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From your Senior Pastor:

Greetings! I hope you all are having a wonderful summer! While summer is a great time to travel and get away, it's also a time where we as a church family can become more scattered than usual. This is especially true this year as we are emerging from COVID-19 isolation. I strongly encourage you to do your best to get out more and to re-engage with others. Nothing wrong with being careful, but overall, God designed us to share and bear life together as family.

Speaking of getting out, I recently spent some time in Nashville for our Southern Baptist Convention. Our convention is dealing with several challenges, and some feared going into our annual meeting that the tensions could lead to a split among our churches. Maybe you've seen the headlines. With so much at stake, the attendance at the convention was around 17,000, nearly 4 times the annual average over the last 25 years. Since our church gave nearly \$100,000 last year towards SBC work and mission efforts, you should be up to date on what's going on. I wrote a summary of my opinion of what these big issues are all about and posted them on our church Facebook page, as well as on my own Facebook page. Please read it when you get a chance and let me know if you have any questions. It's a bit long (I know, big surprise!), but to really understand these issues it takes a little time to unpack them.

The most common question I've been asked lately is "How are YOU" ? As many of you know, I was in a car accident May 7th that totaled my car but fortunately didn't total me. Thank you all for your love and prayers during this time! Most of the scars and bruises are gone, but I'm still having what they call "post concussive symptoms". I have a nagging headache that just won't completely go away and still feel foggy and sluggish. I've been seeing the doctor, doing all the tests, MRI and x-rays, and all are clear. 'll see a neurologist next month, but right now the most likely scenario is that I bumped my head pretty good and it's just going to take a little longer than some to heal up. I'll let you know if anything new develops.

I do have one more trip coming up... vacation! I've been out in recent months due to COVID, car accident and convention, but I wouldn't call any of these things a vacation. Elizabeth and I planned this time to be with some old friends even before COVID-19 started over a year ago. And it looks like we're finally going to do this.... This means I'll miss our 4th of July worship service. I hate to miss any Sunday, but this one is shaping up to be really special. It's our first all-together service we've had in a long time. And you know how I love worshipping all together. So don't YOU miss it! I'll be watching online, but know that I would rather be with you in person.

Thank you for being a part of our church family and thank you for allowing me to be a part of it! I love you all and hope our paths cross soon where we can visit and catch up in person!

Wade

Ministry Budget 06/06/2021

This Week.....\$24,315.76
 This Year.....\$552,557.00
 Renovations
 This Week.....\$510.00
 This Year.....\$22,325.00
 Designated
 This Week.....\$810.00
 Attendance
 Worship.....255

Ministry Budget 06/13/2021

This Week.....\$23,398.00
 This Year.....\$575,955.00
 Renovations
 This Week.....\$165.00
 This Year.....\$22,490.00
 Designated
 This Week.....\$2052.00
 Attendance
 Worship.....238

Ministry Budget 06/20/2021

This Week.....\$21,753.03
 This Year.....\$597,708.03
 Renovations
 This Week.....\$660.00
 This Year.....\$23,150.00
 Designated
 This Week.....\$3680.00
 Attendance
 Worship.....235

Ministry Budget 06/27/2021

This Week.....\$20,783.00
 This Year.....\$618,491.03
 Renovations
 This Week.....\$620.00
 This Year.....\$23,770.00
 Designated
 This Week.....\$634.50
 Attendance
 Worship.....224





MFB Office will be closed
Monday, July 5, 2021



From your Senior Adult Pastor:

I have recently assumed responsibility for our Guest Services Ministry. We want to strengthen and add more structure to this vital “front line” ministry. There is never a time for a second first impression and those serving in guest services are the “first impressions” of Mauldin First Baptist. Guest services are often the first introduction of Jesus to our first time guests, maybe even the key to a person’s salvation. Presently we have 24 volunteers who are serving or have volunteered to start serving in this ministry. I’ve been putting together a training manual which will help us do our job more efficiently and plan on having a training luncheon July 18, 2021, following the 10:45AM service. We could use at least another 24 volunteers which will enable our team to be able to rotate and serve about once a month. If you feel God’s prodding you to join the team, please mark the date and let me know I can count on your being there.

Another date to get on your calendars: VBS August 2 - 6, 2021

This year at MFB VBS is not going to be just for the kids. There will be an adult class offered as well. We will be studying “Thriving in Babylon”. I believe you will agree with me that these are confusing times in which we are living. Traditional biblical values are not only rejected, it seems as if they’re attacked on every front. This can leave many of us spiritually and culturally disoriented, frustrated, angry or even fearful. How can we spiritually survive in an increasingly spiritually hostile environment? Join us during those days of VBS (9:00AM –12:00PM) as we study a man who lived such an existence and wrote a book about it. His name is Daniel.

Let me know if we can count on your attendance and what size t-shirt you wear.

It is my joy to introduce Ron Haught as the newest staff person to Mauldin First Baptist. Ron has accepted the position of Ministry Assistant to your Senior Adult and Discipleship Pastor! Ron is well qualified to assist in the various areas for which I am responsible. He is a former pastor and has the expertise and experience in ministry. When you see him around church please welcome him and let him know you appreciate his willingness to serve.

Have a great day in The Lord,
Bill

From your Discipleship Pastor:

We will not have our Sonshine Fellowship in July since it is the 4th of July week. Check out the exciting plans for our 4th of July Sunday Special.

We will not have the regular Sonshine meeting in August either since the 1st Tuesday we will be heavily engaged in VBS. Please see the notice in my “From Your Discipleship Pastor” article above about the Adult VBS plans. Everything should be back on schedule in September. Your committee has planned some awesome programs for Fall!

Have a great day in The Lord,
Bill

mfb kids Summer Events

June 15 Mini Golf
 June 29 Messy Painting
 July 9 Legendary Night
 July 13 Hiking and Picnic
 July 25 Tubing
 Aug. 2-5 VBS
 Aug. 20 Family Ministry

Mark your Calendars!!!

Text mauldinkids to 94000 to subscribe to our text notifications.

MFB TWEEN SUMMER CALENDAR

JUNE
 13TH - MINI GOLF/SODA SHOP
 22ND - HIKING

JULY
 11TH - RIVER TUBING
 20TH - ROPES COURSE

AUGUST
 6TH - MOVIE & S'MORES
 20TH - FAMILY POOL PARTY

- 5TH AND 6TH GRADERS -

TEXT "MAULDINKIDS" TO 94000 & FOLLOW US ON FB/INSTA @MAULDINTWEENS FOR DETAILS ABOUT EVENTS

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mfb youth mauldin first baptist youth **2021 SUMMER EVENTS**

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| DATE | EVENT | PRICE |
|------|-------------------------------|-------|
| 15 | Bible Study and hangout / MFB | |
| 18 | BBQ & Slip and Slide / MFB | \$5 |
| 22 | Bible Study and hangout / MFB | |
| 25 | Tubing / Green River Cove | \$15 |
| 29 | Bible Study and hangout / MFB | |
| 08 | Hiking / Paris Mtn | \$6 |
| 13 | Bible Study and hangout / MFB | |
| 20 | Bible Study and hangout / MFB | |
| 23 | Messy Painting / MFB | \$10 |
| 27 | Bible Study and hangout / MFB | |
| 03 | Bible Study and hangout / MFB | |
| 06 | Mini Golf & Soda Shop | \$20 |
| 20 | Family Ministry Pool Party | |

ALL ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES

20 YEARS OF MINISTRY

**"Thank you" Wade Leonard
 for 20 years of
 Ministry Service**



Your continued support for the Crisis Food Closet is always appreciated.

Presently, we have a large supply of green beans, corn, sweet peas and Chef Boyardee bowls. We are short on the following:

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| Mixed Vegetables | Rice | Beef Stew |
| Carrots | Jelly | Sugar |
| Tomatoes | Chicken & Dumplings | |
| Tomato Sauce | Spaghetti Sauce | |

No expired food or large cans

The Ministry Kits Project is complete. We delivered 45 kits to the Greenville Baptist Association, "Thank You". They will be distributed at various mission and ministry points that GBA supports.