



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:

Lordship of Christ Mt 22:37

Ongoing Stewardship Mal 3:10

Reaching out in Evangelism Mt 28:19-20

Discipleship Training II Tim 2:15



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HOW GREAT THOU ART

Carl Boberg, a 26-year old Swedish minister, wrote a poem in 1885 which he called "O Store Gud" - "A Mighty God."

His poem was published and "forgotten"-or so he thought. Several years later, Carl was surprised to hear it being sung to the tune of an old Swedish melody; but the poem and hymn did not achieve widespread fame.

Hearing this hymn in Russia, English missionary, Stuart Hine, was so moved he modified and expanded the words and made his own arrangement of the Swedish melody. He later said his first three verses were inspired, line upon line, by Russia's rugged Carpathian Mountains. The first verse was composed when he was caught in a thunderstorm in a Carpathian village, the second as he heard the birds sing near the Romanian border, and the third as he witnessed many of the Carpathian mountain-dwellers coming to Christ. The final verse was written after Dr. Hine returned to Great Britain.

Sometime later, Dr. J. Edwin Orr heard "How Great Thou Art" being sung by Naga Tribespeople in Assam, in India, and decided to bring it back to America for use in his own meetings. When he introduced it at a conference in California, it came to the attention of music publisher, Tim Spencer, who contacted Mr. Hine and had the song copyrighted.

During the 1954 Billy Graham Crusade in Harringay Arena, George Beverly Shea was given a leaflet containing this hymn. He sang it to himself and shared it with other members of the Graham team. Though not used in London, it was introduced the following year in Toronto. In the New York Crusade of 1957, it was sung by George Beverly Shea ninety-nine times, with the choir joining the majestic refrain:

Then sings my song, My Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art ! How great Thou art!

Submitted by Donna Derks

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Mary Goens, Editor



The month of November represents so many thoughts. College football is well underway, and we wonder how our teams will fair when it's all said and done. Of course, we have the

Thanksgiving holiday in late November. We began to prepare for Christmas in November. Some folks like to hunt in November, and for others the love of the season for the beautiful weather, not to hot or cold.

November is a time for a lot of activities, however, I do hope you will guard your devotional time with God. We can be so busy that we block out the time we need to be spending with God.

This year we will again have a number of our churches in the area coming together for a joint Thanksgiving service. This year we will be going to the Methodist church for the joint service. We will have the joint service on Sunday evening, November 23, at 6:00 p.m. I hope you will be able to come. We also want to remember and support our Koinonia class as they again prepare meals for many people in our community. Last year they served around 350 meals. Remember, anyone who would like to eat Thanksgiving meal at the church is welcomed. I think we will have a sign up sheet.

We continue to praise God for His many blessings. Please remember to pray for each other. Also, don't forget to pray for your church staff. What a joy it is for me to be able to serve as your pastor. You are a very caring and very gifted church.

Pastor Gary



I would like to say thank you again to all of you that have helped me during this transition. My family and I are overwhelmed with your

generosity and are enjoying the fellowship of being a new part of the body of MFBC.

I have found in the past that one way to get to know others better is to share favorite Scriptures. So over the next few months, I am planning on sharing some of my favorite Bible passages in hopes that you will get to know me better.

One of my favorite passages is John 15:1-11. Please take a minute to read this passage. (Already back? You are one fast reader!) Verse five states, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." As a plant lover, I love the picture that this verse conjures up. We are incapable of doing anything on our own. We must be vitally connected to the ultimate Source. Too often we try to accomplish a task in our own power and strength. It will not work effectively unless we draw upon the nourishment that abiding in Christ provides. I'm positive that each of us has a personal experience that testifies to this fact. I want to challenge you to intentionally abide in Christ when faced with upcoming tasks and challenges.

My prayer for us this month: "Father, we need your help. We are helpless without You. Help us continually abide in You. Help us to grow daily in You as we draw deeply upon your Word. Amen."

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Ministry Fair

**Sunday
November 16, 2014**

6 PM

Ministry of Missions/Evangelism

IT'S SHOE BOX TIME

It's time for shoe boxes! WMU is again sponsoring Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple, gift-filled boxes and evangelistic materials that tell the Good



News of God's love.

Samaritan's Purse has brought the joy of Christmas and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in over 140 nations as they distributed more than 113 million shoebox gifts that were provided by people like you. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me" (Matthew 19:14) Multitudes of these children have given their lives to Christ and become His faithful disciples.

Here are ways you can help:

PRAY. Pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoe box gift and that He will bring many children and families to faith in Christ. Pray specifically for the child who will receive your box. All children receiving shoe boxes will be given the opportunity to participate in the study THE GREATEST JOURNEY, Discipling Children to be Followers of Jesus Christ.

PACK A GIFT. A shoe box filled with small toys and other gifts can open hurting hearts to God's love. Instructional brochures will be available on the table in the hall of the church and in Sunday School classes. Please follow specifically the instructions in these brochures. OCC red and green boxes will be available for your use. Please use the label on the brochure to indicate boy/girl and the age for which you prepared the box. Please close your box with a rubber band as they will be inspected at the OCC headquarters before they are shipped overseas. (We will not be collecting individual items this year.)

**COLLECTION DAY WILL BE
NOVEMBER 16.**

GIVE. Remember to give \$7 or more per box to cover shipping and other project costs. A donation envelope is included in the brochure. Make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse with a note on the

memo line designating the gift for Operation Christmas Child. Enclose it in the envelope provided on the brochure. **DO NOT MAKE YOUR CHECK TO MFBC.** You may also make your donation online if you would like to follow your box to its destination. Go to samaritanspurse.org and follow the instructions there.

The impact of Operation Christmas Child goes far beyond smiles and laughter. These simple gifts become Gospel opportunities, opening hurting hearts to experience the transforming power of Jesus Christ. We invite you to be a part of this wonderful outreach.

Martha's Ministries

Have you visited the Martha Ministries Craft Room lately? If you do not see that particular item that you are looking for, please let **Ellen Muller** know. We will do our best to fill your order. Please take the time to sign out items you take so that we can keep our records in order.



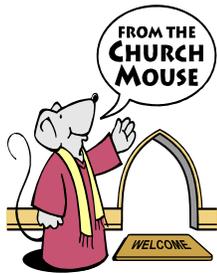
*"Blessing and glory and
wisdom and thanksgiving and
honor and power and might
be to our God
forever and ever! Amen."*

Revelation 7:12, NRSV



November 11, 2014

The Mouse is Back!



◆ The Women from McCormick donated three beautiful baskets and two beautiful children's aprons for the Auction at Christian Women's Connection in Evans.

Those baskets brought in well over \$186 for their mission, Stonecroft Ministries.

◆ **Ceci Ditmer** won First place in the WGA Championship Golf Tournament. Way to go Ceci!

◆ Did you see the picture and article in the Messenger announcing our new Associate Pastor?

◆ We said our final goodbyes to a precious member last month, **Frances Bolin**. Remember when Frances played the piano before the morning service. We all were blessed by her unique style.

◆ I listened in on a new ministry the other day called Communications Ministry. Watch for signs of them communicating with us in the next few months. If you have some ideas or suggestions for them get in touch with **Cyndy Matheny**.

◆ Handsome **Cliff Long** finally took the leap and made Karen his beautiful bride last month. Congratulations!

◆ Praise God for the good report from **Cathy Patterson's** surgery. No more cancer, no chemo, no radiation.

◆ They tell me to check out the church web site, new things are happening.

◆ After a short time in Charleston, **Mary Ann Beckwith** is back in McCormick and we're so glad.

◆ **Robert Lynn McMahon**, awarded 24 Air Medals authorized for display in the Virginia Military Institute Hall of Valor. Lynn served two tours of duty in Viet Nam as a pilot.

Happy Thanksgiving



Christian Education

Joint Heirs class

Fighting the Giant of Worry

How does focusing on God's Word lessen worry in your life? The rich practical wisdom of the Bible says to "leave tomorrow alone." When the day dawns, God will give you the grace and the strength you need for it. In our fall study of Dr. David Jeremiah's message in the Masterwork Sunday School lesson book; he encourages us to live one day at a time.

1) Don't dwell on yesterday's mess. If God can cut away the past, we must be able to do likewise.

2) Don't dwell on yesterday's success. Paul the apostle, made an interesting declaration at the close of his life and career. He said that he hadn't achieved his great goal yet, but that he kept his focus on one thing - forgetting what was behind him and pushing forward to the one wonderful thing still before him: the high calling of Christ.

3) Don't dwell on yesterday's distress. The important thing is to keep on walking. Don't look over your shoulder to yesterday's happiness or sadness; don't crane your neck to see what may lie beyond the bend in the road. Live in the present tense and make every day a beautiful gift of God, unmarred by the lines and wrinkles of worry.

What area the six words of wisdom for worriers? "Worry about nothing - pray about everything." True peace comes from knowing that God is in control.

"Therefore, I say to you do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?" Matt. 6:25

Submitted by **Donna Derks**

Who Givest All

O Lord of Heaven and earth, and sea,
To The all praise and glory be,
How shall we show our love to Thee,
Who givest all?
The golden sunshine, vernal air,
Sweet flowers and fruit, Thy love declare,
When harvest ripens, Thou art there,
Who givest all.
For peaceful homes, and healthful days,
For all the blessings earth displays,
We owe Thee thankfulness and praise.
Who givest all.

May First McCormick Baptist Family
have a blessed and bountiful
Thanksgiving.

"Sweet Pea"

Ministry of Fellowship



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

Annual Church Picnic Baker Creek State Park September 28, 2014



November

- 1 Scooter Edmunds
Suzanne Matheny
Adam McCoy
Autumn Joy Seigler
- 2 Barbara Bollman
- 3 Joan Prince
- 4 Irena Webster
- 8 Trey Parnell
- 9 Marion Henderson
- 10 June White
Jason Hodges
- 12 Brady Hodges**
Scott Seigler
- 13 Randy Lindsey
Roy Phillipps
- 14 Lee Wilson
- 15 Jean Anderson
- 17 Lilly Mann **
- 18 Maureen Sumi
Austin Wood
- 22 Darlene Allman
Mary Goens
Luther Warrick
- 24 Louise Sanders
- 25 Patsy Lee
- 28 Allison Henderson Pittman
Jeremy Sawyer
- 29 Noreen Eichem

(Is your name missing from the birthday list this month?
Please stop by or call the office to update
your membership record.)



November

- 8 Alton and Esther White
- 18 Al and Evelyn Burns
- 26 Wayne and Carole Adams
- 30 Ken and Helen Thornton



HarvestFest Held at Connie Maxwell Farm

Going, going, going, gone. Well, MFBC didn't set a new record for distributing 150 Chick Filet sandwiches, however, they were gone in 24 minutes. One boy, now a teenager, was the first in line for the ninth year in a row.

Larry Brown organized his team members (**Belton Goff, Judy Brown, Dave and Donna Derks**) to be very efficient. The tent was raised, the tables assembled and wiped off, and the food readied. Chocolate chip and M&M cookies were definitely the favorites with oatmeal- raisin lagging far behind.

Tommy Henderson drove the MFBC teens and **Pat Ferdinand** chaperoned. They arrived a little late to indulge in Chick Filet sandwiches but had many other food choices from other Lakelands Baptist Association Churches.



Phillip and Elizabeth McLaughlin



Lois Fultz



K. Wayne and Carolyn Gable



Michael and Diane Rhinehart



"Chosen" while in concert at the Plum Branch Baptist Church Revival on Sunday night, September 28.



*Cathy Buckner
Marian Parnell
Roy Phillips
Dave Becker
Jan Willis
Cathy Patterson*

Volunteer Schedule



November 2

Audio - Len Daugherty
Projection - Gaye McKee

November 9

Audio - William Matheny
Projection - Megan Seigler

November 16

Audio - Larry Baker
Projection - Sylvia Smith

November 23

Audio - Larry Baker
Projection - Joan Prince

November 30

Audio - William Matheny
Projection - M. Seigler



Financial Summary September 2014

<u>General Contributions</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Budget \$ 29,872	\$291,252
Actual \$ 32,442	\$340,205

<u>Expenses</u>	
Budget \$ 32,361	\$291,253
Actual \$ 21,980	\$311,280

<u>Church Funds</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Ren/Cap Expansion	\$15,162
Mission Trip	18,630
Rebuild Unit/Equipment	4,923
Music	308

*Thank you for your
continued contributions*

Nursery Volunteer Schedule

November

2	Patsy Lee	patsylee@wctel.net 852-2644
9	Beth Owen	owenb@wctel.net 391-3485
16	Sherrill Browne	sherrillbrowne@gmail.com 992-0378
23	Deborah Banks	443-5442
30	Andrea Mann	drepc92@wctel.net 852-6210



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.



Bryant and Mary Hurt (Front Door)
(Back Door)

www.mccormickfbc.org



Notes



Beth and I want to thank all of our church and community families for all the prayers, visits, cards, food and other wonderful things they did for us during my recent illness. I could feel your prayers and felt secure in the hands of the Lord.

Del and Beth Owen

Rev. DeBerry,
I wanted to thank you for your amazing comfort, support, prayer, and friendship during my Mom's illness and passing. I know how important you and your church family are to my parents. I have comfort in knowing that you all are there for my Dad right now as I'm many miles away.

Thank you again for guiding my brothers, family, and I with faith to handle this difficult time.

With warmest thanks, grateful hearts, and deep appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

Tim and Julie Gerrits
Jason, Mark and Stephen

- Carolyn K. Baker**
 David and Carlene Thompson
 Bill and Polly Melson
 Robert Crowley
 Warren and Judy Beck
 Terry and Sondra Brown
 William and Judy Feder
 Susan Henderson
 David and Nancy Hefko
 Larry and Anne Lee
 Timothy and Julie Gerrits
 Ronald and Maureen Lammers
 Vera Baker
 Scott and Paula Frye
 Glen and LaDonna Baker
 Wayne and Diane Baker
 Paul and Colleen Erdmann
 LaDonna M. Dutton
 Robert Rennie
 John and Nicki Philcox
 Bob and Jackie Kelly
 Roger and Brenda Kelly
 Ellsworth Kelly Family
 Request Foods
 Marion and Patty Henderson
 Noreen Eiche
 Vann and Carol Cleveland
 Joe and Diane Shaffer
 Lynn and Jayne McMahon

Church
DEACONS
2014-2015

Paul Bollman	Jason Hodges
Edwin Combs(Bubba)	George McClain
David Derks	David Nawyn
Ed DeVos	Roy Phillips
Forrest Gilmore	John Tabor
Tommy Henderson	Mark Young

Chris Williams

Marion and Patty Henderson



James Daniels
Glenna Grove
George McElhenny

Our Shut-ins:

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



November 2

Deadline for December Chimes is November 9. Email information to church office or drop in Chimes tray located by secretary's office.

DEACONS FOR THE MONTH

Dave Derks
Forrest Gilmore
George McClain
Roy Phillips