

September 1, 2019



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Transitions in the Church

It has never been an easy task to create change. Whether it is our country, our community or in the church, change doesn't come easy. When the nation of Israel left Egypt, change did not come easy. In fact at times some of them wanted to lead the people back to Egypt. When Jesus encountered the religious leaders of his day, they resisted the change he brought in his teaching and in the way he treated sinners. The apostles were also resisted by the Sanhedrin who commanded them to stop speaking and teaching in the name of Jesus. Stephen pointed out the resistance of his Jewish audience when he said, "You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit," (Acts 7:51). More resistance was found when the Gentiles accepted the gospel and the Pharisees wanted them to be circumcised and obey the Law of Moses, (Acts 15:5).

Why is change so difficult? One reason is because change can make us feel uncomfortable. Change takes us into unknown areas we haven't fully explored and it is easier to remain in our comfort zones. Two, people resist change because they believe they will lose something of value, or fear they will not be able to adapt to the new ways. Being detailed, answering questions and helping others to see the benefit of change can help ease this tension. Over the next few Sundays, beginning September 8, we will implementing the Growth Track. This is a new program that will be taught in the auditorium during Bible classes and from the pulpit to help the entire congregation understand better who we are as a church and how we can increase our ministry participation. These two goals, if accepted and implemented, can increase our spiritual maturity and lead to better discipleship. This Growth Track (101-401) will be a tool and resource we can use to assist new members and new families in acclimating into our church family here at MoSt.

I want to encourage everyone to attend. If you typically do not attend Bible classes, I am asking you to make a special effort to attend these sessions on Sunday morning so you can be aware of the information contained in 101-401. Briefly, Church 101 helps us to understand who we are as a congregation. Essentials 201 lays out the characteristics of a disciple, a follower of Jesus Christ. Discovery 301 helps everyone to discover their personality and spiritual gifts. Ministry Team 401 introduces members to all the various ministries and how to be involved and serve. I pray and hope everyone will make an extra effort to be here and participate in the Growth Track.

Bible Classes

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAY

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| <u>Gospel of Luke</u> | Lyndal Dale—Auditorium |
| <u>Colossians/Philemon</u> | Dennie Stokes & Dexter Mott—Rash Hall |
| <u>The Fruit of the Spirit</u> | Jason & Lori Bratton—Room 221 |
| <u>Characters of the Bible</u> | Ethan & Katy Horton—Room 219 |

TEEN BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAY

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| <u>Combined class</u> | Kendall Lowe—room 217 |
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BIBLE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN ON SUNDAY

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| Nursery | April Stokes & Winkie Horton | Room 104 <small>2 y.o. please go to nursery</small> |
| 3-4 year old | Judy Shepherd, Lori Nicholson | Room 102 |
| K-1 grade | Sue Cash, Emily Cooley | Room 115 |
| 2-3 grades | Jan Goslin, Carolyn Malone | Room 218 |
| 4-6 grades | Jessica Conn, Karen Ault | Room 220 |

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Lori Nicholson, Janice Simon, Anna Jackson, Becky Northcutt

KIDS CORNER

Dear Parents, at the Kids Corner by the elevator, you can pick up activity sheets & crayons to entertain your little ones during the service.

Church News

MONDAY

EXERCISE CLASS WILL NOT MEET.

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY 3 PM BIBLE CLASS will meet in rm 221.

THURSDAY

- **PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Join us for prayer at 6:30 AM in Rash Hall. Breakfast is provided.
- **EXERCISE CLASS** meets at 1PM in room 211.

FRIDAY

SHAKE SHACK BREAKFAST GROUP will meet at 9 AM.

NEXT WEEK

- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.** GROWTH TRACK series begins.
- **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.** DIRECTORY UPDATE PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION. GRIEF RECOVERY SEMINAR.

CHURCH PANTRY/CLOTHES CLOSET

Because of your donations we are able to help people in need of food or clothes. Every month we give away about 40 bags of food. We help homeless and traveling people with changes of clothes. When the weather gets colder we will have requests for blankets.

Church Pantry/Clothes Closet can always use your donations:
Dry goods: spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, dry beans, rice, hamburger/chicken/tuna helper, instant potatoes, cake mixes.
Canned goods: canned vegetables, fruit, tuna, icing, peanut butter.

For "Travel Bags": individually portioned goods—chicken or tuna salad with crackers, fruit cups, jello cups; cheese/peanut butter crackers, individually wrapped desserts.
Household Items: sheets, pillow cases, blankets, throws. (various sizes). We are always in need of adult sized socks.

BLESS PROJECT

Interested in helping the school kids of Crittenden County? Not only are we taking donations of gently used clothes, shoes, coats, belts, etc., we are also hoping to provide new undergarments and hygiene products for each recipient. Help us make the Bless Project an even bigger blessing by purchasing items from the wish list on Amazon (click [here](#)). You can bring your donations to the church building (9AM-5PM week days) or call to arrange a pickup. Please clearly mark your donation "for Bless Project".

Pray for

CAREGIVERS OF PEOPLE WITH LONG-TERM ILLNESSES

THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LOVED ONES

- HOSPITAL:** Molly Bankston Wheeler
- HOME FROM HOSPITAL:** Chadwick Lucas (feeling better. Write him a card 120 Mullins, Tyronza, AR 72386)
- SHUT-INS**
- AT HOME:** Marge Young
- IN THE NURSING HOME:** Community Compassion Center: Griffin Elzey, rm. 303; Nema Richmond, rm. 320; Gwen Townsend, rm. 212; Rita Lawson; Willowbend Nursing Home: Ruie Harmon, rm. 214; Hermitage Gardens of Southaven: Frances Mann, room 204; St. Elizabeth Nursing Home: Kelley Webb (brother of Loys Teague)
- PRAYERS FOR OUR MoSt FAMILY:** Don Hilburn, Inez Reavis, Beverly Adams, Ellen Hall, Bud & Debbie Saffell, Norman Vickers, Clara Barnes, Sheryl Taylor, John Townsend
- OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS:** Noah Rickard, Morgan Yen Pattison (grandson & granddaughter of the Yens, Molly Bankston Wheeler, Frank & Julia Jones, Bob Andrews & Peggy Warbritton (friends of the Yens)

We create a new list every month. If you want your prayer request to stay on the list let the church office know either by email (victoriadeal@comcast.net) or by phone (870) 735-3394.

Info

SEPTEMBER 2019

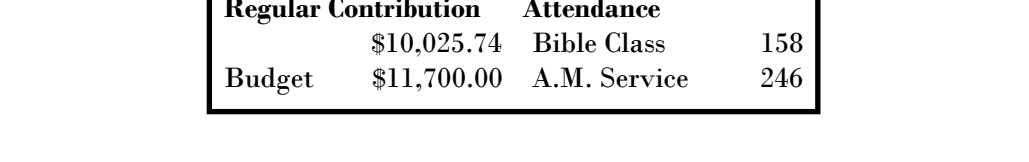
- **SEPTEMBER 8**
GROWTH TRACK PROGRAM BEGINS
- **SEPTEMBER 9**
DIRECTORY UPDATE PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION
GRIEF RECOVERY SEMINAR BEGINS
- **SEPTEMBER 29**
MINISTRY FAIR
8:30-9 AM BREAKFAST
9-9:45 AM MINISTRY FAIR
- **EVERY MONDAY**
EXERCISE CLASS
1 PM, ROOM 211
- **EVERY THURSDAY**
PRAYER BREAKFAST
6:30 AM, RASH HALL
- **EXERCISE CLASS**
1 PM, ROOM 211
- **EVERY FRIDAY / 9 AM**
BREAKFAST CLUB AT SHAKE SHACK
- **EVERY LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**
SINGLES MEETING
5:30 PM CAFETERIA

WORSHIP LEADERS

- SEPTEMBER 1, SUNDAY AM**
WORSHIP LEADER
CHRIS CASH
MID-SERVICE PRAYER
PHIL CLOTHIER
FINAL PRAYER
RICK SHIRLEY
- SEPTEMBER 8, SUNDAY AM**
WORSHIP LEADER
RICK SHIRLEY
MID-SERVICE PRAYER
KEITH NICHOLSON
FINAL PRAYER
GLENN PARNELL
- SEPTEMBER 15, SUNDAY AM**
WORSHIP LEADER
KEITH NICHOLSON
FIRST PRAYER
BOBBY STEWART
FINAL PRAYER
RICHARD RUNTONS
- SEPTEMBER 22, SUNDAY AM**
WORSHIP LEADER
KENDALL NACEANCENO
MID-SERVICE PRAYER
DEXTER MOTT
FINAL PRAYER
DENNIE STOKES
- SEPTEMBER 29, SUNDAY AM**
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| August 25, 2019 | | |
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| Regular Contribution | Attendance | |
| \$10,025.74 | Bible Class | 158 |
| Budget \$11,700.00 | A.M. Service | 246 |