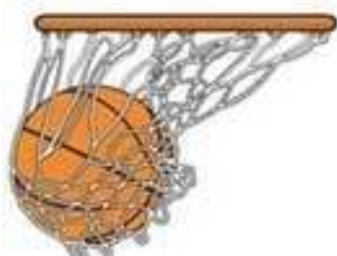


Beyond Basketball

WE ARE UP AND UNDER WAY WITH OUR BEYOND BASKETBALL SEASON. WE HAVE 8 TEAMS OF BOYS PLAYING THIS YEAR. PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR PLAYERS, COACHES, AND PARENTS; PRAY THAT THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST WILL BE SHARED WITH OPEN AND RECEPTIVE HEARTS THIS SEASON. I HOPE THAT OUR CHURCH FAMILY WILL RALLY BEHIND THIS MINISTRY—THIS ISN'T JUST ATHLETICS, IT'S OUTREACH! YOU CAN HELP BY COMING OUT TO ONE OF THE GAMES AND GETTING TO KNOW THE FOLKS IN THE STANDS. RELATIONSHIP BUILDING AND PERSONAL INVITATIONS ARE THE BEST WAY TO GET LOST PEOPLE INTO CHURCH. HERE IS A LIST OF OUR REMAINING SATURDAY GAMES:

JANUARY 7TH—9AM UNTIL 2PM
 JANUARY 21ST—9AM UNTIL 2PM
 FEBRUARY 4TH—9AM UNTIL 2PM



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NEW YEAR CREATES OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW START

I was inspired and uplifted by the following devotion. It was taken from www.Devotions.com, written & posted by Mike Ruffin on Dec. 28, 2011 at 7:34 am.

“Now that Christmas is over, our thoughts quickly turn to the year ahead. The truth is January can be one of the most depressing months of the year. Credit card bills come in from all that Christmas overspending, and winter, if not already here, is rapidly approaching, which means that we have very few days over the next couple of months that will permit us to pursue all those outdoor activities that we enjoy.

Winter doesn't have to be a dark, dreary time in our lives. In fact, the Apostle Paul in one of the last letters he ever wrote laid out some pretty good advice to his close friend, Timothy – advice that we should take, too.

Paul was in prison in Rome and he knew that the sands of time were running out on his life. Think about it. What would you say to a close friend with your last words? Any of us in similar circumstances would likely reserve what precious time we had left to deal with the most important priorities in our life.

It was no different with Paul. Paul's final words to Timothy are found at 2 Timothy 4:9-21. Clearly, Paul knew he might not survive beyond winter, so he urged Timothy to come immediately. He asked for three things: His coat that he left in another city, his parchments (the equivalent to today's Bible), and one last opportunity to see Mark, writer of one of the four Gospels, and someone about whom Paul had some regrets.

Interestingly, the opportunity to see Mark was number one on Paul's list of final requests. It was very important to Paul because he once misjudged Mark's worthiness to carry the Gospel message. We really don't know why. Many think Mark may have become homesick while with Paul and Barnabas on a trip to Turkey. At any rate, the Bible records that Mark, “departing from them, returned to Jerusalem.” (Acts 13:13)

Paul was on fire to spread the Gospel Message and obviously could not understand how Mark could abandon the call to serve the Lord. Paul's inability to understand the reason for Mark's hasty departure not only strained his relationship with Mark but also with Barnabas, Mark's uncle and Paul's companion on his first missionary trip. Barnabas left Paul over the rift while on their second missionary trip.

The Bible tells us that “all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” (Romans 8:28) Such was the case with Paul and Barnabas. The Lord used this rift between these two great servants to double the ministry. Barnabas took Mark and headed for Cyprus while Paul teamed with Silas, who accompanied him through Syria and Cilicia. (Acts 15:39-40)

I don't think Paul ever offered the apology to Mark that Mark was owed. That's why I think it was one of the last things he wanted to do before he left this world. Regardless of what may have caused the rift between Paul and Mark, Paul knew he had rushed to judgment, which is why he said of Mark to Timothy, “Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.” (2 Timothy 4:11)

Winter is rapidly approaching here, too. We may not be in the last days of our lives, but many of us have broken relationships created by premature judgments, words we wish we could take back, actions we should not have taken.

Winter doesn't have to be filled with dark days. Make a call to the “Mark” in your life. Set up a visit, swallow your pride, and apologize for what you said or did. 2012 could become a very special year for the two of you.”

Grounded vs Growing vs Serving vs Sowing

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Brett Cook
- 04 Linda Benton
Jayden Hendley
Stacey Raper
Teresa Roman
Brooke Self
- 05 Shirley Burleson
Cathy Davis
- 07 Taylor Knowles
- 08 Ross Brown
Effie Cecil
- 09 Judy G. Lippard
Isaiah Little
- 10 Melinda Morgan
- 11 Rhonda Strachen
- 12 Betty Henry
Ben Pynes
- 13 Lindsey Cole
- 16 Bob McVay
- 17 Maxine Brumley
Less Huneycutt, II
Daniel O'Kelly
Kelli Powell
- 19 Mary Draper
- 26 Richie Egnor
Joan Godwin
Megan Sheeks
- 27 Ronnie Raper



New Member Fellowship

Sunday, January 8th at 5:30pm we will have our regular quarterly church conference & singing followed by a new member fellowship. We will be honoring 33 new members who have joined since June 2011. We are asking that all the ladies please bring a finger food to share. And men...it's time for our annual Men's Bake-Off Contest. Men are encouraged to make a homemade dessert. Our panel of judges will name this year's champion. Then of course, we will all get a chance to sample some desserts! Please make plans to come and celebrate the Lord's blessings on our church & spend time fellowshiping and getting to know someone new! Our 33 honored guests will be:

Kevin Hill	Colsen Palmer	Jason Buck
Karen Hill	Dylan Milam	Amanda Buck
Tyler Conklin	Kellen Corsen	Ritchie Egnor
Alexa Conklin	Kendyl Corsen	Brandy Egnor
Kendall Brown	Isaiah Little	Brandon Egnor
Ross Brown	Wanda Nesbitt	Kobe Egnor
James Woods	Hayden Taylor	David Bowers
Dylan Gary	Harlie Taylor	Pamela Bowers
Ashley Starnes	Noah Linton	Marc Lomartire
Courtney Haithcock	Mike Gordon	Nerissa Lomartire
Tyler Webb	Oksana Gordon	Kacey McVay

Weekday Preschool News

We have had a busy and fun first half of the school year! December was a very busy month with Christmas activities, crafts, music, and movies. The parents were able to join their preschoolers for breakfast and crafts one morning which gave everyone time to slow down and enjoy family time during the busy holiday season. The Weekday Preschool also participated in our first Christmas program for our church on December 21st.

In January, we will start focusing on winter and snow with lots of activities to teach the children about the different seasons that God created.

We will be opening up registration for the 2012-2013 school year to our current preschoolers on January 23rd and for our church members on January 30th. On February 6th, we will open registration to the public. If you know anyone looking for a preschool for their 3 and 4 yr olds, please let them know about Memorial Baptist Church Preschool!

Children & Youth Reminders

CHILDRENS NEWS (Grades 1–6)

- Kids Corner worship will be held on January 8th and January 22nd. We will finish our series on the ancient kings of Israel.
- Our new quarter of Royal Ambassadors and Girls in Action begins in January. If your child has not been involved with our Children's Missions program then now is a great time to get your child involved. 1st thru 6th Graders gather every Wednesday from 630 to 8PM for fellowship, Bible study, service projects and to learn about missions. This is a great "Serving and Sowing" opportunity for our children. See Brian Mahiques or Gwen Rowell for more information.
- Kidz Care will be January 11th as we teach our kids to reach out to those in our church and community starting at 630PM in the annex.
- Any parent or adult volunteer who would be available to help with teaching one Kidz Corner service per month please see Brian Mahiques. We are looking for someone who can present an exciting, themed message for about 15 minutes to our 1st thru 6th grade worship service during wither the 11am or 830 services.
- Kids bowling day for all Kidz Corner kids will be February 11th. Cost is \$10 and includes bowling and lunch. Gather at church at 10AM. Signup and information sheets will be in the church lobby later this month.



YOUTH NEWS (Grades 7–12)

- Youth Care will be January 25th at 630 in the New "U" Lounge. Please encourage your youth to come early and reach out to the lost in our community and the members of our church.
- Youth Winter Retreat dates are January 13th to January 16th. Cost is \$80. A \$20 deposit was due December 14th and the remaining \$60 is due January 11th. Snow tubing is an optional activity for an additional \$20. Please pray for a life changing time for our students.
- All students attending the Winter retreat must be in attendance at the Undefined youth service January 11th for prayer and the distribution of retreat materials.
- Anyone who would be interested in paying a full or partial scholarship for our youth retreat in January please see Brian Mahiques. The cost is \$80 per child. We always have some who cannot attend without assistance. If you know a youth grades 7th to 12th who needs assistance in covering the cost of the retreat please see Brian as well.
- An organizational meeting for all parents wishing to send their children or youth to TVR next summer will be held February 5th at 7PM in the Fireplace Room.



January 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 4:30pm Adult Choir Practice 5:00pm Building & Grounds Meeting 5:30pm Usher's Mtg.	2 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	3 7:00am Men's Breakfast @ Townhouse 7:00pm Weekday Preschool Committee Meeting	4 6:00pm Stewardship Mtg. 6:30pm Undefined 6:30pm Kidz Club House 7:00pm CARE—Team C 7:00pm RAs, GA's, & Mission Friends 7:00pm Worship 8:00pm Deacon's Meeting	5 6—9:00pm Beyond Basketball	6 6—9:00pm Beyond Basketball 9pm—FLC In Use—Draper	7 9am—2pm Beyond Basketball Games
8 8:30am & 11:00am—Kidz Corner 4:30pm Adult Choir Practice 5:30pm Church Conference & Song Service 6:30pm New Member Fellowship	9 6:30pm Church Council Mtg.	10 7:00am Men's Breakfast @ Townhouse	11 6:30pm Undefined 6:30pm Kidz Club House 7:00pm CARE—Team A 7:00pm RAs, GA's, & Mission Friends 7:00pm Worship	12 6—9:00pm Beyond Basketball	13 6—9:00pm Beyond Basketball	14 Noon—5pm FLC In Use
15 LORD'S SUPPER 4:30pm Adult Choir Practice 6:00pm Breakout Classes—Session 1	16	17 7:00am Men's Breakfast @ Townhouse 6:30pm Velveteen Women's Meeting	18 6:30pm Undefined 6:30pm Kidz Club House 7:00pm CARE—Team R 7:00pm RAs, GA's, & Mission Friends 7:00pm Worship	19 6—9:00pm Beyond Basketball 6:30pm Comp Growth Committee Meeting.	20 6—9:00pm Beyond Basketball 9pm—FLC In Use—Draper	21 9am—2pm Beyond Basketball Games
22 8:30am & 11:00am—Kidz Corner 4:30pm Adult Choir Practice 5:00pm VBS Committee Meeting 6:00pm Breakout Classes—Session 2	23	24 7:00am Men's Breakfast @ Townhouse	25 6:30pm Undefined 6:30pm Kidz Club House 7:00pm CARE—Team E 7:00pm RAs, GA's, & Mission Friends 7:00pm Worship	26 6—9:00pm Beyond Basketball	27 6—9:00pm Beyond Basketball	28
29 4:30pm Adult Choir Practice 6:00pm Breakout Classes—Session 3	30	31 7:00am Men's Breakfast @ Townhouse				

SPECIAL REMINDERS:

- ⇒ Jan. 8th—Church Conference & Song Service
- ⇒ Jan. 8th—New Member Fellowship
- ⇒ Jan. 15th—New Quarterly Discipleship Classes Begin



Weekly sermons can now be listened to online. Visit our website: www.mbchurch.org and click on "Sermons".

YOUTH—WINTER RETREAT

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For the Record

Contributions & Attendance

Date	Budget	Received	Difference	SS Attend.	8:30 Worship	11:00 Worship
11/27/11	\$10,451.80	\$ 4,347.31	- \$ 6,104.49	191	128	135
12/04/11	\$10,451.80	\$10,339.00	- \$ 112.80	247	155	140
12/11/11	\$10,451.80	\$ 8,142.80	- \$ 2,390.00	236	135	No Count Taken
12/18/11	\$10,451.80	\$ 7,657.81	- \$ 2,793.99	220	151	120
12/25/11	\$10,451.80	\$14,747.73	+ \$ 4,295.93	No SS	124	No Count Taken

Church Conference

Our next regular quarterly church conference will be held on Sunday, January 8th at 5:30pm in the church sanctuary. The agendas for this meeting will be available on January 1, 2012.

January Nursery & Children's Church

	8:30 Nursery	8:30 Children's Church	11:00 Nursery	11:00 Toddlers	11:00 Children's Church	Sunday PM Nursery & Toddlers
Jan. 1	Steve & Jan Garmon	Lydia Nunn & Hannah	Bonnie Miranda & Leslie Fitzpatrick	Charles & Darlene Draper	Todd & Stacey Hendley	No Evening Services
Jan. 8	Marcie Godfrey & Melinda Norfleet	Mark & Julie Childers	Billy & Kim Larrimore	Mark & Julie Childers	Danny & Misty Edwards	Robin Haithcock & Frances Propst
Jan. 15	Seth & Traci Brock	Wanda Nesbitt & Harlie Taylor	Jackie Cox & Donna McQueen	Todd & Sonja Thacker	Patrick & Christine Palmer	Robin Haithcock & Frances Propst
Jan. 22	Robin Haithcock & Frances Propst	Bobby & Susan Smith	Patrick & Christine Palmer	Lydia Nunn & Hannah Nunn	Todd & Sonja Thacker	Robin Haithcock & Frances Propst
Jan. 29	Darol & Lee Ellen Brock	Robin Haithcock & Pauline Haithcock	Drew & Tiffany Long & Sandy McVay	Mark & Angel Williams	Jeff & Dana Wyatt	Robin Haithcock & Frances Propst



Try adding some fruit to your daily routine:

Fruits OF THE SPIRIT

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Patience
- Kindness
- Goodness
- Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Self-Control