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## DEACONS

It seems that despite the fact that America has hundreds of thousands of churches, which should be havens for spiritual growth and maturity, Christians in general appear to lack a clear understanding of exactly what spiritual maturity actually is. This is somewhat alarming when one considers that Jesus said, "God is a spirit, and must be worshipped in the spirit" (John 4:24).

When asked to define spiritual maturity, there was no clear answer given by those who responded. In fact, 20% of Christians could not give any answer at all! Others said that spiritual maturity was being moral or following the rules or applying the Bible or being involved in church activities. Oddly enough, some folks even said that spiritual maturity meant "being spiritual".

The report concluded that there is a spiritual problem in America and that it is due, at least in part, to the fact that Christians in general lack a clear definition of spiritual maturity and thus are unable to clearly communicate to others what it is. That is, if we don't know what we're trying to develop, we won't know if we did it or not.

But, there is good news too. One final statement in the study is that as Christians become aware of the need for spiritual maturity then there will be a renewed emphasis on the things which produce it. Those things would include: discipleship, prayer, meditation on God's Word, confession and forgiveness to name a few. Along with those would be what we have already begun to do, to have a better understanding of the Fruit of the Spirit as not only a product of spiritual growth but as the evidence that spiritual growth is taking place.

Ken Orr  
Deacon Chair

Last Sunday night, we concluded a series of studies on the Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23). As a kind of follow up to that study, I thought it would be helpful to share some insights from a Barna study I recently came across. The study was on how Christians in America understand the meaning of spiritual maturity. The research had some strange and surprising results.

## MHBC Weekly Stats



March 6, 2011

Amount to Building Fund  
\$3,115.00

Total Giving  
\$9,924.35

## ATTENDANCE

March 6, 2011

Sunday School:  
84

Worship:  
114

### Happy Birthday!

Betty Manley - March 14!  
Contact the church office if you would like your name to appear in the newsletter - "monthly birthday edition".  
Thanks!

### THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK



## DEACONS

### Deacon Ministry Team Leaders

A-C, Ken Orr, 893-2612  
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If you would like to speak with a Deacon, please contact the team leader assigned to you as listed above, or any other available team leader.



**Extended Session**  
**March 13**  
**Nursery**  
Bevieve Neel  
Robert Morrow



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| March 13 | When Did Jesus Die?<br>Luke 4:1-14                |
| March 20 | Someone's At The Door<br>Matt. 24:32-36           |
| March 27 | Have You Come to Catch A Robber?<br>Mk.14:43-50   |
| April 3  | Today You Will Be With Me<br>Luke 23:32-33, 39-43 |
| April 10 | The Man On The Donkey<br>Mark 11:1-10             |
| April 17 | Cantata   |
| April 24 | Maximum Security and An Empty Tomb<br>Matt. 27:65 |

## YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

### March Youth Events

Mission Weekend in Nada, KY is March 11th-12th. Please pray for participating youth!

Hangout Day with Fern Creek B.C. youth is March 26th. More details to come! RSVP with Sara!

## REMEMBER?



Set Your Clocks Ahead!



Spring forward 1 hour!  
Next Sunday  
March 13, at  
2 a.m.

*Dear Church Family -*  
*A Special THANK YOU Thank you.*

*Thank you for your prayers, cards, notes, visits and concern during my time in the hospital and Oaklawn Rehab Center. Knee surgery and the recovery process is not a lot of fun, but your encouragement helped me tremendously. Thank you for being such a caring and loving church. I look forward to being back 100% in a couple of weeks.*

*Paul Marquess*



### Habitat For Humanity

**Thanks for your gifts of \$3,140.00 !!!! Your contributions helped us reach the goal!**  
**Thank you for helping provide a new home for another family. Join us if you can on April 7 for a workday as the house nears completion.**