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Monthly Publication



Spiritual Growth: Generosity Initiative Begins on September 19

God, based on your goodness in my life, where would YOU like me to be in my giving?

With this prayer as our focus, on September 19, TMBC will begin the long awaited Generosity Initiative, "Taking the NEXT Step." In the course of four weeks, each member of the church will be able to reflect on his or her personal understanding of the words "Generosity" and "Spiritual Growth" and be challenged to discover new ways to incorporate them into their daily living. Each Sunday, along with our Senior Pastor, Dr. Brad Smith, members of our Taking the Next Step Team will work on inspiring the TMBC family to grow in their own response to God's generosity.



Taking the Next Step At-A-Glance:

September 12: Introduction of the Generosity Initiative & Distribution of Devotional Books

September 19- October 10: Sunday Worship focusing on "Taking the Next Step"

October 10: Invitation Sunday
October 24: Celebration Sunday

Street Fair Ministry: September 20-26

Street Fair is right around the corner! The TMBC Street Fair Ministry is preparing to have a presence at the Pitt County Fair this year, **Tuesday, Sept 20th - Sunday, Sept 26th**.

Donations needed!

Sing up for donations by clicking the button below:

Street Fair Donations

To find out about other ways to help during the fair, contact Griff or Terri Avin.



Legacy Gift Team

Bill Clark - Chair

The Endowment Team has a new name. It's now the Legacy Gift Team.

This new name better reflects the team's responsibilities; to educate the congregation about planned giving, to assist individual church members who wish to make a gift to the church from their estate, and to ensure that each legacy gift to TMBC is managed and utilized by the church as intended by the donor.

Members of the Legacy Gift Team are Bill Clark (chair), Ann Bryant, Carroll McLawhorn, and Ed Porter. If you are thinking about making a legacy gift to TMBC, they invite you to contact any of them to set up a private and confidential meeting.

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Stoplight Bags from the Children's Ministry



Jane Morris - Children Ministry Team

During Vacation Bible School, the children's mission project was to put together "Stoplight Bags" for the homeless. The idea of these bags is to fill a bag with non-perishable items and keep it in your car. When you see someone at a stoplight asking for help, you would have something to give them. The children also colored a Bible verse picture to put in each bag that also included information about TMBC. The drawstring vinyl bags contain gloves, socks, water bottle, spoons, wipes, beanie weenies, applesauce cup, cereal bar, and crackers, The children constructed 144 Stoplight Bags! Way to go!!

Each child had the opportunity to take one or more bags with them as they left VBS. We have additional Stoplight Bags for you to take one or more at the end of the service on Sunday, September 5 and 12. They are located by the front doors of the sanctuary in the narthex. Thank you for helping with this mission project!

Music and Worship Arts Schedule

Wednesdays, beginning September 8

6:15 pm - 7:00 pm : Music Friends (3 yrs-K) and **Young Musicians** (1st-6th grades) combined with **Glow Kids** and **Mission Kids**.



7:15 pm - 8:15 pm: Adult Chancel Choir is ongoing. The group sings in worship nearly every Sunday morning.

Sundays, beginning September 12

9:00 am - 9:45 am

TMBC Instrumental Ensemble rehearse on the 2nd Sunday of the month and will play in worship the 4th Sunday of the month, beginning September 26.

5:00 pm - 5:45 pm Youth Vocal Ensemble (7th-12th grades)

5:45 pm - 6:45 pm Chancel Handbells

For more information about any of these music groups, contact Andy Roby (robya@tmbc.org).



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Larry Bristow Jim Darden

Gerstle Dendy (L. Dendy's mother) Edna Ellis (Verchie Vick's sister)

Dot Haynie

Nelly Horne (Verchie Vick's great-niece)

Jim Laney

Charles Messerli Sue Morgan

Debbie Moye (B. Stephenson's sister)

Bonnie Porter Ron Stephenson

Kathryn Tesh

Bradley Turner Jesse Wall (Betty Hanks's brother)

Ann Wilmer

Caleb Wiltse and the Wiltse family Steve Zimmerman

Those impacted by COVID-19 & Our Nation

Homebound/Shut-Ins:

Nat Brackenhoff **Edith Davenport** Harold / Bettie Dew **Beverly Dickens Doris Evans** Mary Frances Jones

Doris Pappendick (J. Bryant's mother-in-law)

Adell Prescott Pauline White Joan Whitehurst

Financial Faithfulness

Where We Stand: September 1, 2021



Sunday School Greeters

September 5

Office Door (9:20-9:45 am): John & Willamina Sugg Elevator Door (9:20-9:45 am): Marcia Pleasants

September 12

Office Door (9:20-9:45 am): Stuart & Barbara Hardy Elevator Door (9:20-9:45 am): Ann Bryant Children's Wing (10:40-11:00): Jimmy Bryant

September 19

Office Door (9:20-9:45 am): Gwen Gordon Elevator Door (9:20-9:45 am): Scott Godefroy

September 26

Office Door (9:20-9:45 am): Marcia Pleasants Elevator Door (9:20-9:45 am): Vickie Dixon

TIMBC Wednesdays

Beginning September 8, 2021



6:15 pm - 6:30 pm: "Rooted in Christ" Prayer Experience led by Dr. Brad Smith

6:30 pm - 7:15 pm: "Spiritual Victory in Warfare" facilitated by John Sugg

6:15 pm - 7:00 pm: "Growing in Grace" Children's Music and Mission

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Begin September 6

Because hunger doesn't end on Friday.

Items needed:

Chef Boyardee, microwave with pull tabs:

Beef Ravioli, Beefaroni, Lasagna, Spaghetti

with Meatballs, Spaghetti O's

Mac and Cheese, Applesauce cups,

Fruit cups, Juice boxes, Cereal cups/small individual boxes



A Call to Prayer

Susan Snellings, Worship God Chair

The Worship God Ministry Team's September Prayer Emphasis: Food Pantry & Street Fair Ministry



Please pray for those who are volunteering with these ministries. Pray that the Love of God is evident to all who are being served and serving!

We look forward to having you join our Sunday Worship Service at 10:55 am in person or online on Facebook!



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