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BIBLE STUDY FLOATERS

January 6th - Phyllis Puckett
 January 13th - Barbara Heckman
 January 20th - Loretta Ballard
 January 27th - Phyllis Puckett

HALL WATCH

January 6th - David Campbell
 January 13th - David Moore
 January 20th - John Wranek
 January 27th - Jimmy Crowder

OFFERTORY PRAYER

January 6th - Barbara Cash
 January 13th - Larry Bond
 January 20th - Patsy Paxton
 January 27th - Lee Higgins

BIBLE STUDY NURSERY SCHEDULE

January 6th - Robyn Sherman & Sherry Baucom
 January 13th - Cathy Wranek & Bobbie Canfield
 January 20th - Robyn Sherman & Beverly Shotwell
 January 27th - Debbie Fox & Barbara Cash

WORSHIP SERVICE NURSERY SCHEDULE

January 6th - Cathy Wranek & Deborah Caylor
 January 13th - Patsy Williamson & Wendy Higgins
 January 20th - Sharon Martin & Rosanna Garcia
 January 27th - Linda Bond & Will Wraek



8th Roberta Grist
 11th Tom Charland
 12th Patsy Williamson
 14th Laura Huffman
 16th Kelly Lemmer
 17th Margaret Tait
 22nd Wayne Oyler
 Bobby Hoeft (Cadet)
 24th Reba Miller
 26th Beverly Shotwell



1st Lannie & Loretta Ballard
 Celebrating a birthday or anniversary? Share it with us!

OUT OF MY MIND

As we enter this New Year of 2019 I encourage you to remember this verse: "I will never leave you or forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5) Though we have left the Christmas season behind for another year, don't leave behind the fact that Jesus is still "Emmanuel" the God who is with us.

Think about what that means. No matter what happens to you this year, you will not have to face it alone, for God is with you. The Lord is with you each hour of the day no matter how difficult or demanding they may be and he is with you each hour of the night, no matter how long or lonely they may seem.

You may be facing challenges on the job or at school, financial struggles, marital tensions, or family conflict, but you aren't alone - for the Lord is with you. You may be facing disease or physical limitations but you aren't alone for the Lord is with you. You or a loved one may be facing death - but you aren't alone - for the Lord is with you. How do we know that? Because God has promised "I will never leave you or forsake you" and God never breaks a promise.

Think back to when you were a child, and you were alone in a dark room. Maybe you became frightened when you heard a strange noise or woke up from a bad dream and you cried out - the minute your mother, father or grandparent came in, you felt better. Even before they had a chance to do anything, everything suddenly became better simply because you were no longer alone. They were with you. And the Lord is with you.

Because the Lord is with you this year, there is no place you can go - nothing you can do - no feeling you can have - no pain you can experience - no situation you can face - no burden you can bear - no injustice that you can suffer - no insult you can receive - that God will not be there to share it with you - loving you - helping you - caring for you - strengthening you. He is with you always - and no one, and nothing can ever take Him away from you.

Because the Lord is with you, you will never face any experience, never wake up any morning, never confront any challenge, never go through any dark night of the soul but that the Lord will be with you for you are loved, you are accepted, you are God's child. And no one and nothing can ever change that.

Because Jesus is with you there is hope - hope that your situation can be changed for the better, hope that those you love can be changed for the better, hope that you can be changed for the better.

If you will remember that Jesus is the God who is with us, always, as you live each day of this New Year of 2019 you will have a better year.

Your Pastor,
 Mike

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on **Tuesday, January 1st** for New Year's Day.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the visits you have made to my father, Joe Wilkins, and all the goodies you have given him. He has enjoyed them all and they continue to encourage him and lift his spirits. Thank you, *Mike Wilkins*



CAKE & CASSEROLE MINISTRY

The cake & casserole ministry will meet on **Saturday, January 12th at 9 am.** Please join us!

BUSINESS MEETING

We will have our quarterly Business Meeting on **Wednesday, January 16th at 6:15 pm.**

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, we will contact you by One Call Now and post on WDBJ7, Facebook and our website.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from WMU!

Our Christmas projects included donations to Western State patient's Christmas gifts and a donation to sponsor a Honduran child. The money is used to buy school uniforms and supplies for a child who otherwise would not be able to attend school.

Our project for **January** is cleaning supplies for Project Horizon Lisa's House. Paper towels and toilet paper are particularly needed but all cleaning supplies are welcome.

We will continue to receive the Lottie Moon International Missions Offering for a few more weeks. Our goal is **\$2,500**. Anything you can give will help reach that goal!



Deacon Ministry

As I exit the deacons, I would like to thank my church family for allowing me to be ordained as a deacon three years ago and be the deacon chair for the last two years. I prayed about this before agreeing to either, and tried to be loyal and faithful to all. I hope I was worthy of your respect, and you could see His spirit in the way that the deacons carried out our responsibilities.

Being a deacon gave me multiple opportunities to focus on having the heart of a servant, by loving and serving Christ, our homes, our church, and our community. More importantly, it also caused me to grow, to have a closer walk with God, pray more, put His word in my heart, and to never be satisfied with where I am spiritually. There is always more to learn about Him and ways that I can dutifully serve Him. Now that my eyes are opened wider, I do believe the saying, "once a deacon, always a deacon." I am honored to be a part of such a wonderful, caring group of people that I call my church family.
Bless you all. *Sherry D. Miller*

The Deacons look forward to joining with our church community as we continue our journey with God in 2019. The new Deacon Chair is Linda Hooks and the Vice Chair is Alysian Raymond. Each Deacon has a group of families to keep in prayer and we invite you to talk to your Deacon about prayer requests. We also welcome you to lead the congregation in the offertory prayer in worship service one Sunday. Please contact the church office (463-4181) if you would like to sign up. The Deacons will be talking about how we may continue to show God's love to others in this new year. Please join us in a prayer for guidance on showing God's love to others. *Linda Hooks*



Thank you to each of you for supporting the Manly Memorial Endowment Fund in 2018 in your gifts, your actions, and your prayers! We look forward to joining with you in 2019 to promote Christian stewardship and to support our church on its journey with God. We would like to welcome two new members of the Board of Directors for 2019: Bucky Joyce and John Wranek. We also would like to thank Linda Hooks and Cathy Wranek for their service on the board from 2016 - 2018.



Welcome the New Year by joining the Adult Choir!

Easter is Sunday, April 21st, so it won't be long before we start the Easter music. Now is a great time to join us for fun, fellowship and the joy of praising God in worship. We are especially in need of altos and basses. Don't read music? Well, join the crowd. Only about half of us read music. If you love to sing (and preferably can carry a tune!) please consider the choir. We meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 7:45 pm for rehearsals. Please contact Lucy Wilkins (*lwilkins@wlu.edu*) or (460-1521) for more information.

On **Sunday, January 6th**, we celebrate Epiphany Sunday, the traditional date in the Church Year for the coming of the Wise Men to Bethlehem. It is clear from the scriptures, that despite the lovely manger scenes and Christmas pageants, that the wise men did not arrive up to two years after Christ's birth. At that time, Mary and Joseph had moved from the emergency stable into a house. We will be singing the traditional Christmas carol "We Three Kings of Orient Are" written by the Rev. John Henry Hopkins for the General Theological Seminary in New York City as part of their Christmas pageant in 1857. If you would like to learn more about this carol and the meaning behind its verses, check out <https://jlue.wordpress.com/2013/12/08/famous-christmas-carols-story-behind-the-carol-we-three-kings-of-orient-are/> or google "history of We Three Kings".



The Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on **February 6th at 4:45 pm.**



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will begin again on **Sunday, January 6th**. The children will rehearse on the **1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 5:00 pm.** Please contact Lee Higgins (464-1531) for more information.



CHILDREN'S SWIMMING ACTIVITY

Saturday, January 19th, children are invited to lunch and an afternoon of swimming at the Green Ridge Rec Center. We will leave the church at **11 am. Please RSVP** with Molly Kay (*office@manlybaptist.com* or 463-4181) **by Sunday, January 13th** if your child is going.



WHAT DO YOU SEE HAPPENING AT MANLY MEMORIAL IN 2019?

What's your vision for our church? Your dream for our church? Let's choose to focus on what God wants us to do, and let's do it with a joyful attitude! Let's all look for God's possibilities for Manly Memorial Baptist Church. Let's consider outwardly-focused activities that connect our church with our community. And let's use our collective talents and interests to make 2019 a great year for Manly!



During the month of January and February we will take a break from our Wednesday night fellowship meals.

Please consider inviting people to your home or gathering at a local restaurant for dinner and fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity to form new friendships with people in our church!



Friday, January 4th 5:00 pm
Cosmic Snow Tubing (Massanutten) & Dinner

Sunday, January 13th 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Dinner, Game & Bible Study

Sunday, January 20th 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Dinner, Game & Bible Study

Sunday, January 27th 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Dinner, Game & Bible Study



SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:45 AM

"Following Jesus Bible Study"

Boring. No fun. Mad. Serious. Disappointed. Unhappy. For many of us, those are words we would use to describe God. And when we see Him this way, it can make wanting to follow Him really hard to do. But what if we're missing the mark? What Jesus really wants for us when we follow Him is way better than we think!

January 6th with Laura Jones
Following Jesus Can Make Your Life Better!

"Sorry Not Sorry" Bible Study

Have you ever been wronged? Had your feelings hurt? Held a grudge? We all have! And when things like that happen, we are left wondering how to move on—especially when we don't get an apology. In this series we will take a look at the one thing Jesus offers us that can help us let go and move forward: forgiveness!

January 13th with Molly Kay Moore
The More You Hold On To A Grudge,
The More It Holds On To You!

January 20th with Thomas Smals
Forgiven People Forgive!

January 27th with John Wranek
Healing Takes Time!