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## OUT OF MY MIND

Many of you are aware that our church was victimized by an email scam last Fall. An email – representing itself as coming from me, asked many of you for financial help by purchasing a gift card and sending “me” the pin numbers so I could then help someone who was in need. Gratefully most of you were rightfully suspicious of this appeal and contacted the church office to see what was going on.

Unfortunately, this and other email scams have become more prevalent and the possibility exists that we will be targeted again. Churches are seen as easy prey since most church people are eager to help those in need, especially if they think the appeal is coming from the pastor or other church staff. I understand that other churches in our community, as well as across the country, have also received such scam email appeals.

While there is no simple solution to this problem, we are taking the following steps:

- 1) Church staff will only email you from their official email account that ends with “manlybaptist.com.” For example the office email is office@manlybaptist.com. All of the official church staff accounts end that way. If we wish to communicate with you it will not be through our personal gmail accounts or something similar, so look for the @manlybaptist.com address. (for example last Fall’s spam email used my name and the church name but had an @gmail address)
- 2) No one on staff will ever ask for money or gift cards to support the church, assist someone in need, or some other cause without also announcing it officially on a Sunday morning, on the church website, in the Newsletter, in the bulletin or in person. Also, when you contribute to the Benevolence Offering following the Lord’s Supper, you already provide funds to help those in need in our community.
- 3) If you do receive a suspicious email, always seek to confirm it by contacting the church office.

I hate to start off the New Year with such a negative newsletter article so let me offer this piece of Good News. Though we live in challenging times we do not have to be afraid, for Christ has come, Christ is with us and we know that “he who lives in us is greater than he who lives in the world.” (1 John 4:4)

Your Pastor,  
 Mike

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed **Wednesday, January 1st** for New Year’s Day.

## CAKE & CASSEROLE MINISTRY

The cake & casserole ministry will meet on **Saturday, January 11 at 9:00 am.** Please join us!



## BUSINESS MEETING

We will have our quarterly Business Meeting on **Wednesday, January 15 at 6:15 pm.**

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, we will contact you by One Call Now and post on WDBJ7, Facebook and our website.

## RARA NEEDS

Canned Fruits or Vegetables

### BIBLE STUDY FLOATERS

January 5 - Barbara Heckman  
 January 12 - Loretta Ballard  
 January 19 - Barbara Heckman  
 January 26 - Loretta Ballard

### HALL WATCH

January 5 - Gary Judy  
 January 12 - Joel Snow  
 January 19 - Mike Bozeman  
 January 26 - Rolf Piranian

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

January 5 - Larry Bond  
 January 12 - Roger Williamson  
 January 19 - Lee Higgins  
 January 26 - Patsy Paxton

### WORSHIP NURSERY

January 5 - Sharon Martin  
 January 12 - Rosana Clancy  
 January 19 - Linda Bond  
 January 26 - Cathy Wranek



8<sup>th</sup> Roberta Grist  
 11<sup>th</sup> Tom Charland  
 12<sup>th</sup> Patsy Williamson  
 14<sup>th</sup> Laura Huffman  
 17<sup>th</sup> Margaret Tait  
 Mitch Fridley  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Oyler  
 24<sup>th</sup> Reba Miller  
 26<sup>th</sup> Beverly Shotwell



1<sup>st</sup> Lannie & Loretta Ballard

Celebrating a birthday or anniversary? Share it with us!



WMU held their quarterly business meeting on Monday, December 9 at 5:15 pm. There were 12 members present. Molly Kay Moore, board member for FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), talked about some of the projects FCA Huddles at MRMS, LDMS and RCHS supports, such as filling Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes, helping with Christmas baskets, as well as having Christian role models speak to their group. A donation was made to support this program.

Recent project reports..... 145 shoeboxes were delivered by Lib Bowyer, David and Noah Campbell (111 of those were from Manly); approximately 51 hygiene bags and 3 bags of cards and stationary items were delivered to Fluvanna Women's Correctional Unit by Patsy Williamson; money was sent for school uniform and supplies for a Honduran child. Thanks to all who participated in these projects!

Project for January is paper towels, toilet paper and cleaning supplies for Lisa's House. In February we will host a tea at Lexington House. Our March project will be a baby shower for the Caring Pregnancy Center. Please watch for more details and join us in these endeavors.

**Our next quarterly meeting will be Monday, March 11 at 5:15 pm.**



Thank you to each of you for supporting the Manly Memorial Endowment Fund in 2019 in your gifts, your actions, and your prayers! We look forward to joining with you in 2020 to promote Christian stewardship and to support our church on its journey with God.



The deacons welcome four people to the group for 2020: Debbie Fox, Steve Higgins, Rick Lollis, and Sherry Miller. Serving as chair will be Dale Raymond. The other officers are Sherry Miller, vice-chair, and Curtis Caylor, secretary. Thank you to the deacons who are rotating off for their service in helping our church to show God's love to others. They are Barbara Cash, Linda Hooks, Brian Kave and Alysyan Raymond. Please feel free to reach out to any of the deacons if you would like for us to pray for you or if you would like ideas about how to be more involved in the life of the local church.



**Welcome the New Year by joining the Adult Choir!**

Are you interested in joining the Adult Choir? If so, now is the time! We will be rehearsing for our regular Sunday anthems and starting on the Easter cantata before long. Please contact Lucy Wilkins in person or at [wilkins.lucy@gmail.com](mailto:wilkins.lucy@gmail.com) if you have questions.



Children's choir will not practice the month of January.



The Meador-Steele Handbell Choir will not practice the month of January.



**WHAT DO YOU SEE HAPPENING AT MANLY MEMORIAL IN 2020?**

What's your vision for our church? Your dream for our church? Let's choose to focus on what God wants us to do, and let's do it with a joyful attitude! Let's all look for God's possibilities for Manly Memorial Baptist Church.

Let's consider outwardly-focused activities that connect our church with our community. And let's use our collective talents and interests to make 2020 a great year for Manly!



During the month of January and February we will take a break from our Wednesday night fellowship meals. Please consider inviting people to your home or gathering at a local restaurant for dinner and fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity to form new friendships with people in our church!

Thank you for all the cards, food, gifts and other expressions of appreciation you gave us during the Christmas season. With the Apostle Paul we say "I thank my God every time I remember you.

In Christian love,  
*Mike & Lucy Wilkins*



**Wednesday, January 1  
NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 8 6:00 - 7:30 pm**  
Dinner, Game & Bible Study

**Wednesday, January 15 6:00 - 7:30 pm**  
Dinner, Game & Bible Study

**Sunday, January 19 12:30 pm**  
Lunch (**Please bring \$ for your meal**) & Ice Hockey

**Wednesday, January 22 6:00 - 7:30 pm**  
Dinner, Game & Bible Study

**Wednesday, January 29 6:00 - 7:30 pm**  
Dinner, Game & Bible Study



**SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:45 AM**

We are all making decisions now that can affect our futures—whether we like it or not and whether we realize it or not! While many students may get this intuitively, there is often a competing idea that what they do now doesn't really matter in the long run. In this series we will look at the secret behind good decision-making: wisdom. Through the wisdom found in Proverbs, students learn what it looks like to apply wisdom to their everyday decisions NOW, which can lead them to a better life and future LATER!

**January 5 with Laura Jones**  
Wisdom now can help you miss mistakes later!

**January 12 with John Wranek**  
A good reputation is good for you now and later!

**January 19 with Molly Kay Moore**  
The end you want tomorrow is connected to what you do today!

**January 26 with Katlyn Bradley**  
Patient people know there is more to the story!