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WORKERS FOR SUNDAY

June 7, 2026

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

James Chadwick Jim Greene *

NURSERY WORKERS DURING WORSHIP

Shauna Kirkland Pam Ford

SAFETY TEAM — TEAM ONE

Roger Long Jack Oody
Chrissy Johnson

VAN DRIVER

David Stroud

PRAYERS: *In The Hospital*

Ken Burnett, Ft. Sanders
Sam Martin, Ft. Sanders

Deacon Election, Sunday, June 7

A ballot box will be provided in the Sanctuary foyer on June 7 to turn in your deacon ballot. If you will not be in attendance on that day, absentee ballots will be available in the church office.

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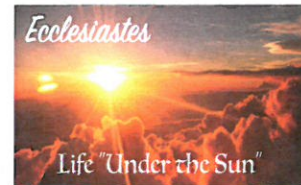
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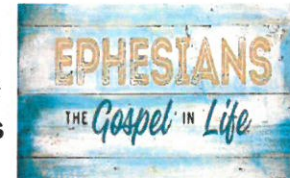
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Sunday Sermon
Series on the Book
of Ecclesiastes

Wednesday Night
Bible Study on the
Book of Ephesians



**"Community Fun Day
at Meridian"**
Saturday, June 6
11am-2pm



Community outreach
on the front church lawn!
Food, Popcorn, Snow Cones
Face Painting, Crafts,
Games, Prizes

Invite friends, family, neighbors!
Workers: Arrive by 10:00

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

11:00-2:00—Community Fun Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

9:30am—Sunday School
10:50am—Morning Worship
3:30pm—Church Council/Budget & Finance

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

5:30pm—VBS Workers Mtg.
6:00pm—TeamKid
6:00pm—Students "The Upper Room"
6:15pm—Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
7:15pm—Choir Practice

JUNE 10-13

Youth to Camp BaYoCa



VBS July 12-16
Sunday-Thursday
6:00-8:30

**Family Fun Night,
Friday, July 17, 6-8**

4 Years-5th Grade; Adult Class

Pre-registration forms are available in June bulletins. You can also call or email the church office to register for VBS or scan the QR code below to pre-register.

Next Workers' Meeting:

June 10 at 5:30 in the
Adult 4 Dept.

There will be a light meal
provided for VBS workers
Monday-Thursday, 5:00-5:40



**Celebrating America's
250th Birthday
"Celebration Service"**
Sunday, June 28

Patriotic Celebration Service
followed by lunch
in the fellowship hall.
Hamburgers, hotdogs, and
all the sides will be provided.
Please sign up if you
plan to attend.

The Majesty of God and the Value of Men
A Devotional on Psalm 8

Today we find ourselves out of the spiritual and worldly woes of David and we find him in a place of pure worship. In fact, he is singing some words that we all probably know very well. "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" (v. 8:1, 9). This is clearly the scriptural inspiration for the hymn *How Majestic Is Your Name*. Psalm 8, similar to our own hymn, is a song of wonder. As David looks at the heavens, he is overwhelmed by the greatness of God. He begins and ends the psalm with that very aforementioned declaration.

As David considers the moon, the stars, and the vastness of God's creation, he asks a humbling question: "What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?" (v. 8:4). In comparison to the greatness of God's creation of the universe, humanity can seem small and insignificant. Yet David is amazed not by man's smallness, but by God's great care. The Creator of all things knows us, values us, and has given us a unique place within His creation. Though we are finite, we are not forgotten. Though we are small, we are deeply loved by a great God.

Thomas Chalmers, a Scottish minister & professor of theology wrote particularly on an idea called "The expulsive power of a new affection" This idea is where we pull such thoughts like "humility is not thinking less of ourselves, but thinking of ourselves less." It is a mindset approach of humility that comes not from belittling ourselves, but in shifting our perspective to focus on God & not ourselves. Psalm 8 draws our eyes upward. It reminds us that life is not ultimately about us, it is, however, about the glory of God.

All that isn't to say that man's place is insignificant altogether. This psalm points us to the dignity God has given humanity. We were created in His image and entrusted with stewardship over His creation. Our value is not found in our accomplishments or status, but in the fact that God has chosen to set His affection upon us. We must understand that a proper view of ourselves begins with a proper view of God. When we see His holiness, power, and majesty, we gain a clearer understanding of both our need for Him and our purpose in Him. Psalm 8 invites us to stand in awe. It calls us to marvel at the God who created galaxies with His word and yet cares for each one of His children personally.

So today, take a moment to look beyond yourself. Consider the greatness of God. Marvel at His creation. And rejoice in the truth that the God who made the stars also knows your name.

"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8:9, ESV).

Grace be with you, Christopher S. Milligan

Attendance

May 31 - Sunday School

Preschool	5
Children	12
Youth	8
Adults	91
Total	116
Visitors	5

Worship Service: 140

Contacts for the week of 5/25—5/31 Total: 134
 4 & 5 Years—22 Adult 3—14 Adult 4—98

Giving

Giving For May 31

General Budget Fund	\$ 6,190.36
Capital Improvements	100.00
Non-Budget Designated	30.00
Grand Total	\$ 6,320.36
Online Giving	\$ 300.00
Monthly Budget Requirement	\$51,083.00
May Budget Giving	\$41,160.31

Memorials & Honorariums

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

Pray for the Students & Leaders!

Youth Summer Camp
June 10-13

Camp BaYoCa, Sevierville

Check out the table located near Library for ways you can provide items for camp.

Senior Adult Bible Study

June 23 at 10:30



Women on Mission June Project

Collect toiletry items & laundry detergent for Angelic Ministries. Place items in box located near the office.

Music Ministry News

It's hard to believe that it's already June. Seems like just yesterday we arrived at Meridian on Easter Sunday. Thank you again from Adrienne and me on how you have so wonderfully welcomed us and have loved us so well. To which I want to say a huge thank you to Dennis for helping to make this a smooth transition.

God is a good God. We can see that daily when we take the time to look. And then we can participate in worship and sing for joy as to how good He is to us. Again, a broken record, whether you know the song or not, please say the lyrics to the Lord. There is nothing that delights Him more than to see and hear His children praising Him; don't be seen with folded arms and closed mouths which do not delight Him, join in worship however you can.

Our choir is preparing "Sweet Freedom's Song" for Sunday, June 28 at the 10:50 Service. Please invite family and friends, where we will not only enjoy a time of patriotism but a great time of worship.

Important: do you play a musical instrument? Do you sing? Do you have computer skills? I would love to hear from you. We can use you. I'd love you to be involved in the music ministry.

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the POWER at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen" Ephesians 3:20-21.

Soli Deo Gloria

Bro. Mark

Scan the QR code for new MBC & NXTGEN T-Shirts, Sweaters, Hoodies, & More If you need help ordering, call the office.



One of the noticeable aspects of the landscape of South Knoxville is the amount of kudzu covering the hills around Chapman Highway. Kudzu has an interesting history.

According to author Bruce Rzengota, "Kudzu was introduced to the United States in 1876 at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Countries were invited to build exhibits to celebrate the 100th birthday of the U.S. The Japanese government constructed a beautiful garden filled with plants from their country. The large leaves and sweet-smelling blooms of kudzu captured the imagination of American gardeners who used the plant for ornamental purposes. Florida nursery operators, Charles and Lillie Pleas, discovered that animals would eat the plant and promoted its use for forage in the 1920s. Their Glen Arden Nursery in Chipley sold kudzu plants through the mail. A historical marker there proudly proclaims "Kudzu Developed Here." During the Great Depression of the 1930s, the Soil Conservation Service promoted kudzu for erosion control. Hundreds of young men were given work planting kudzu through the Civilian Conservation Corps. Farmers were paid as much as eight dollars an acre as incentive to plant fields of the vines in the 1940s. The problem is that it just grows too well! The climate of the Southeastern U.S. is perfect for kudzu. The vines grow as much as a foot per day during summer months, climbing trees, power poles, and anything else they contact. Under ideal conditions kudzu vines can grow sixty feet each year. The USDA eventually declared kudzu to be a weed in 1972."

What an interesting history! I am reminded how kudzu is similar to sin. We are all born with a deadly weed in our hearts called "sin." Sin eats away at you, with ultimate goal of destroying you. Just like kudzu, "sin" starts small, but it grows rapidly. And, if not managed, it grows, spreads, and eventually consumes us. Oh that we would be about the business of killing sin! Ponder these things today!

Have a Jesus filled week!
 Pastor Michael