

Come and join us for choir rehearsal in the Worship Center at 7:10 pm! It's never too late to join! Questions, contact Glenn Iones.

## **MCBC** Newsletter September 2022

Please take a moment to reflect on the words in this chorus by David Crowder:

"You say Your love goes on forever, that Your mercy never stops So why would I assume You'd be somebody that You're not Like sun in the morning, I know You're gonna be there every day

So I keep praising Your name at the top of my lungs." - David Crowder

Our God is often undersized from mankind's viewpoint, but that doesn't mean that we are right. In fact, our God is good and capable to do exceedingly more than our limited understandings could imagine. My hope, as your pastor, is that we would rely more heavily on God's goodness and take advantage of His power that relates to His perfect plans for our lives. That we would all try to find the goodness both in others and in our misunderstood circumstances and find the

Titus 3:4-7 "But when the kindness of God our Savior and his love for mankind appeared, he saved us-not by works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy—through the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit. He poured out his Spirit on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior so that, having been justified by his grace, we may become heirs with

Just a reminder that it is not too late to start one of our fall Bible Studies on Wednesday evenings. Remember the meal starts at 5:20 PM (\$6) and studies

May we continue to grow together, do life together and trust God together!

## **Fall Senior Adult Day Trips**

Registration and trip information is available online and at the church welcome desk. Sign up in the church office. Questions, contact Joyce Stanley, or Glenn Jones.



Howdy Folks! It's time to plan your day with the seniors of MCBC to visit the State Fair of Texas on Thursday, **October 13.** Have a fun day enjoying the car shows, craft exhibits, and eat famous corndogs. Anyone the planning to participate in this trip, must be registered by Sunday, October 9th



The seniors of MCBC will be taking a day trip to view the Fall colors at the Dallas Arboretum on Friday, October **28.** Thousands of pumpkins will line the walkways as you experience the beauty of the surroundings in the Botanical Gardens. Anyone planning to participate in this trip must be registered by Sunday, October 23rd.



Coming in November, the seniors will travel to Dallas to experience the brand-new ICR Discovery Center on Friday, November 18 where the mysteries of Genesis will be unlocked. You will learn more about how God created the earth including whatever happened to the dinosaurs. Anyone planning to participate in this trip, must be registered by Sunday, November 13th.

Patriot Day is observed in the United States on September 11 to remember the lives of those who died in the 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City; at the Pentagon in Virginia, and those who perished in hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania. This year on the 21st Anniversary of that day, please take a moment and say a prayer for those who died and their families.

The Crafty Ladies Ministry is in need of various sewing supplies.

They would like to invite anyone who would like to join them on

Tuesdays at 10 am in the FLC. Currently, they're making

personalized prayer quilts for those who are in need of prayer. Each quilt has hand-tied knots for every prayer said on the recipient's 🛇

behalf. Questions, contact Jan Bragg.



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PATRIOT DAY

WE WILL NEVER FORGE

## **New Member**



LANDRIE CALICUTT



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HAPPY

LABOR

Day

**Reminder: The Church Office** will be closed Monday, September 4th for Labor Day!

We are needing to add Audio / Visual volunteers to work in our Tech Booth. This would be someone who would control the Projection Screen during services. If you are interested and would like to learn more about it, please contact Glenn Iones.



See You at the Pole™ is a time of prayer on the fourth Wednesday of September, when students meet at their school flagpole, before school, to lift up their friends, families, achers, school and nation to God. It is student-initiated, organized, and led. This year SYATP 2022 is on Wednesday, September 28th.

"Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive...PRAY!" Romans 12:11-12

## **Operation Christmas Child Collection Items**

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Child

Arts & Crafts for Pre-Teens & Teens Saturday, September 10th from 10 am - 12 pm - Join us for our monthly arts & crafts day in the Children's Wing! Grades 5 - 12 are invited! Questions, contact Pam Price - Sexton.



# **TNT Luncheon**

Thursday, September 15th @ Noon in FLC - TNT is taking a break during the summer, but will resume in September. Come and join us for great food and fellowship. Questions, contact Elaine Swinney.

## Wild Game Dinner

please contact James Lenderman.



# **Operation Christmas Child Packing Party**

Saturday, October 1st in FLC @ 9:00 am - Everyone is welcome to join us as we pack as many shoeboxes as we can. Our goal is 450 shoeboxes this year! Breakfast will be provided!



**42** Tournament



**3rd Annual Tractor Treat** Wednesday, October 26th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm - Everyone is welcome to come out and have fun at our Annual Tractor Treat. We are currently collecting individually wrapped candy for the event. You can drop donations off on the table in front of the church office. Costumes encouraged! There will be a photo booth, candy, inflatables, hay rides, and free food and drinks for the entire family! Please invite all your family and friends! If you would like to help out, please contact Pastor Charles.

## **MCBC** Ministries

Current Collection Items are anything that we have accepted in the past months! You can drop off at the OCC table in the Welcome Center! Our goal is 450 boxes. We are always accepting new / used Christmas cards and shoeboxes! (No longer in need of medicine bottles)

Saturday, September 17th in FLC and GYM - Doors open at 4:30 pm, dinner is served at 5:00 pm! Will have a guest speaker, door prizes, raffles. The raffle this year is for a Henry 22 Rifle and a 22 Rough Rider Pistol. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Tickets will be available through the Dinner and we will draw that night! Everyone is welcome! If you would like to bring, or help with, food or door prizes,

Saturday, October 15th in FLC @ 9:30 am - Everyone is welcome to come and play. \$25 per team. Registration begins at 9:30 am and tournament begins at 10:00 am. Trophies awarded to winners. Drinks, snacks and lunch will be provided. Questions, contact Scott Dowdy.

September 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 29 30 31				1 Kenneth & Sue Hearon Patti Lynn 1 pm - Mah Jong	2	<b>3</b> JT & Pat Stanton
4 Robert & Joy Adams 9 am - Sunday School Teacher Meeting NO EVENING SERVICE	5 OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY	6 10 am - Ladies Prayer Meeting 10 am - Crafty Ladies 6:30 pm - 42 League	7	8 Allison Coon Gracie Murr 1 pm - Mah Jong	<b>9</b> Peighton Clark Paul King	10 Kay Sampson Lana Wimberly 10 am - Arts & Crafts
11 Viola Alvis 6 pm - Business Meeting PATRIOT DAY	12	13 Rita Riggins Mike Sanders 10 am - Ladies Prayer Meeting 10 am - Crafty Ladies 6:30 pm - 42 League	<b>14</b> Donna Hammonds	15 TR Rogers 12 pm - TNT Lunch 1 pm - Mah Jong	<b>16</b> Analesia Naylor	17 Jason Adams 4:30 pm - Wild Game Dinner
18	<b>19</b> Pat Alderman	20 Ann King 10 am - Ladies Prayer Meeting 10 am - Crafty Ladies 6:30 pm - 42 League	21	22 1 pm - Mah Jong	23 JT Stanton	24 ShayAnne Ball
25	26	27 Bryan Clarke 10 am - Ladies Prayer Meeting 10 am - Crafty Ladies 6:30 pm - 42 League	28 Dennis & Ann Bennett Logan Adams SEE YOU AT THE POLE 2022	29 Cassi Clarke 1 pm - Mah Jong	<b>30</b> Gary Kohel	1



## WMU of Texas

Week of Prayer for Texas Missions is September 11th - 18th

What is the Mary Hill Davis Offering<sup>®</sup>?

In 1935, the Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union of Texas recommended a resolution that the Week of Prayer for State Missions Offering be named the "Mary Hill Davis Offering." The resolution was unanimously adopted and the offering was thus named for the woman who had led Baptist women of Texas to pray for and give to missions efforts in Texas. Today, 85 years later, your gifts to the Mary Hill Davis Offering continue to empower state missions efforts for Texas Baptists.

Also, 100% of the money collected for The Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions goes to sending missionaries to their destinations, supporting missions in Texas, and sustaining WMU of Texas' ministry efforts. Together, WMU of Texas and Texas Baptists are able to send missionaries, and provide opportunities for people to hear the Gospel and find hope in Christ through the donations from Texas churches.

2022 State Missions Goal = \$3.6 Million

MCBC's Goal = \$1,500.00

If you would like to make a donation, there will be envelopes at the Welcome Center or on the table outside the Worship Center doors, specifically for donating to the Mary Hill Davis Offering<sup>®</sup>. We will be accepting donations during the month of September.

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28: 18 - 20)

## Cyber Security Awareness Tips – September 2022

### Hackers Use Social Engineering to Guess Passwords on Facebook

### Hello all,

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ. The purpose of this article is to educate you all regarding the risks of oversharing on Facebook. Read on to arm yourself with knowledge.

Over-sharing is not limited to viral quizzes or trends. Posting publicly about vacations, family, personally identifiable information (PII), or your physical location can, in some cases, put you at risk. Most people know not to post pictures of their credit cards or disclose sensitive logins of financial information, but a surprising number of people post their phone numbers, home address and more on social media. After all, the networks encourage users to fill out every possible field on their profile, including some of the more sensitive ones.

Attackers can use this data in three main ways:

### 1. Bruteforcing Passwords

Hackers look for any information that they could use to guess passwords. Oftentimes, it doesn't take much. The most commonly used password in 2020 was "123456," followed by "123456789." Attackers can simply try the first 25 most common passwords and succeed a whopping 50% of the time. Passwords are often only marginally more complex than that; a dog's name or a street name paired with "123." Attackers use automated tools to test combinations of keywords (things you might have happily disclosed in your social profile) to rapidly guess thousands of combinations of passwords.

Hackers also use data gleaned through over-sharing to guess security questions and break into accounts that way. Security questions are often things like the name of your first pet, the street where you grew up, your high school mascot, your favorite author or your childhood hero. They sound strikingly like viral social media quiz questions, don't they?

### 2. Social Engineering Attacks

Any information you post on social media can also be used by a hacker as they craft a social engineering attack. Armed with your personal information, an attacker is well-equipped to customize a message for you that looks legitimate. For example, if a hacker knows you've been to a country music concert, the message, "Did you see George Straight's newest song? Just came out today!" will have a much higher chance of success. Attackers drive users to phishing pages and malware exploits with this tactic. The message will be even more effective if it's coming from a fake account impersonating someone you know or, better yet, the real account of a connection after it's been hijacked. For an attacker, these are both added benefits.

## 3. Physical Theft

People love to post photos of their vacation. If an attacker knows where you live — a surprisingly easy thing to figure out in the social media age, especially if you list it on your profile, enable geolocation of your posts or have ever posted photos from in or around your house — they will have all the information they need to break in and take whatever they want. We suggest waiting until you are home to post, and intentionally use language to show you are not abroad.

I am not advocating you stop posting on social media altogether. Rather, be careful what you share, and take a second to think about the potential consequences before shouting that information into the public forum of social media.

### The following are recommendations to stay safe on social media:

- Be careful with social media quizzes, and only answer the questions you feel comfortable with. If an answer relates to a password or security question, do not post it. My advice? Don't fill them out at all. Adjust your security settings so that your account is only visible to friends and family. Do not disclose any sensitive information in your profile bio, even if Facebook encourages you to complete it. This includes a phone number, address, birthday and more. Be careful of what is in an image before you post. Can you see your credit card on the table? Is your address or street sign visible in the back?
- Beware of scams, such as coupons and promotions distributed through sites other than the official retailer.
- Scam websites often lack SSL (or TLS) web site certificates, which is standard for almost every website, especially those asking for credentials or credit card info. This has long been a method by which consumers can be assured that the site is legitimate and safe as demonstrated by the "https" designation, and many browsers do not display that in green. If the site doesn't have an SSL/TLS web site certificate and is not encrypting your information, it's probably not safe to trust that site. Ensure two-factor authentication is enabled on your social media accounts when available. This provides yet another barrier of protection should a malicious page steal your credentials. Many social networks can now require a code be sent to your phone or via email when they detect a new browser or device attempting to access your account. Beware of links on social media. Hover over them to get a preview and look closely for impersonator URLs and characters meant to look like others. When in doubt, copy the link into a free analysis tool like VirusTotal. If anyone or anything prompts you to download and install an app or file, stay clear. Mobile apps should only be downloaded from curated app stores such as the Apple App Store or Google Play. Any other apps should not be trusted.
- Ensure that your anti-virus and anti-malware is kept up-to-date on your device, whether it's a PC, Mac, or mobile device. Curate who you follow. Following suspicious accounts increases your chances of being exposed to social media scams. Even benign accounts can be hijacked by or sold to scammers.
- Even if a verified connection sends you something that looks suspicious, don't click on it, as their account could have been hacked. Contact them through another channel to verify if the message is legitimate. Beware of brand impersonations. Unless it has the blue verified checkmark, do not click anything that accounts for posts, as it is likely an impersonation of the real profile.
- Above all, be careful what you click on social media! If it looks suspicious, it probably is. While social media can be all fun and games, with that comes inherent risk to individuals. From fake accounts, offensive content, and account hacking, it's important for us recognize the real security risks presented by social media and protect ourselves accordingly.

Lord bless these readers and our church body. Protect them from harm and allow them to use technology in a manner that makes their lives better. In your name we pray — Amen.

If you have questions or concerns please feel free to reach out.

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