



Since cleaning supplies are so hard to find these days, we are asking for Lysol or Clorox wipe donations. The next time you are at a store and see these, please pick up one and drop it off at the church. Thank You



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2020 Newsletter for the Ministry & Fellowship of Manly Memorial Baptist Church

Out of My Mind

As you are well aware, these are unprecedented times. Because of the Pandemic, much of what used to be normal and routine, just doesn't work at the moment. That also applies to how we function as the church. Obviously we have had to make changes in how we worship, such as moving it out of the sanctuary to online, but our adjustments haven't ended there. In addition nearly all in person meetings – whether Sunday School classes, committees, other meetings and Deacons have either not taken place or have continued as Zoom meetings. With that being the case, how does the church function? How do we make the decisions that need to be made?

Fortunately our church constitution provides direction for this situation. Article III, Section 9, Line D states that the Deacons shall: “Act as an executive committee of the church in emergency situations calling for such prompt action that a call for a special business meeting of the church is impractical.”

Because of the Pandemic, business meetings, whether quarterly or special in nature, are certainly impractical at this time. With this in mind, the Deacons have voted that the Pandemic qualifies as just the sort of emergency situation that the constitution envisioned, and so they will fulfill their responsibility to act as an executive committee for the church, until such time as when the church can safely regather for business meetings and make decisions in the usual ways.

One of the decisions the deacons have made is to follow the example of the Virginia Baptist state convention (BGAV) and extend this year's nominating committee assignments into next year. They are encouraging each volunteer, if at all possible, to remain in their current positions, even if they were scheduled to rotate off their assignment for the time being.

Also, the Stewardship and Budget Committee, which will be meeting soon to consider the 2021 Church Budget, is being asked to make as few adjustments as necessary to the budget. The Deacons will review and vote upon any changes to the budget.

Please know that the Deacons' view this functioning as an executive committee for the church as a temporary situation and as soon as the church can safely resume business meetings will gladly hand the decision making responsibility back to those groups deemed as responsible in the constitution.

Your Pastor,
Mike



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- Celebrating an anniversary or a birthday?
Share it with us!



It is not too late to pick up and fill a shoebox for Samaritans Purse. We are sorry that the boxes are not wrapped (miss you Lib) but there are still plenty available. **Please return your filled shoeboxes by Thursday, November 12th.** Molly Kay Moore will be in the office that day, so you will be able to get in with your boxes. We appreciate your faithfulness participating in our projects during these difficult times!

Patsy Paxton



Instead of rushing for the year to be over, we can thrive right where we are, while hoping for good days to come.

For many, this year began with resolutions, dreams, plans, and ambitions. And presently, for many, these hopes have become lost, abandoned, and thrown away. The replacements? Grief, disappointment, and frustration. One defining quality of the Christian life is prayer.

Whether life is full of joy, or full of suffering, we are called to pray. Prayer provides us an opportunity to thank God and make requests of him as we progress through life. When those around us, Christian or otherwise, are tempted to trade in their hope for something less, we can respond with prayer. We have a choice of role-modeling for others.

Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.
Psalm 62:8

This seemed to be something worth sharing:
from Crosswalk.com

Dale Raymond

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER



Can you believe it is almost Thanksgiving?! That means it is time for our annual project to provide meals to the retirement homes - Windermere and Lexington House. We will not be able to provide the fellowship which has been a blessing for all, but COVID-19 cannot stop us from providing a meal to these residents and letting them know that they are still high in our thoughts and prayers. Thank the Lord!

We will be putting together a couple of take-out containers per person and delivering them to the doors of the residents of these two retirement homes. To accomplish this, we are asking for donations of checks or cash. Patsy and I will then shop for all supplies and cook all items. We do ask for volunteers that would be willing to help put the meals together into the take-out containers and help deliver. We are thinking there is a need for at least six volunteers. One for each floor of the two complexes.

If you can donate funds, please send those to the church by Friday, November 20.

If you can help put the meals together and deliver, please contact Patsy Paxton (460-3591; patsypaxton@comcast.net) or Deborah Caylor (460-4060; debccaylor@gmail.com)

Thank you,
Patsy and Deborah



Join us on **Friday, November 20 at 7:00 pm** for a zoom ladies fellowship. We will enjoy a prayer and short devotional. **Please let Lee Higgins (higgsl62@gmail.com) know by Wednesday, November 18** if you plan to attend, so she can send you the invitation.



A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Tuesday, November 24, 6:00 pm**, at First Baptist Church (103 North Main Street). Rev. Tucker Bowerfind of Grace Episcopal Church will be the guest speaker.

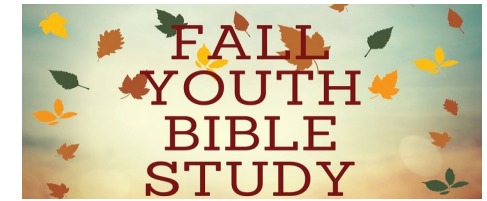


Parents and Children,

I hope that this newsletter finds you happy and healthy during these crazy times. With not knowing what the future will look like in regards to a return to church, I want to encourage each of you to continue to include bible study, activities, and anything else you feel would be beneficial to their success in growing their faith, into their daily lives. In the hard times we are in, children need to see and know that there is always someone to go to with their concerns, and someone who is watching over them through these times, good and bad. God is in control and they can lean on him for understanding.

Please continue to worship with your child; this can lead to bigger conversations that need to happen for their own spiritual growth. Keep an eye out for some big news coming your way in regards to our children's ministry, God is working in big ways even if we are not gathering together! Big things are in the works to make our return to church and our children's ministry bigger and better than before! I continue to lift you and your children up in my thoughts and prayers daily, that we all would receive a sense of peace and understanding in this difficult time. Praying we will be joined together again real soon! If I can do anything for you or your child, please feel free to reach out! Blessings!

Katlyn Smals



Youth are invited to join us as we begin a new Bible study in November called "Vibes".

Nobody has more vibes—more moods they experience or things they feel in a deep and real way—than youth. And while there is nothing wrong with feeling all the feels, the problem comes when we let these passing vibes become the motivators of our moods and actions. In this series, we are going to dive deep into some of the feelings we all feel and the way they inspire our actions in an effort to figure out what we can do to better control our vibes instead of letting our vibes control us!

Week 1

Because of Jesus, emotions don't have to be the boss of you!

Week 2

Because of Jesus, anger doesn't have to be the boss of you!

Week 3

Because of Jesus, fear doesn't have to be the boss of you!

Week 4

Because of Jesus, guilt doesn't have to be the boss of you!



Thank you for all the cards sent to celebrate my birthday! Each one was deeply and sincerely appreciated.

Gary Judy