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MSBC youth had a season of rest at the beginning of summer to allow families to travel and to take a couple of months to recover from the school year so that we come back reignited in our desire to serve the Lord.

Proverbs 21:2 says

‘Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart.’

When I am serving, I always check myself on my intentions. Am I doing this for the Lord or do I have a selfish motivation driving me? God knows our heart and why we are doing the things we are doing. We cannot hide from Him. If my thoughts start to skew to the negative I have to remind myself God knows. Our drive should be a desire to serve Him out of love. Even with Bible study, I have to check in with my intentions. Do I have a desire within me to know God through His Word or is it just to learn facts like you would out of any history book? Am I studying because someone told me I had to or that I should or am I studying because I truly want to know God on a higher level? Our attitude toward study and serving our church and community matters to God. When I worked with the kids in AWANA we used to always say to the kids ‘Attitude check’ and the kids would have to yell back ‘Praise the Lord.’ In our walk with God, let’s check in with our attitude and make sure our minds and hearts are aligned with God. With a renewed spirit and a grateful attitude, we enter this new school year with the youth. MSBC youth has had two recent fun events to kick off back to school. On August 17, 2025 we had a pool and pizza party at the Gallipolis City Pool. We had 24 youth/children in attendance. Then on August 31, 2025, we took 17 to Kings Island for a fun filled day. The youth will be busy on September 20 with Mothman parking and would love to have any volunteers to help out. Please see Jenna Long for details. We are planning our fall events and will be sharing with the congregation soon. Thank you once again Main Street Baptist Church for your continued support and prayer for our youth.

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Back to School Kickoff



Youth Trip to Kings Island

Sept-Nov
2025



Main Street Baptist

From the Pastor's Desk

“Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.” – 1 Peter 5:7

This verse has been our anchor as we walk through our current sermon series, *Anchored: Secure in a Shifting Culture*. As we study 1 Peter together, we are reminded that though the world's values and “truths” may shift with the times, God's Word remains firm and unchanging. Like Peter's encouragement to the early church, we too are called to stand strong and remain anchored in Christ no matter how fierce the cultural currents may become.

It's hard to believe how quickly summer has passed. My father used to tell me, “*The days go by slow, but the years go by fast.*” This summer has certainly proven that true. Scripture also reminds us that life is “a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away” (James 4:14). Because our days are so fleeting, it is important that we use them well — investing our time, energy, and hearts into what matters most: our relationship with Christ and our fellowship with one another.

This summer has been rich with blessings and memories. We had an amazing Vacation Bible School where children heard the Gospel and seeds of faith were planted. We were encouraged by the visit of missionary John Fulks, a former youth pastor at MSBC, who reminded us of the importance of global missions. Our youth and adults had unforgettable experiences at Camp Cowen. The youth also made lasting memories at their Back-to-School swimming party, and even a trip to Kings Island. The church movie night was a huge success with dozens attending, and the church picnic brought laughter, fellowship, and joy. It's always fun to see everyone at the County fair, this year we shared the love of Christ with our community at the “right to life” booth. Each of these events reflected the truth of 1 Peter 4:10, “*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*”

As we look ahead to fall, excitement is already in the air. We are preparing for our weekend Fall Retreat at Parchment Valley, where we will grow together in faith and community. Our **4th annual “Bring a Friend Sunday”** will be another opportunity to invite others to hear the Good News and experience the love of Christ. And of course, our Fall Revival will be a special time of renewal as we seek God's Spirit to refresh our hearts and guide us forward.

Church family, let us remain anchored. The storms of culture and the shifting sands of worldly ideas may rage around us, but God's Word stands forever (1 Peter 1:25). Together, let's stay faithful, stay engaged, and continue to build a church that shines the light of Christ in our community.

With joy in Christ,
Pastor Jeff

September-November Service Times

Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Youth & Children's Group 6:00pm

Wednesday Services 6:00 pm



As you have read, I recently purchased the cup pictured because I loved the idea of learning from and being motivated in my walk with Jesus by “Women of the Bible.” While we have all likely heard of most of the women on the cup, I thought some of you might want to join me on this journey to discover more about each woman and the phrases associated with them. So, this is the third of the series of articles focusing on one of the women from the Bible listed on the cup!



“Dance Like Miriam”

In Chapter 14 of the Book of Exodus, the Lord told Moses to lead the people of Israel, who were enslaved in Egypt, out of Egypt. Moses did as he was told and the Israelites followed him into the desert. The Lord said he would show the Egyptians that he was the Lord and to do so, he hardened the heart of the King of Egypt and the King sent “six hundred chosen chariots” and “pursued after the children of Israel.” The Egyptians who pursued after the Israelites overtook them as they were encamping by the sea. At that point, the Israelites were, perhaps understandably, questioning Moses’ insistence that they leave Egypt and some were regretting having left—feeling uncertain and scared, in fact, “they said unto Moses, because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness?”

But Moses reassured the Israelites and, as we all know, the Lord told him to go the sea and “lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.” AND IT WORKED! The people of Israel were safe on the other side when the Egyptians “went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen” and then the sea engulfed them. The threat was gone—the Lord had taken away the source of their angst and had saved their lives!

What a stressful and trying time for the Israelites! And when it ended, when God saved them, what happened? Did they celebrate? Did they give thanks? Exodus 15 tells of their celebration with verses 20-21 detailing,

“And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.”

Miriam, the first women in the Bible to be called a prophetess, began to celebrate the Lord’s miracle with her tambourine and dancing! And the other women were inspired to do the same! They worshipped with all their being—celebrating God with joy! And what an awesome experience it must have also been for those who watched them as well!

Like Miriam, we should not hesitate to worship God with all our being! We should find joy in our blessings and be moved to display our faith! So, grab your tambourine and **Dance Like Miriam!** (or for any non-dancers, be motivated by Miriam to worship with all your being in your own way!)

(Future articles: Teach Like Priscilla, Overcome Like Naomi, Fight Like Jael, Believe Like Mary, Lead Like Deborah, and Sacrifice Like Esther)

Written By Tanya Handley

Church Announcements

September

9/13 Operation Christmas Child: Project

Leader Workshop 10am-12pm

9/14 Quarterly Business Meeting after worship

9/19-21 Mothman Festival

October

10/3-5 Fall Retreat @Parchment Valley

10/3-5 Battle Days

10/16 WV Baptist Convention

Annual Meeting @Emmanuel Baptist

Church in Charleston

10/19 Bring a Friend Sunday

10/20-22 Fall Revival

10/26 Teen Fall Festival

10/30 Community Block Party

November

11/2 Communion & Fellowship Meal

(Thanksgiving)

11/6 Hosting Advantage Valley Childcare

11/11 Veteran's Day

11/27 Thanksgiving Day

11/30 Combined Church Service

Prayer Requests

Jerry and Kitty Perry

ry

Terry Gillespie

Melissa Tibbetts

Marjorie Logan

Richard Weston

David & Sharon

Cole

Ron Fetty

Georgia Ingerson

Edna Scarberry

Jeri White

Ada DelRosario

Jeffery DelRosario

Sammie Doolittle

Kim Litchfield

Dylan Handley

Sheree Holley

Lauretta Jackson

Caroline Landers

Kathy Wheeler

Mariaisabel Lopez

Mary Biggs

Jack Coles

Jessica Williams

Loretta Ohlinger

Randy Randolph

Marsha Holstein

Kalena Georgi

Mark Clark

Jonathan Pinson

Dakota Booth

Olivia DeWeese

John Sang

Deanna Stover

Richard Tibbetts

Carmel Davis

Bill Soulsby

Greg Milhoan

Mike Heib

Adam Bryant

WV Legislature

Foster Families

Church Growth

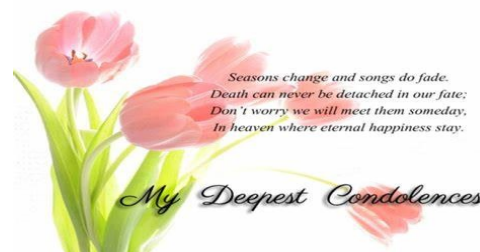
Our Youth

Our Military

First Responders

Homeless Community

People Struggling with mental health



Christian sympathy to the friends and family of:

Ongoing Outreach Ministries

Mason County **Baby Pantry**

Mason County **Food Pantry**

MCTC **hygiene product drive** for Mason County teens

*****For more info contact Pastor Jeff Fetty*****

Roger Tulanowski

Jim Lawson

Jimmy Kirker

Eva Carry

Lora Willis

Rodney Bonecutter

Jimmie Edmonds

Sue Chapman

Linda Stewart

Jim Ross

Jim Daniels

Jason Chapman

Celebrations

September Birthdays

Richard Tibbetts	9/3
Amber Layton	9/6
Wyatt Wamsley	9/12
Andy Layton	9/15
Risha McGill	9/16
Jerry Long	9/17
Jim Butler	9/18
Caleb Handley	9/22
Lee Ann Clark	9/26
Lauretta Jackson	9/26
Elizabeth Handley	9/30
Landon Stepp	9/30

September Anniversaries

John & Carmel Davis	9/3
Jerry & Kitty Perry	9/5
Larry & Joyce Eshenaur	9/27

October Birthdays

Melissa Tibbetts	10/3
Christa Grady	10/5
Blayne Butler	10/7
Emma Clark	10/16
Betty White	10/18
Kayla Butler	10/21
Alex Clark	10/25

October Anniversaries

Kenneth & Denise Long	10/9
Stephen & Morgan Handley	10/18
Christa & Benjamin Grady	10/19
Adam & Emma Thomas	10/26

November Birthdays

Carrie Wamsley	11/6
Jerry Casto	11/8
Caden Davis	11/8
Larry Eshenaur	11/12
Natalie Layton	11/15
Donna Brinker	11/16
Jeri Kitchen	11/20
Dennis Brumfield	11/23
Gage Devault	11/24

Patrick Grady	11/24
Jennifer Fetty	11/27