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## ***WEAR THOSE COLORS PROUD!***

I'm not sure how many celebrate, but this past Sunday was actually Star Wars Day (May the 4<sup>th</sup> Be With You!). It's a silly holiday (everyday of the year seems to have them now!), but I'd be lying if I said it didn't cause me a good deal of anxiety in the morning getting ready for church when I had no socks or ties to give it a shout out! I realized, I think a good deal about "paying homage" to things I like or support. My office is filled with toys from my favorite movies and shows, I've got some basic bumper stickers, almost all my t-shirts are exclusively dedicated to these sorts of things, and I even decided on which camp chair to buy recently based on school colors so I could use it at all of Brody's sporting events for years to come! Even in the smallest areas of life, I seem to be intent on displaying my fandom/likes/allegiances! Are you the same?

In a more specific way, are you the same about your faith? How do you wear your allegiance to Christ on your sleeve? This was the topic of conversation in our Sunday School class this week, and it seems an important one. You can certainly wear faith t-shirts, hats, bumper stickers, etc.—and these things all have their place. But we all know there is a far better display of faith in the world at large—our actions. The Bible calls these our "fruit." And the actions of a Christian faith life have become more and more significant.

Some people still wear the label of "Christian" socially or culturally, or because their parents claimed it or raised them that way. Alongside these examples, our job becomes to demonstrate things like selfless service and sacrificial love for any and everyone so that the people around us know it's more than just an attempt at a "ticket to heaven."

Others are so far detached from any variety of Christian faith that just being a decent person isn't going to cut it—they need to see in person what it looks like for someone to believe that everyone is created in the image of God, that the way we treat people matters, and that following Christ means things like restraint, honesty, sacrifice, discipline, and obedience to Jesus above all else.

It can be a tricky balance, but it's certainly easier when we do it together. With that said, let me encourage you to find your way to the Fellowship Hall this Sunday and wear your MHBC colors proud in the community as we seek to be about the life of Christ together! New church t-shirts are \$10 each, and can be purchased on Sunday—with the hopes that you will especially wear them every time we go out to serve in the community, or host outreach events for our neighbors. You don't have to have preordered to get one—they will be sold on a first come, first-served basis, and we can order more if we run out. Come pick yours up this Sunday!

I hope that these shirts will go along towards helping folks to identify the people of MHBC in our community. But even more, I hope that our actions under the banner of Christ will shine far more brightly in aligning us with the work and purpose of the kingdom!

### ***SUNDAY MORNING***

**MOTHER'S DAY**

**BABY DEDICATION**

**9:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**11:00 AM - MORNING WORSHIP**

### ***SPECIAL ELEMENTS***

**Reverend Josh Beeler - "Salome"**

**Matthew 20:20-21, 27:55-56**

**Chancel Choir: "One Thing Remains"**



## MISSIONS

### CHRISTMAS CHEER BASKETS

May items are corn bread mix and Bisquick.

### WOM MAY PROJECT

#### MIRIAM'S HOUSE

Cleaning and paper products will be collected.

### WOM MAY MEETING

May 14 at 1:00 a.m. at  
Randolph Memorial Baptist Church  
Preparing bags for Daily Bread

### MEALS ON WHEELS

May 15 & 29  
Diane Duff & Ellen Saunders



## FELLOWSHIP

### KEENAGERS

May 13 at 10:30 a.m.

### PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION

will be celebrated on Mother's Day,  
May 11.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 16-20 | 9am-Noon**

Invite your friends, family & neighbors!

**Road Trip: On the Go With God**

Ages 4 years to completion of 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### SUMMER PICNIC

Eagle Eyrie - **Saturday**, June 21 from  
3-7 p.m.



## CHURCH LIFE

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

May 11

Steve Owen & Angela Sale

### DEACONS SERVING MAY 11

J.C. Fore

John Grieser

Caren Jefferson

Carl LaFerney

Sharon Walters-Bower

Irene White

### MAY 4, 2025 OFFERINGS

Budget Envelopes.....\$10,538.00

**(Weekly Budget Needs \$9510.00)**

Plate Offering.....\$ 124.00

Designated Offering.....\$ 1,008.05

TOTAL DEPOSIT.....\$ 11,670.05

Find Us Faithful.....\$ 605.00

### USHERS FOR MAY

Glen & Lisa Lang & Stevie Yeatts

### IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB

Betty Goff - LGH followed by rehab

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

**May 18**

We will recognize and celebrate our  
graduates from high school and  
college during morning worship.

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