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### Meridian Prayer Line

865-579-6632

CALL IN YOUR PRAYER REQUEST

### Workers for October 11, 2026

#### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Gerald Blake Arthur Kirkland \*

#### NURSERY WORKERS DURING WORSHIP

Emily Frei Scott Frei

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH (OCTOBER)

Starlene Williams Sandy Kolinsky

#### WELCOME TEAM — TEAM TWO

Sam & Sheree Lonas  
Scott Frei Randy Burgin

#### VAN DRIVER

David Stroud

#### Tennessee Baptist Convention (TBC)

If you would like to attend the TBC as a messenger, please contact the church office.

#### Sympathy

**PRAYER** Requests To Gayle Doman in the passing of her husband, Owen Doman

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OR CURRENT OCCUPANT

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:30am—Sunday School

10:50am—Morning Worship

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

Women on Mission, serve lunch at UTBCM

6:00pm—Music Committee Mtg.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

6:00pm—Youth Committee Mtg.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

5:00pm—Meal

6:00pm—TeamKid

6:00pm—Students "The Upper Room"

6:15pm—Bible Study

7:15pm—Choir Practice

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00am—Senior Adults to Cades Cove

Montgomery Village is in need of men's pants (all sizes). You can drop these off at the church office. Any questions, contact Pam Ford.



Michael Martin, Pastor

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### FALL FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY,

OCTOBER 28

5:00-7:00 PM

Signup sheets are available or call the office & let us know how you can help!

We need workers for the following:

- Setup (begins at 3:00)
- Trunk or Treat (begins at 5) decorate your car & provide candy
- Help with refreshments
- Help with inflatables/safety
- Bring cupcakes/cookies
- Donate candy



Please sign to have your picture made for our new Church Directory. Signup schedules are located in the Sanctuary foyer or you can call the church office. Dates for photos: Sundays following service, October 18 & 25; Tuesday, October 13, 9am-7pm).

### Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Shoeboxes are located near the Library. Inside the box is a list of items suitable to pack in your box. Boxes were provided by the Win-some Class and a gracious member has donated toward the shipping costs. Boxes are due Nov. 15.



Quarterly Teachers & Assistants Meeting  
Sunday, October 25th at 8:30 am  
Breakfast provided.

### Sunday Sermon Series "The Gospel of Mark"



Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions  
Our Goal: \$2,000 Given to Date: \$2,046!!



### Women's Christmas Craft Party

Sunday, November 15th

in the fellowship hall

immediately following the AM service

Cost: \$20

(includes lunch & craft supplies)

Food, fellowship & lots of fun!

Registration forms provided in bulletins.

Sponsored by the Women's Ministry.

### Wednesday Meal, October 14th at 5:00

Vegetable Beef Soup, Baked Potato, Tossed Salad, Cornbread Muffins, Pumpkin Bread, Banana Bread. Cost is \$6 Adults; \$4 Children. Call the office by Monday, October 12 to sign up.

### OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Thank you: Michael, Chris, Mark

Take this opportunity to tell them how much they are appreciated.

Observance of the  
Lord's Supper  
Sunday, October 11



Who Is the King of Glory?

A Devotional on Psalm 24

Psalm 24 begins by reminding us of something we can easily forget: everything belongs to God. David writes, *“The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein”* (Vv. 24:1). In reminding us of what belongs to the Lord, we are also reminded of who we are.

We live in a world that constantly tells us that life is about us. Our plans. Our success. Our possessions. Our desires. Psalm 24 brings us back to the reality: we are not the owners of our lives. We are simply stewards of what God has loaned to us. This includes our families, our homes, our cars, our jobs, and yes – even our wallets. And yet far too often we hold onto these things as though handing them over to God would lead us to great destruction. These things are not ours; **WE** are not even our own, we and all we know belong to the Lord. And so, we must learn to freely hand those things back over to him.

David then poses a very challenging question: *“Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?”* (Vv. 24:3). The answer is the person who has *“clean hands and a pure heart”* (Vv. 24:4). At first, this can feel overwhelming. Who among us can honestly say that our hands are always clean and our hearts are always pure? The answer is none of us, at least not apart from Christ. This ultimately points us toward our need for a Savior. We cannot make ourselves worthy to stand before a holy God. We can never have a big enough family, or a nice enough home, or a fast enough car, or a full enough wallet to reach this standard. Jesus is the only One who perfectly fulfills the righteousness described here. Through Christ, we are welcomed into God’s presence. We cannot buy our way in, because Christ already paid the price. We cannot work our way in, because the work is already finished.

And understanding this David shifts into celebration: *“Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.”* (Vv. 24:7) And who is this King? *“The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!”* (Vv. 24:8) The answer comes again: *“Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!”* (Vv. 24:10) This is not simply a song about God’s power. It is a declaration of God’s rightful authority. He is King. He deserves our worship, our obedience, & our allegiance.

So today, ask yourself these simple questions: Who is ruling your life, your family, your home, your career, your finances? We can spend our lives trying to sit on the throne ourselves, or we can gladly give the throne to the One who already deserves it.

Grace be with you, Christopher S. Milligan

Attendance

October 4 - Sunday School

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|-----------|----|
| Preschool | 3  |
| Children  | 7  |
| Youth     | 7  |
| Adults    | 77 |
| Total     | 94 |
| Visitors  | 4  |

Worship Service: 131

Contacts for the week of 9/28—10/4 Total: 54  
4 & 5 Years—17 Adult 3—10 Adult 4—27

Giving

Giving For October 4

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| General Budget Fund        | \$13,702.30 |
| Capital Improvements       | 10.00       |
| Kitchen Fund               | 6.00        |
| Reimb. Music Ministry      | 300.00      |
| Golden State Offerings     | 390.00      |
| Grand Total                | \$14,408.30 |
| Online Giving              | \$ 230.00   |
| Monthly Budget Requirement | \$49,398.00 |
| October Budget Giving      | \$13,032.30 |

Online Giving is also available on our website at [mbcknox.org](http://mbcknox.org).

Memorials & Honorariums

A gift was given to the General Fund in memory of Carolyn Green from Richard & Deborah Crothers and Christopher & Lisa Williamson.

A gift was given to the General Fund in memory of Ray Whitson and in honor of Judy Whitson from Sutton & Lynn McCallie.

A gift was given to the General Fund in memory of Charles Towle from Ronnie Cate and Kenneth Whiten.

Youth Bowling

Sunday, October 18, 4pm at Maple Hall  
**Pumpkin Painting Night**  
October 25th at 6:00 pm  
For kids, youth and the family!

Baby Shower for Coral Vargas

Sunday, November 1, following the service in the fellowship hall. *It’s a girl.*  
She is registered at Amazon.



**You’re invited!** Have you ever thought about making a short-term commitment to the choir? If you would like to join just for the seasonal presentations rather than making a long-term commitment, call me or see me at church. Let’s talk. We would love to include more singers in the presentation of the GOSPEL at Christmas. Side note: December is the best time of the year to freely talk about Jesus and your faith in him and invite someone to receive him as their Lord and Savior.

We have officially kicked off our preparations for the Hanging of the Green (12/6) and our Christmas Music Worship service (12.20), “Rejoice! It’s Christmas.” Please circle these dates on your calendar for prayer and to share an invite with your family, friends, students and associates. These are two important dates in the life of Meridian you don’t want to miss.

**In the Presence of Jehovah** – troubles vanish, hearts are mended in the presence of the King. In my devotion today I was reminded to stay close to Jesus for whatever trouble, comes my way, big or small, He is my Helper.

*Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, YET I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet as a deer, he enables me to climb on the heights.* Habakkuk 3:17-19

Prayer: Thank you, Lord, for your Word and the sacrifices made to see that I can have a printed copy of your Word, in my language, and apply it to my life.

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,  
Mark

Senior Adult Bible Study  
October 27 at 10:30

Chadwick/Gray Wedding

*With hearts full of thanksgiving, Emily Chadwick and Andrew Gray invite the Meridian Church family to witness and celebrate our marriage vows. Your prayers and presence are a blessing to us as we begin our new life together. Saturday, Oct. 24, 3pm, Meridian Baptist Church*

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

This past Sunday was an amazing Day at Meridian as we stirred the waters of Baptism. Be sure to extend a warm Meridian welcome to Daniel Catao Barbosa! It was also encouraging to spend time together in the word as we reflected upon the authority of Christ. I pray you are enjoying our study through the gospel of Mark.

For this coming Sunday, we will observe the Lord’s Supper. I will be out of town, so I have asked Bro. Chris Milligan to lead our communion service. To be sure, one of the highlights of our summer was seeing Chris ordained to the gospel ministry. I’m sure his first communion service will certainly be very special and meaningful. I want to thank our Lord’s Supper preparation team (along with the deacon body) for making our time around the Lord’s table always so worshipful.

With it being fall break for Knox County schools, Sarah and I are going to take advantage of the time off and slip away to Gulf Shores, Alabama. Originally the plan was for the entire family to go, but Aubrey was not able to get off of work. We certainly did not like the idea of taking a “family trip” and leaving Aubrey by herself in Knoxville, so we “talked” Elijah into staying in Knoxville in effort to keep his sister company. Elijah really wasn’t keen on the idea of staying with his sister and missing a trip to the beach. But after the exchange of monetary funds, he suddenly felt it would be in his best interest to stay with his sister and keep her company. 😊

If you have a ministerial need the first part of the week, I will still be in town, so do not hesitate to reach out; for we won’t be leaving out till the second half of the week. On the other hand, if you have a ministerial need the latter part of the week, our church staff will be available. I will be back in the office Monday, October 12.

This coming Wednesday night, I have asked John Mazzoni to lead our midweek Bible study. John truly has a heart for the furtherance of the gospel and has the call of ministry upon his life. I encourage you to be in attendance and support his ministry endeavors.

Have a great week! Live for Jesus and serve him faithfully until Christ comes again!

John 3:30

Pastor Michael