

# MARS HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Mini Newsletter



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## Scripture Memory Challenge

### *Psalms 46:1-2*

*“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea”*

*“Stay with your prayer. Don’t back down. Even if you are hurt or disappointed by those you are praying for, or should you suffer painful delays, stay focused. If you maintain your faithfulness even though you are wounded, you will gain spiritual currency. Indeed, the steadfast prayer of the wounded intercessor holds great sway upon the heart of God.”*

*-- Francis Frangipane*

# OUR PRAYER REQUESTS



<b><u>MEMBERS OF MHBC &amp; SS</u></b>	<b><u>FRIENDS OF MHBC</u></b>	<b><u>MISSIONARIES</u></b>	<b><u>PLACES &amp; EVENTS</u></b>	<b><u>OTHERS</u></b>	<b><u>MILITARY</u></b>
Daniel Berry Mary Carolyn Bishop Denver Corley Gene Deitz Bettie Harrison Marty Melvin Beth Oliver Evelyn Perry Rusty Wagoner Bob Wilson Roy Wilson	Jacob Jones Leila Morris Hank Rhoden Sharon Rhoden Jack Sauer Brittany Smith The Family of Anna Lee Gross The Family of Hubert Bishop The Family of Roy Berry The Family of Joe Jones	Baptist Missionaries Melanie Edwards Harley Grafton Matt Foshee & Family Utah Sam & Melody Harrell Peggy T. Johnson David Platt	War on Terrorism COVID - 19 crisis	Good News Club Lost persons you know Caregivers-esp. Family Members OCIM Our Elected Officials Our Police and Law Enforcement Officers-Chapel Hill	Our Service Men & Women

## **Regarding Reopening the Church for Regular 11:00 AM Services**

**As it was announced this week that North Carolina will be entering into Phase 2 of reopening, the deacons along with the pastor have decided to begin regular Sunday morning worship beginning May 24th.**

**At this time we will not be meeting for Sunday school but rest assured that Sunday school will begin again, just at a later date. The sanctuary has been set up for social distancing, with every other power being blocked off and the choir loft being rearranged just in case some individuals need to sit there. The side areas of the sanctuary are also available to help with social distances.**

**For anyone who plans to attend, face masks are encouraged and we do have some available as you walk in the church as well as hand sanitizer. For our bulletins, we are printing them early and placing them in pews before the service which minimizes the amount of human contact they have and allows them to stay in the pews for days beforehand.**

**All the pews and hard surfaces will be sanitized each week to help minimize any germs that might be present. Also, we will receive offerings at the front and rear of the sanctuary to avoid the contact that is present when we pass the offering plate. The pastor is planning on wearing a face shield in the pulpit in order to allow others to more clearly see his face while also minimizing any spread of germs.**

**As we are still in the midst of dealing with COVID-19 we want to make sure everyone knows that we completely understand if you and your family chooses to remain home. Regardless of the reason, be it that you are at high risk because of age or medical conditions or that you simply simply would feel safer at home please do what you feel is best for you and your family.**

**More than anything, we want all of our members and attendees to remain safe and well during this time. Therefore we are taking the precautions that have been mentioned as well as a few more to ensure a safe worship experience.**

**We are planning to continue recording the service and will make those available online through the church's website, Youtube, and the church's facebook page.**

**May God bless you and keep you safe!**

**"LIKE" us on  
Facebook**

**BOBO ENCOURAGES YOU TO INVITE OTHERS TO  
"LIKE" OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!**

**KEEP UP TO DATE ON FUTURE EVENTS, SERVICES,  
AND POSTS!**

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## What Do You Know?

*Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. (Psalm 100:3)*

Well what do you know! This phrase is usually heard when someone is taken by surprise by a pleasant but unexpected result. I remember working with my grandfather at my mother's house one day and we needed to cut a small piece of plywood. The cut we had to make was probably only about 8 inches long. This would be a simple task if we were at my grandfather's house as he would plug in his circular saw and slice off the piece with great precisions.

Unfortunately we didn't have that particular saw, the only thing we did have was a new battery operated saw that I purchased for him for Father's day. Now my grandfather, at the time, was quite sceptical at the power and reliability of a battery operated circular saw. He was fairly certain that they were only strong enough to cut through balsa wood. I did convince him to give his new saw a try. I will never forget his face as the saw sliced through the wood with the greatest of ease. That was a well what do you know moment. After that my grandfather was far less sceptical about the power contained in those tools.

The exclamation "well what do you know," is what we say when we learn something new and are amazed by the ability or power that is on display. However there is one facet of our life where those words probably shouldn't be uttered and that is in regards to the power and ability of God.

Psalm 100:3 says "Know ye that the LORD He is God." The thrust of the Psalm is that we would know the power, might, authority, and character of Almighty God. That nothing is too difficult for Him and that God is the One Who easily accomplishes the impossible. When we know God and understand the power He holds life for us changes.

For us the obstacles and difficulties that are before us fade away. My grandfather looked at the task of cutting a board as nearly impossible because he did not know the power of the saw in front of him. How often do we do the same in our life because we do not embrace the power of our God Who is always with us?

If we had fully embraced the power of the tools in front of us that day at my mother's house we wouldn't have had any worry, anxiety, or frustration. We would have simply grabbed the saw and cut the board. Problem solved. We had a little bit of frustration

because we didn't trust in the power of the saw. How many times do we do the same thing when it comes to the problems and the difficulties of our lives.

We are overwhelmed with fear, anxiety, difficulties, struggles and refuse to bring any of them to God. How much better would our lives be if we simply followed what Psalm 100:3 say, to know that the LORD is God, that He is the Almighty and nothing is too difficult for Him.

May God help us to know Him more and better, and may God help us to show that through every action of our lives.

## 3 Ways to Give

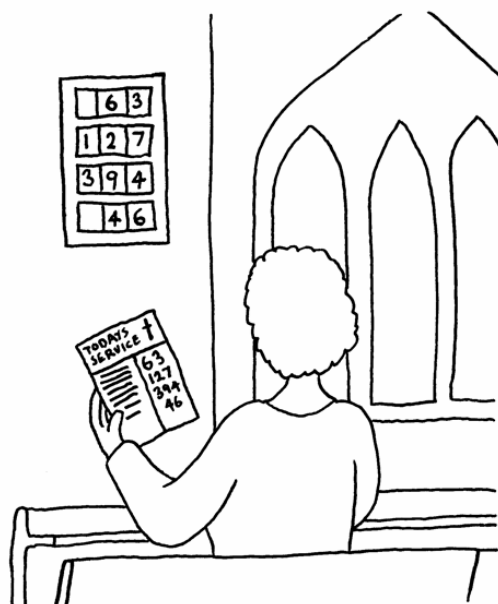
Want to send a tithe or make a donation? Not a problem! See how you can make that possible below:

- **Mail to Church's address**
- **Drop off to pastor for physical pick up**
- **Give Online via the GREEN "Online Giving" button on the church's website**

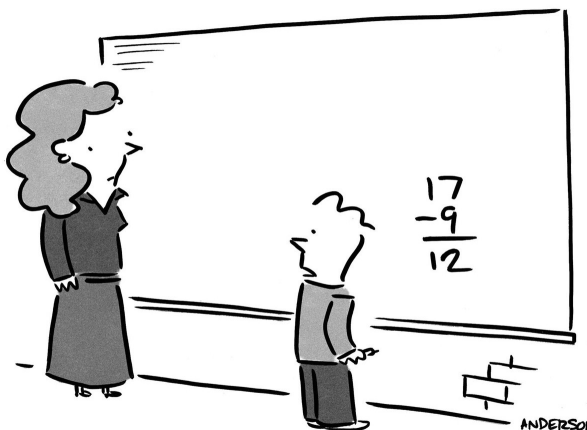


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SHE COULD HARDLY BELIEVE SHE HAD WON ON HER FIRST VISIT TO CHURCH



"I know it's wrong, I'm just waiting for the autocorrect."

## Church mice

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## **You can stay connected!**

For the past four weeks we have been recording and uploading Wednesday & Sunday service video messages.

All video messages can be found on the Mars Hill Facebook page and on the church's website under the "Video Messages" tab:

**<http://marshillbaptistchurch.org/category/video-messages/>**

We hope everyone is staying safe and doing well!



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# A 7-DAY CORONAVIRUS PRAYER GUIDE



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pray for those who are sick, and their families, that the Lord would heal and comfort them.

## PRAY FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Pray for those on the frontlines treating those who are sick, that the Lord would protect and strengthen them.



## PRAY FOR THE VULNERABLE

Pray for those who are especially vulnerable to disease, that the sickness would pass over them and that they would rely on others for help.

## PRAY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Pray for those who have lost work, that God would provide through their families and communities.



## PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

Pray for national and local government leaders, that they would have wisdom to do what is best for all.

## PRAY FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Pray for students who are out of school, and their families, that the Lord would give them patience and discipline.



## PRAY FOR CHURCHES

Pray for churches and ministry leaders, that they would know how to best show the love of Christ in this time.

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful."

**JOHN 14:27**

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