

September 8, 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 be 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

<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 211

TEEN BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAY

<u>Starting Blocks</u>	Kendall Lowe—room 219
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BIBLE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN ON SUNDAY

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

Joyce Holt, Cora Norman, Judy Shepherd

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

TODAY

- **GROWTH TRACK** series begins. All adult classes are meeting in the auditorium at 9 AM.
- **STARTING BLOCKS** class for students 7-12 grades meets in room 219.
- **SINGING AT THE NURSING HOME:** The Ramer/Pike Life Group invites as many as are able to sing with us at 3:30 PM at the Nursing Home on Broadway. Let's make this as special as we can for these folks.

MONDAY

- **EXERCISE CLASS** meets at 1 PM in room 211.
- **PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET.**
- **GRIEF RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS** begin.

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.

ADOPT A COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY

If you want to participate please call or text Roy Wooten at (901) 674-6214.

CHURCH PANTRY/CLOTHES CLOSET

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.
- Right now we need small & medium men's shirts & 32, 34, 36 pants. If you can help please mark your donation "MoSt Clothes Closet". If you want a tax letter for your donations please in addition attach a note with your name and the date. Thank you for always meeting our needs.

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 pick-up. Please clearly mark your donation "for Bless Project".

Pray for

CAREGIVERS OF PEOPLE WITH LONG-TERM ILLNESSES

THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LOVED ONES

HOME FROM HOSPITAL: Betty Bigham, Molly Bankston Wheeler

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: Richard Runions, Chadwick Lucas, 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, **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 2019

- 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 RUNIONS
- 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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FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

ALLOW PUSH NOTIFICATIONS

September 1, 2019			
Regular Contribution	Attendance		
\$11,829.74	Bible Class		107
Budget	\$11,700.00	A.M. Service	207

