

Melbourne Heights Baptist Church
 3728 Taylorsville Rd.
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Upcoming Events

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From the Pastor

by Adam Schell

About this time every year, we start thinking ahead to Christmas. But instead of writing about the events that will soon fill our calendars, I wanted to tell you about how Melbourne Heights will be giving back this year.

Over the last few years we've collected shoeboxes for *Operation Christmas Child*. Through this ministry we've been able to give gifts and share the meaning of Christmas with dozens of children around the world.

But this year, we want to do something bigger than the box.

This year, we'll be working with the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program to bring Christmas to children in need in our own community. So, as a church, we will be working together to provide shoes, clothing, toys, and a "Christmas Wish" to each of our angels.

Now let me tell you how we're going to do it.

From the Pastor

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On Sunday morning, November 6, we will be having our first ever “Giving Sunday.” On this Sunday, we’re asking you to make a one time financial gift that our church will use to provide for as many Angel Tree children as possible.

It takes an average of \$150 to provide for all the needs of one child, and, when we pull our resources together, we can make an incredible impact. Just \$7,500 would make 50 children’s Christmas dreams come true.

So I want you to prayerfully consider your gift for “Giving Sunday.” And I want to ask you to give sacrificially, so we can do as much as possible for children in need in our community.

However, I also want to remind that your “Giving Sunday” gift should be over and above the financial contributions you regularly make to our church.

And I’ve gotta tell you, I can’t wait to see what we can do together. I can’t wait to see your gifts come in, because I know they’re going to make a difference in this world. I can’t wait to see our stage slowly fill with the gifts we’re able to buy because of you. And I can’t wait to see the smiles the Angel Tree volunteers have when we bring our gifts to them.

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November’s Sermon Series



As November begins, we find ourselves sandwiched between Halloween and Christmas. But have you ever wondered why we go straight from Jack-o-lanterns to jolly old St. Nicholas, with barely a mention of Thanksgiving?

It’s because Thanksgiving doesn’t sell. Halloween is all about buying candy and costumes, and Christmas is consumed with consumerism. But Thanksgiving is about contentment, gratitude, and sharing your blessings.

That’s what we want to focus on this November at Melbourne Heights. On November 6, you will be encouraged to share your blessings on our first ever “Giving Sunday,” as we pool our resources to provide Christmas gifts for children in need.

On November 13, we will express our gratitude for our ministers during our worship service, while we also come together to worship Christ our King.

And on November 20, we will leave the familiar confines of our sanctuary and celebrate communion together in our Banquet Hall. This is an opportunity to gather around tables, and realize how abundantly God has blessed us all.

Looking Ahead



When we start to look ahead to December, it’s easy to see it’s one of our busiest months each year. Of course, December should be one of our busiest months because we are preparing to celebrate the coming of Christ.

However, our jam-packed calendar does make it hard to pick one event to highlight in our newsletter. So rather than picking one event, we’re going to tell about the biggest things happening this December.

Birthday Party for Jesus | On December 1 at 10:00am, our Children’s Ministry will host a celebration of Christ’s birth geared directly for our kids.

Christmas Banquet | Our annual Christmas Banquet—sponsored by our Senior Adults—will be December 2 at 6:00pm. It’s a night of food, fellowship, and entertainment that you won’t want to miss.

Christmas Cantata | Our choir will present this year’s Christmas Cantata on December 11 at 6:00pm. We’ll have a Cookie Fellowship in

The Banquet Hall after the performance.

Meriday’s Christmas Program | Come join us on December 15 at 6:15pm, to experience the joy of Christmas through the eyes of our pre-school children.

Sunday School Breakfast | The Sunday before Christmas each year, our Sunday School classes gather in the Banquet Hall for a special Christmas breakfast.

Christmas Eve Service | The night before Christmas, we come together for a special time of worship at 6:00pm. Together we sing, reflect, and celebrate the birth of Christ.

Christmas Worship | Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, and we will come together at 10:30am for worship. However, there will not be Sunday School on Christmas Day.

As you can, there is a lot going on next month. We hope you’ll join us, and invite a friend for some of these special services as we celebrate

November’s Birthdays



November 3 | Erica Talbot

November 7 | Bill Stopher

November 9 | David Cloud

November 11 | Pam Clasby

November 17 | Edith Knight

November 18 | Paul Marquess

November 21 | Kyle Riber

November 30 | Kathy Cornetet

Spotlight Event



Thanksgiving Communion Service

As the holiday season approaches - when our lives are inundated with commercials, flyers, and sale bills - it's the perfect time to stop and reflect on how blessed we are.

Each year, in November, we have a special service to remind us of how much God has blessed each of our lives over the last year.

This service happens the Sunday before Thanksgiving (which is November 20 this year), and together we leave the familiar confines of our sanctuary to gather around tables to worship in our Banquet Hall.

As we gather, you're encouraged to get to know the other people at your table, to share how you have been blessed this year, to reflect on how God has blessed our church, and to thank God for his continued presence in your life.

The highlight of this special service is always our time of communion, where we share intimately in the abundance of God.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's Thanksgiving Communion Service on November

Wednesday Nights

The next few months are going to be filled with special events and activities. We'll get together to celebrate the holiday season with friends and family. We'll come together with our church to prepare our hearts and souls for Christmas.

Most of the time it will feel like we're just rushing from one event to the next. But on Wednesday nights in November we want to help you slow down, and discover God in the ordinary moments between the special occasions.

Planning Team Update

As you are well aware, we spent much of September and October taking a closer look at who we are as a church. We asked for your input to help us understand what we're doing well, and where we can improve.

We want to thank you for your participation. When we started the process we hoped that 55 members of our church would complete our church-wide survey, but in the end 60 people did. And your opinions will help us as we look to the future as a church.

Over the next few months we will be taking a closer look at this information, and we will develop a plan of action. Our Planning Team hopes to present this plan to the church by the end of January.

So thanks again for your help, stay tuned for further updates, and continue to remember our church and our Planning Team in your prayers;

Kid's News

by Michelle Cloud

WE ARE TICKLED PINK
To Have A Baby Shower
FOR THE NOLANDS

Elizabeth and Joe Noland will soon be welcoming a baby girl! You're invited to come and celebrate their new arrival with us on Sunday afternoon, November 13 at 2:00pm.

They are registered at Target, Walmart, and Babies R Us.

For more information contact Michelle Cloud.

Youth News

by Joe Noland

There comes a time when certain lessons must be taught to our youth. Sometimes it comes as the response to an event in our world, or because of something going on in the church. And sometimes it happens because our youth start asking questions about specific topics.

In our current Sunday night series, the cause was the latter. And when our youth are asking questions it's important to our youth, their parents, and our staff that we can provide them a godly perspective. So we have been talking about God's plan for sex the last two Sundays in October and we'll continue this study for the first two Sundays in November. I have spent many hours creating this curriculum in conjunction with our pastor, because we want to make sure that we can provide them God's answers

for their questions.

Along with our weekly Bible Study, we will also be having our annual lock-in in November. The lock-in will be November 18, and it will bring in several youth from our community to share in fellowship and worship. We could still use some adult help, so if you're interested please let me know. The lock-in will start at 9:00pm and we'll be finished by 8:00am.

Senior Adults

Our Senior Adults have enjoyed fun activities, terrific speakers, and good fellowship throughout 2016. November and December will be exciting as well.

Our meeting on November 1 will feature John Dotson as our guest speaker. John is from Kentucky Elder Law, and he will bring us up to date on Medicaid/Medicare changes. He will also talk with us about wills, power of attorney rules, and other key items that affect Senior Adults. This is a great meeting for all of our Seniors to attend, even if you don't regularly come.

Then on Friday night, December 2, our Senior Adults will be hosting our annual church-wide Christmas Banquet. There will be a buffet dinner followed by great entertainment. Complete details will be available in a few weeks, so save the date. You don't want to miss our Christmas Banquet.

Our Senior Adult Planning Committee is also beginning to think ahead to 2017. We're working to plan meetings and invite speakers that you want to hear from. So if you have any ideas or suggestions about possible activities or meeting topics, talk to our someone on our committee (Barbara Capsel, Claudia Tomsett, or Laura Marquess).