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January
Connections
The monthly newsletter of Christ Memorial Baptist Church

2020
ANNUAL MEETING
Come and Be Part
of the Church Business

As a member of Christ Memorial Baptist Church you are invited to participate in important church decisions at the 2020 Annual Meeting. This meeting will convene on January 29th at 6:30 p.m. We will be making decisions on the 2020 budget, election of financial leadership positions, and on membership. The proposed budget is \$190,000. The financial leadership nominees are as follows: Treasurer--Bob Wikso; Director of Finance—Mike Pollock; Financial Secretary--Carolyn Kersey; Assistant Financial Secretaries--Helen Ruiz and Peggy Curtis. We will also hear reports from the church leadership.

**Retired Ministers
&
Missionaries Offering**

**Honoring the Service
of
God's Servants**

*Now we ask you, brothers and sisters,
to acknowledge those who work hard
among you, who care for you in the
Lord and who admonish you. Hold
them in the highest regard in love
because of their work."*
1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Our Goal: \$800.00

To Our Church Family,
Thank you so much for the Christmas cards and gifts your gave us. May the Lord pour out His richest blessings and deepest joy on each of you in the coming year.
In Christ's Love,
Pastor Jeff and Kim Collins

Mission Ministry

Happy New Year! We continue to be excited about the Mission Ministry of our church. In the last couple of weeks in 2019, we received an update on our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. The boxes we packed in 2019 have already been shipped to the countries of Malawi, South Africa and Honduras. In 2018 they went to Peru; 2017 to Honduras and Dominican Republic; 2016 to Haiti and Ukraine; 2015 to Toga; 2014 to Ukraine and a hard to reach area 2013 to Lesotho. We’ve touched the lives of so many children and hope they’ve been blessed.

In January, we will be promoting the Retired Ministers and Missionaries offering. Our display will include a “Wall of Honor”, God’s Faithful Servants (family and friends of our church). The scripture we are using is 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13...*Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.*” And our goal is \$800.00. Please pray about how you can help us reach our goal and give in memory or honor of someone who has touched your life. Be sure to check our the “Wall of Honor”!

News from our Global Servants (missionaries) is posted in the Communications Room. They always have something interesting to share.

GOOD NEWS

On December 19 we and the Good News Club finished 2019, We have had Christmas stories told by Amy and Nancy, Christmas music with voice and bells, and today Pastor Jeff brought his guitar and the boys and girls sang Christmas Carols and he gave each of them "Meet the King," a story of Jesus' life.

Carolyn gave out awards for those who knew their Bible verses. And Cheryl gave awards for perfect attendance! We are very proud of our children!

This morning we invited the teachers/staff for coffee, tea and goodies. What a hit! They appreciated us doing this for them and we got lots of thank yous and encouraging comments about our Good News Club.

This month I'm starting a prayer request. I'm giving you the names of three children who we are concerned about and pray about.

They are: Gabriel, Preston, and Lucas. In January please keep them in prayer.

Gene, our Refreshment Leader has a request: Capri Sun juices are once again needed!

January						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2	3 9:45am Ensemble 6:30pm Teen LIFE	4
5 Communion 8:30 & 11am Worship 9:45am SS	6 6:30pm Night Owls	7 11am Worship Min. 12:30pm Day Glow Circle 6pm Property & Grounds Maurice Patterson	8 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Praise Team	9	10 9:45am Ensemble 6:30pm Teen Life	11
12 8:30 & 11am Worship 9:45am SS	13 7pm Gathering of Friends	14 7:30pm Deacons	15 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm Reading Plan Discussion 6:30pm Praise Team Joyce Banschbach A-Boots, T & M	16	17 9:45am Ensemble 6:30pm Teen Life A-Kearns, D & A	18
19 8:30 & 11am Worship 9:45am SS Helen Ruiz Dan Kearns	20	21 6:30pm Church Board Jacob Dorman	22 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Praise Team	23	24 9:45am Ensemble :30pm Teen Life	25
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Wednesday Night Dinners and Menus

Your presence is requested as Wednesday night dinners resume on January 8th at 5:30pm. Join us as we gather around the tables for good food and great fellowship. The cost of each meal is \$3.00 per person, but not to exceed \$15.00 per family. Please sign up in the Communications Room each week.



January 8th – Pulled Pork on a bun, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw

January 15th – Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad

January 22nd – Soups: Pasta Fagioli and Cheeseburger

January 29th – Tater Tot casserole, Carrots, Applesauce

IMPROVING OUR COMMUNICATION

In order to help us stay in touch with each other better, a paper has been distributed to your church mailbox to provide address, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. for each person in the family. Also, please check the box to let us know whether each person's information is okay to publish for the whole church or if it should just be kept for the use the church leadership or just the church office and pastor. Thanks for helping us build our fellowship in Christ!

RENOVATE REGIONAL CONFERENCE, March 20-21

Church leaders are encouraged to join the pastor at a Renovate Conference to be encouraged and learn more about church revitalization.

RENOVATE is a movement of church revitalizers committed to learning, growing, changing and leading change! This church revitalization conference is designed to connect, inspire, equip and challenge church leaders and pastors.

We will enjoy:

Inspiring times of worship

Encouraging key note presentations

Equipping times of break-out for pastors, staff and all church leaders.

Cost: \$29.00

Location: Faith Baptist Church, Glen Burnie, MD

Register: <https://bcmmd.org/get-involved/renovate/>



Christian Life Development Center

Please watch your bulletins in January for CLDC Bible studies coming up in February. Sign ups will begin in late January - table will be in the lobby. Do you have a book of the Bible you would like to study and explore? You have a voice in what is coming in the future - maybe for the summer? - see Pam Taylor with any suggestions or request.

Teen Life Youth Group Updates

The year 2020 is going to be exciting for Teen Life Youth! Our goal for this coming year is to raise the money for every Teen Life youth that wants to go to the teen conference in Ocean City next January will be able to attend for the weekend. We will be planning several fundraising events that everyone can take part in to help the kids raise the money. So please watch your newsletters each month and your bulletins for the work to begin. We're planning yard sales, car washes, dinners, auctions, work auctions throughout this year!

Please pray for God's leading and guiding in this effort. God will receive all the glory no matter what we are able to accomplish.

TEEN LIFE Youth continues to meet **every Friday 6:30-8pm** through May and then 6:30-8:30 every Friday through the summer months.

Every week we send **Teen Life Alert** texts to kids and parents to inform them of upcoming events on our calendar. If you would like to be included in these group texts contact Pam Taylor 302-943-3534.

Thank you to all those who donated candy for the Youth Christmas Party in December! Your contribution was a blessing and we are so grateful for the bounty that you supplied. There will be a small amount of candy that is left over and it will be given to mothers at the women's shelter to find its way into their stockings. God blesses us and we want to share that blessing! Pam Taylor & youth leaders.



COMMUNITY MEN'S BREAKFAST

All Men and young men have been invited to a community Men's Breakfast on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30am at The Church The Body of Christ, 764 Townsend Blvd., off Route 13 in Dover. Come and enjoy a good meal, good fellowship with fellow believers, and a good message to strengthen your walk with Christ. The next Community Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, January 11th and you are encouraged to sign up at church so they will know how many to feed!

Sermon Schedule: January 2020

January 5, 2020 Series: On Being Human; *Human Dignity*, Psalm 8:3-6, Public Reading of Scripture (PRS): Judges 14:8-20

January 12, 2020 Pastor's Study Week, Dave Dunn, Guest Preacher, PRS: Judges 15:1-8

January 19, 2020 *Grumblebutt Blues*, Philippians 2:14-18, Theme: Positive Attitude, PRS: Judges 15:9-16

January 26, 2020 *Timothy: Like Father, Like Son*, Philippians 2:19-24 Theme: Mentoring PRS: Psalm 28:1-9

Moving on with Property and Grounds



Hello again...Another month has passed us by fast. We have changed the light on the back door, and some breakers for the Fellowship Hall. We are still in the process of getting estimates for the outside Fellowship Hall steps, so please don't use them.

Please bring in your dollar tree paper bags so Candie and Danny can use them in the recycle cans.

As always, we can use help if anybody would like to join the Team. Keeping the church beautiful is something everyone can and should do.

Yours in Christ, Kevin Wyatt



Happy New Year!!! The women will continue with their monthly meetings in January. On Monday, January 6, the Night Owls will meet at 6:30pm at the church. Anne Kearns will be the hostess and Jan Jacobs will do the program. On Tuesday, January 7 at 12:30pm the Day Glow Circle will meet at the home of Nancy Majors, 10717 Westville Road, Wyoming. Bring your lunch. Florene LeCompte will have the devotions; Cheryl Soyster will do the program and also provide the dessert.

Gathering of Friends continues to meet twice a month to knit and crochet on special projects with others in mind. They meet at the church on the second Monday evening at 7pm and the fourth Monday morning at 10am.

All the women of the church are invited to attend any or all of these gatherings.

Our BIG event in March will once again be the AUCTION! Be thinking ahead about what you can donate to the cause and let's raise lots of money for our Region Mission Project in Brazil.

Food Pantry

A great big thank you to all that support our pantry. Many families within our community have been helped through your generosity.

As with this kind of ministry there are always needs. This month we are in need of easy open tuna packets, **JELLY** and peanut butter. These items always go quickly. But any donations are accepted with gratitude.



CMBC Board reading plan 2019 - We will be meeting on Wednesday, January 15th to discuss our final read on "Evangelism". If you did not receive a book, please contact Pam Taylor to receive your book. Come join us in the discussion of the book and brainstorming on how we can put to use our ideas in the future.

Christmas Together



2020 Vision: 2 GR0W & 2 REACH 0UT



If you were at CMBC's *Christmas Together* program, you saw a full house and a growing church. The TEEN Ministry presented a moving dramatic presentation of the life of Jesus. The men sang together... *and a little child shall lead them!* The women sang out God's *Joy to the World*. Oprah brought graceful expression through worship dance. Bob Brown shared his talent for helping us see our past through his poetry. Flor brought it all together in the background. And a simple innkeeper warned us not to miss what God is doing in our midst.

God is working among us. He is building His church. And He calls us to grow it with Him. In the year 2020, let's make it our vision to grow in Christ as His disciples and to reach out to others to help them also grow closer to God through faith in Jesus Christ, His Son.

In 2020: **GROW:**

- by reading God's Word and praying daily
- by gathering for worship at least weekly
- by seeking fellowship with other believers at least weekly
- by involvement in a course of study (Sunday School, CLDC, online, etc.)
- by reading a book on some aspect of discipleship or theology at least monthly

REACH OUT:

- by making friends – especially with the friendless
- by inviting others to church
- by engaging in conversations about Christ
- by giving away Bibles, gospels, books, DVD's, devotionals, etc.
- by being generous to others
- by praying for others

Let's make 2020 a year to remember!!!



Well! Here we are. Whether you are ready or not it is the year 2020. Happy New Year! This time of year is unique. During this time of year we get the chance to look back at the past year and think about the joy and challenges we have faced. And, we also get the chance to look forward with the promise of a new year. A new opportunity that God has given us.

As I look back at 2019, Christ Memorial Baptist Church has faced challenges that many churches are facing today. However, we have been truly blessed by God with the tithes and offerings we have received this past year. As Kari and I stood in front of the congregation during our Christmas program, I was so very happy to see every pew filled with people ready to experience God's love and to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. God is definitely present and doing great things at our church.

As I look forward to 2020, the Finance Ministry will continue to work hard to be good stewards of the tithes and offerings that you have given to the church. Thank you for your gifts to our church. Your gifts supported the programs and events of all the ministries our church. These programs and events have a direct impact on our church, our local community, our nation, and the far reaches of the earth.

As we move into 2020, I would like to review three terms directly related to giving to our church. These terms are pledge, tithe, and offering. Although many people see them as the same, there are differences between the terms.

Understanding them helps us all understand the financial management of the church.

The first term is "Pledge." A "Pledge" is an agreement. A plan for what you will do in the future. For those of you that completed a pledge card; "Thank You." By completing a pledge card, the Finance Ministry can project a budget for 2020.

The second term is "Tithe." A "Tithe" is a tenth part or ten percent. To put tithing in the proper perspective; a tithe is the first ten percent. As we understand it, the first ten percent of your take home earnings, after the removal of taxes. When it comes to tithing, God wants you to test him. Malachi 3:10 NIV states; *Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.*

The third term is "Offering." An "Offering" is anything you give above ten percent. It is anything given beyond your tithe but is not in place of a tithe.

The Finance Ministry is excited about 2020! We plan to provide education opportunities, testimonies, and a new opportunity; "The 90 Day Tithing Challenge." More information will be provided in the coming weeks and months concerning these events.

2019 is now in the books! For me, it was year full of special memories. As I look forward to 2020, I hope you find this new year to be full of promise and opportunity. God has a plan for us! I look forward to how I can fulfill his plan and bring glory to his Holy name.