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MBC Office Hours
Monday – Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Deacons of the Week:

1st Carroll Skinner
Tom Bass

8th Curtis Byrum
Lonnie Coker

15th Kevin Goodwin
Matthew Simons

22nd Heath Hughes
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29th David Earley
Mike Layton



It's time for Operation Christmas Child! Due to Covid safety restrictions and keeping our children and leaders safe, we have to do it differently this year! In years past, we have asked for donations from our church family and the children of the church have had an awesome time packing the boxes.

This year, we are issuing a challenge to all of our church family! We have 125 boxes to be packed for children across the world that, in most cases, will receive nothing for Christmas. The children of the church want each individual to pick up at least one box to fill and bring back by November 15th. Shoebboxes are available in the Sanctuary vestibule area. When picking up shoebboxes, make sure to grab one of each of the documents provided on the table with them which include information on how to pack your shoebox gift with instructions on donating the \$9 shipping cost, shoebox gift suggestions for boys or girls of different ages, and the list of prohibited items. Drop off completed boxes on the designated table in the fellowship hall. Please include your \$9 shipping fee with your box. The preferred and easiest way to give shipping cost is online (and in doing so you can discover the destination of your shoebox gift).

The Operation Christmas Child drive starts today and will end Sunday, November 15th. Please do not disappoint these kids! If all 125 are filled, it will be the most we've collected! If anyone would like to participate in packing a shoebox but is unable to get out to get a shoebox or items for it, please contact the church office as we have a volunteer who can help.



"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ for you." **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV)**

It is that time of year again. The weather is getting cooler, or at least as cool as it is going to get in Eastern NC and the colors are changing around us. November is full of transition. Transition from one season to another. Transition toward the holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our thoughts transition from the end of a year to a new one. We begin to look back at the year behind us and begin to take stock of what it is that happened and what was accomplished. This year brought incredible challenges to us. To be honest, in the future, I will not particularly look back at 2020 and say, "man, that was a great year." But as I think that, I begin to be convicted. The verse I shared above is one that I think we would all do well to remember and memorize as God's people. It reminds us *to give thanks*. Thanksgiving is around the corner. I imagine it will look a bit different than years past. But despite that, and despite the tragedies and struggles of 2020, we remember these words. We pray. We give thanks. *In all circumstances*. Paul and the apostles were no strangers to tough circumstances. They were imprisoned multiple times, beaten, mocked, and eventually put to death for their faith and proclamation of Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation. But Paul can say, and we alongside him, that in each and every situation, in his life and in yours, God is in control. Give thanks for everything. Give thanks for 2020. That's probably hard to hear or even think about. But give thanks anyway. God is in control. I have some ideas of what this year is going to teach us. I may spend some time and share those at some point when the year is all said and done. But God can and will use even a year like 2020 for His glory. The mission carries on. The Gospel is not stopped. Pray and give thanks. Ask God to work in your life and the life of the church. Ask Him to work in our community. Ask Him to reveal exactly what we need to learn this year about ourselves, what we need to repent of. And then apply our lives to His mission, to reach the lost for Christ, and to make disciples. Pray, give thanks, and live for Jesus, no matter what the circumstances!

- Pastor Chris

Update to Worship Services

Sunday Morning Service Options: Two indoor services available at 9:00 am and 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. Please enter through the ramp door. Note that there will be no more outdoor services. If you do not feel comfortable attending one of our indoor services, you can watch online on the Facebook livestream at 11:00 am or watch a video of the service that is later uploaded to our YouTube Channel and our Website. Sermon Audio CDs are available upon request. For more info, visit www.mbcgedenton.com/coronavirusupdate or call the church office.

Wednesday

Online Evening Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm on our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel.

NOV. 1 – Daylight Saving Time ends. Set clocks back 1 hour | **NOV. 3** – Election Day | **NOV. 11** – Veterans Day – Honoring all who have served! | **NOV. 15** – OCC packed shoeboxes due | **NOV. 16–20** – Secretary out of office | **NOV. 18** – Business Meeting 7:30 pm | **NOV. 21** – December Newsletter information due | **NOV. 25** – Thanksgiving Service; MBC Sanctuary 7:00 pm | **NOV. 26** – Thanksgiving Day; Church Office Closed

November Edenton Chowan Food Pantry Collection

The Food Pantry is successfully feeding many families struggling in our area. Thank you church family for your generosity.

LOOKING AHEAD to Thanksgiving
The Food Pantry is purchasing turkeys and local churches provide the sides. \$donations are accepted. Each Sunday morning before worship, MBC will collect canned yams, boxed mashed potatoes, boxed scalloped potatoes, cake mix/icing, cornbread stuffing, turkey gravy mix, cranberry sauce, canned vegetable.

...for I was hungry and you gave me food.
Matthew 25:35



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

1 Alfred Walker 3 Ginger Skinner 4 Sallie Hare, William Farmer, III 7 Matthew Byrum 10 Carol Copeland, Amy Nixon 11 Rana Layton 12 Andrew Young 13 H. Ray Goodwin, Judy Chappell 14 Nathan Forehand, A J Layton, Lloyd Parrish 15 Richard Blanchard, Carolyn Forehand 16 Linda Keeter 18 Lorraine Bass 19 Mike McArthur, Randy White 21 Andrew Forehand, Ellison Hughes 22 Sydney Morris 24 Joshua Ainsley, Braden Coker 25 Ann Forehand 28 Virginia Jones, Courtney Woodley 29 David Earley, Robert Parrish, Jacob Venters 30 Michelle Bass

Thank You

Dear Church Family, Your kindness in our time of sorrow was deeply appreciated.

-In Christ Love, Bob & Pat Britt

This has been the hardest time for all of my family with the death of Keith. Everyone has responded so greatly by either a prayer, phone calls, food, visit, or a card. We could feel each one of you as you said a prayer. He was more like a son than a grandson since he had lived with us since the age of two. He is gone but his memories will live forever. Thank you church. You are a blessing to us. **-Carl & Carolyn Forehand**

Thank you and well wishes Macedonia friends. I have never had a birthday like this. The Lord has blessed me. My neighbors have laughed and rejoiced with me and help came from all directions. Birthday cards by the score. I am humbled and my profound thanks to all of you. **- Jimmy Yates**

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS SING! Join us Sunday, December 13 at 6:00pm for a special evening of Christmas Carols led by our choir, Scripture readings, reflections, and more! More details will be shared as the event gets closer.

CIA & Mission Friends

{Note the time change}
Each week outdoors on Sundays at 6:00 pm