

Information for Today

1. Childcare for ages birth to five years is available in the Henry Building, 2nd floor.

2. Adult Sunday School Classes:

- ◆ **Collide:** College-aged young adults: Upper Level Belk Lobby. We are saying goodbye to our church college students now and welcoming returning Montreat College students... always a fun transition.
- ◆ **Merge:** Young Adults: Belk Room 304. Topic: Video Series by Andy Stanley.
- ◆ **L. Nelson Bell Bible Class:** Gaither Chapel. Teacher: Dr. John Akers. Topic: Christ, The Fulfillment of God's Plan.
- ◆ **Carpenter's Union:** Lower Chapel of the Prodigal. Teacher: Lloyd Davis. Study of the Gospel of John.
- ◆ **Practice of Prayer:** Gaither Room 25 (upstairs). Topic: The practice of listening prayer in intercession and prayer ministry.
- ◆ **Exploring the possibilities of recognizing the Savior** when He appears so that we don't miss Him in anything : Montreat Grill, Belk Center. Team Teaching.

Coming September 19th: When I Survey: The Big Story of God's Redemptive work through the Old and New Testaments. This Fall and Winter we will be offering a **New Testament Survey** only. Facilitators: Richard White, and Julius and Florence Scott.

Upcoming Events This Week

3. Church Retreat at Bonclarken: Directions: Take I-40 west to I-26 east, Take exit 53, at the end of the exit ramp, turn right on Upward Road. Continue on Upward Road until it dead ends into US 225. Turn left onto US 225. The entrance to Bonclarken will be approx. 1/3 mile on the left. Driving time is about one hour from Black Mountain. If you get lost, call Teresa Allan at 828.216.1963. The schedule of events will be posted on the website for commuters and in the e-newsletter.

Looking Ahead

4. Leadership Training for Candidates and Friends: This fall during the Sunday School hour we will be offering our officer training class to our nominees and anyone else in our congregation interested in understanding of the roles of elder and deacon, important doctrines of our faith, church leadership, our plan for shepherding and Evangelical Presbyterian government. The class will be taught by Pastors Richard and Ron. Watch for details on the location.

5. White Glove Bible Tour. On Friday, September 17th, the Presbyterian Heritage Center in Montreat will hold a reception from 5-6 pm just for our church. Donning white gloves we will be able to hold and look through some great old Bibles including: 1st Edition King James (1611); The 1572 Bishop's Bible; the 1540 Great Bible (King Henry VIII); and the Geneva Bible (1562). There is space for only 20 people at this event, so first come first served. Please call the church office to sign up for this event.

6. Ladies: bring your coffee and Bible and head upstairs to the choir room for a new Bible study called, "A Woman's Guide to Spiritual Wellness - A Study of Colossians. Debbie Presnell will facilitate this study. The study begins September 26 during the Sunday school hour from 10:00am to 10:50 in the Choir Room Second Floor Gaither. This study is designed to help you better understand the biblical teachings of Colossians and apply those godly principles in your lives today. Sign up with Debbie in the fellowship hall after the service. See you then!

7. Healing Prayer Service: Chapel of The Prodigal, Wednesday, Sept 15.

6:30 pm Soaking Prayer, silent prayer for individuals

7:00 pm Prayer Service, song, testimony, prayers of anointing

This month we will be praying about forgiveness that leads to healing.

Ministry Opportunities

8. Shady Brook Assisted Living: Thanks to everyone who donated products for the youth outreach at Shady Brook nursing home. We also want to thank Kay Clegg and Periwinkles for donating all of our gift bags. We will hand out our personal hygiene products and play Bingo on Tuesday. If you still have things to drop off, please do so in the boxes in Gaither today or on Tuesday morning in the office.



9. Tithe of Life, iSight Church: iSight Church continues to grow and reach young families, students, and singles, but it needs people to help bring them along in discipleship and maturity. Maybe that could be you! Pastor Josh and the leadership team at iSight are extending an invitation to folks from Montreat Church to give at minimum a one-year commitment to iSight church to pour themselves into the people there. There are no age restrictions; the only requirements are that you have the time and capacity to pour yourselves out in intentional ministry to others and support iSight in her mission. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Joshua Schatzle, 828.337.3296 or jschatzle@isightchurch.com.

10. Black Mountain Primary School PTO seeks community volunteers to work one-on-one with students needing extra help. "Tutors" will work on reading, spelling or light math, on a weekly basis for 30 minutes, for as much as the school year as possible. No teaching experience needed, just a desire to help children. You will be matched with an age and day that you prefer. For more information or to sign up to help, please contact Heather Wall, program coordinator at heatherwall@bellsouth.net or Margaret Hurt, PTO rep, at 669.4878.

Stewardship Report

YTD This Year	YTD Last Year
Revenue: \$731,799	Revenue: \$673,761
Expenditures: \$748,911	Expenditures: \$748,249
Budget: \$1,255,211	Budget: \$1,179,082

11. We thank God for the faithful giving of God's people for the ministries of MPC. Our giving is up by \$58,000 compared to this time last year. This is wonderful, and needed, since our budget for 2010 is \$76,000 higher than last year's budget. While giving has increased, we have kept our expenditures to the same amount as last year. As we enter into the last quarter of 2010, let us finish strong. If you have any questions, please call Edward Brouwer at the church office, 669.7577. Acts 20:35

Children's Ministry News: by Sara Lynn Miller

Children's Ministries

Wednesday Night Connections will begin on Wednesday, September 22nd. We have classes for all age groups! Make plans to attend!



Infants & Toddlers: Second Floor Henry
Pre Kindergarten to First Grade: Second Floor Henry
Second Grade to Fifth Grade: First Floor Henry



Sing Yourself Silly

Veggie Tales Live in Concert coming to Greenville SC, October 15th & 16th. If you are interested in attending with your children, please contact Sara Lynn Miller at 669.7577 or saralynn.miller@montreatpres.org

MONTREAT MORNING SCHOOL NEWS: by Corrie Greene
School begins September 7th for Preschool Ages 2-5. Mornings only. M-F. Some classes are full for next year. If you are interested please inquire as soon as possible. We encourage class visits. Call Corrie Greene for an appointment. 333.3497

We are looking for motivated, dedicated substitutes for MMS this year. These are paid positions.

Student Climb News: by Aric, Breena, Marcella, and Shawn

For more youth information please visit www.montreatyouth.com
THIS MORNING: 10 am Middle School & High School Sunday School. Join us on the 4th Floor of The Henry Building for lessons from the Bible, fellowship and HEY! Cinnamon rolls are back, so come on up!

Tuesday: Holy Sweat: Meet at the Montreat Gate at 3:50. we will head to Shady Brook Assisted Living for a BINGO party and to hand out cool prizes. Pick up is 5:30 back at the gate.

Wednesday: D-team leaders meeting at Shawn's House 6:30-8pm

NEXT SUNDAY there will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL due to the Church retreat.

START DATES:

- **Fall Kick-Off:** Wednesday Sept 15, 3:30 pm @ Camp Rockmont. Bring all your friends.
- **CAMP:** Sunday Sept 19, 5:30 pm at the Henry Building
- **D-Teams:** Wednesday, Sept 22, 6:30 pm in various homes.

important!!! PARENTS MEETING * WEDNESDAY SEPT. 15 6 PM AT CAMP ROCKMONT. important!!!!

College & Young Adult News: by Shawn Stewart

Collide: College-age Community: Meeting in Upper Belk Lobby at 10 am We are saying goodbye to our church college students now and welcoming returning Montreat College students... always a fun transition.

Merge: Young Adult Community: Meeting in Lower Belk Lobby at 10 am with discussion led by Jackson Norton. **ALL young adults are INVITED to join us each Sunday!**

This Week

Sunday, Sept. 5

8:30 & 11 am Worship Services

10 Sunday School for all ages

6 pm The Valley Fellowship at the White Horse, Black Mountain

Monday, Sept. 6 ~ Labor Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 7

3:50 pm Youth Holy Sweat, Montreat Gate

4 pm Bible Study, Chapel at Highland Farms

7 pm Emergency Homeless Shelter Training, 1st Baptist Blk. Mtn.

Wednesday, Sept. 8

6:30 pm D-team Leaders meeting, Shawn's House

6:30 pm Healing Prayer Service, Chapel of The Prodigal (see # 7)

Friday, Sept. 10

Church Retreat at Bonclarken begins

Saturday, Sept. 11

7 am Men's Prayer Breakfast, The Henry Building, 4th floor

Sunday, Sept. 12

NO 8:30 WORSHIP SERVICE

10 am L. Nelson Bell Bible Class only Sunday School class

11 am Worship Service

6 pm The Valley Fellowship, the White Horse, Black Mountain

For a complete calendar please visit our website: montreatpres.org

During these hot summer days if you become uncomfortably warm during the worship service, please feel free to listen to the service in the air conditioned Fellowship Hall.



Save these Dates

Church Retreat: Bonclarken, September 10-12

Connections Dinner and classes: Fellowship Hall, September 22

Gem Luncheon Fellowship Hall, November 7

Prayer Requests for Church Family

Boldface = new or updated request

Bill Miller, Beth Barham's father diagnosed with leukemia
Jim Blair Asheville Health Care
Rob Boer brain tumor growth; daily chemo
Charles & Joan Carr's son, John **Praise: encouraging results/pray against any infection**
Carol Davis macular degeneration
Billy Graham general health
Kristen Griffin undergoing test/vision problem
Eleanor Johnson (Lisa Auman's mother) Parkinson's
Alta Nickel Heath Care at Highland Farms
Rockwell Smith general health
Dawn Vander Galien **diagnosed with breast cancer - surgery Sept. 16**
Estelle Wilkerson general health
Eunice Wilhelmi severe arthritic back pain
Bea Williams intracranial hypertension
Bill & Ellen Wing **general health/Bill hospitalized w/ heart issues**

President Obama and government leaders

Sunday School Teachers and Students

Sister Church — iSight

Bill & June Solomon serving at Christ EPC in Anderson, SC

Sale of homes for several folks in our congregation

Jobs for several folks in our congregation

Virginia Deter in Japan, Sept. 5 - Oct. 19

Military/Diplomatic Personnel:

Matt Barker - Army, Djibouti (Arabic/Jibuti)

Ritchie Berlage - Marine Basic Training, Paris Island

Jeffrey Boardman - NHCS, Great Lakes, IL

Peter Boardman - Aviano AB, Italy

Steven Corn - Afghanistan (future son-in-law of Keith and Rebecca Sanders)

Mark Ellington - Ethiopia

Phil & Allison Kosnett - Afghanistan & DC Assignment

Cliff Sanders - working in Iraq for 1 year

Sam & Sara Thielman US Embassy, England

Charles and Joan Carr would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to all those who have been praying with them as their son, John underwent the extensive experimental surgery for his debilitating headaches. They are so encouraged and praising God for the results to date. Continue to pray that John will heal and that no infection develop.

Virginia Boyle would like to thank everyone for all the cards, flowers and expressions of love after the passing of her sister. Much love to all.

"Understanding your identity in Christ is absolutely essential to your success at living the Christian life. The more you reaffirm who you are in Christ, the more your behavior will begin to reflect your true identity!"
(From *Victory Over the Darkness*, by Dr. Neil Anderson)

Who I am in Christ:

I am accepted...

John 1:12 I am God's child

John 15:15 I am the friend of Jesus

Romans 5:1 I am justified

1 Corinthians 6:17 I am united with the Lord

1 Cor 6:19-20 I am bought with a price; I belong to God

1 Corinthians 12:27 I am a member of Christ's body

Ephesians 1:3-8 I am His chosen and adopted child

Col 1:13-14 I am redeemed and forgiven of all my sins

Hebrews 4:14-16 I have direct access to God's throne of grace

2 Cor 5:17 I am a new creation in Christ; the old is gone

I am secure...

Romans 8:1-2 I am free from condemnation

Romans 8:28 I am assured that God works for my good

Rom 8:31-39 I cannot be separated from the love of God

2 Cor 1:21-22 I have been established, and sealed by God

Colossians 3:1-4 I am hidden with Christ in God

Phil 1:6 God will complete His good work started in me

Phil 3:20 I am a citizen of heaven

2 Timothy 1:7 I have not been given a spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind

1 John 5:18 I am born of God; the evil one cannot touch me

I am significant...

John 15:5 I am a branch of Jesus Christ, the true vine

John 15:16 I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit

1 Cor 3:16 I am God's temple

2 Cor 5:17-21 I am a minister of reconciliation for God

Eph 2:6 I am seated with Jesus in the heavenly realm

Eph 2:10 I am God's workmanship

Eph 3:12 I may approach God with freedom/confidence

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me

Today's Message:

The Heart of the Matter

Genesis 6:1-8

Rev. Richard White



September 5, 2010

CONTACT INFORMATION

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