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Workers for November 15

DEACONS OF THE WEEK
Gerald Blake * Arthur Kirkland

NURSERY WORKERS DURING WORSHIP
Ella Mae Hood Shauna Kirkland

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (NOVEMBER)
Shauna Kirkland Emily Gray

WELCOME TEAM – TEAM THREE
Jay & Tina King David Brewer Jim Greene

VAN DRIVER
Norman Smelcer

G.R.O.W. will meet
Monday, November 16 at 6 pm
(make home visits to church prospects)

2027 Calendars
We have 2027 scripture calendars in the church office. Cost is $8 and proceeds will be used for students going on the Honduras Mission Trip.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
8:30am—Deacons' Meeting
9:30am—Sunday School
10:50am—Morning Worship
12:30pm—Women's Christmas Craft Party

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
6:00pm—G.R.O.W.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
11:30am—Willing Circle Class Meeting
5:00pm—Meal
6:00pm—TeamKid
6:00pm—Students "The Upper Room"
6:15pm—Bible Study
7:15pm—Choir Practice

Food Pantry Items Needed
Cereal/Crackers/Peanut Butter/Canned Spaghetti/Box or Bag Instant Rice/ Box Sweet Muffin Mix or Biscuit Mix
Drop items off at church office.



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Women on Mission November Project
Collect the following for Hand Up For Women: Deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, disposable razors, feminine supplies, single rolls of paper towels & toilet tissue. Place items in box located near office.



ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA
Poinsettia order forms are now available. Fill out the form, turn in to the office or offering plate. **Poinsettia orders are due November 15.** Please list an individual or couple per plant ordered and include correct amount for each plant. Cost is $10.00 per plant.



Annual Deacon Christmas Banquet for Widows & Widowers
Friday, December 4 at 6:00 pm
Widows & Widowers are invited guests of the Deacons at their annual Christmas Banquet. Please confirm your attendance by calling the church office and if you will need transportation.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
Boxes are due November 15

Youth United Weekend
November 20-22
Youth Friendsgiving Meal
Sunday, November 22 at 6:00 pm

Sunday Sermon Series "The Gospel of Mark"

Wednesday Night Bible Study
"The Dirty Dozen" In-depth look at the 12 disciples of our Lord.



Hanging of the Green Service
Sunday, December 6th at 10:50 am

Christmas Food Boxes



Consider providing a food box for needy families in our area. A complete list of food items can be picked up in the Sanctuary foyer or the church office. If you are unable to fill a complete box, brown bags with a partial list are provided in the foyer. A gracious member has donated toward the cost of perishable items. **Boxes are due December 6.**

Senior Adult Bible Study
November 24th at 10:30

Senior Adults to See Winterfest Lights
Thursday, January 14
Leaving at 6:00 pm to see the lights in Pigeon Forge. Sign up if you plan to attend.

Wednesday Meal, November 18 at 5:00
Chicken & Dressing Casserole, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, Pumpkin & Pecan Pies.
Cost is $6 Adults; $4 Children.
Call the office by Monday, Nov. 16 to sign up.

Tuesday of Thanks, November 24
All regular Wednesday activities moved to this date.

Office Closed November 25-27
Thanksgiving Holidays



The Lord Is My Strength & Shield
A Devotional on Psalm 28

"To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me" (Vv28:1).

There is something encouraging about David's honesty. He does not hide his desperation or pretend that everything is fine. He brings his concerns directly to the Lord. We sometimes feel that strong faith means never struggling or questioning, but Scripture repeatedly shows us believers who bring their deepest fears to God. Faith does not mean we never feel weak; it means we know where to turn when we are weak.

As the psalm continues, David expresses confidence that God has heard him: "Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy" (Vv. 28:6). Notice the change here, David begins by pleading for God's attention, but he moves toward praise because he trusts in the Lord's character to always listen.

Then David declares, "The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped" (Vv. 28:7). A shield protects us from danger, while strength enables us to stand firm against the powers formed in opposition to us. David recognizes that God provides both! The Lord does not simply give him something to hold on to; He is the One David holds on to.

This is a truth we need to remember in our own lives. We often measure God's faithfulness by whether our circumstances improve. But sometimes God gives us strength to endure what He has not yet removed. Sometimes His protection looks different from what we expected. Through it all, we can trust that He remains faithful.

David closes by praying for God's people: "Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever" (Vv. 28:9). His concern extends beyond himself. Having found confidence in the Lord, he asks God to care for the whole community of faith.

What a beautiful reminder that we are not meant to walk through life alone. We need the Lord, and we need one another. Today, whatever burden you are carrying, bring it honestly before God. Ask Him for help, trust His promises, and remember that your circumstances do not determine His faithfulness. The Lord is your strength when you are weary, your shield when you feel vulnerable, and your Shepherd through every season of life.

Grace be with you, Christopher S. Milligan

Attendance

November 8 - Sunday School

Preschool	**5**
Children	**10**
Youth	**8**
Adults	**81**
Total	**104**
Visitors	**5**

Worship Service: 128

Contacts for the week of 11/2—11/8 Total: 52
4 & 5 Years—17 Adult 3—6 Adult 4—29

Giving

Giving For November 8

General Budget Fund	**$ 9,564.30**
Non-Budget Designated	**230.00**
Grand Total	**$ 9,794.30**
Online Giving	**$ 260.00**
Monthly Budget Requirement	**$49,398.00**
November Budget Giving	**$21,553.60**

Memorials & Honorariums

A gift was given to the Member Emergency Fund in honor of Jeanette Burkhart from the Winsome Class.

Agenda for Business Meeting, November 15
Minutes, Financial Report, Church Profile provided
Granting of Letters
Recommendation from Nominating Committee:
Add Scott Frei & Johnny Lewis as Treasurers.
Report from Personnel Comm: Cleaning company.
Recommendation from Church Council: Elect Michael Martin, Mark Branson, Chris Milligan, Nathanael Swinson as messengers to the TBC Nov. 15-17
Reports from Building & Grounds: (1) A/C unit replaced in nursery/mother's day out area. Total cost $13,500; half came from MDO; half came from Newman CD. (2) Replace/repair toilet/drain in nursery & library at a cost of $1,750; from Newman CD. (3) Roof repair over the main level at a cost of $59,207.75; from Newman CD. (4) Emergency repair a/c unit & wiring (outside ground level). Cost $858.51, from Capital Imp.
Recommendation from Trustees, Budget & Finance, Church Council: Place 2 vacant lots (zoned residential) behind mission home, on the market.

Welcome New Member

Betty Clinton
1030 McCall Lane
Knoxville, TN 37920



Music Ministry News

God of Possible Who is He to you today? (fill in the blank) _____. To me, He is all sufficient. Looking back over my life He has been so, so good, even in those tough times. He has proven Himself over and again. Even today, though the circumstances have changed, He has not. *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."* Isaiah 41:10 Whatever need you have today, He is more than able to help you through it. Trust, believe and let Him have control. God is always working on behalf of His children.

Thank you, Chrissy Johnson for the Sunday special music. Here are the lyrics she shared with us from **In Jesus' Name (God of Possible)**. Pray these lyrics over your circumstance. Over your family. Over your friends. God will hear. He will answer. He loves you.

I speak the name of Jesus over you
In your hurting, in your sorrow
I will ask my God to move
I speak the name 'cause it's all that I can do
In desperation I'll seek heaven & pray this for you
I pray for your healing
That circumstances would change
I pray that the fear inside would flee
I pray that a breakthrough would happen today
I pray miracles over your life in Jesus' name
I speak the name of all authority
Declaring blessings, every promise
He is faithful to keep
I speak the name no grave could ever hold
He is greater, He is stronger
He's the God of possible
I pray for revival
For restoration of faith
I pray that the dead will come alive
In Jesus' name

Bro. Mark

Baby Shower for Coral Vargas
Rescheduled to Sunday, Nov. 22
following the service in the fellowship hall. *It's a girl.*
She is registered at Amazon.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This past Sunday we honored our military and enjoyed a special Veteran's Day "reflection" during the service. I am so thankful for all of our military and for their service and the sacrifices made in effort to protect our personal freedoms as a nation. Thank you for your service!

Here are a few reminders of our upcoming events on this month's calendar: our quarterly business session is this Sunday, November 15. After the business meeting, our women's ministry will kick off their annual holiday luncheon and craft fellowship. The following Sunday, November 22, we will dedicate our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Let us pray in advance for God to use our Meridian family shoeboxes to canvas the globe with the grace of God and the message of salvation! The monthly Senior Adult Bible Study is Tuesday the 24th. Tommy Leavelle has asked me to lead the study in his absence. I plan on bringing a special devotional thought on the topic of Thanksgiving. It will certainly be a fitting theme with our annual Tuesday of Thanks service that evening. Our T of T service is always one of the most heartwarming services of the year, as we have an open floor/open mic, churchwide testimony night! Finally, as we approach the month of December, please be in prayer on how you and your family can support our Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Let's expect great results from this year's offering for international missions!

Our ministerial staff will be attending the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Sevierville next week. Please pray for our Tennessee Baptist family of Churches as they collectively gather for this year's annual meeting and tend to the business of our state mission board.

Have a great rest of the week! If there is any specific way I can minister to you and your family, please do not hesitate to reach out. Live for Jesus and serve Him faithfully until Christ comes again!

For Him,
Pastor Michael