



HAPPY  
mother's  
DAY

Sunday,  
May 9

Monday,  
May 31

Memorial  
DAY

Deacons of the Week:

2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Goodwin  
Matthew Simons

9<sup>th</sup> Heath Hughes  
Elmer Overton

16<sup>th</sup> David Earley  
Mike Layton

23<sup>rd</sup> Eric Goodwin  
Chris Layton

30<sup>th</sup> Carroll Skinner  
Tom Bass

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Please be in prayer as we approach the selection of Deacons in the June 16 business meeting. Active members will be electing four Deacons to serve the next three-year term.

Senior Pastor.....Chris Gravning  
Deacon Chairman.....Mathew Simons  
Co-Music Directors.....Carolyn Smithwick & Phil Huey  
Secretary.....Rachel Gregory  
Custodian.....Joyce Jack



***“And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him.” – Matthew 4:19-20 (ESV)***

Having a path set before us when we plan for something is indispensable. This is true for all of life. We must have some plan or pathway to our goal that we are looking to accomplish if we are to be successful. Training for a new job has a pathway to get the new employee ready to do the job they were hired to do. Schooling, if done correctly, has a pathway to accomplish goals for students, milestones and checkpoints to see if they are on the right track to the goal of having a solid education to get a job, start a career, and to be successful.

Yet, when it comes to the church, sometimes we buck against that idea. Maybe it is because we feel like we do not have the time or that church shouldn't be so formal in its teaching. There are probably several more reasons why this is the case, but there's not enough room in this newsletter to tease out. But let me tell you, it can be detrimental to the health of a church when we do not have a pathway to where we need to go. And more than anything, we need a *pathway of discipleship*.

All believers are to be disciples. What does it mean to be a disciple? I love theologian Stephen Wright's simple answer, *“Discipleship means, quite simply, learning from Jesus to do the will of God.”* That is what Jesus did when he called his disciples and he when calls us to be his disciples as well. But what is entailed in discipleship? What are we learning? What is this will of God that Jesus is teaching us?

I am going to forego answering that question, because I want you to come and find out on Sunday nights. I will be teaching a series called *The Disciple's Path*. And out of this I prayerfully hope that we will begin to show at Macedonia Baptist Church what it means to be a disciple. We need a path for every person, from nursery to the grave. We need an identifiable path that we can chart progress. From new believer to a growing believer to a serving believer to a discipling believer to a leading believer. Without a plan, we will just flounder and wonder where we are supposed to go next. I pray that as we begin this study, it will inspire us biblically to begin implementing a stronger plan of discipleship here at MBC.

So, come and bring your Bibles and a notebook on Sunday nights at 6:30pm in the sanctuary! I look forward to seeing you there. - **Pastor Chris**



**MAY  
BIRTHDAYS**

**MBC Family wishes HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following who were born in May!**

1 Roma Hudson 2 Sarah Waff 3 Tammy Overton 4 Terry Hardison, Matthew Evans 5 Lily Farmer 6 Nikki Farless, Trent Goodwin 8 Maribelle Belangia, Sarah Goodwin, Tyler Parrish 10 Kaz Goodwin, Lonnie Coker 11 Blake Belch, Valerie Byrum, Brandy Goodwin, Rebekah Goodwin, Allison May Tynch, Cynthia Warren 12 Jean Griffin 14 Cody Ambrose, Danny Evans, Lance Forehand 18 Scottie White, Jr. 21 Cindy Coker 22 Dorothy Parrish, Hudson Parrish 24 Spencer Belangia, G. Michael Jones, Chris Layton, Stuart Morris 26 Mary Evans (90 years) 28 Matthew Jones, Reed Byrum 29 Heath Hughes, E.C. Toppin 30 Camdyn Forehand 31 Aaron Jones, Jennifer Simons

**Change in Services:** Sunday School at 10:00 am. Nursery - 12th grade classes meet in their respective rooms. All adults have one combined class in the Fellowship Hall at this time.

**We are gathering as one church body again and only having one morning worship service.** Indoor service available at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. Nursery and Children's Church available. This service is also livestreamed on our Facebook page and later uploaded to our YouTube Channel and our website.

Sunday Evening Youth and Children's Ministries 6:00 pm and Bible Study for Adults 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Our Wednesday night Prayer Meeting will be held in the sanctuary at MBC at 7:00 pm. It will be Facebook livestreamed at 7:00 as well and later uploaded to the YouTube Channel.

#### **Edenton Chohan Food Pantry Collection**

MBC has been selected to provide NUTRI GRAIN BAR during the month of May. Thank you church family for your faithful giving. Any additional items are welcome.

**Summer camp spots are filling up at Camp Cale! MBC will pay half of the Camp Cale fee for each camper who is a member, immediate family of a member, or regularly attends MBC. Contact the church office.**

Nominations for two active members of the church to serve on the Nominating Committee beginning September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024 will be made by secret ballot at the May 19 business meeting. The nominees will be presented at the June meeting with election to be held in July. Please ask members first if they would be willing to serve before nominating them. Current members serving who are ineligible to be nominated: Charlotte Baker, Tammy Overton, Stacey Banks, Karen Huey, Terry Hardison, and Heath Hughes.



**Mark your calendar: Vacation Bible School is June 21-25 6:00 pm—8:30 pm. COME JOIN IN THE FUN! VBS is just around the corner and we need your help. We are looking for volunteers to help with VBS in the following areas: Bible Study teachers, Game leader, Mission leader. Please prayerfully consider helping us with VBS. Please contact VBS Director Joyce Jack if you feel led to serve in any of these areas.** If you would like to help contribute to VBS decorations, we are collecting gift wrap sized cardboard tubes. If you don't have that size available, we can also use paper towel tubes. Please place donations in the designated box on the conference room table.



**May 2 - Senior Adult Day Luncheon immediately following morning worship service**  
**May 9 - Mother's Day—No Evening Services**  
**May 16 - Deacons Meeting 7:15 pm**  
**May 19 - Helen Mitchell Bible Study at MBC - 1:00 pm, Business Meeting 7:30 pm**  
**May 20-21 - Fellowship Hall Reserved**  
**May 20 - June Newsletter information due**  
**May 28-29 - Fellowship Hall Reserved**  
**June 6 - Graduate Recognition Sunday**