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### Meridian Prayer Line

865-579-6632

CALL IN YOUR PRAYER REQUEST

### Workers for October 25, 2026

#### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

James Chadwick Jim Greene \*

#### NURSERY WORKERS DURING WORSHIP

JoAnn Burchell Jeannie Cummings

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH (OCTOBER)

Starlene Williams Sandy Kolinsky

#### WELCOME TEAM — TEAM FOUR

Johnny Lewis Jeff Hinkle  
Lara O'Shields Chrissy Johnson

#### VAN DRIVER

Joe Fielden

#### Hospitals

Debbie Fuller, U.T. Hospital

#### Sympathy

To the family of Martha Mynatt  
in her passing

PRAYER  
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Michael Martin, Pastor

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**FALL FESTIVAL  
WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 28  
5:00-7:00 PM**

- Setup (begins at 3:30)
- Trunk or Treat (begins at 5) decorate your car & provide candy
- Help with refreshments
- Help with inflatables/safety
- Bring cupcakes/cookies
- Donate candy



**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.



### Pumpkin Painting Night

October 25th at 6:00 pm  
For kids, youth and the family!

### Bonfire & Hayride for Children

Friday, November 6 at 6:00  
Anyone planning to ride the hayride need to fill out a release form. You may pick these forms up in the church office.



Sunday Sermon Series  
"The Gospel of Mark"



### New Wednesday Night Bible Study Beginning October 21

"The Dirty Dozen" An in depth look at the 12 disciples of our Lord.  
Join us for this exciting study!



### 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.

### OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Thank you: Michael, Chris, Mark

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

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

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

3:00pm—Chadwick/Gray Wedding

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:30am—Quarterly Teachers' Meeting

9:30am—Sunday School

10:50am—Morning Worship

12:15pm—Building & Grounds Meeting

6:00pm—Pumpkin Painting Night

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:30am—Senior Adult Committee

10:30am—Senior Adult Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Fall Festival  
5:00-7:00



A letter to the Church | Fall Update

We are going to take another short break from our walk through the Psalms as I would like to say a little about how excited I am for the new church year! We just finished getting to meet with both our Children's and Youth Committees and we have begun the process for calendaring for 2027; there are so many exciting things that are in store for our NXTGEN Ministries. I won't get into full details on all of our events but just want to put some events out in the open for the church to hear now and can hopefully help excite you all for the opportunities to come!

Of course, we have our staple events that happen annually with our Easter Egg Hunt in March (We will have a church Egg Packing Party this coming year to allow for more people the opportunity to serve with this momentous event). Both Rally Nights and NXTDirections (Our Youth Summer Retreat) will be in May, followed by VBS in June. And then we will end our "Summer Blitz" with a trip to Honduras in July. Let's just express the reality that our summers are all pretty full for sure.

Outside of our staples a few events that we are already looking at introducing in 2027 will be our newest exciting staple of **Elevate**. This event will be for the families of 5th graders on a Sunday afternoon. We will spend time going through two sessions. These sessions will cover how we do student ministry, how we communicate in our student ministry, and finally we will be going through the calendar for the entire year. You will know specific dates and cost of all of our student ministry events for the next year. We will also participate in games, family vs family, throughout the event to see who wins a "Big Three Bundle." Trust me, you won't want to miss that! And if you're not sold yet, there will be food.

Our second new event which will partner well with Elevate will be Preview Night a night where we invite the 5th grade students over to the Upper Room (Large room on 4th Floor) to get a "Preview" of what it will look like when they join the NXTGEN | Student Ministry. They will get to participate in a hangout before service, game time during service, worship with the whole student ministry, and finally get to see a Small Group. We reserve the coveted front row for our VIP's that night so they will have the best seat in the house. We ask that you, the parent, join us that night as well! We will have a quick meeting at 5:45pm in the NXT Steps Room (Room #411), so I can welcome you and give you an idea of what to expect. Following the Worship & Sermon, during the small group time, we will all meet in the Upper Room for one final meeting.

Attendance

October 18 - Sunday School

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Preschool | 6   |
| Children  | 10  |
| Youth     | 12  |
| Adults    | 86  |
| Total     | 114 |
| Visitors  | 5   |

Worship Service: 125

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Contacts for the week of 10/12—10/18 | Total: 98 |
| 4 & 5 Years—17                       | Adult 3—3 |
| Adult 4—78                           |           |

Giving

Giving For October 11

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| General Budget Fund   | \$ 6,128.30 |
| Non-Budget Designated | 100.00      |
| Grand Total           | \$ 6,228.30 |

Giving For October 18

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| General Budget Fund        | \$ 9,067.30 |
| Grand Total                | \$ 9,067.30 |
| Online Giving              | \$ 802.00   |
| Monthly Budget Requirement | \$49,398.00 |
| October Budget Giving      | \$29,929.90 |

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

*Memorials & Honorariums*

A gift was given to the Nursery & Children's Department in memory of Owen Doman from Anne Ballenger.

A gift was given to the General Fund in memory of Owen Doman from Patricia Hansard

A letter to the Church | Fall Update (cont.)

A letter will be sent out in the next season to all families with 5th graders with more information about these 2 events. There are so many more exciting opportunities that we are looking at for 2027 as well. I hope to be able to give you all more information soon for a new fun and exciting packed year.

Grace be with you,  
Christopher S. Milligan

Music Ministry News

Earlier this year a dear friend gave a wonderful gift, the book, Jesus Calling, a daily devotional. In today's devotional of "His Presence" with me, I recalled St Patrick's breastplate prayer. Let me share with you to encourage you.

Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

May this be true for me and you, living a disciple's life. **Christ is all.**

And on this day, Corpus Daim, "redeem the time." Share the Good News of Christ with those around you, one more time. A recent survey reported it could take up to seventeen times of sharing the Gospel before someone will respond positively toward the Gospel. Press on and keep "the faith." He has promised to honor your faithfulness. And also, Philippians 4:8 *Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, what ever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, think about such things.*

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,  
Mark

Senior Adult Bible Study  
October 27 at 10:30

**Baby Shower for Coral Vargas**  
**Sunday, November 1**  
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 were blessed to have Randy Nelson, the son of Joyce Nelson, preach a powerful word from God's Word. If you missed it, I encourage you to go online and watch the service. To be sure, the worship service was genuinely Jesus centered and Christ focused!

Let me provide a quick update on where we are in preparing for our upcoming Fall Festival (October 28). We have been blessed with 29 volunteers providing trunks for this year's trunk-or treat! I am also encouraged by the number of workers we have lined up to serve in various capacities. Our leadership team has done a phenomenal job getting the word out to our community. Flyers have been sent out to seven of our local elementary schools in the south Knoxville area. Yet we are still in need of candy. You can give through the Sunday School ministry, or simply drop your donations off at one of our bins located either outside the library or in the front foyer. Meridian family; let's expect great things from the Lord from this year's Fall Festival!

Pertaining to our church directory; we still have a handful of members who have yet to sign up to have their picture taken. I want to personally encourage every member/family to be in the directory so it will serve as an accurate "snapshot" of our faith family. If you have not signed up to have your picture taken, please reach out to the church office.

Finally, I am excited to announce a new upcoming Wednesday night Bible study beginning this Wednesday simply called, "The Dirty Dozen." The study will be an in depth look at the lives and individual ministries of the ragtag bunch that we all know as the 12 disciples. To be sure, it will be an exciting study! I am also excited to announce that we will spend Wednesday nights in 2027 studying the book of Revelation. I look forward to our time together studying God's Word.

Have a Jesus filled week. May Christ have preeminence in all things!  
John 3:30,  
Pastor Michael