

NEW HEIGHTS

Melbourne Heights Baptist Church is an Accepting, Caring People Sharing Christ

Weekly Stats for 5.11.14

Attendance

Sunday School: 67
Worship: 105

Giving

Building Fund: \$1,000.00
Total Giving: \$5,424.50

Extended Session Volunteers

5.18.14

Rae Rieber
Abigail Neff

5.25.14

Marsha Serdenis
Graham Fowler

Church Staff

Pastor

Rev. Adam Schell
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Minister Of Music

Leslie Brockelsby
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Children's Coordinator

Michelle Cloud
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Administrative Assistant

Rick Donaldson
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Instrumentalists

Rev. Rene Jeanty
Brenda Butler

Deacon Ministry Teams

A-C

Steve Cox	572.4897
Doris Deskins	458.7166
Bill Scearce	807.9699

D-J

Ambie Newsome	298.4159
Kyle Rieber	384.2250

K-R

Barbara Crenshaw	339.7729
David Cloud	451.7642
Cathy Thompson	968.2929

S-Z

Ward Davis	456.6591
Larry Perkins	459.8678
Linda Schmidt	454.3961

Pastor's Pen

As many in our church community are aware, one of our members was a victim of an unthinkable incident in our parking lot last Sunday as she was robbed while coming to church. This incident has left many in our congregation shaken and concerned about their safety while at church, and I am writing this article to let you know about the steps we are taking to assure your safety while at Melbourne Heights.

First, we have contacted a company that contracts with off duty Louisville Metro Police officers about providing security at Melbourne Heights on Sunday morning. This means that from the time the church doors open on Sunday morning (around 8am) til the time they close (around noon) an LMPD officer will be in our church parking lot keeping our people safe.

Secondly, safety will be the top priority in our upcoming Leadership Team meeting (which happens next Monday, May 19 at 6:30pm). At this meeting we will discuss ongoing safety measures for Sunday and Wednesday services, as well as additional activities and meeting that occur at Melbourne Heights throughout the week.

Finally, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of our volunteers who helped in the aftermath of this unthinkable incident. Although we could not prevent this crime from happening in our parking lot, all of our other safety policy and procedures were well implemented. The police were contacted and responded swiftly, and stayed on site until after our services concluded. The building was locked down, assuring the safety of everyone inside the walls of the church. I was alerted to the matter even in the midst of the worship service. And above all, I am thankful for the members of this congregation who came to the aid of the victim of this crime. You have done an incredible job helping and supporting her during this trying time.

We all know that churches are supposed to be safe places that we are able to turn to when evil strikes, but this incident has called into question the safety of this place. But know that we are working diligently to keep everyone who attends this place safe, and remain a place of refuge and sanctuary in this world.



Watermelon Festival Volunteers Needed

Easter is barely over. Memorial Day is still weeks away. And the summer doesn't officially begin until June 21. So why are we already talking about an event that won't happen until July? Because the Watermelon Festival is one of the biggest events we do at Melbourne Heights each year, and it takes time to plan for it.

We want to make this year's festival the best it's ever been, but we need your help to do it. There's a menu that needs to be planned and food that needs to be purchased. There's space that needs to be allocated and set up that needs to happen. There's vendors that need to be contacted and performers to be booked. So we need volunteers to begin organizing this year's event.

So if you love our annual Watermelon Festival and want it to continue to grow into a bigger event each year, and if you're willing to volunteer some of your time over the next two months to help us plan it, please contact Adam Schell or Barb Orr.

And please feel free to tell us your favorite parts of the Watermelon Festival and offer your suggestions on how we can make it better this year. And don't forget to join us for all the fun on July 12.

Deacon Nominations Due May 28

It's Deacon Nomination time at MHBC. You may nominate up to six candidates using the purple form in your bulletin. Please place completed forms in the offering plate.

Newsletter Submission Deadline

The deadline for article submission to church office for the newsletter is Wednesday May 21st. The Western Recorder Offices are closed on Monday and we must submit to them 12:00 noon on Thursday May 22nd.

Yew Dell Botanical Gardens Group Tour

Our Women's Ministry will tour the botanical gardens on Sunday, May 25 at 1:00pm. The cost of the tour is \$5, and don't forget to bring your sack lunch for a picnic in the gardens.