


ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ It's that time of year again to **submit any nominations for Elders & Deacons**; as well as **requesting Committees to submit your budget requests and year-end reports for the annual meeting of January 24, 2024. All are due by the end of December.** *Our current Elders are Johnny Pinner, Tom LaBarbera, Buddy Teel, Greg Spain & Dan Black. Our current Deacons are A.J. Stancill, Bill Staton, David Mayo, III, Eugene Hyde, Mark Scott, David Tucker, Jamie Swart, Robert Pinner, Brandon Jenkins & Lee Elks.*
- ❖ We are updating the church directory! Please scan the QR code to complete a form to help make sure that we have the most up to date information. If you need help, please see a church leader, and we will be glad to help you!

- ❖ Please join us for our **Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve @ 7:00 PM.**
- ❖ Don't forget to check the MPCC Post Office located in the Sanctuary foyer before leaving to pick up any Christmas Cards for you or your family. Also, don't forget that **NEXT SUNDAY- December 24th is the last week we will be accepting cards.**
- ❖ **As we approach the holidays be aware that we will not be having Bible Study on December 26th or 27th. Then we will also miss the next week in January, the 2nd and 3rd.**
- ❖ **Reminder – please be sure to sign up for communion preparation & securing the building for 2024 – sign up sheets are in the education wing.**

SERVING SCHEDULES

Sunday School & Worship Services- Nursery
12/17 **SS/Church:** Wendy Tucker & Sheryl Scott
12/24 **SS/Church:** Kristen Flynn & Anna Alvarez

Communion Table **Preparing Communion**
Dec: Johnny Pinner & Bill Staton **Dec:** Becky Ormond
Jan: A.J. Stancill & Tom LaBarbera **Jan:** Maria Cullipher

Unlock & Secure the Building
Dec: Buddy Teel **Jan:**

Opening	Prayer Request	Communion Med
12/24 Robert Pinner	12/24 Eugene Hyde	12/24 Dan Black
12/31 Johnny Pinner	12/31 Robert Pinner	12/31 Brandon Jenkins

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Music Director/Pianist: Jewell Whitehurst

Organist: Mary Coburn

Sound System: Dewayne Woolard, Mark Scott, David Tucker, & Ian Garris

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For announcement videos, please call/text Stephanie Mayo at 919-427-1434 or contact Dewayne Woolard.



UPCOMING AT MPCC

SUNDAY

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
4:00 PM Choir Practice
5:00 PM Children's Services
5:30 PM Evening Service

MONDAY

7:00 PM Ladies Aid Meeting
(2nd Monday of each month)

TUESDAY

10:00 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Board Meeting
(2nd Tuesday of each month)

WEDNESDAY

4:30 PM Youth Group
6:00 PM Kid's Group
6:00 PM Worship Leader Practice
7:00 PM Bible Study

Youth Service Project
12/20/23 @ Brookdale & Christmas Party at church afterwards K-12th – meet at church at 12:45 pm / Brookdale @ 2:00 pm; back to church for party at 3:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service
December 24th at 7:00 PM

Building Funds Sunday (Special Offering)
December 24th

Annual Congregational Meeting 1/24/24 @ 7:00 pm

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME TO OUR CONTEMPORARY SUNDAY

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Here To Stay" *Worship Leaders*

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

PRAISE & WORSHIP

"It's Christmas Medley" with
"Angels We Have Heard On High" (v 1 & 3) *Screen*
"Joy to The World" (v 1 & 2) *Screen*

Musical Offering *"I Still Believe In Christmas"* *WL*

Children's Moment *Dewayne Woolard*

Communion Meditation *Tom LaBarbera*

Communion Music

"He Made A Way In A Manger" *Screen*

Communion

(if you wish to partake of the Lord's Supper, please hold emblems & take in unison)

Please place your offering in plates as you exit after the service

Prayer Requests *Greg Spain*

Musical Offering *"Noel"* *Worship Leaders*

Morning Message *1 Peter 4:12-19* *John Ormond*

"Getting Out And Moving On"

Hymn of Decision

"O Little Town Of Bethlehem" (v 1 & 3) *Screen*

*Closing Prayer

***Closing Hymn** *"It's Christmas"* *Screen*

Depart to Serve

** Please Stand*

SERMON

Sermon: Getting Out And Moving On

Text: I Peter 4:12 – 19

Thesis: Pain Too Is A Gift.

I. God Can Use Pain To Get Us Out Of Addictive Behaviors.

- A. We never stop learning and being trained.
- B. Many of the behaviors we learn over a lifetime or addictive and destructive.

II. God Can Use Pain To Get Us Out Of Adverse Situations.

- A. Man tends to get himself into some very sticky situations.
- B. Pain is a universal and affective language.

III. God Can Use Pain To Get Us Out Of Abusive Relationships.

- A. Even the best of people can find themselves in an abusive relationship.
- B. Abuse comes in many forms.

Conclusion: As Lewis showed us, pain in our world is not a sign that God does not exist. And as Patterson shows us God can take and use to his glory something which is not pleasant. And finally, as Peter shows us it is unrealistic for us to think that we can live in a broken world without pain. It is also unrealistic to think that we can live among the lost and not face the pain of being misunderstood or persecuted. So, let's keep a good lookout in our lives and see if God maybe using pain in our lives to communicate His will to us and to protect us.

Thank you to all those that played a part in the 2023 youth Christmas play! There are many moving parts to youth programs, and there are so many people working behind the scenes to help make sure everything gets accomplished.

Thank you to those that helped with weekly practices, helped record and participate in videos, helped teach ASL, helped run the sound booth, helped with stage props, and who were just extra hands to help keep up with the children. Also, thank you to all the parents and our youth for working hard on memorizing lines, learning the words to each song, and having patience with each practice as we worked to make things better each week. I appreciate each of you and every role that each of you played in the play this year! Lastly, thank you to EVERYONE that came to watch the program and support our MPCC youth! The MPCC youth love and appreciate YOU!!



The BBQ Chicken Youth Fundraiser brought in \$1,762.00. Thank you to everyone who participated by setting up, cooking, serving, cleaning up, etc....and who donated to the Youth. We have an amazing group of young people here at MPCC and we are all so very proud of them!

PRAYER CONCERNS 12/17/23

- 1 Family of Victor Wade
- 2 Kathy Davenport – test 12/11 to see if cancer returned
- 3 Janice Williamson – breast cancer/caught early
- 4 June Kilby – diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
- 5 Jayne Bennett – home with blood pressure issues
- 6 Mark James – head & neck cancer
- 7 Aubrey Wayland – tumor removed & preparing for chemo
- 8 Heath Reel – home; outpatient therapy
- 9 Annas Bullock – recovering from hip replacement
- 10 Teresa Jordan – fractured back
- 11 Renee Spain – mission trip to Nicaragua in February
- 12 Bob Barber – prayers for healing
- 13 Susan Kellogg – not doing well from neck/back surgery
- 14 Ken Coburn – 2nd knee replacement in December
- 15 Lynn Ross – back in hospital
- 16 Ellen Smith – recovering from knee replacement
- 17 Darla Prescott – fell and broke femur
- 18 Gene Hathaway – spot on lungs
- 19 Andy Harrison
- 20 Marilyn Whitley – heart attack/stroke & pneumonia
- 21 Mary Coburn – more tests w/new GI cocktails to help
- 22 Tina Scott – more chemo to recover
- 23 Vicky Sanders – difficult time recovering from wreck
- 24 Paul Sanz – severe pancreatitis
- 25 Marvin Wiggins – doing better
- 26 Betty Jo Hobbs – cancer
- 27 Billy Dunn – continuing throat procedure
- 28 Janie Harris – not doing well
- 29 Deborah Swart – doing good, scans in January
- 30 Scott Murphy – brain tumor/having heart issues
- 31 Shirley Uzzell – lung cancer
- 32 Betsy Allen – awaiting results from scan
- 33 Eli Cooke – February follow up

LOVE & SUPPORT

Jayne Mayhew	Carrie Elmore	Myrna Rogerson
Guy Smith	Andy McKinney	Dawn Johnson
Sarah Glasgow	Glynn Bright	Savanna Grace Bailey
Tina Nobles	Neal Carson	Jean Gurkin
Owen Robinson	Caleb Kittrell	Mildred Jenkins
Peggy Hoyst	Mike Hoyst	Terry Peaden
Riley Koontz	Dr. Charles Pace	

On-Going Prayers For

Our Church Leaders	Our Church Family	Our Youth Ministry
Our Music Ministry	Our Country	Our Military Forces

If there are any updates for the existing prayer concerns, please let us know so we can make sure we have the most accurate updates on each person listed.

You can email or text Debra Staton (statondp@embarqmail.com or [252-717-3297](tel:252-717-3297)) with any updates or additions to our prayer concerns.

Thank you

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace, goodwill toward men!*

Luke 2:14