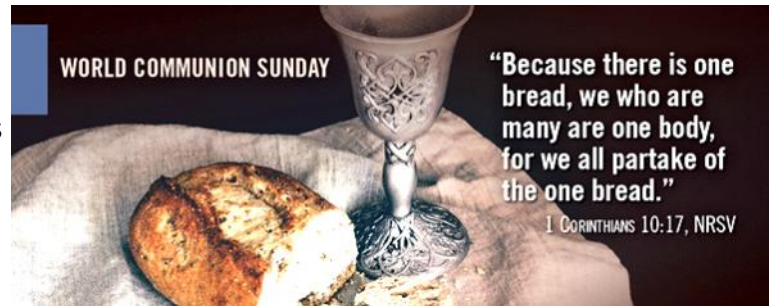


October 2020

On Sunday, October 6, 10:55 am, we invite you to join us in-person or via livestream to share in the Lord's Supper as we celebrate the communion of Christian churches throughout the world. If joining us via livestream, provide your own bread and cup for Communion.



Sunday, October 13, TMBC will celebrate Homecoming, marking 193 years of worship, ministry, missions and service. We will gather to worship at 10:55 that morning (in person and via livestream), and then meet in the back parking area at 5:30 pm for fellowship and singing. Bring a tailgate supper and enjoy a good time with our TMBC family!

We Will Miss You, Martha!

Martha Huggins has been the Office Administrator for TMBC for the past 7 years. During her tenure she has been the face and voice of the church. Her years of service have added to the success and excellence that TMBC strives to achieve. As a long time church member, her connection to members and memories has been such a gift to the ministerial staff and in welcoming new comers to our church. Her expertise in many areas including all things Microsoft and her love and affection for our senior adults will be large shoes to fill. We will miss her help, her laughter, and her willingness to serve. Please let Martha know of your appreciation of her years of service with a note, card or call.



NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

Memorial Baptist Preschool opened for students on August 31, following the NC DHHS guidelines and the guidance of the Pitt County Health Department. No doubt this year of ministry may be the most challenging ever in our 42 year history. Staff are required to wear masks, classes are cohorted, parents drop off kids at the doors or drive through, and temperature checks and health screenings are conducted daily. While our routines and policies have changed, the halls are now filled with laughter and joy as kids experience a sense of “normalcy” in an otherwise chaotic world. Doing ministry in the midst of a pandemic presented many hurdles, nonetheless, an enormous shout out goes to the Preschool Staff for rising to the challenge. Their love, dedication and commitment to the children and their families is evidenced as they provide a loving environment, despite adhering to our new guidelines, for the children to play and learn about God’s love.

And in other news, If you’ve been by the church in the last few months, you may have noticed some new additions to the playground. For over two years now, the Preschool has been raising funds and receiving donations for upgrading the playgrounds. Although the pandemic might have slowed the timeline, the work continues. A special thanks to John Snellings and his recruit of volunteers who helped build a shed and playhouse in June, and built a picnic shelter house, new sandbox, and workbench in July. Thanks to Dennis Grimsley for adding his handiwork to finish up projects in the courtyard playground. A HUGE thanks to the army of volunteers that showed up late August to put out 80 cubic yards of mulch and 6 tons of sand. We also thank Pattie Allen for being our liaison playground consultant during this entire process. **And we’re not done yet!!!** Stay tuned over the next few weeks for an interior fence to go up (which will replace the temporary orange mesh fencing on the playground), a concrete path to be poured, a nature area to be added, and a stage platform. We thank the multitudes of people who have donated in some way (money, fundraisers, and even hard labor) to help transform our playgrounds into Outdoor Learning Environments. In case you’re wondering about the orange mesh around the BIG picnic shelter, that is there to help create a “wall” for an outdoor classroom space.

The Memorial Baptist Preschool remains a vital ministry to our community and we thank all of those who have supported this program through the years! Follow us on Facebook @MemorialBaptistPreschool

Kay Godwin



A Note from Martha on Her Retirement

It is with deep fondness, I bid you all farewell as I step away from the office. Not only has this been my job for the past seven years, you have all been my church family for most of my life. Thank you for welcoming me when I began the journey as your office administrator and the kindness you have shown as I now leave. The world is an unusual place at the moment, but I hope we will see one another in person in the near future. Thank you all for your support and love.

Martha Huggins

MEMORIAL MATTERS!

Sunday School During a Pandemic



Families of Faith



Truthseekers

In Our Prayers

A new prayer list begins the first of each month.

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| Gerstle Dendy (Larry Dendy's mother) | John Sugg |
| Adell Prescott | Charlee and Greyson Ivey (Kevin and Tammy Ivey's grandbabies) |
| Nat Brackenhoff | Jim Harris |
| Barbara Hardy | |
| Joan Whitehurst | |
| Russ Gray | Homebound/Shut-Ins |
| Karen Rehm | Beverly Dickens |
| Susan Stephenson-Haas | Doris Evans |
| Cameron Dew | Norman Little |
| Jim Darden | Doris Pappendick (Jimmy Bryant's mother-in-law) |
| Dave Gordon | Pauline White |
| Mary Frances Jones | |
| Larry Bristow | |

October Deacons of the Week



Beth Harman
September 27—
October 3



Dale Newton
October 4—10
252-412-0011



Jim Pleasants
October 11—17
252-752-6503



Jamie Bullock
October 18—24
252-561-5993



Susan Snellings
October 25—31
540-645-2255

Where We Stand September 20, 2020





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Andy Roby
October 23
Three Years at TMBC



MUSIC NOTES FROM ANDY

KEEP ON SINGING: Children's Music at TMBC

Music Friends (3s through K) and Young Musicians (Grades 1-6) are back in action!
Music Friends in conjunction with GlowKids, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 6:30-7:00 pm.
Young Musicians, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 6:30-7:00 pm.

CHANCEL HANDBELLS are ringing!

Sundays, 6:00-7:15 pm.

YOUTH VOCAL ENSEMBLE coming in October!

Watch for updates in the Family News and E-News for times and dates.

CHANCEL CHOIR is singing!

Each Wednesday: Sopranos and Altos, 7:15-7:45 pm. Tenors and Basses, 8:00-8:30 pm.