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Meridian Prayer Line

865-579-6632

CALL IN YOUR PRAYER REQUEST

WORKERS FOR SUNDAY

May 4, 2025

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Jim Brackett Joe Fielden * Johnny Lewis

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Emily Frei Scott Frei Ella Mae Hood

SAFETY TEAM — TEAM FOUR

Johnny Lewis David McLemore
Ray Whitson Chrissy Johnson

VAN DRIVER

Jon McCammon

Women on Mission May Project

Serve lunch at Montgomery Village
Thursday, May 15th

Items Needed for the Food Pantry

Peanut Butter Soup Peas
Jello Juice Potatoes (canned or dry mix)
Drop off items at the church office.

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OR CURRENT OCCUPANT

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, MAY 1 "National Day Of Prayer"

Sanctuary Open 8am-5pm

FRIDAY, MAY 2

6:00pm—Senior Adult Banquet

SUNDAY, MAY 4

9:30am—Sunday School

10:50am—Morning Worship

3:30pm—Church Council/Budget & Finance

TUESDAY, MAY 6

Winsome Class Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

6:00pm—TeamKid

6:15pm—Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

6:15pm—Youth Unite

7:15pm—Sanctuary Choir Practice



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KNOWING GOD

New Sermon Series

"Knowing God"

A Study of God's
Attributes

VBS July 13-17 6:00-8:30



VBS Workers' Meeting:
Wednesday, May 14th,
at 5:30 (Adult 4 Dept)

Youth Retreat

May 25-27

Camp BaYoCa

6th Grade thru College
Cost: \$50 (this includes
lodging & meals)

We will have a small lunch after service Sunday, May 25th, and will head towards Camp directly afterwards. If you are interested in attending as a student or a chaperone, please reach out to Christopher Milligan by phone (865) 279-3836 or email Nextgenmeridian@gmail.com

Graduate Recognition Service

Sunday, May 18

Recognizing our High
School & College graduates.
Contact Christopher Milligan
with info on the graduate.



Decoration Days at Meridian Cemetery May 17-18



The Cemetery will be open from
8am-6pm. Flowers will be removed
after two weeks. Please pick up
your containers prior to that time.



Mother's Day Recognition

Sunday, May 11th

Baby Dedication Service

Honoring and recognizing
mothers & ladies who have an awesome
influence of those in our church!

THE UPPER ROOMS

The Transcendentals: Truth

Truth is a foundational theme throughout the Bible. In Scripture, truth is not merely a moral ideal or an abstract principle—it is rooted in the very character of God and revealed most clearly in Jesus Christ.

In the Old Testament, God is called the “God of truth”. Psalm 31:5 says, “Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.” The Hebrew word (אֱמֶת-*’ē-met*) translated “faithful” here also means “truth” or “reliability,” emphasizing that God can always be trusted.

The New Testament brings truth into even sharper focus through Jesus. In John 14:6, Jesus says, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” Jesus does not just speak the truth—He IS the truth. His life and teachings reveal the true nature of God and the path to salvation.

Truth is also portrayed as something that frees us from sin and deception. John 8:32 says, “and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” In a world filled with confusion and moral compromise, the truth of God’s Word brings clarity and spiritual freedom.

Believers are called to walk in truth—not just believe it but live it. Ephesians 4:25 urges, “Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.” Living truthfully builds trust within the body of Christ and reflects God’s own character.

From Genesis to Revelation, Scripture teaches that truth is objective, unchanging, and deeply personal. It comes from God, is revealed through His Word, and is embodied in Jesus Christ. For Christians, to live in truth is to live in step with the Spirit of God.

The Upper Rooms (Literally the 4th Floor)
Christopher S. Milligan

Welcome New Members (correction)

Last week’s Evangel had wrong last name.
Rocky & Sue Hall (correct name)

Attendance

April 27 - Sunday School

Preschool	8
Children	10
Youth	8
Adults	73
TOTAL	99
Visitors	0

Worship Service: 112

Contacts for the week of 4/21-4/27 Total: 71
4 & 5 Years—20 Adult 3—17 Adult 4—34

Giving

Giving For April 27

General Budget Fund	\$14,905.00
Grand Total	\$14,905.00
Online Giving	\$80
Monthly Budget Requirement	\$51,732.00
April Budget Giving	\$39,127.30

Active Military Board

We are updating our Active Military Board located near the office. If you had a picture of your family member on the previous board and they are no longer actively serving, you can pick those up in the office. If you have a family member who is currently serving in the military, please bring to the office a picture along with name, rank, where stationed, birthday, and how related.

New Member Board

Check out the New Member Board of those who have joined since the first of the year. Located in the hallway near the church office.

Wednesday Meal, May 14 at 5:00

Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls
Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Banana Pudding
Cost: \$6 Adults/\$4 Children (12 & under)
Sign up in the Sanctuary foyer or call
the office by Monday, May 12.

Senior Adults Tour Brushy Mountain State Prison, Thursday, June 12

Leave at 10am. Call the office if you plan to attend.

Noteworthy News

NOT A DEFEAT...there is a story of a young employee at a major newspaper which kept files of old features about every well-known person. The files were kept in rows of long shelves which were separated into “living people” and “dead people.” The young man was looking through those files of dead people when he came upon a rather large file marked ‘Jesus Christ.’ After he looked to see that no one was watching, he moved the file to the ‘living people’ section. He knew, that as we do, the cross was not a defeat, but was really a victory. Today we still receive the benefits of His victory. Some of these benefits are displayed within the verses of Psalm 51.

1. A pure heart (v. 10a)
2. A persevering spirit (v. 10b)
3. The presence of God (v. 11a)
4. The power of the Spirit (v. 11b)
5. The pleasure of salvation (v. 12a)
6. A trusting spirit (v. 12b)
7. The ability to teach God’s ways (v. 13a)
8. The ability to turn people to God (v. 13b)
9. A tongue that worships God (vv. 14b-15)
10. The transformation of our society (v. 18)

Not only that...we learn that God never says “Oops. That was a mistake.” Even in our most difficult days. When trials come (not if), God is faithful. When the X-ray doesn’t look good, God is faithful. When the blood-test results look “concerning,” God is faithful. When you get news about one of your children you never thought you would receive, God is faithful. Even in the face of devastating defeat, GOD. IS. FAITHFUL. Remember the last words Jesus spoke, “Father into Your hands, I commit My Spirit” (Luke 23:46).

What are you facing this week?
GOD IS FAITHFUL!

Blessings!

Brs. Dennis

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear Meridian family,

Once again, we had another wonderful day in the Lord’s house this past Sunday. I have been encouraged with our recent attendance and additions to the church family. We have had seventeen new members since June 1 of last year, five of which have been baptisms. I am also encouraged by our new Sunday School class launched Easter Sunday. Let us continue to pray for not only numerical growth, but more importantly, spiritual growth!

One of the goals I have as your pastor is to encourage and promote the entire Meridian family to serve within the various ministries of the church. With this in mind, the Committee on Committees has provided a member survey form as a bulletin insert for the four Sundays in May (May 4, 11, 18, 25). The survey gives each church member the opportunity to express interest in the various ministry opportunities of service within the committee life of the church. The form is based on a template I designed at my former church. It works well, and encourages what I refer to as “every member involvement.” Every member involvement is a necessary ingredient of a healthy church. Using the survey provides structure, and helps combat the common Baptist problem of “20 percent of the people doing 80 percent of the work.” And so we need every member to turn in a form. Please begin praying this week on where God would have you to serve within the Meridian family!

One final thought; this Wednesday at 5 pm, there will be a meeting (in the conference room) about our upcoming “Meridian Day in the Park” scheduled for Saturday, June 7. If you would like to be a part of this amazing outreach event, please be in attendance! Let’s love on South Knoxville and see our neighbors through the lenses of the gospel by demonstrating the love of Christ. Remember, our mission at Meridian Baptist is to love God, love people, and live the gospel!

So thankful for my church family,
Pastor Michael