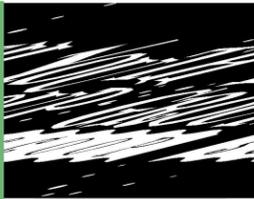


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So the next time we want to complain about a stumped toe or being computer challenged, just remember that you have other talents and abilities that you can do and to delight in those! In the words of the apostle Paul, "But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Cindy

Please join us for tea... MHBC Women's Ministry Team cordially invites you to a tea to celebrate the beginning of our new ministry team. Join us on Saturday, February 23, 2 p.m., in the Banquet Hall. We will introduce the team members, provide details about upcoming events and studies, and discuss what you would like to see this ministry do to bring glory to our God and to grow Godly women!



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

February 17-24
Deacons On Call
 Larry Perkins, 459.8678
 Linda Schmidt, 454.3961
Extended Session
Sunday, February 24
 10:30 AM
Nursery
 Luann Johnson
 Bill Tinsley
Pre-School
 Laura Swenson
 Morgan Sondergeld
Wednesday Evening
 Rae Rieber

MHBC
 Weekly Stats
 Sunday, February 17

Tithes & Gifts

Total Giving
\$4,945.59
Amount to Building Fund
\$1,285.00

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School : 97
Worship: 128

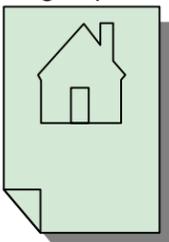
Dinner and Workshop on
 Community Development
 NADA Baptist Mission
 Thursday, February 28, 5-9 p.m.
 Leave MHBC at 3:30 p.m.; return at 11:30 p.m.
 If you want to attend please notify Pastor Bill
 by Sunday, February 24

Habitat for Humanity

The month of February is time to make our contribution to Habitat for Humanity. Along with 15 other churches, we have pledged \$2500. This will buy materials to build the Habitat house called Baptist House.

One low income family will work 400 hours on the house along with volunteers from all 15 churches. The family will move in and assume the mortgage. We will schedule a workday for our church for those who want to actually get hands on the project. Sign up for this day on the board in the Narthex.

Make your donation during the month of February. We have only four weeks and you will get a reminder each Sunday. Make your check payable to the church and mark Habitat in the memo section. Put it in any envelope and mark the envelope Habitat. Thank you for your continued support. See you in church.



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Welcome Maddie! Madelyn Grace Hopkins was born on February 15. She is 8 lb. 19 oz. and 20" long. Congratulations to Tim, Loretta and Max!

You are invited to a Baby Shower for Cindy Bridges on Saturday, March 1, 2 p.m., in the Banquet Hall



Friday Night Heights
February 22nd
"After Valentine's
Valentine's Day
Party"
7-10 pm
Youth Building



New Keys
 The church has new keys. If you need one, please come by the office during normal business hours.

The New Baptist Covenant is not a new organization. The meeting I attended earlier this month was a *unified gathering* of over 30 existing Baptist organizations who are seeking ways to work together to preach the "good news." Although the Southern Baptist Convention did not officially participate or support the meeting, our church is a part of at least two of the groups, namely the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Baptist World Alliance.

The meeting was the first national gathering of its kind that united white and African-American Baptists since North American Baptists split over slavery in 1845. It is about overlooking our differences (politics, gender, racial, minor theology, etc.) to unite our voices with other Baptists to preach the good news, and minister to the poor, the sick and the oppressed of the world. It included highly inspirational music, testimonies, and messages. We participated in breakout discussion sessions dealing with issues such as peacemaking, race relations, church/state issues, world hunger, poverty, etc.

I encourage you to read about this historical gathering by going to the following website or link: www.newbaptistcelebration.org or <http://www.abpnews.com/3009.article>. You can also read the reports of several Kentucky pastors by going to www.kybf.org. I have already spoken with other pastors of our community about finding ways our local churches can work together to deal with these issues. I ask you to pray that this meeting was what many of us desire, that it becomes a movement and not just a moment.

In Christ, *Bro. Bill*

Special-Called Business Meeting. The will be a called business meeting on Wednesday night, February 27th at 6:30 PM. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear a recommendation for the financing for the repair of the roof on the education building.

Needed! Meriday needs a washing machine and refrigerator. If you have one you would donate please call Doris Deskins.

Dear Melbourne Heights Family,

I continue to feel loved and supported by you all. Thank you so much for the prayers, gifts and offers of help during Althea's surgery and recuperation. The most important stage of her airway reconstruction is completed and seems to have gone well. She will have a lot of follow up visits in the next few weeks to check on the healing and make sure the grafts have taken and the airway is maintaining its new size. She still has her trach, but after the stent is removed in a few weeks and the doctors can see what is going on in her airway, hopefully we'll be on track to have it removed this spring or summer. Again, I appreciate everyone's concern and help with our travel and medical expenses. MHBC is a wonderful place, filled with wonderful people. Sincerely, Lisa Stringfellow



Discipleship Academy

Sunday Evenings
Discipleship Academy
First Four Sessions, February 10th-March 2nd:
 Basically Sharing Your Faith (Bill Shoulta)
 Leaving Your Egypt Behind, Exodus 1-12 (Ken Orr)



The Way of Passion
Lenten Sermon Series
February 10th-March 23rd
A Journey through the Gospel of John
 "From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another." John 1:16