

MESSENGER

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### TMBC Celebrates Fran Wilson's Thirty-Year Anniversary as Church Pianist!

Our church is blessed by the faithful service and beautiful musical talents of Fran Wilson, who celebrates her 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as our Church Pianist on January 1. We will honor Fran on Sunday, January 12, with a reception sponsored by the Chancel Choir immediately following the morning worship service. Everyone is invited.

Thank you, Fran, for your wonderful contributions to the Kingdom of God as TMBC's Pianist! We give thanks to God for you!





# MUSIC NOTES FROM ANDY

#### Why Children's and Youth Choirs Are Indispensable

Youth choir proponent Randy Edwards, in his book *Revealing Riches and Building* Lives, reminds us that soundtracks are powerful. Even when we are not aware of them, movies and television shows have almost continuous soundtracks underlying the visual action and dialogue. If the soundtrack suddenly disappears, the effect is a "stark, silent, alone feeling." Likewise, our lives have their own soundtracks. But what do our soundtracks sound like? Are they filled with the images of materialism and worldly pursuits? Or do the soundtracks of our lives continually pull us back into the good news of Jesus and our place in His story? Do soundtracks have staying power, or are they composed of shallow "throwaways"?

Lyrics that speak of foundational truths, paired with compelling, engaging music, can build a lifelong soundtrack of faith for our children and teenagers. In our children's and youth choirs, music is used to give voice to expressions of worship which will help young people grow in their relationship with Christ. Through music, words inspired by scripture are implanted in hearts and minds. Through music, spiritual truths are deeply learned.

Families need the support of children's and youth choirs. But for these choirs to be effective in fulfilling their role, they need consistent and faithful attendance. I encourage you to help your children and teenagers to be involved in TMBC's music and worship arts ministries. Soli Deo gloria,

Andy Roby

### A Message from Abbi

Robbie Taylor and Conor Montanye will have you in stitches laughing if you are around them together for more than about five minutes.



Robbie has quickly become a face many recognize as one who has stepped up in his two short years of attending TMBC in any and every way anyone asks. He has become a pivotal part of our youth ministry, being one the youth know they can count on for anything they need. He serves with the youth choir, works alongside Abbi on Sunday and Wednesday nights, is an active part of property and grounds, and is most adored by the sweet triplets he and Megan welcomed into the world in May. Conor, a senior at D.H. Conley High School, has been a part of our TMBC family for about twelve years. He has truly become a leader among the TMBC youth group. If not playing soccer, he finds a way to be a part of all things going on at the church. Conor and Robbie have quickly taken on a brotherly love for one another. But even neater to see is the way they hold each other accountable of being at church and living a Godly life. Robbie can be found cheering Conor on at his soccer games, talking with his dad, Mike, to better understand the things Conor is facing, and being generally interested in the decisions Conor is making about his future. Conor has come to count on Robbie and is often seen with one of the triplets in his arms as he and Robbie discuss the week they are having. While snapchat isn't something everyone uses to communicate, Robbie and Conor have a "streak" going of many days of being in contact with one another; they use snapchat to tell each other about things

they are doing. Robbie checks in on him when he doesn't show up at church, and Conor makes sure Robbie knows if he can't be around for something. This friendship is so fun to watch as you can tell immediately how they truly are invested in the lives of one another. They pick on one another as only brothers do. This kind of relationship did not take long to take off, and it takes nothing more than true care and a little communication. Who will you check on this week if they don't show up to church? Who will you ask about their week and really care about the response? To whom can you be a brother or sister to in this journey of life?

### **Choir Schedules for January**

#### Wednesday, January 8

6:00 pm - Preschool and Children's Choirs weekly schedule resumes.

7:30 pm - Chancel Choir weekly rehearsals resume.

#### Sunday, January 12

9:00 am - Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal

4:00 pm - Youth Choir weekly schedule resumes.

5:00 pm – Chancel Handbells weekly schedule resumes.

#### Instrumental Ensemble Schedule for January-March

January 12, 9:00 am - Rehearsal in Choir Room

January 19, 9:00 am – Rehearsal in Sanctuary and Play in Worship at 10:55 am

February 9, 9:00 am - Rehearsal in Sanctuary

February 23, 9:00 am – Rehearsal in Sanctuary and Play in Worship at 10:55 am

March 8, 9:00 am - Rehearsal in Choir Room

March 29, 9:00 am - Rehearsal in Sanctuary and Play in Worship at 10:55 am

# **2020 Church Directory**

Check your contact information in the 2019 Church Directory for accuracy. If changes are needed, call the church office with updates by January 15, 2020.





# Memorial Baptist Preschool



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2020—2021 Preschool Registration
Currently Enrolled and Sibling Registration: January 21-28
General Public Registration: January 30, 8:00—10:00 am

# January Deacons of the Week



**Dave Gordon**Dec. 29—Jan. 5
252-756-7191



Sharon Lee
January 5—11
252-714-6537



**Stuart Hardy**January 12—18
252-229-1261



Beth Harman January 19—25 252-531-5425



Dale Newton
January 26—February 1
252-412-0011

# MEMORIAL MATTERS!

Youth and Glow Kids collaborate with Christmas Stickers.



**Youth Christmas Party** 



Christmas Cantata "What Child Is This"



Fellowship Breakfast and Birthday Party for Jesus



**Angel Shop** 



### In Our Prayers

A new prayer list begins the first of each month. Call the church office if you would like to add or remove someone from the list.

Harold Dew Gerstle Dendy (Larry Dendy's mother) Tyler Lumley Alan Myers (Nancy Goodwin's nephew) Emily Beasley (Sandra Styron's niece) Adell Prescott Steve Goodwin Susan Haynie Hill (Dot Haynie's daughter)

Cheri Staten
John Burton (Scott Godefroy's cousin)

Nat Brackenhoff

Norma Pelleu

Jimmy Fields
Damien Moore (Coral Whichard's cousins

grandson)
Jane McRoy (Kennith Whichard's sister)

# **Homebound/Shut-Ins**

Beverly Dickens
Doris Evans
Norman Little
Doris Pappendick
(Jimmy Bryant's mother-in-law)



Sandro Silva—January 3 Martha Huggins—January 10 Kay Godwin—January 19

### **Extended Session Volunteers**

January 5 Tammy Ivey and Jane Morris
January 12 Vickie Carden and Lauren Lumley
January 19 Kelsey Alexander and Erica Thomas
January 26 Luisa Haynes and Kelsey Alexander

Contact Megan Taylor for more information.

# Where We Stand as December 16, 2019



### **December Attendance**

	Sunday School	Worship
December 1	116	138
Hanging of the Green		150
December 8	167	290
December 15	112	130
December 22	92	155





# **Wednesday Fellowship Meal**

January 8, 5:30 pm
Bring your best chili and/or cornbread to share.

There is no cost for this meal and no sign-up.

### **Wednesday Night Activities Resume January 8**

5:30 pm	Chili and Cornbread Cook-Off (January 8)
6:00—6:45 pm	4—5 Year Olds (Music Friends)
	Grades 1—3 (Music Makers)
	Grades 4—6 TMBC Missions
6:15—7:30 pm	(Grades 7—12) Youth Small Groups
6:15—6:30 pm	Adult Prayer Time
6:30—7:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
6:45—7:30 pm	4—5 Year Olds TMBC Missions
	Grades 1—3 TMBC Missions
	Grades 4—6 (Young Musicians)
7:30—8:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

# **Coming Up in January**

January 1 **Church Office Closed Epiphany Sunday and Deacon Ordination** January 5 **Church Ministry Council Meeting** 2:30 pm Final Payment for Youth Ski Trip Due Wednesday Night Activities Resume with January 8 5:30 pm Chili and Cornbread Cook-off Youth Mandatory Ski Trip Meeting January 12 12:00 pm Followed by Lunch and Ice Skating **Church Office Closed** January 20 January 24-26 **Youth Ski Trip**