



Revelation 21: 3 tells us what makes heaven, heaven: "He [God] will dwell with them, and they shall be His people." Heaven is not a place, it's a person. Being with God is what makes it Heaven. God is not there because it's Heaven; it's Heaven because God is there. Yes, you'll rejoin all those people you loved who have gone on before in Christ, like we all long to, but what will be glorious and indescribable far beyond even that, is being with God—dwelling with Him and being His people. We experience a taste of that in this life as we know Him and experience Him, but in Heaven there will be an intimacy and a fellowship and a fullness to knowing Him and dwelling with Him that makes it heaven. Billy Joel once wrote a love song entitled, "You're My Home." (It was actually the B-side of one of his first big hits—kids, ask your grandparents what "B-side" means.) The lyrics say, "Home can be the Pennsylvania Turnpike; (or) Indiana's early morning dew; (or) High up in the hills of California; Home is just another word for you." That captures beautifully the point about Heaven—He's our heaven, heaven is being finally and fully with Him. There's a legend that St. Thomas Aquinas one day heard the Lord, and the Lord said, "You have written well of Me. What reward would you receive from Me for your labor?" Aquinas said, "Lord, nothing except you!" That's the kind of heart I want, and that's what will really make heaven, heaven—being with Him.

This Sunday morning we'll do what we didn't get to do last week—continue our new study of Hebrews with 1: 4 – 9. Learn why the name of Jesus is above all names, and why it should be above else in your mind, life, and heart. On Sunday evening we'll turn to Matthew 25: 31 – 46, a parable in which Jesus gives us a vivid picture of our destination before Him on Judgment Day. Don't be anywhere else!

Bro. Dean

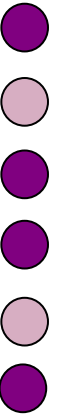
NOTICE

CHILI COOKOFF RESCHEDULED TO SAT. FEB. 28TH



REMINDERS FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 1ST

- Deacon of the Week — Jeff Woodin
- Offering: Deacons Ushers: M. Smith, Jeff Todd
- 3T Nursery — B. Manning, T. Moore, K. Rogers
- Children's Message — Lesa Davis
- Security — J. Matthews, B. Sharp, J. Manning
- Scripture Readers — Bettye and Danny Jones



CHURCH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

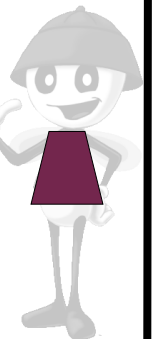
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
5:30 Awana
5:30 Adult Discipleship
6:30 Worship

WEDNESDAY

6:00 Children's Missions
6:00 Youth Group
6:00 Prayer Meeting
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

AWANA

OCC Coloring Books
Pencils & Erasers



Lunch and Auction

February 15th
Covered Dish After Worship

Honoring Widows and Widowers

**Please call or text Katie Wies if you can
donate a dessert for the auction.**

THE POWER OF PRAYING, MEDITATING, AND CLAIMING GOD'S WORD

When the devil, the world, and our flesh come upon us, let us turn to our Almighty God who loves us and wants us to walk in victory with Him. Let us pray, meditate on and claim God's Word.

Philippians 4:6 KJV "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.'

Philippians 4:7 KJV "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

**SIGN UP for MISSIONLAB
2026 is NOW OPEN!**

**New Orleans, July 5-10
\$266.00**

*To join the group, give your name and a \$50 deposit
to the church office or Brother Dean.*

Senior THINGS

THIS MON. FEBRUARY 2ND 11:30 AM

COME JOIN US FOR LUNCH AND A TIME OF
PLANNING AND FUN

MATT AND TARA COWAN
WILL BE TALKING TO US ABOUT WILLS AND ESTATES
AND HOW WE NEED TO BE PREPARED.

WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN SOME WISDOM
AND INSIGHT INTO OUR PLANNING!

PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE
HALLWAY SO WE CAN BETTER KNOW HOW TO PLAN

THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

Wednesday night meal 5:00 pm Pasta/Meatballs



REFUGEE SIMULATION

A SPECIAL LUNCH WILL BE SERVED 12:30 - 1:00

What is a refugee? A person forced to flee their home country due to a well-founded fear of persecution, war, violence, or serious human rights violations, seeking safety in another country.

Reports from 2023-2024 indicated that cities like Murfreesboro, Nashville, and Franklin remain intended destinations for individuals processed at the U.S. border.

Guest: Pam Bryant
Begin Anew of Middle Tennessee
Executive Director

February 21st

11:30 - 1:00



***When someone
doesn't capitalize the G
in God. . .***



Dont miss the fun!

NEW DATE

CHILLI COOK OFF
and TRIVIA

Sat., February 28th

Chili Dropoff 5:00 Chili Cookoff 5:30



PLAN AHEAD

MISSIONS RUMMAGE SALE

SAT. APRIL 11TH

Sale Drop Off Dates will be
Monday, April 6th—Thursday, April 9th

We do not have the capacity to take things sooner!

SAVE YOUR TREASURES

FBC FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Canned Corn, Beans of All Kinds, Cereal, Meats,
Corn Bread Mix, Spaghetti Sauce,
and Spaghetti Sauce

Your blessings help many.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least
of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40



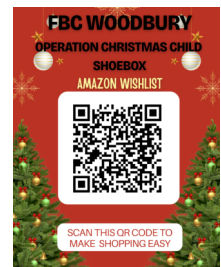
BLESS A CHILD IN 2026

*HELP US COLLECT FOR THE SHOE BOXES ALL YEAR
AND REACH THE CHILDREN WITH THE GOSPEL*



NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY

Washclothes, Hairbrushes, Pencils,
Band-aids, Erasers, Pencil Sharpeners

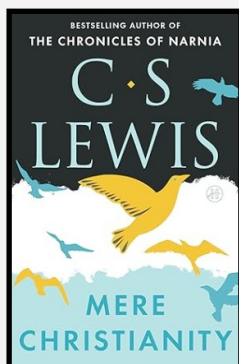


AND GOD SAID ...

"Let there be lasagna!"



For Information
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Morgan Bostedt



Church Library Resource of the Week

Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis

Mere Christianity explores the core beliefs of Christianity by providing an unequalled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear a powerful, rational case for the Christian faith. A brilliant collection, Mere Christianity remains strikingly fresh for the modern reader and at the same time confirms C. S. Lewis's reputation as one of the leading writer and thinkers of our age.

Reading Through The Bible

JANUARY 2026

- 30. OT - Exo. 23, 24; NT - Matt. 20:1-16
- 31. OT - Exo. 25, 26; NT - Matt. 20:17-34

FEBRUARY 2026

- 1. OT - Exo. 27, 28; NT - Matt. 21:1-22
- 2. OT - Exo. 29, 30; NT - Matt. 21:23-46
- 3. OT - Exo. 31, 32, 33; NT - Matt. 22:1-22
- 4. OT - Exo. 34, 35; NT - Matt. 22:23-46
- 5. OT - Exo. 36, 37, 38; NT - Matt. 23:1-22

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

SUNDAY EVENINGS

at 5:30 pm

HOW GREAT
THOU ART

NORMAL CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Closed: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Morning worship broadcast on WBRY, AM 1540 & FM 107.1; morning and evening worship and Prayer Meeting all streamed live on Facebook and YouTube (FBC Woodbury), and on the church website (fbcwoodbury.org).



PRAYERPOINTS

MISSIONARY KIDS

Life on the field can be an adventure for missionary kids (MKs) as they learn new languages, new cultures, and new skills. As we pray for missionaries, let's also pray for their kids while they go into the world as a family sharing the gospel.

Between two countries, missionary kid finds home in Christ and His Church

By Amanda Turner, IMB missionary in Botswana

Our oldest daughter Taylor came to Botswana with us 16 years ago when she was just 2 years old. Since then, she has served as a missionary alongside us and has opened many doors to share the gospel. Africa has become her home.

Home – that's a hard concept for missionaries. We often feel like several places are "home." When we're in Botswana, we call the United States "home," where our families are. When we visit the U.S., we miss our "home" in Botswana. There's a longing for both. But I know that heaven is my home; no place will truly feel like "home" until we're in heaven with our Savior.

Last June, Taylor graduated from high school, and she is now at a university in the U.S. We praise God that Taylor has adjusted well to university life. She is blessed to be a part of a community of missionary kids (MKs) on campus that meets weekly.

As she continues to transition to college life in the U.S., pray that the Lord will be with her as she makes her home country "home" again. So much has changed since she left at 2 years old, and



Taylor Turner in her university dorm room, pursuing her degree in childhood psychology. IMB photo.

culture shock can be overwhelming for missionary kids who grow up on the field then move to the U.S.

Pray for godly friendships to surround Taylor and other MKs who are adjusting to life in America and being exposed to social norms that they may not have been exposed to on the mission field.

Pray that each missionary kid will realize how loved they are and that their time serving alongside their parents has shaped and molded them into whom God has made them to be.

As Taylor and other MKs enter adulthood, pray they will continue seeking Jesus with all their heart (Jeremiah 29:13).



FEBRUARY 2026

"He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young."

Isaiah 40:11

ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER

Last year, we prayed for many MKs to have meaningful, godly friendships. One answer to these prayers was the 2025 MK re-entry retreat in Virginia. The week equipped 87 MKs with essential skills for American life — from managing finances to navigating college. Beyond the practical training, the retreat gave MKs space to bond with others who share the complexities of cross-cultural life, building community during this significant transition to life in the U.S.

1 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. Please pray for the salvation of our daughters. Pray that the Lord will grow in them a love for sharing the gospel. *Missionary parents*

2 CENTRAL ASIA. Please pray I will do a good job playing drums for the worship band at school and I can keep up with my studies and homework. And I will grow strong in the Lord and in muscles. *Micah, 14*

3 EUROPE. Three MKs in Eastern Europe (4, 9, and 9) ask for prayer as they attend language school. "Pray that we will be brave to share our faith with our classmates." The youngest is in her first year learning the language. The older two are the only Christians in their classes.

4 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM. Pray for MKs who have returned to the U.S. to study in universities and who are working to choose godly friends and grow in their faith. May they faithfully go to church, serve God, and give. May they prioritize worshiping God amid studies, work, rest, and play.

5 MISSIONARY KIDS. Pray that our country opens up visas for Americans so we and other friends can stay and continue to work here. Pray that if it doesn't open up, God will lead us all to new places where He wants us to be and serve His kingdom. *Gabriel, 11*

6 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. Pray that my senior year will go well and that transition back to the U.S. and college will be smooth. The idea of living far from my parents is a little challenging. *Byron, 18*

7 CENTRAL ASIA. Pray that kids here will become Christians and not say bad words and that parents won't give their little children phones. *Beau Bristol, 9*

8 EUROPE. Please pray for the MKs in the world who don't have godly community, Christian friends, or a relationship with Jesus. Pray that we'd have boldness to share the gospel and continually grow in our faith as we serve with our parents and try to discern Jesus' voice. *Bailey, 14*

9 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM. Three-year-old Corbyn is starting local school. Please pray she will adjust well and quickly learn the language and culture. Ask God to guide, protect, and provide for her as she navigates this new journey.

10 MISSIONARY KIDS. Please pray for me as I settle into 9th grade at boarding school in East Africa. I really miss my family and home, and some days feel pretty tough. Pray that I find good friends, stay encouraged, and keep close to God while I figure out life here. *Clara, 14*

11 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. Pray for an MK who graduated from high school and is taking a gap year. Decisions need to be made about where he will live when his parents return to the field after their stateside assignment.

12 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM. Please pray that we will be able to make friends with other kids on our island and that we won't be too sad because our oldest sister goes to a boarding school on another island, and we miss her. *Eli, 10*

13 EUROPE. My siblings and I are home schooled. We often feel isolated and lonely. Please pray for us to make friends, keep learning the language, and be bold in sharing the gospel with those we meet. *Andrew, 15*

14 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM. "I love this place!" (Zebulum, 10). Pray for MKs to love where they are despite missing family in the U.S., holidays, and traditions. Pray for MKs to connect well with their country of residence, as well as their home country.

15 MISSIONARY KIDS. Tyler has requested prayer for his friends Ahmed and Iman to become followers of Jesus. Pray for MKs as they navigate knowing and owning their own faith and also being faithful witnesses in sharing it with their friends.

16 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. Pray for an MK as his family decides about sending him to boarding school for the tenth grade.

17 CENTRAL ASIA. Please pray that we don't take this life for granted. Pray that I will do better at school. Pray that everyone will have food, both spiritually and physically. *Joshua, 10*

18 EUROPE. Pray for our son to love his friends when they are unkind or make bad choices. They don't know Jesus. May God help him to share the gospel with them. Pray also for our daughter to learn to express her emotions in healthy ways. *Missionary parents*

19 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM. Please pray for me. Being a homeschooler in a foreign county has made it hard to connect with peers. The closest high school is a flight away on a separate island. I am not ready to leave home, but I also struggle with loneliness. *Myah, 16*

20 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. Please pray for our MKs in transition, preparing to learn a new culture and language: Maria (14), Franklin (10), Larkin (8), and Brent (5). Pray that their new community will be an encouragement to them.

21 MISSIONARY KIDS. Marshall loves his new school. It is unclear though if his friends care or think about God. He wants them to know Jesus. Pray that conversations about this will happen naturally so he can understand what his friends believe and have opportunities to tell them about Jesus.

22 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. Pray for college-age MKs in the United States who are trying to learn a culture that's foreign to them while also working through the challenges of adulthood, such as managing time and finances with unfamiliar currency and systems.

23 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM. Eight-year-old Shawn is working hard designing and making evangelistic YouTube videos to share with his classmates. Please pray for wisdom for this, and please pray for his heart. He is so young but so passionate about sharing God's love. Just pray over his innocence and heart.

24 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. Pray for my remaining two years in high school as the Lord continues to show me what's next. Is it a gap year post high school to get involved more with ministry where I am currently living? Or something else? *Ava, 16*

25 CENTRAL ASIA. Pray that my teacher and the kids at school will be kind. Pray that I can visit my gram and grandpa who live in America soon. *Archibald, 9*

26 EUROPE. Transitioning to adulthood can be an overwhelming experience for us. Please pray for MKs who will be moving away from their families for university. Pray that we will continue to live faithfully for Christ through this next chapter of life. *Ruth, 17*

27 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM. Pray for MKs who live in places where many kids don't know Jesus. Pray for these MKs to be able to share with a friend about Jesus so that they might follow Christ and have a friend like them who knows Jesus.

28 MISSIONARY KIDS. Ask the Lord to keep MKs from all evil. Pray that He will keep their going out and their coming in today and for eternity. (Psalm 121:7-8).



Missionaries in Thailand take their son to visit the elephants. IMB photo.



IMB missionaries to Europe, the Bowmans, visit northern Wales on a short family trip. IMB photo.

A missionary kid grows from reluctant to resilient through faith and Christian community

Elizabeth's journey as a missionary kid (MK) began at nine when her family moved overseas. Though initially reluctant, God changed her heart and made clear He was directing their path. Her life since has been marked by transitions, through which she learned to rely on the Lord — a lesson that continued when she moved to the U.S. for college.

Like many MKs, Elizabeth's transition was marked by goodbyes, missed celebrations, and uncertainties. At an annual re-entry retreat for MKs hosted by the IMB and WMU, she was initially overwhelmed by the large group but met one of her closest friends there. Christian university was also overwhelming at first, but Elizabeth gradually found community through campus ministries and serving incoming MKs, which grew her leadership skills and deepened her faith.

Throughout her MK experience, Elizabeth has proven resilient. Her life experiences made her adaptable, open, and understanding — crucial traits as she navigates adulthood. Last year, she attended the MK Thanksgiving retreat and felt a renewed sense of community within the IMB family.



Young adult missionary kids at a re-entry retreat. IMB photo.

Programs like the re-entry retreat, Thanksgiving retreat, and MK scholarships at Christian universities help MKs transition well into adulthood. You can support college-age MKs by praying for them, inviting them for a meal, helping them move, providing transportation to the airport, or storing boxes over the summer.

- Pray MKs will follow God in a close relationship that lasts a lifetime.
- Pray for supportive friendships and mentorships.
- Pray for open doors to share the gospel with friends.

Missionary Kids Prayer Bookmark

This two-sided bookmark offers a simple and meaningful guide to praying for missionary kids each day of the week. With Scripture references and specific prayer prompts, it helps you lift up the unique needs of missionary families around the world. Ideal for personal devotion, church groups, or missions awareness events.

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THE NATIONS,
TOGETHER.**

Prayer Guide

Please help us keep the Prayer Guide updated – send anyone you would like to add, and notify us of anyone who can be removed. Thank you!

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Patrick, Karie Cecil	David, Charlene Odom
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Dot Elrod	MaryWells Smith
Darrell & Lou Goins	Family of Mike Vance
Cecil Gregory	Wanda Walls
Ashlyn Hare	Bobby Zumbro
Randall Holt	
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Mamie Powers, Barbara Melton, Mamie Vance, Don Stevenson, Drunell Higgins

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Church Matters:

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The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;
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