

Meridian Baptist Church

6513 Chapman Highway
Knoxville, TN 37920
865-577-6617

Website: mbcknox.org

Email: meridianbaptistoffice@gmail.com

Facebook: Meridian Baptist Knoxville

Instagram: @mbcknoxville

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00-4:30

"The Evangel" (USPS 339-980) is published weekly except Christmas by Meridian Baptist Church, 6513 Chapman Hwy. Knoxville, TN Periodical Class postage paid at Knoxville, TN. POSTMASTER: send address changes to The Evangel, 6513 Chapman Hwy. Knoxville, TN 37920
ITEMS FOR EVANGEL DEADLINE: MONDAY NOON

Meridian Prayer Line
865-579-6632
CALL IN YOUR PRAYER REQUEST

Workers for August 16, 2026

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

James Chadwick Jim Greene *

NURSERY WORKERS DURING WORSHIP

Gayle Doman/Donna McCammon/Pam Ford

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (AUGUST)

Leeanne Evers & Nicole Gray

WELCOME TEAM — TEAM THREE

Jay & Tina King
David Brewer Jim Greene

VAN DRIVER

Norman Smelcer

Oscar Bryson, U.T. Hospital
Charles Towle, U.T. Hospital

Sympathy to Judy Whitson
in the passing of her
husband, Ray Whitson.

PRAYER
Requests

Periodical
Postage
PAID

OR CURRENT OCCUPANT

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:30am—Deacons Meeting
9:30am—Sunday School
10:50am—Morning Worship
12:00pm—Quarterly Business Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

5:00pm—Meal
6:00pm—TeamKid
6:00pm—Students "The Upper Room"
6:15pm—Bible Study
7:15pm—Choir Practice

Memorial Service for Carolyn Green
Tuesday, August 18th, 2:00 at Meridian.
Visitation to follow after the service.



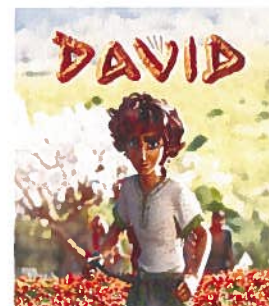
Michael Martin, Pastor

The Evangel

Meridian Baptist Church
6513 Chapman Highway
Knoxville, TN 37920
865-577-6617

VOLUME 72, NO. 32

August 14, 2026



5th Sunday Fellowship

Popcorn &
Movie Night

August 30 at 6pm

"David, The
Animation Film"
Everyone invited!

Meet in the fellowship hall at 6pm for
popcorn & snacks, then move to the
sanctuary for the movie.

Wednesday Meal, August 19 at 5:00

Sloppy Joe Sandwiches, Slaw,
Hashbrown Casserole, Banana Pudding
Cost: \$6 Adults/\$4 Children
Sign up by Monday, August 17.

Agenda for Quarterly Business Mtg. August 16

Minutes & Financial Report provided
Recommendation from Budget & Finance
2026-2027 Proposed Church Budget
2026-2027 Proposed MDO Budget
Recommendation from Committee on Committees
2026-2027 Committee Listing
Recommendation from Nominating Committee
2026-2027 Officers & Teachers
Recommendation/Report from Building & Grounds
Purchase a new copier in the amount of \$9,000;
cost to come from the Newman Money Market.
Report: Tree removed from the ballfield area at a
cost of \$1,400, out of Capital Improvements.

Sunday Sermon Series "Fish Stories"



Wednesday Bible Study "Ruth: A Love That Redeems"



Women on Mission August Project

Collect the following for the U.T. Baptist
Collegiate Ministry for their Welcome Bags to
give to new students on the U.T. Campus:
Water bottles/water flavor packets/Capri Suns
fruit gummies/individual small bags of chips
Place items in box located near office.

*After 25 years, pianist Deborah Johnson, has
announced her retirement. We will celebrate
her ministry during the service on August 30th.
In the coming weeks, let's express our
appreciation & gratitude for all her years of
service. There will be a basket in the front foyer
to place cards & words of encouragement.*



Promotion Sunday, September 6

Students promote in Sunday
School classes. Committees
begin their new positions for
the 2026-2027 church year.

Held in the Shadow of His Wings
A Devotional on Psalm 17

David finds himself in the middle of trouble yet again. He is surrounded by people who want to harm him, yet instead of taking matters into his own hands, David brings his situation before God. He begins, *"Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry! Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!"* (Vv. 17:1).

David knows that God sees the truth. Even when others misunderstand him or treat him unfairly, he can trust that nothing is hidden from the Lord. That is an encouragement for us when we find ourselves in situations we cannot control. We may not be able to change what others say or do, but we can place our circumstances in the hands of the God who sees perfectly.

One of the most beautiful requests in the psalm comes in verse 8: *"Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings"* (Vv. 17:8). David is not asking God simply to make his problems disappear. He is asking God to keep him close and protect him through the difficulty. That is often what we need most. Though in the moment we probably would love for God to remove every difficult circumstance, but often enough His greatest work is reminding us that we are not facing those circumstances alone. Though it would seem that our lives would be simpler to not face difficulties. It is within those difficult circumstances that we get to see God more clearly. We may not understand everything God allows, but we can trust that nothing happens outside of His wisdom and authority.

David ends the psalm by looking beyond his present circumstances: *"As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness"* (Vv. 17:15). His ultimate hope is not found in having an easy life. His hope is found in knowing that one day he will see God face to face. That changes the way we face difficult days now. Our circumstances are temporary, but God's presence is eternal.

So today, if you feel surrounded by circumstances you cannot control, remember where your refuge is. Bring your concerns to the Lord. Trust His judgment. Rest beneath His protection. The God who watches over you today is the same God who holds your eternity. You are never safer than when you are resting in the hands of God.

Grace be with you,
Christopher S. Milligan

Attendance

August 9 - Sunday School

Preschool	4
Children	11
Youth	11
Adults	99
Total	125
Visitors	5

Worship Service: 140

Contacts for the week of 8/3—8/9 Total: 84
4 & 5 Years—17 Adult 3—16 Adult 4—51

Giving

Giving For August 9

General Budget Fund	\$ 7,242.30
Non-Budget Desig.	330.00
Grand Total	\$ 7,572.30
Online Giving	\$ 219.00
Monthly Budget Requirement	\$51,083.00
August Budget Giving	\$22,609.60

Senior Adult Bible Study
August 25 at 10:30



NEWLY ELECTED DEACONS

Serving three years:
Gerald Blake Joe Fielden Johnny Lewis

CHILDREN'S POOL PARTY
September 13 following service at the
Chadwick's home. Lunch provided
Children must have a signed
permission form to ride the van.

Wedding Shower
Emily Chadwick & Andrew Gray
August 23rd at 12:30
(note time change!)



They are registered at Zola.com or you can give money toward their *Honeymoon Fund*.

Music Ministry News

Psalm 100 – "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name!" Such a joyful day of worship yesterday. Thank you Nathanael Swinson for blessing us with a rendition of "Gratitude," you played on the trombone. I'm very glad we are streaming our services, where those who can't attend can still join in and watch. I have a few friends from other churches who join us regularly and have been so blessed by the services.

As fall begins shortly, the choir will begin rehearsing for our Christmas music, entitled "Our Jesus Story," for Sunday, December 20, 10:50 am. I would love for you to join us, but for now I would encourage you to pray about becoming a part of the Music Ministry of Meridian. I'll share more details soon but pray about how you could connect with this ministry.

And this leads me to highlight our choir. They are committed to leading worship at Meridian, working hard each rehearsal to lead and sing well, giving it their best each week as well as every opportunity the Lord provides, to praise Him. When you see a choir member, join me in thanking them and encourage them to "press on." I would be remiss if I did not mention our tech team guys and gals who are behind the scenes, in the balcony, who faithfully work with the projection of song lyrics, amplify the sound of singers and the message, as well as those who operate the online viewing of our services. Thank you also to the trainees who are learning how all the technology upstairs works, so they can help where/when needed in a worship service.

Soli Deo Gloria
Mark



Items Needed for Food Pantry
The food Pantry is low on the following items: Box Crackers, Juice, Canned Meats
Drop items off at church office.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I recently read the following story from the life and ministry of John Wesley. I pray it speaks to your heart like it did mine...

"The story is told that a certain ungodly tavern-keeper who liked music decided to attend one of John Wesley's meetings to hear the singing. He had resolved, however, not to listen to the sermon. He sat with his head down and fingers in his ears. But when God wants to speak to a man's soul, He will. A fly flew on the man's nose and when he attempted to drive it away, he heard nine words that changed his life. He heard Mr. Wesley say, 'He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.' From that moment he had no rest in his soul. He returned the next night, listened intently and was converted. Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew, 'For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?' The human soul is a priceless treasure. In fact, the Bible teaches that your soul is more valuable than the whole world! And yet, many people 'sell their souls' for what surely are petty bargains."

Here is the takeaway for us this week; the value of something is determined by the price paid. And the Bible teaches that a great price was paid for the soul of man. Jesus Christ paid the ultimate price by dying on the cross for your soul. His death paid in full the penalty and punishment that you and I so rightly deserve.

I pray you and your family have a wonderful week in the Lord! If there is any specific way that I can minister to you and your family, please do not hesitate to reach out. As always, you can reach me at 865-968-9916. May Christ be glorified in all things!

For Him,
Pastor Michael