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The MESSENGER

INSPIRE ■ INFORM ■ ENCOURAGE

MISSION:

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**BUILDING FUND SUNDAY
9 / 25 / 2022**

a note from Pastor Brian

What an amazing month we had in August! We were able to baptize 8 new believers this past month. I want to take this opportunity to remind our church family that our mission is "Whatever It Takes" to be united in Christ's Love through our faith, family, and our community. As we enter into the month of September I would like to tell you about some exciting things that we have coming up! First, I would like to ask you to be praying about what God would have you give on our "Mission: Next Level" building fund day on Sunday, September 25th. We voted a year ago to move forward with some major renovations. Many of these additions are finished or they are almost finished. We had almost \$200,000 towards the projects and we borrowed \$400,000. I can say that the windows alone have drastically improved God's house! Please know that everything given on September 25th will go straight towards our building loan principal. Please be praying about this day of worship. Second, I have loved seeing you involved in so many ministries the last few months. We will start a new Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm based on the book "Don't Waste Your Life" by John Piper on September 14th. Please let me know if you would like to attend. More than anything remember "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Acknowledge His ways and He will make your paths straight."

In Christ,

Pastor Brian

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

- 1 Pam Moore
Jamie Cox
- 4 Beckett Smith
- 5 Lauren Green
Hannah Anders
- 6 Lauren Epps
Annie-Mae Newman
- 7 Trey Newman
Pat Hightower
Ken Garland
- 8 Phil Edge
- 9 Roger Pirie
- 12 Jeremy Bowers
- 13 Kayla Cannon
- 15 Vickie Hester
- 16 Stephanie Epps
- 18 Erin Edmonds
Savannah Hightower
- 20 Ellen Cashion
- 21 Tyler Ervin
Tessa Phillips
- 22 Dennis Cox
Justin McJunkin
- 25 Beka Epps
- 26 David Welborn
- 27 Sherry Robertson
Kelly Plumley

BUILDING FUND SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 25

- Praise & Worship - 10 am
- Lunch to Follow
(Please Bring Desserts)
- No Sunday School
or Evening Worship



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**Whatever it Takes to be united
in Christ's Love through our:**

● FAITH ● FAMILY ● COMMUNITY

DEACONS ON CALL

SEPTEMBER

Johnny Foster 630-9553

/ Drew Holder 915-5403



Gospel Concert

David Craig & Friends

Sept 18 @ 6 pm

A Love Offering Will Be Received
All Proceeds Go To BUILDING FUND

SUICIDE

PREVENTION AWARENESS



Cary Sanders



Kaitlin Lucas

Sept 28 @ 6:30 pm

JUMPSTART

Transforming the lives of
prisoners from the inside out

Wednesday Night Bible Study & Prayer Time

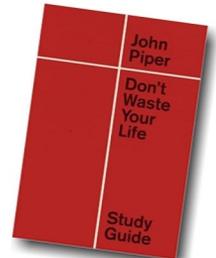
Starts - Sept 14 @ 6:30 pm

John Piper's

Don't Waste Your Life

Study
Guides
\$10

See Brian



my spiritual journey

Dale Stroud

I have read the entire Bible all the way through twenty-four times, working on twenty-five this year. I don't say this in a bragging way, but as a way of saying what a wonderful gift the Word of God is to us. I have read it in four of the translations. My favorites are the English Standard Version and the New American Standard Bible. I was raised on the King James Version and did all my memorization from it.

The Old Testament contains hundreds of prophecies about Jesus, hundreds of years before they were fulfilled. It also contains so many stories of the saints and sinners, which are the same people as in our day. The four Gospels in the New Testament tells of Jesus' life and teachings, the epistles, letters of Paul and others, and explain the nature and actions of people as they live out the Gospels. There are many teachings about the nature and attributes of the Triune God.

The Bible is God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit speaking to us directly. It has been a source of knowledge, inspiration, correction, comfort and wisdom to me. I have to be disciplined and have a plan to follow. Therefore, I find the "One Year Bible" easy to keep on track. It has for each day a Scripture reading from the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs. With 20 minutes of reading a day, you can read the entire Bible in one year.

It is a struggle to know how to teach your children the Bible. Read it to them. Even young children understand a lot more than we give them credit for. As we are finishing up reading the four Gospels in August, I pray that you will continue reading through the New Testament. Read it aloud to your family and pray with them. You will be amazed how the bond of love, strength and kindness will be greatly increased with each other. Let the whole family follow along with their own Bibles. Hearing and seeing God's Word will impact and help them remember. My own Daddy's example of reading and making the Bible fun and interesting gave me love for the Scriptures.

Our families need consistent, deep teaching from the Word of God to build a strong foundation and withstand the world around us. Let the Holy Spirit guide and bring understanding to all ages in your family. "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." - James 4:8

-Dale Stroud

- 01:** 6:30 pm, Storehouse
- 04:** 9:30 am, Worship Service
No Sunday School or Evening Worship
- 05:** Closed, Happy Labor Day!
- 06:** 9:00 am, SALT Game Day
6:30 pm, Set Free Ministry
- 07:** Love Thy Neighbor
6:30 pm, Organizational Night
(RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults)
7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal
- 08:** 6:30 pm, Storehouse
- 11:** 9:30 am, Worship Service
10:45 am, Sunday School
No Evening Worship
- 12:** 7:00 pm, Mission Action
- 13:** 10:00 am, Seniors to Moose Cafe
6:30 pm, Set Free Ministry
7:00 pm, Circle of Joy
- 14:** Wednesday Night Supper
6:30 pm, Mid-Week Service
(RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults, CARE)
7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal
- 15:** 6:30 pm, Storehouse
- 18:** 9:30 am, Worship Service
10:45 am, Sunday School
4:30 pm, FAST Meeting
6:00 pm, Gospel Concert
- 20:** 9:00 am, SALT Game Day
6:30 pm, Set Free Ministry
- 21:** Love Thy Neighbor
6:30 pm, Mid Week Service
(RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults, CARE)
7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal
- 22:** 6:30 pm, Storehouse
- 25:** 10:00 am, Building Fund Day
No Sunday School or Evening Worship
- 27:** 6:30 pm, Set Free Ministry
- 28:** 5:30 pm, Wednesday Night Supper
6:30 pm, Suicide Prevention Awareness
(RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults, CARE)
7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal
- 29:** 6:30 pm, Storehouse



WORSHIP CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

- 4.....NO CHOIR 9:30am Worship
- 7.....Rehearsal 7:30pm
- 11.....9:30am Worship
- 14.....Rehearsal 7:30pm
- 18.....9:30am Worship
- 21.....Rehearsal 7:30pm
- 25.....9:30am Worship
- 28.....Rehearsal 7:30pm

“ALL THE PRAISE GOES TO JESUS!”

Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing! -Rev. 5:12



Sept. 1: Nancy Welborn & Edwina Ervin

Sept. 8: Nancy Welborn, Cierra Fields, Kim Craig

Sept. 15: Nancy Welborn, Doris Albright, Gary Glenn, Woody McJunkin

Sept. 22: Nancy Welborn, Judy Chambers, Jeanne-Marie Tipton

Sept. 29: Nancy Welborn & Judy Chambers

MFBC MINISTRY FOCUS OF THE MONTH

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief works to bring help, hope, and healing after a crisis. When storms come, disaster relief teams quickly follow. SC teams have worked after tornadoes, hurricanes, fires, and tragic events like 9-11, and have ministered in evacuation shelters and refugee camps.

MFBC and Three Rivers are involved directly with a Chainsaw Unit, a Laundry Unit, and a heavy equipment trailer. We are always looking for folks to train and be available for callouts. Interested in different areas of service? Listed below are all the units SCDR sends out. You can train in any area and be partnered with other church and association teams when they are called out.

What does training involve? You will attend a training event, take the classes you are interested in, fill out paperwork for a background check, and have a picture taken for an identification badge. Your badge will be valid for three years. You will then be on the contact list for units when there is a call-out.

Fall training will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at Sweetwater Baptist Church in North Augusta. Registration information and training schedules can be found here: <https://www.scbaptist.org/events/disasterrelieftraining-2/>. There is always a spring training as well. Follow their Facebook page for updates.

Please see Ron Darnell or Jennifer McJunkin if you have any questions about this ministry!

Units: Chainsaw, Chaplaincy, Rebuild, Heavy Equipment, Childcare/Children's Response, Assessment, Mud-Out/Flood Recovery, Communications, Site Administration, Ash-Out/Fire Recovery, Asset Protection/Security, Shower/Laundry, Feeding/Cook Team

ALL PRO DADS

Sept 15 / 6:45 am - 7:15 am / MFBC Gym

Let Brian Know You
Are Coming To Get A
Chick-fil-A
Biscuit!



SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.

1 Corinthians 9:25

TUESDAYS

6
Kathy Holmgren
Tedd Barnette
Alan Harris
Toni Harris

13
Brian Spearman
Betty Darnell

20
Karen Davis
Edwina Ervin
Brian Burton

27
Wayne Tankersley
Linda Tankersley

THURSDAYS

1
Ronnie Albright
Lynn Abright
Jeff Grant

8
Doris Albright
Marrie Loftis
Robbie King

15
Melissa Walton
Emma Walton
Brian Ledford

22
David Welborn
Ron Darnell

29
Lauren Green
Chandler Moats
Briana Stroud

Golf Trip Balance Due - Sept 15

Journey to Joy

WOMEN'S RETREAT @ LAKE JUNALUSKA

November 11 - 13 Led by Leigh Young

See Connie Stroud for complete details

SALT OUTING EVENT

Asheville, NC

Lunch at the MOOSE CAFE
& Farmer's Market

Tuesday, Sept 13 Leave @ 10 am

See Vickie Hester For More Info
Sign Up On Black Speaker

Storehouse

NEED FOR SEPT



CANNED MEAT & FISH
WITH PULL TOPS

PACKAGED MEAT
FROZEN

Bring Your Donation By The Church
And Give To Lauren Or Tedd



Love Thy Neighbor

September 7 & 21

SEE STEWART OR KATHY WILKEY TO GET INVOLVED!

F.A.S.T. TEAM MEETING

SEPTEMBER 18
4:30 pm / Adult 5



SALT GAME DAY IN THE PARLOR

SENIOR ADULTS LIVING TRIUMPHANTLY

SEPT 6 & 20 @ 9 AM



SET FREE ADDICTIONS MINISTRY
Tuesdays / 6:30 pm / The Lighthouse

WEDNESDAY Night MEALS

Adults - \$7

Kids - \$5
(10 & Under)

September 14 - BAKED SPAGHETTI

September 28 - TACOS

Kidz Choir Practice

STARTS - SEPT 11 @ 4:30 PM
CHOIR ROOM GRADES 1 - 5



Jesus tells us in Matthew 7:24-27 that the only sure thing is a life built on him. A life and society that lends itself toward human flourishing is one that is built on the solid Rock of Jesus' life and teachings. It's the only life that will stand, the only life that is truly Life.

That's the idea behind our teaching series this fall. In broad terms, it's an apologetics-type series. We're going to look at some key cultural issues and how Jesus offers a better vision for humanity.

We would love to have you join us, especially if there's a particular topic that you'd like to discuss more at home. Here's what our schedule will look like in terms of topics this month:

- September 7th - Series Opener
- September 14th - Trusting God's Design
- September 21st - Scripture as Authority
- September 28th - Suicide Awareness Night (church-wide)

[Resource Wall](#)

Be sure to check out our new Resource Wall to discover great discipleship resources for the whole family! These will help you build your life on the life and teachings of Jesus so that we can become Shemah (Dt. 6:4-5) people!

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Christ's Kidz Ministries

Nursery Workers SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 4
 Kathy & Kailyn Wilkey

Sunday, September 11
 Amy Logan

Sunday, September 18
 Emily Wilkey

Sunday, September 25
 Edwina Ervin

Preschool Children's Church Workers SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 4
 Amy Logan, JP Spearman,
 Ema Crum

Sunday, September 11
 Kim & Arney Posey

Sunday, September 18
 Kayla Cannon & Micah King

Sunday, September 25
 Stephanie Epps & Evy Craig

Grades 1-3 Children's Church Workers SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 4
 Debbie Holtzclaw &
 Danielle Payne

Sunday, September 11
 Emily & Matthew Wilkey

Sunday, September 18
 Angela & Nate Spearman

Sunday, September 25
 Emily Moats & Kendra Cox

recipe

From the Kitchen of Kayla Cannon

Chicken Salad

Serves: 8-10

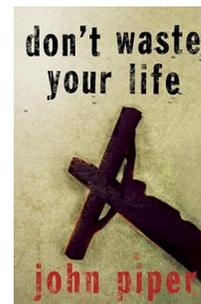
Ingredients:
 1 1/2 pounds of chicken tenders
 1 chicken bouillon cube
 Chopped celery (add as much as you would like)
 1/2 cup Mayo
 2 tsp dry ranch seasoning mix
 1/2 tsp of salt
 1/2 tsp of pepper

Directions:
 Cook chicken in pot of water with bouillon cube.
 Once cooked, shred the chicken and add mayonnaise, ranch seasoning, chopped celery, salt and pepper. Let sit for a couple of hours before serving.

If you would like to share a recipe, please email it to staff@mfb-sc.org.

"Don't Waste Your Life"

I would encourage anyone 16 or older to get a copy of this book! It is calling us to have a purpose in life that is all about Christ. In other words, we should live without regrets. It talks about the risk to live for Christ and that following Him in the only thing that will bring you satisfaction.



Check out this website:



www.thegospelcoalition.org

You can find so many great articles on this website. You will find things that will help in day to day life and some great insights to what we see in culture and how to handle them as a believer in Jesus Christ.

For The Record August 2022

Morning Worship, 9:30 A.M.

07: 248 14: 255 21: 207 28: 218

Evening Worship, 6:00 P.M.

07: 64 14: 72 21: 65 28: 88

Tithes and Offerings:

<u>Reg. Budget</u>	<u>Bldg. Fund</u>
07: \$15,621.35	\$616.00
14: \$13,378.88	\$681.00
21: \$10,254.19	\$696.00

*Some dates or financial info may not be available at the time of printing

Your Church Staff

We're here to Serve!

staff@mfb-sc.org

Dr. Brian L. Spearman, Senior Pastor

Scott Holtzclaw, Worship & Administrative Pastor

Derrick Epps, Associate Minister of Worship

Chandler Moats, Associate Pastor of Students & Discipleship

Tedd Barnette, Building & Special Projects Coordinator

Lauren Green, Administrative Ministry Assistant

Carol Ellis, Financial Ministry Assistant

Rachael Snow, Nursery Coordinator

Kim Posey, Christ's Kidz Coordinator

Jessica Newman, Christ's Kidz Junior Assistant

Tim Brezeale, Pianist

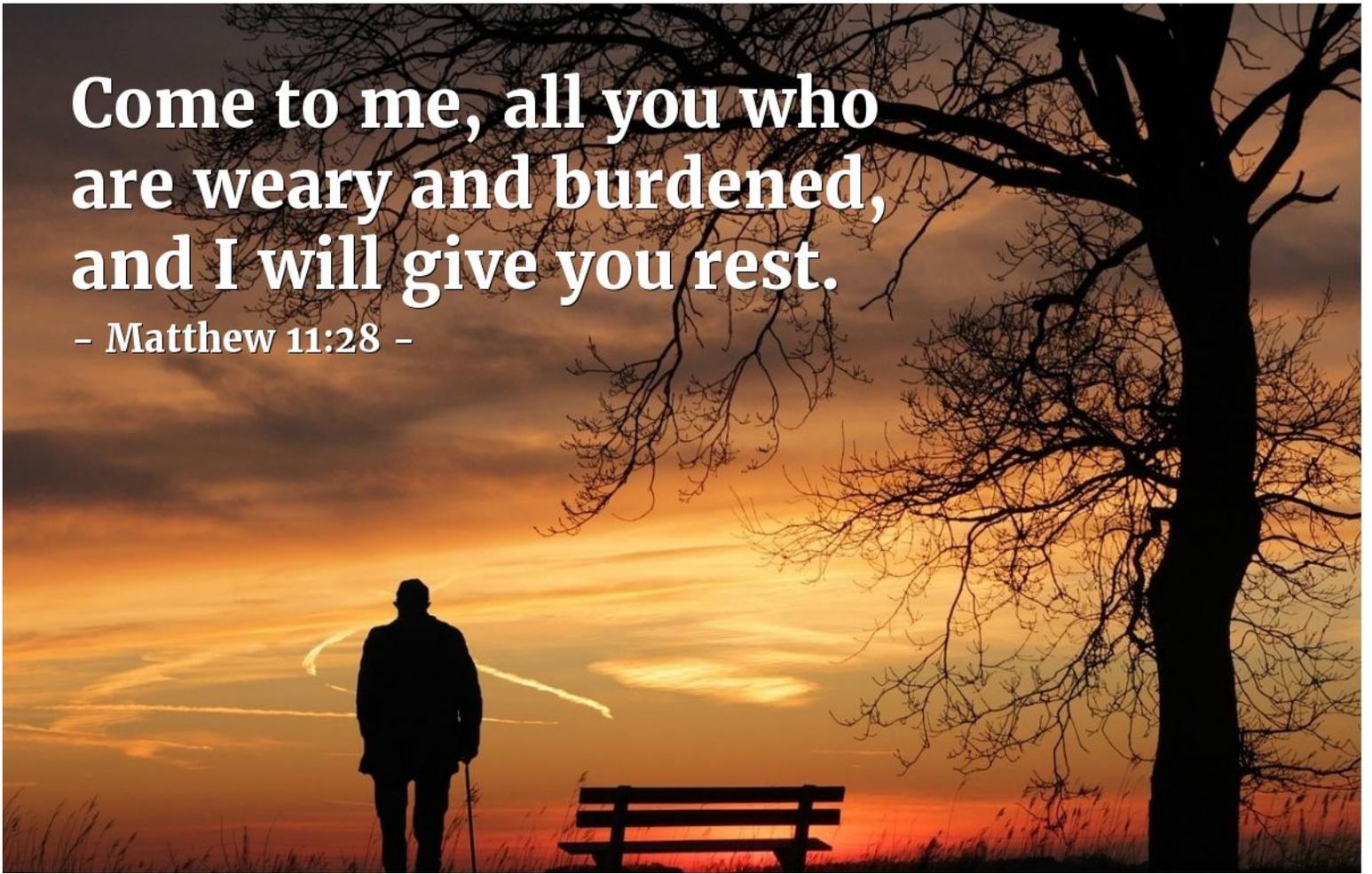
Office Hours 8:30 am–1:30 pm M-F

Church.....836-3518 or 836-3522

Child Development Center.....836-7027

Come to me, all you who
are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.

- Matthew 11:28 -



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