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Workers for September 20, 2026

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

James Chadwick * Jim Greene

NURSERY WORKERS DURING WORSHIP

Starlene Williams

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (SEPTEMBER)

Debbie Dexter Jeannie Cummings

WELCOME TEAM — TEAM THREE

Jay & Tina King

David Brewer Jim Greene

VAN DRIVER

Jon McCammon

Sympathy

To Freddie Towle in the passing of her husband, Charlie Towle.

PRAYER
Requests

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

10:30am—Women on Mission lunch at MV

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6:00pm—Youth Pizza & Karaoke

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:30am—Deacons' Meeting

9:30am—Sunday School

10:50am—Morning Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

1:00 & 6:00pm—G.R.O.W.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:30am—Senior Adult Committee

10:30am—Senior Adult Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

6:00pm—TeamKid

6:00pm—Students "The Upper Room"

6:15pm—Bible Study

7:15pm—Choir Practice



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FALL FESTIVAL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
5:00-7:00 PM
Signup sheets will be available soon for you to sign up how you can help.
Trunk or Treat

Sunday Sermon Series "The Gospel of Mark"



Upcoming Wednesday Night Bible Study. A three week study on the topic of Heaven (September 13, 23, 30)
Join us for this exciting study!



Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions

Our Goal: \$2,000 Given to Date: \$936

Week of Prayer: September 13-19

Prayer guides located in Sanctuary foyer.
Give to the Golden Offering and let's witness how God is moving across our state and step boldly into His work!

We are starting our new Church Directory program during the months of September and October. Our goal is to provide a directory that you will be proud of for years to come. The Directory will be similar to years past where families are photographed & contact information provided on the same page. Each family will be featured on a single, pull-out page so that notes can be added on the back of each page. Additions will be able to be inserted easily. Members will be able to use the directory as a tool for identification, communication(s) and witnessing. We need your help in creating the Directory by having your family picture made. We will have photographers on the third floor across from the library available each Sunday after Worship (except Oct. 11), and on Sat., Oct 3 (9am-7pm), Wed., Oct. 7 (9am-5pm), and on Tues., Oct. 13 (9am-7pm). Please sign up for a time to have your picture made, as we want to include everyone in our new Directory. Signup schedules are located in the church foyer or you can call the church office. At the time of the picture, we will ask you fill out a form indicating your family contact information, address, phone number, birthday, etc. (If you do not want this information published in the directory, you can request that as well.)
Thank you for your help in advance,
The Church Directory Committee

Honduras 2027 | An Opportunity to Go
I am excited for the opportunity to write this article again; we have an exciting opportunity to take the gospel beyond the walls of our church through our annual mission trip to Honduras. We are currently planning for the trip to take place Monday through Monday, tentatively July 12–19, 2027, and we would love for you to consider being part of the team.

If you missed the interest meeting on Tuesday, it is not too late to get involved! We still have spots available, and we would love to hear from anyone who has an interest in serving. This trip will be open to anyone 16 years of age and older. Anyone under the age of 21 will need permission from a legal guardian (this is due to Honduran law).

While many of the details are still being worked out, we anticipate spending much of our time working with schools and Boys & Girls Clubs in Honduras. We will likely host events similar to Backyard Bible Clubs, giving us opportunities to build relationships with children and families while sharing the truth and hope of the gospel. There will also be opportunities to provide training and encouragement for Honduran leaders, as well as participate in local building and service projects.

We may not know every detail of the trip yet, but we do know why we are going.

Jesus gave His followers a clear command in Matthew 28:19–20: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” International missions are not simply an extra ministry of the church. They are part of the very mission Christ has given His people. The gospel is not just good news for our community. It is good news for every nation, every people, and every person. Revelation 7:9 gives us a picture of the day when people from “every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages” will stand before the throne of God. When we participate in international missions, we have the privilege of joining in what God is already doing around the world.

You don't have to be an experienced missionary to go. You simply need a willingness to as our church's mission statement says, “Love Him, Love Others, Live out the Gospel.” If you have any interest at all in learning more about this opportunity, please reach out to me by phone (865) 279-3836, email: nextgenmeridian@gmail.com, or come and find me on a Sunday or Wednesday. Even if you are not sure whether you can go, I'd still love to talk with you about what God is doing through this ministry.

Grace be with you, Christopher S. Milligan

Attendance
September 13 - Sunday School

Preschool	3
Children	13
Youth	9
Adults	83
Total	108
Visitors	7

Worship Service: 137

Contacts for the week of 9/7—9/13 Total: 68
4 & 5 Years—12 Adult 3—10 Adult 4—46

Giving

Giving For September 13	
General Budget Fund	\$ 4,802.93
Golden State Offerings	855.00
Grand Total	\$ 5,657.93
Online Giving	\$ 10.00
Monthly Budget Requirement	\$49,398.00
September Budget Giving	\$16,025.23

Women on Mission-September
Serving lunch at Montgomery Village
on September 17th

SENIOR ADULTS TO CADES COVE
On October 15, the senior adults will be leaving at 9am for Cades Cove. Coffee & donuts provided for breakfast, lunch in Maryville. Call the office to sign up!

YOUTH PIZZA & KARAOKE NIGHT
September 19 6:00-8:00 pm

Senior Adult Bible Study
September 22 at 10:30



Items Needed for Food Pantry
Box Crackers, Instant Pudding or Jello Gelatin, Juice, Pkg/Box Biscuit or Cornbread Mix
Drop items off at church office.

Music Ministry News

Another tremendous event for the 10th Anniversary of Sing! 2026. We joined with seven thousand people and instrumentalists joining to praise the Lord. This year's theme was a special “Symphony of Scripture” where Scripture was set to music as the Word was read, recognizing 500 years of the New Testament written in the English language, celebrated 250 years of American hymnody, and of course its 10th anniversary! I think we have attended eight out of the 10 years. This year the life and sacrifice of William Tyndale were highlighted, discussing his desire to see the New Testament be written in English from Latin for the common man. Tyndal literally gave his life to see the distribution of the English New Testament.

But you may ask why do you go to the Sing! Conference and a few answers would include spiritual refreshment, to gain fresh tools to use in ministry and to enjoy the outstanding blend of biblical teaching, times of old and new worship and to build new connections with national and international leadership. I'm ready and signed up for 2027! Check out some highlights at youtube.com/watch?v=B0Pc6FekJ-o - the opening plenary session.

I hope you enjoyed the music in worship yesterday, with the choir and congregation singing, “One Day (When We All Get to Heaven) and Jon McCammon's rendition of, “I Can Only Image.” One day, what will it all be like? But until then we remain faithful to His dear call, dedicated to the spread of the Gospel and seeing the lost come to know Jesus as the Lord and Savior of their lives.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Mark

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I pray everyone had a wonderful weekend! We had wonderful services this past Sunday and the attendance was strong. It is hard to imagine that we are halfway through the month of September.

We are currently in the midst of a new sermon series through the gospel of Mark. I pray you are enjoying our study thus far. Mark is a great gospel that highlights our Lord Jesus Christ as servant. I pray this theme of servitude encourages all of us to ponder the beauty of service within the local church and for the Kingdom of God. For our time together next Sunday, we will consider the temptation of Jesus while in the wilderness (Mark 1:12-13).

Our quarterly community project at Montgomery village is this Thursday. Please pray for our Women on Mission team as they serve our neighbors at MV. What a great opportunity to show the love of Christ to our community!

We are in the process of planning a new church directory this fall. Our last directory was a few years ago. As you look around you, you will see that we have new faces and families. Our church family is growing with change, and a new church directory will help capture these changes. As we prepare for this fall project, our directory team will begin signing up people/families for upcoming photo sessions. Know this — the directory will not be complete without you! Be sure to sign up! Our directory team will begin the process of taking photos Sunday, September 20 and will continue to take photos till Sunday, October 25. For more information please see Cindy Schneitman, Donna McCammon, or Debbie Arnett.

It's hard to imagine, but our annual Fall Festival is just around the corner. This year's festival will be on Wednesday night October 28 at 5:00 PM. We need all hands on deck; if you are able to serve please attend our upcoming Fall Fest meeting Wednesday night, September 23 at 5:00 PM in the conference room.

If there is any specific way I can minister to you and your family, please do hesitate to let me know. Please feel free to contact me at 865-968-9916. I pray you have a great rest of the week! Live for Jesus and serve him faithfully until Christ comes again.

Soli Deo Gloria, Pastor Michael