



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

News from Melbourne Heights for May 2015

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From the Pastor

by Adam Schell

As we've worked to put together this month's newsletter, I couldn't help but notice that things are slowing down a bit at Melbourne Heights over the next month. During March and April our calendar was packed with events and activities as we prepared for Easter, but, now that Easter Sunday has passed for another year, there aren't as many special things going on.

At first, I thought this slowdown was a bad thing. Surely there were other events that we could plan, other activities we could schedule, something else we could add to our calendar. But as I've stopped and thought about it, I realized that we need to slow down from time to time.

Although slowing down goes against our cultural norm, where everyone is constantly busy, slowing down is well rooted in our faith. The culmination of the story of creation in Genesis 1 is the creation of the Sabbath, when God rested.

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From the Pastor

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Throughout the Gospels, Jesus routinely slows down and takes a break from the demands of his ministry so that he can be recharged through prayer and time with God.

That's how I'll be approaching our slower schedule in the month of May. Rather than trying to come up with more things to add to it, I'll try to enjoy the break and allow God to recharge my

May's Sermon Series

When we think of important days and celebrations in the life of the church, we think of Easter and Christmas. But there are other days, that we often overlook, that are just as important to our faith.

On *Ascension Sunday*, we remember the end of Christ's time walking this earth, we celebrate his return to his Father's side, and we wonder how to live our lives now that Christ is no longer physically present with us.

On *Pentecost Sunday*, we anticipate the arrival of the Holy Spirit, we marvel at the way the Spirit falls on the disciples, and we wonder what it all means to us.

On *Trinity Sunday*, we ponder one of the most complex doctrines of our faith, we wrestle with the three-in-one and one-in-three, and we wonder at the marvel that is our God...one who is greater than our minds can even begin to imagine.

This May, we will celebrate all three of these important holy days. And together we will explore how each of these days shape and transform our faith.

May Bible Studies



Sunday Nights | The story of Easter turns everything we think we know upside down. Death is transformed to life. Hate is conquered by love. And brokenness is turned into beauty. On Sunday nights in May, we will continue to examine how the God of the universe uses the broken pieces of our lives to reframe our purpose, turning our discarded hopes and dreams into something beautiful and useful - a mosaic in which God uses all our pieces.



Wednesday Nights | In Acts 1:8, Jesus tells his followers, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and to the ends of the earth." So how do we carry out this calling today? Join us on Wednesdays, beginning May 20, as we discover what it means to be on a mission as a church.

May's Spotlight Event



Our annual Sunday School Picnic will be held at Melbourne Heights Sunday evening, May 31 beginning at 5:00pm. Here is some of what we have planned:

- It's a picnic, so there will be food...lots of food. The church will provide the main course and the drinks, but we need you to provide your favorite side dishes and desserts.
- After we've all eaten our fill, we will move into the sanctuary for a good, old-fashioned hymn sing. We will be taking hymn requests during the first two weeks of May. So be on the look out for signup sheets in our Sunday School books so you can ask for your favorite hymns.
- And let's not forget about the kids. We will have a 4 in 1 combo bouncer that has a large jumping area, a basketball goal, a climbing wall, and a slide. Whether you're a child or just young at heart, it will provide lots of entertainment.

The picnic will be a great time of fellowship and fun that we hope you will be a part of—whether you regularly attend Sunday School or not.

And don't forget to be on the look out for sign-up sheets in the coming weeks to let us know that you're coming and what side item and/or desserts you'll be bringing.

Youth News

by Joe Noland

As May begins another school year for our youth is coming to an end - the last day of school is June 5. This sometimes leaves our youth asking the question, "Who am I?"

Without the constant companionship of their friends and classmates during the school day this question may lead to self discovery for some, while it could lead others to depression.

This month, we will be looking at who we are in the eyes of God and what our role is in this world. We will be looking at topics like reputation, being children of God, and developing your life story or testimony.

Our youth will also be going camping on May 15 at Otter Creek. This trip will include Bible studies centered on these topics. We will spend time reflecting on who we are, while we take time to appreciate the world God has given us.

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Women's Ministry Update



The Women's Ministry is sponsoring a Hat Contest this May at Melbourne Heights. Here's how it works: Choose from one of two categories to compete in.

Category 1: "Most Creative Decorated Hat" | For this category, take an old hat you already have and decorate it with recycled items.

Category 2: "Most Creative Hand-Made Hat" | In this category, you will actually make your own hat from recycled materials of your choice and decorate it with recycled items.

You can use paper or plastic bags, leftover wrapping paper scraps, buttons, fabric, etc. but all hats must be decorated with recycled materials.

Hats will go on display on May 3 for voting by church members. Winners will be announced at the Women's Ministry Fellowship on May 14.

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Senior Adults

Sunday, May 10 is Senior Adult Day at Melbourne Heights, and you won't want to miss it.

Former Interim Pastor, Guy Futral will be our guest speaker. In addition, we have special music, we will sing some of our favorite hymns, and we will have a great time celebrating our Senior Adults.

Mark your calendar now and make plans to join us. And don't forget that after the service, all of our Seniors are invited to join us for good food and fellowship as we enjoy a "Dutch-treat" lunch at Rafferty's.

May's Birthdays



May 4 | Betty Messner
May 8 | Michael Orr
May 10 | Adrien Mervin
May 11 | Graham Fowler
May 15 | Margie Elder
May 16 | John Bloomer
May 17 | Ann Bastin
May 18 | Doris Clark
May 22 | Sandy Zimmerer
May 24 | Betty Curtis
May 25 | Steve Cox
May 26 | Doris Deskins
May 29 | Laura Marquess

Looking Ahead



The summer is always busy at Melbourne Heights. There will be Vacation Bible School and Youth Camp. There will be Watermelon Festival and other outreach events. And there will be people attending these events who aren't familiar with our church.

Wouldn't it be nice if the members of our church could stand out to help these people find their way around our church? And wouldn't it be nice if these people knew exactly who to turn to with their questions?

With this in mind, we will soon be ordering church t-shirts to help our members stand out during big events, and to help share the word about Melbourne Heights while we are out in the community.

A mockup of the t-shirt design is pictured above, and the cost of the t-shirt will be \$10. Beginning May 3, you can sign up to purchase a t-shirt outside of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Please note that in order to sign up, you must also pre-pay. We will place the t-shirt order the first week of June.

Kid's News

by Michelle Cloud



It's hard to believe, but summer is just around the corner. That means it's almost time for Vacation Bible School. Actually, at Melbourne Heights this year, it means it's almost time for Vacation Bible Schools - with an "s" on the end.

This year we are planning two different Vacation Bible Schools to minister to the children of our church, our preschool, and our community.

From June 22-26, we will be partnering with Meriday to share the good news of Christ with preschoolers from ages 3-5. By working with Meriday, we are able to bring VBS to dozens of children who might otherwise miss out. And we're looking for volunteers to make it possible. We'll need help with crafts, music, recreation, missions, and with each class.

On July 11, 18, & 25 from 10:00am till noon we will have a community-wide VBS for all ages. But once again we'll need volunteers to make it happen. We'll need at least 15 volunteers each week.

More details about each VBS will be coming soon and volunteer sign-ups will start May 3. Please consider volunteering, and please be in prayer for VBS and the children we will minister to.

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Upcoming Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship 6p Business Meeting	27 1p Art Ministry 4:15p TOPS 6:30p Deacon's Mtg 7p Young Adult Study	28 10 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Private Event	29 6p Bible Study 7p Choir Rehearsal	30 10 Cabbage Patch Hous 6:30p Private Event	May 1 12p Private Event	2 9 Workday
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