

Michael Memorial

BAPTIST CHURCH

Making Disciples At Home, Across The Street And Around The World



Why Connect Groups?

Our Michael Memorial family is a God ordained community where togetherness is not optional. We believe God Almighty has put us together by His perfect design and therefore it is incumbent upon us to gather together from time to time to study His Word and encourage each other in smaller more intimate groups where we can make deeper connections with our brothers and sisters.

What is a Connect Group?

Connect Groups are weekly gatherings of 8 to 12 people who meet together in homes and apartments throughout our area on Sunday evenings during the summer.

Through Connect Groups:

- People come to know God and to experience His presence.
 - Community is developed and fostered.
 - People are nurtured, equipped and released for God's work in the world.
- Connect Groups provide an opportunity for mutual support, practical love and service, growth in our Christian faith, and the sharing of what we see God doing in our midst.

How long will groups meet?

Groups will meet Sunday, June 30th through Sunday, August 4th.

What about children?

Children are welcome at connect group meetings. The staff will work to group families with children together to best accommodate cooperation within individual groups to occupy children. It is our desire that our children will foster community together as groups meet.

What about teenagers?

There will be groups lead by youth leaders for teenagers to participate. Teenagers are also welcome to attend the group meetings with their parents if they choose.

How do I sign up?

You may sign up at the Welcome Center or contact the church office.

*"You shall be My people, and I will be your God."
Jeremiah 30:22*

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Welcome

James Hart
Phillip Hart
Lindsey Helwick
Melinda Helwick
Rena Kim
Haley Kim
Eric Newton
Michelle Newton
Christian Williams

Baptism

James Hart
Phillip Hart
Rena Kim
Haley Kim

A Church on Mission!

Last year our church family saw 85 of our people go on short term mission trips as part of our Global Disciplemaking Initiative.

These trips often require great financial sacrifice on the part of the goers and their families.

If you would like to participate in supporting those among us committed to going on mission trips, you can do so by giving to the iSend fund listed on our offering envelopes.

Every dollar given to iSend goes toward helping ALL of our short term missionaries answer God's call to go.

**Some Go...Some Send...
Together We Glorify God!**

What I Learned At Vacation Bible School

Let's face it, sometimes being an adult is just plain boring. There's always something that needs to be done and there never seems to be enough time to do it. There are too few big audacious smiles, not enough gut wrenching laughter, and too often just an overall lack of enthusiasm and excitement about life in general. Not so with children. If you spend a week with an army of kids, yes your patience will get tested and your mind may get a little frazzled, but one thing is for sure...children know how to be joyful. They know how to be happy because someone loves them. They know how to hope in a God who is gonna make everything alright. And they know better than anyone how to have fun at church. We had an amazing team of teachers and servants who pulled off one of the greatest weeks of Vacation Bible School I have ever been a part of, but even with all the great things the kids learned...I think there are some things we can learn from them as well.

How to Listen to Scripture.

There's something magical about hearing the stories of the Bible and the basic tenets of what we believe through the ears of a child. They know how to listen to Scripture and be amazed by the God of whom it speaks. I was reminded over and over again of how we who know Christ as Savior have nothing to fear. It's not that I don't already know; it's that sometimes I need to hear it the way it's meant to be said - simply. Why do we adults always overcomplicate matters? Why do we so often let the burdens of life stop us from imagining what God might do in our lives?

How to Praise Him.

During the music one morning, I stood in the back and held back tears as I watched the children sing songs to the Lord. Their hands lifted in praise, joy and gladness written across their faces, they actually looked like they were singing to someone they genuinely loved. They didn't care how they sounded, they didn't care what anyone else was doing...they just sang with all their heart unto the Lord. They sang like the people in Scripture sang. Like the psalmist in Psalm 47 who sang:

“Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!
Shout to God with the voice of triumph!
For the LORD Most High is awesome;
He is a great King over all the earth.”

How to Love Others.

On Monday morning as the kids come into the sanctuary and take their places in the respective grades, there is a bit of hesitation as many of them are not sure who the other kids in their class are. But by Tuesday morning everything has changed. There are no longer strangers in the room. All the kids are holding hands and sitting on each other's laps. I marveled as I thought about how impossible it would be to count the number of hugs that take place just in our morning assembly. Kids don't let differences distance them from each other, they naturally seem to gravitate to what they have in common. Boys bond with boys, and girls with girls...nothing else seems to matter. Best friends are born in a matter of mere minutes among children. It's so easy for them to say “God loves everybody” and live it out. Why do we so often have to work at being welcoming, forgiving, or loving?

Maybe VBS isn't only for kids after all. Maybe VBS is for me. For me to be reminded of how grateful I am to be a part of a church with so many awesome servants. For me to be reminded to listen to Scripture as if I were inside the very pages of my Bible. For me to be reminded of how to praise God as if I really believed He was the awesome God the Scripture says He is. Maybe VBS is for me to be reminded of how to love whoever sits down around me just because Jesus does...and never ever ever be afraid to hug.

What a great week, can't wait till next year...
Pastor Tony

Monthly Totals

Small Group Bible Study...334	
Regular Offering	56,087.04
Building Fund	1,450.00
Missions	1,170.50
iSend Missions	2,149.00
Brazil Missions	4,805.00
India Missions	100.00
Moldova Missions	20.00
Navajo Missions	665.51
Sioux Missions	3,951.93
Africa Missions	250.00
Vancouver Missions	100.00
Baptist Children's Village	410.00
Women's Resource Center	90.00
Prison Ministry	140.00
NGO's Ministry	20.00
Men's Ministry	174.00
Women's Ministry	60.00
Youth Ministry	9,619.00
Audio Ministry	114.00
Music Ministry	1,025.00
Community Group	13.00
Broken Vessels	2,496.00
Benevolence	40.00

Birthday Celebration At The Baptist Children's Village

Saturday, July 13th

**We will be taking a van to the
BCV and will leave the church
at 9:30am.**

*Please contact Amy Pollard at 297-4980
or Elissa Fairley at 223-5430 for
further details.*

All men's and women's
Softball games will be at the
Gulfport Sportsplex

ONLINE GIVING

You may now register for
online giving
**See our website for further
details, www.michaelmemorial.org**

Home of Grace Service

Tuesday, July 9th
7:00pm at The Home of Grace

In Vanleave

All men are invited!

*Please contact the church office
if you will be attending.*

If you would like to serve as an
usher or a door greeter
please contact Phillip Blaylock
at 326-0004.

Deacons on call for the Month of July

Phillip Blaylock—326-0004
Donald Sessum—860-7715

JULY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30p Elder's Meeting 8:45p Men's Softball	2 6:15p Women's Softball 8:45p Men's Softball	3 6:30p Adult Bible Study 6:30p Youth Service 6:30p Adult Choir 6:30p RA's & GA's 6:30p Mission Friends 6:30p Visitation	4 -Office Closed 	5	6
7 8:00a Men's Prayer 9:00a Worship 10:45a Small Group Bible Study 5:30p Connect Groups	8 3:30a Youth Camp 7:30p Women's Softball	9 -Brazil Mission Trip 6:15p Men's Softball 7:00p Home of Grace in Vancleave 7:30p Women's Softball 8:45p Women's Softball	10 6:30p Adult Bible Study 6:30p Adult Choir 6:30p RA's & GA's 6:30p Mission Friends 6:30p Visitation	11	12	13 10:00a Birthday Celebration at the Baptist Children's Village
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21 8:00a Men's Prayer 9:00a Worship/Lord's Supper 9:00a Kingdom Kidz 10:45a Small Group Bible Study 5:30p Connect Groups	22	23	24 6:30p Adult Bible Study 6:30p Youth Service 6:30p Adult Choir 6:30p RA's & GA's 6:30p Mission Friends 6:30p Visitation	25	26	27
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**The NGO's and Youth
will have their Annual Summer
Cookout at The Cuevas' Home**

Friday, July 19th at 4:00pm

25611 Wallace Saucier Road

The youth will meet at the
church at 4:00pm.

Please contact Pat Cuevas at
263-0289 if you will be attending.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, July 20th

7:30am in the Fellowship Hall

All men are invited!



2013 MMBC Mission Trips

Brazil Mission Trip

July 9th–July 19th

iGo Mission Team: Tony Karnes,
Lisa Karnes, Billie Sumrall,
Leigh Uselton,
Joe Wertz, Steve Butler

Vancouver Mission Trip

August 31st–September 7th

iGo Mission Team: Rod Wallace
4 spots are open

Fall Mission Trips:

October Brazil Mission Trip
4 spots are open

October Sioux Construction Trip
7 spots are open

November Belize Discipleship Trip
8 spots are open

Sign up today for open spots!

Thank you for your faithfulness to pray!
Thank you for your faithfulness to send!
Thank you for your faithfulness to go!

STAFF

Pastor

Tony Karnes

**Associate Pastor &
Pastor of Missions**

Rod Wallace

Youth Pastor

Bryan Yates



NOPOSEERS
faith in motion.

Join us on Wednesday Nights at
7pm in the Youth Center for a time
of Praise, Worship & Fellowship!

The Youth Connect Group meets
on Sunday's at 5:30pm in the
Youth Building.

Doors open at 5:00pm

Youth Camp

July 8th-13th

The deadline to pay the balance
for camp is Wednesday, July 3rd.

What to bring for SWO Camp

Bible, notebook & pen, flashlight, sheets,
blanket and/or sleeping bag & pillow,
towels and toiletries, jacket or rain coat,
casual/comfortable clothes,
clothes you can get wet/dirty,
2 pairs of shoes/one pair must be
closed-toed that can get wet,
modest swimwear, money for lunch on the
drive to camp, money for snacks/t-shirt,
\$30 to raft the Ocoee/optional

**We will depart for camp on
Monday, July 8th at 3:30am.**

**Operation Christmas Child
Spiritual Impact Stories**

In a poor, countryside town in Uruguay,
four brothers arrived barefoot at a shoe box
gift distribution. They wore tattered
handmade sandals to school, and went
barefoot the rest of the time to preserve
what little of the sandals remained.
Volunteers asked the brothers what they
hoped to receive in their boxes, and they
replied that they just wanted shoes. The
opened their boxes and each had a brand
new pair of shoes inside. They ran home
yelling, "Daddy, I have shoes to go to
school!" The father came back to ask if he
had to pay for the gifts, and the volunteers
explained that the gifts were freely given as
an example of the free gift of salvation
through Jesus Christ. The father cried when
he learned the gifts were free, and accepted
Christ. The family told the whole
neighborhood what the Lord had done for
them, and many people accepted Christ.
Have you experienced provision like this?

Kingdom Kidz

For Children in Grades 1-4

Sunday's at 9am

In the East Sanctuary

Royal Ambassadors- RA's

Boys Grades 1-6

Wednesday's at 6:30pm

In Room #108

Girls In Action-GA's

Girls Grades 1-6

Wednesday's at 6:30pm

In Room #107

Mission Friends

3 years old-kindergarten

Wednesday's at 6:30pm

In the Preschool Department

Are you new to MMBC?

STARTING POINT

Designed for new believers and guests,
this class addresses 8 common obstacles
of the Christian life and how to overcome
them. If you are new to MMBC, have
questions about Christianity or simply
need a refresher course, this is the class
for you! Meets every Sunday after the
morning worship service in the
Conference Room.

(located directly behind the sanctuary)

Everyone is welcome to join us!

Starting Point Topics:

#1 "Secure in God"

A discussion about how to have assurance
of our salvation.

#2 "Growing in God"

A discussion about things we can do that
increase our growth in God.

#3 "Knowing God"

A discussion about simple tools to help us
study and understand the Bible.

#4 "Together with God"

A discussion about God's purpose in
making the church a family.

#5 "Participating with God"

A discussion about finding our place of
belonging in God's Kingdom.

#6 "Generosity in God"

A discussion about how God's generosity
changes our heart.

#7 "Cared for in God"

A discussion about how God provides
care for us through our church family.

#8 "Belonging in God"

A discussion about what makes MMBC
such a special place to belong to.