.

Maybe you already have a regular Daily Quiet Time that you spend with God. If so, I encourage you to continue to seek the Lord every day. If you currently do not have a specific time that you spend with God every day, why not start the year off right and establish a regular time of prayer and Bible study.

I truly believe that having a consistent Daily Quiet Time is the single most important aspect of growing in Christ. When you approach the Lord, approach Him with an attitude of humility, and expect Him to do great things in your life. Hebrews 11:6 tells us that God rewards people who earnestly seek Him in faith. Seek God in prayer this year.

Look forward to seeing you this Wednesday night in prayer meeting and Sunday in worship.

In Christ,
Pastor Michael



This is a time to meet new members of the Sunday school classes as well as to fellowship with familiar friends. This is for everyone: kids, young people, adults, singles, retirees.

This quarter's entertainment will be a Bible quiz pitting the men against the women.

The refreshments will be pot-luck finger food. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite finger food to share.



**Ministry of
Evangelism and Outreach**

Well, 2016 is here! That means it is time to renew those old commitments to read more, study more, lose weight, live healthier, etc. I know that some do not believe in new year's resolutions, but it is a good time of year to evaluate your spiritual life. Do you know more scripture now than you did this time last year? Have you committed more scripture to memory this last year? This year did you minister to more people than previously? Have you shared your faith like you are supposed to? These are all good diagnostic questions.

One area of my life that needs adjusting is scripture memory. I need to do a better job of hiding God's Word in my heart. Will you help me? Each month, I will share a verse that I'm currently working on and you have permission to ask me about my progress. I would also like to encourage you to join me in this challenge. You can hold me accountable and I'll hold you accountable. Deal?

The verse for January is 1 John 4:9-10

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

I pray that 2016 will be a blessing to you as you bless those around you.

Associate Pastor Jared

Christian Education

Koinonia Class

What does 'Koinonia' mean? Why name a Sunday School class with a title that is very unfamiliar? And, how do you pronounce it anyway? These were the initial questions I had upon joining this class, in the back of my mind. So what does a person do today for answers...they Google it, of course.

Briefly, Koinonia (pronounced coy-NO-nyah) is a Greek word defined as a partnership, to participate or communicate, to have communion and fellowship. It is used exclusively regarding spiritual matters in the New Testament, at least 17 times. A few references are: Acts 2:42, 1 Cor. 1:9, 2 Cor. 8:4 and 1 John 1:3.

We invite you to come and visit our Koinonia class for 2016.

LADIES WINTER BIBLE STUDY

KAREN KINGSBURY'S "The Friends of Jesus"

We know her as one of America's favorite inspirational novelist, now let's get to know her as a women's Bible study author as well.

Proverbs 28: 24 tells us "There is a friend who stays closer than a brother." But how do we know when someone is a true friend?

Jesus demonstrated friendship in a variety of ways with many kinds of people. Often we struggle the most with our friends, those people who spend time with us and know us the best.

Jesus had friends that formed a cast of characters that Karen looks at in order to give us a deeper understanding of the friends of Jesus as we learn what the Bible says about these fascinating relationships and the depth of friendship that is found in each one.

We will look at Simon, the Leper; Martha, the Broken-Hearted; Jairus, the Two-Faced Leader; Mary Magdalene, the Demon-Possessed; Peter, the Betrayer, & John, the Arrogant Disciple.

We will learn from these character studies what it means to have a heart of gratitude, worship, belief, devotion, obedience, and humility.

We will examine our friendships and see if we reflect Jesus and His character also. All of these friends of Jesus bring a variety of experiences and examples that show the ups and downs of friendship and they will remind us that true friendship is worth the time and commitment involved through those challenging and joyful times.

Most of all, this study will remind us that JESUS is the greatest friend we could ever have.

We will discover HIM as the compassionate friend, the comforting friend, the loyal friend, the friend who restores, the friend who forgives, and the friend who transforms through love.

We will also learn to recognize the power of forgiveness in forging real relationships, to believe that our broken relationships can be the background for beautiful redemption, to escape loneliness and enjoy deep friendship with Jesus, to embrace Jesus as a friend, not only Savior & Lord, to find new life in the fertile soil of friendship with Jesus and others, to overcome busyness and distraction by finding friendship with Jesus and with others, and to trade sickness and shame for a second chance at a soul connection with others through Christ.

What a way to begin our New Year
In the Word of God
With the WORD
Who became flesh
Who calls us friend!!!





SuEllen DeBerry
Noreen Eichem
Glenda Lewis

Our Shut-ins:

George Bolin
Lillian Brown
Margie Bussey
Sandra Gordon
Marvin Hammond
Dessie Jennings
John Talbert

Thank You

The staff of McCormick First Baptist Church wishes to extend our sincere thanks for the Christmas bonuses and the many cards and gifts each of us received last month. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is greatly appreciated.



January

- 1 Dot Bell
- 2 Jared Walley
- 6 Louella Thomas
- 7 Marshall Pearson
- 10 Catherine Gilbert
- 13 Wanda White
- 16 Timothy Sevin
- 17 Charles Lewis
- 21 Margorie Elmore
- 23 Helen Thornton
Donalyn Wright
- 27 Corey Patterson
- 28 James Tennant
- 29 Cody Cann
- 30 Beth Owen
Wallace Wood
- 31 Steve Edmunds
Caleb Wheary

Wednesday Night Supper

Plan to bring a dish and join us at 5:15 PM for a good time of food and fellowship.

Don't wait for an invitation just come with a simple dish to share on Wednesday night.

M-Fuge 2016

MFBC Youth are scheduled to attend camp in June at North Greenville University in Greenville, SC

"M-Fuge is designed to give students a mission experience that opens their eyes to similar opportunities they may have to serve in their own communities, learning to live every day life on mission!"

Deposit for the trip is required by Sunday, January 24, 2016. Total cost of the trip is \$299. Watch for fundraising events in the coming month.

EMPOWER A CHILD WITH PRAYER

Most of us will agree that the children and youth of today are the church of tomorrow. Yet statistics show that a majority of young people will leave the church upon graduation, if not before. The reason for this may be as simple as the fact that teens and young adults feel that they have no connection with the older members of the church.

In an effort to overcome the feeling of age segregation and disconnect within the church, the Children & Youth Committee, with the approval of the Board of Deacons are proposing a new ministry to pair students with seasoned Christian adults that will act as their Prayer Mentors. Mentors will have the opportunity to bond with their assigned student thru the power of prayer and provide a positive role model for our children and youth.

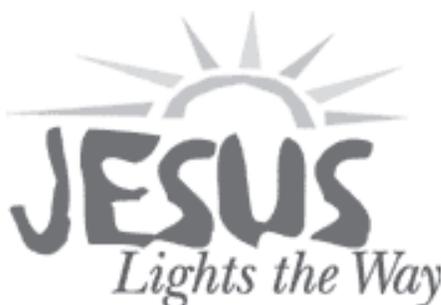
An informational meeting will be held in January (time and date to be determined) for those of you that are curious about such a program and would like more information. In the meantime, we ask that you be intentionally prayerful as to whether God would have you be a Prayer Mentor. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board for those that would be interested in learning more about how to reclaim God's intent that faith be shared across all generations. We encourage all interested adults to attend this meeting without fear of commitment.

Role of a Prayer Mentor

- Pray daily for your assigned child
- Send card/note for special occasions, such as birthdays, holidays, etc.
- Contact the child each week to see if he/she needs a ride to church. (If so, transportation can be arranged thru church ministry.)
- Sit with your student mentee during worship service (optional)
- Be accessible by phone, email, or text should your student mentee wish to contact you about things in their life

Our goal is to launch this program with a banquet around Valentine's Day. Mentors will be paired up with a partner at this time. Female mentors will be assigned to a girl student and male mentors will be assigned to a boy. Partners will change annually in order that the participants have an opportunity to acquaint themselves with various members of our church family. Additional fellowships may be held during the year to include all prayer mentor participants in group settings. What better way to cultivate respect across the generation gap and grow in Christian faith!

.....Children & Youth Committee



Volunteer Schedule



January 3

Audio William Matheny
 Projection Gaye McKee

January 10

Audio Forrest Gilmore
 Projection Andrea Mann

January 17

Audio Adam McCoy
 Projection Diane Shaffer

January 24

Audio Forrest Gilmore
 Projection Joan Prince

January 31

Audio William Matheny
 Projection Gaye McKee

BUDGET REPORT

Financial Summary
 November 2015

Contributions YTD
 Budget \$ 374,853
 Actual \$ 391,529

Expenses YTD
 Budget \$ 374,853
 Actual \$ 356,423

Funds

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|-----------------|----------|
| Missions | \$ 1,985 |
| Rebuild | 4,923 |
| Mission Trip | 17,605 |
| Special Purpose | 18,110 |
| Misc. | 1,632 |



January
 Roy Brooks

February
 Carol Cleveland



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 or visit us on Facebook**

Every Sunday we record the entire 11:00AM Service on CD. These are mailed weekly to our shut-ins. If you know of someone who should or would like to receive one of these, please let us know so that we can put them on the distribution list. We usually have a couple extra that we are now putting in a basket in the foyer on the table. Please feel free to take these.



If there is a particular Sunday you wish to have a CD for, contact Mary she has the master to make you a copy. We keep the recordings on file for several months.

Also, the sermon is posted on our website and left there, you can access it by going to the "resources tab" and selecting "sermons", then pick the date you want to hear. The sermon notes are listed with the audio to follow along with.

| Nursery Volunteer Schedule | | |
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| January | | |
| January 3 | Beth Owen | 391.3485 |
| January 10 | Judy Brown | 391.3706 |
| January 17 | Joy Roberts | 391.3625 |
| January 24 | Melissa Gable | 443.5705 |
| January 31 | Patsy Lee | 852.2644 |

Notes

Pastor Michael and MFBC Church Family,
We would like to thank each one of you for all the prayers, kind words of encouragement, cards of condolence, phone calls both locally and long distance and the beautiful floral arrangement during our time of bereavement in the loss of our father, J.T. Pearson.

You are truly living examples of what a Christ led life should look like to this community and to the world. May each of you bask in the blessings and favor of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as we wish each of you a blessed and abundant New Year.

Marshall and Annie Pearson

To all my dear family at MFBC,
I wish you all a joyous and Christ centered Christmas. I miss everyone so much. This is a wonderful place to live and it is good to be near family.

Love to all,
Noreen Eichem

Merry Christmas to our wonderful friends at MFBC. We miss you all so much. We will be spending the winter in Anderson so we will come to visit you.

God bless you all this Christmas.
Carl and Sue Beers

To my wonderful church family,
May the spirit of Christmas fill your heart.
Have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year !
In Christian Love,
Vicki and Sid Hunt

DEACONS FOR JANUARY

GEORGE PATTERSON
TOMMY HENDERSON
JASON HODGES
PAUL BOLLMAN



Rick Jennings

Marion and Patty Henderson

Alton White

George Bolin and Family

*Our Christian sympathy and love is
extended to:*

*Glenn and Donalyn Wright
in the passing of
Donalyn's father,
Reverend Dean Butler*

