

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

News from Melbourne Heights for July 2015

Upcoming Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	Jul 1	2	3	4
Youth Camp						9 Workday
9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship	1p Art Ministry 4:15p TOPS 7p Young Adult Study	6:30p Private Event		6:30p Private Event		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship	1p Art Ministry 4:15p TOPS 7p Young Adult Study	10 Sr. Adults 10 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Private Event	8:30 Youth to SEAM 6p Bible Study	8:30 SEAM 6:30p Private Event	12p Private Event	10 VBS
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship	1p Art Ministry 4:15p TOPS 6:30p Deacon's Mtg 7p Young Adult Study	10 Staff Mtg. 11 Ruth Class 6:30p Private Event	6p Bible Study	6:30p Private Event		10 VBS
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship	1p Art Ministry 4:15p TOPS 7p Young Adult Study	10 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Private Event 6:30p Leadership Team	6p Bible Study	6:30p Private Event		10 VBS 4p Watermelon Festival
26	27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1
9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship 6p Business Meeting	1p Art Ministry 4:15p TOPS 7p Young Adult Study	10 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Private Event	6p Bible Study	6:30p Private Event		9 Workday

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From the Pastor

by Adam Schell

Where have you seen God at work today? It's a pretty simple question, but I've found that whenever I ask people this question, they have a hard time coming up with an answer.

But it really shouldn't be that hard. After all, we believe in a God who is alive and active in our world and in our lives. So it would only make sense that we should see God at work all around us.

And, as I look back to just the last few weeks, it's easy to see God at work at Melbourne Heights. God has been at work in the lives of volunteers who gave up a couple of hours to help feed the hungry in our own community. God has been at work through VBS helpers who shared God's love with numerous children while they made crafts, sang songs, and played games. God has been at work as various members of our church have stepped up and filled in to allow some of our staff to enjoy a little time away. And that barely scratches the surface of how God is at work in our church.

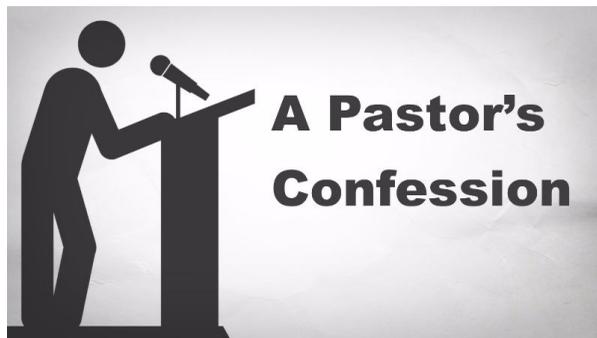
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From the Pastor

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But have you noticed? And, more importantly, have you joined in? That is, after all, part of what it means to be a Christian. It means that we see where God is at work, and we join God there. There is no greater calling or blessing. So pay a little more attention today, see where God is at work and find a way to join in.

July's Sermon Series



This July marks my eighth year of pastoral ministry. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to be the presence of Christ in the lives of hundreds of people. Along the way, I have learned countless lessons about the life of the church and the role of a minister. And my life, my understanding of the church, and my faith have been forever shaped by these lessons.

In July, I'll be sharing some of the lessons I've learned over the last eight years of my ministry by sharing confessions of my successes and shortcomings that have shaped me as a pastor, a servant of God, and as a Christian.

"A Pastor's Confessions" begin on July 5, and you won't want to miss them.

June's Bible Study

Sunday Nights | There will be no Sunday night Bible Studies in June or July. We encourage you to enjoy the break, spend time with family, friends and other church members. And come back reinvigorated when Sunday night activities resume on August 2.

Dawnings: Revisited

Wednesday Nights | Last summer, we spent Wednesday evenings discerning God's calling for our church through a process called *Dawnings*. On Wednesday nights in July, we will be revisiting the initiatives we discovered during Dawnings, we'll check in with all of our workgroups and make plans together to take the next step in becoming who God wants us to be and doing what God wants us to do.

July's Birthdays



July 3 | Retha Fuller
July 3 | Howard Simons
July 4 | Shirley Collins
July 4 | Linda Schmidt
July 7 | Una Mae Karcher
July 10 | Jimmy Wood
July 25 | Ambie Newsome
July 30 | Anita Steigerwald

Looking Ahead



Financial Peace University is coming to Melbourne Heights August 5—September 30

What Is Financial Peace University?

We all need a plan for our money. *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is that plan! Through a nine week study featuring video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more.

Why Should I Sign Up?

FPU is fun! This isn't some stuffy economics class. You'll laugh as you learn money skills from Dave Ramsey, a financial expert with decades of experience, and participate in entertaining class activities.

It's easy to understand! You don't have to be a rocket scientist to learn how money works. Each lesson is broken down into easy Baby Steps.

It's going to change your life! In just nine lessons, you'll learn to take control of your money, invest for the future, and give like never before. And you don't have to worry, you won't be asked to share any personal financial information during the class.

How Do I Take The Class?

Taking Financial Peace University is easy. We will be hosting it at Melbourne Heights beginning August 5 (with a special preview on July 22). If you'd like to be a part of our first FPU class, you can register for the class and purchase your membership kit by contacting Adam Schell.

July's Spotlight Event



School's out. The temperatures are rising. One week of VBS is in the books. All of that can only mean one thing: it's summer! And it wouldn't be summer at Melbourne Heights without the Watermelon Festival.

The Watermelon Festival will be held on Saturday, July 25 at 4:00pm, and it will be fun for the whole family. We'll have a giant waterslide and obstacle course for the kids (and the young at heart). We'll also be organizing a corn hole tournament, and hopefully there will be live music too.

And there will be plenty of food as well. There will be hot dogs, chips, ice cream...and watermelon, of course. So make plans to join us on July 25 for our favorite summer tradition, and help make this year's Watermelon Festival the best one yet.

Kid's News

by Michelle Cloud

There may be nothing that we do, as a church, each summer that is more important than Vacation Bible School. During VBS each summer, we are able to share the good news and love of Christ with dozens of children from our church, our preschool, and our community. And this year is no exception.

In June we hosted a special week of VBS for our preschoolers. Over the course of the week, dozens of children from ages 3 to 5 made crafts, played games, sang songs, and - most importantly - learned about Jesus. But we couldn't have done it without numerous volunteers and countless hours of work, so I want to offer a special "Thank You" to everyone who helped to make June's VBS a success.

But June's VBS was only one of the VBS's at Melbourne Heights this summer. On July 11, 18, and 25 from 10:00am until 12:00pm, we'll be taking a trip back in time to the Jerusalem Marketplace. Each Saturday, we'll have the chance to explore the marketplace, meet new people, visiting different shops, learn from rabbis, and hear the good news of Christ.

Even if you aren't able to attend, we still need your help to make our July VBS a success. Here is a list of donations that we will need for crafts and props:

- Mesh Bags (like the ones fruit or onions come in)
- Aloe Vera
- Matzo
- Tools (i.e. hammers, saw, tool box)

- T-Shirts (any size that can be used as costumes for kids)
- Cheese Cubes
- Grape Juice
- Large Boxes
- Sea Salt
- Blankets or Scrap Fabric
- Baskets (any size)

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Cloud.

Youth News

by Joe Noland



This is probably my favorite time of year for youth ministry. Some may say I'm crazy for it, but camp is one of the best things for me. I learn so much about our youth from just this one week together.

This year we will be going to a FUGE camp in Jackson, TN at Union University. We will be leaving the church on Sunday, June 28 after a special time of prayer with all of you. We just ask that while we are gone, you continue to pray for our students as they enter into what can be a life changing week.

Women's Ministry Update



Thanks and more thanks for the great potluck in June. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in set up and clean up, everyone who prepared dishes, helped to organize, and a special thanks to Brenda Butler for the music. Everything came together because you took the time and interest. You're the greatest!

We also want to remind all the ladies of Melbourne Heights that there will be no Women's Fellowship in July. However, we want to remind you and encourage you to continue to support some of our ongoing missions.

The Cabbage Patch House

Please don't forget the young ladies at the Patch this summer. Their needs don't take a vacation, so, as you're out shopping, continue to pick up toiletries to donate to the Patch.

Kenya Women's Ministry

We will continue to collect donations to help J-Town Baptist Church's upcoming work in Kenya until August 13. These items - like bookmarks, pencils, notepads, dishcloths, and small bottles of shampoo, lotion, etc. - should be placed in the wooden box under the staircase outside of Rogers Hall. You can also contact Bevvie Nell if you'd like to make an \$11.00 donation to provide a Bible.

Senior Adults

We are halfway through 2015, and the Senior Adults are making plans for the rest of this year. Some are still in the planning stage...but here are a few events you'll want to put on your calendar.

On Tuesday, July 7, we will be headed to the Whistle Stop in Glendale, KY after our regular meeting. After we've had lunch, some will stay and visit the shops around the restaurant, and others will "travel on" and visit an old country store and then visit Ann Lee Wheeler's family Hardware Store. Sign up on the Senior Adult Bulletin Board in Rogers Hall if you plan to attend.

In September, we are planning two church-wide events. On Saturday, September 12, we'll head back to Derby Dinner Playhouse for a matinee performance of the all-new musical comedy *The Last (Potluck) Supper*. And on Thursday, September 24, we will go to the Young Heart Theatre for an afternoon of music and comedy.

Check future newsletters for complete details for all of these future activities. And don't forget to tell your family, friends, and neighbors about all of our plans.

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