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"The Hands of Christ in the Place We Live."

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STEWARDSHIP MONTH - TITHES

As we begin our month-long emphasis on Stewardship at MHBC, I want to use my article each week to reflect on the three different elements of good stewardship—tithes, time, and talents—starting with tithes (otherwise known as our money or offerings).

I'm sure at the budget discussion this Wednesday, November 4 we will have some clarifications recommended, or some small changes discussed, but what has been made available to you is a concerted effort at a budget that supports the well-being of our church for the present and the future, and sharpens our vision to be "The Hands of Christ in the Place We Live," focused specifically on reaching our Amherst neighbors. Let me say a bit more.

In our budget this year, you will notice that most of our line items have been trimmed to make space for what will be an area of emphasis for some years: Building and Grounds. Our B&G Committee does great work to maintain and assess the status of our property, and they have identified what will be some major projects in the near future. Being able to get ahead of these is key, as it will allow us to start compiling the funds necessary to make the projects happen. The major area of growth in our budget proposal this year is in this arena—funds for maintaining our building well. This is a major part of the legacy we pass onto our future generation, so we want to do what we can now to make sure the legacy is strong!

However, this is not the only area of growth! The other major area of growth in our budget is in our local missions giving. MHBC has a long history of tithing 10% of its projected budget back to mission efforts, and that continues this year. Our finance committee and deacons did some evaluation of where our partnerships are most active, and did what we can to set aside more funds for ministry in our own backyard. I'm excited for you to see how we are continuing to serve Amherst and Madison Heights specifically!

Of course, for all of this to happen, we must all play our part in contributing to our proposed common budget. In 2027, if the budget stands as presented, **it will take about $9600 a week to meet expenses.** That sounds like a lot! But we can accomplish much more together than we ever could on our own. Think of it this way—that means it requires 100 family units or households to give about $100/week to meet. **That's far less imposing, isn't it?** So, let me propose a goal as you consider how much you can give this year to support the budget. **If you don't already, would you consider increasing your offering to $100/week?** If you give more than this, by all means please continue to give as you normally have, or challenge yourself to increase in giving if possible! Remember, this is a contribution to the faith development you and your family receive from the church, but also a sacrificial gift to serve our world and community together! Let me invite you to join my family in prayer as we lead up to Pledge Sunday on November 22 and determine what we can give to make our proposed ministry budget a reality to bless our community together! As always, it is my privilege to serve as your pastor. **-Josh**

SUNDAY MORNING

9:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM - MORNING WORSHIP

SPECIAL ELEMENTS

Johnny Marks | "Dedicated to Growth"
Stewardship Sunday
Chancel Choir | "For the Beauty of the Earth"

CHURCH LIFE

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

November 8 Cary Murphy & Jeff Williams

DEACONS SERVING NOVEMBER 8

Marvin Jefferson	Steve Martin
Donna Massie	Billy Williams
Angela Sale	Ellen Saunders

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 OFFERINGS

Budget Envelopes	$ 11,726.00
(Weekly Budget Needs $9,424.06)	
Plate Offering	$ 50.00
Designated Offering	$ 1,140.00
Miscellaneous	$ 0
TOTAL DEPOSIT	$ 12,916.00
Find Us Faithful	$ 840.00

NEW ADDRESS - Barbara Stokes
Runk & Pratt Liberty Ridge
30 Monica Blvd. #309
Lynchburg, VA 24502

Budget Discussion

November 4 at 7 PM

Dedicated to Growth Through the Years



Stewardship Lunch November 8

WELCOME

New Member

Debra Stump

is officially welcomed into our church fellowship by transfer of letter from Madison Heights Christian Church.

Thank you to all who made the celebration of 35 years of ministry at MHBC so memorable! The food and decorations from the hospitality committee were tasty and beautiful, and the gracious well-wishes, cards, and gifts were greatly appreciated. I look forward to what the coming years bring! Catherine

FELLOWSHIP



Keenagers
Senior Social
November 10
at 10:30 AM
Madison Heights
Community Center
Bring a dessert to share



Shalom Creatives
OPEN ART STUDIO
Nov. 21 ~ 10 AM – 12 PM
Free Community Art Time
Guided theme available or create your own
Supplies provided

MISSIONS

WOMEN ON MISSION
Projects for shut-ins and blessing bags
Meeting 11/11 at 1 PM

CHRISTMAS CHEER BASKETS
NOVEMBER
Canned Ham





COATS 4 KIDS
We are collecting new, hooded winter coats in sizes 4T-20 for girls or boys. Coats will be collected through 11/22 and given to children in our community.

ANNUAL TOY DRIVE
The Jericho Toy Drive barrel is in the foyer at the base of the stairs. Please donate NEW toys/games/books by 12/19.



PRAYER LIST

Health Concerns

Johnny Abbott
Donnie Allgood
Eleanor Woodruff Brockman's daughter
Kelvin Brown
Adeline Carter
Vince Campbell
Walker Clark
Sharyn Coffey
Paul Faulconer
Dea Baldwin Floyd
Elijah Gendron
Sonny Harvey
Steve Horn
Patsy Jordan
Rebekah LaFerney
Jay Parker
Lisa Moore, Amy Hall's sister
Zandra Phillips
Dennis Sitton
Barbara Stokes
Carolyn Thompson
Brenda Young
Cheryl Allen
Julia Berry
Phyllis Bower
Nancy Campbell
Dena Christen
Tammy Coates
Kinsley Cox
Norma Fisher
Elizabeth Freeman
Carolyn Harris
Ted Harvey
Timothy Horne
Davis Keya
Angie Lee
Kiston McPhatter
Jesse Staton
Jean Thacker
Greg Tyree

Hospitalized

Judy Gunter
Pat Shepherd
Scott Hepburn

Assisted Living

Billy Ogden, Sr.
Diana Ray
Nancy Roakes
Jimmy Thacker
Betty Jackson

Homebound

June Bryant
Elizabeth Freeman
Leslie Ray
Jean & Cecil Thacker
Preston Floyd
Donna Perdue
Barbara Stokes

Hospice

Barbara Clements
Betty Goff

Active Duty

Timmy Brown
Jayna Clements
Connor Irvin
John Roakes
Robert Cole Bryant
Joe Clements
Chloe Maxfield
Blake Thacker

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