

## From Your Worship Pastor:

### *Some Practical Suggestions for Our 1 Service in July & August*

We all know what it's like to be a guest at a different church or a participant in a conference where we don't "know the songs." Without a doubt – that is frustrating! Rest assured; unfamiliarity is not confined to only newer worship songs – it can also apply to hymns as well. As we continue on our trial run of combining services into one service, there may be some short-term hurdles of not knowing "that song" used in our worship. (This is to be expected and there is a solution that I will share at the end of this article!) While not knowing "that song" can be frustrating, it doesn't have to stay frustrating. Some realization and reminders might be helpful to move past this frustration:

**Realization #1:** All songs in our hymnal at one point in their history where "new." Then congregations learned them and used them and they became an integral part of people's faith journey. Our hymns are evidence of that – and new songs as well as older hymns can be learned by all generations.

**Realization #2:** Many songs in our rotation have some great scriptural insights to connect our worship with God. "Abide" articulates our submission and humility beautifully with "I depend on You" while addressing God directly with his attributes: "You're the way, the truth and the life – You're the well that never runs dry – I am the branch and You are the vine; draw me close and teach me to abide." "Behold the Lamb" narrates the gospel story with "the story written on His hands," while direct scripture is quoted with "The Blessing" (Numbers 6:24-25) and "Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly" (Micah 6:8). Regardless of the selected song in worship, it will have a significant scriptural connection – it will not be "fluff."

Finally, our aim is to take the best of our familiar hymns and the best of the new worship songs that facilitate all of our generations gathering for worship. Let's put the focus on Christ – the object of our worship and "raise our gaze" to Him!

Now for the solution and help.....

**Solution:** Spotify is a free app that allows people to listen to any playlist. Click this link below and you can begin to familiarize yourself with some songs and arrangements that we will be using in our services.

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4N3FDL5M8UVpWMStURomsA>

Howie Ohman



**mfb kids** **FAMILY TUBING!**  
**August 6**  
Children 6 & Up Can Tube

**Cost: \$15** per person  
**Time: TBD**

Contact Paula Southwell by **July 29th** for tickets

**SALUDA**  
ADVENTURE AWAITS  
OUTDOOR CENTER



**BE THE MAN** In Christ  
In the Home  
In the Church  
In the World

**MFB MEN'S RETREAT**  
September 16-18, 2022 • Look Up Lodge • Cost: \$150

**Bible Study Leader: Richard Plotts**  
Family Man, Pastor, Teacher, Missionary  
For Men 18 and Older • Space Is Limited

Registration Required • Deadline: 8/1/22 • <https://bit.ly/mfbmen2022>



**Family Pool Party** **mfb**

**Friday, August 26 • 6:00 PM**  
**Knollwood Community Pool • Mauldin**



## From Your Discipleship Pastor:

WOW, it seems like just yesterday school was getting out and now it is back to school time. For us it's back to normal, well sort of. Our plans for the Fall are getting fairly well set. Within the next couple of weeks you will find flyers around the coffee bar tables and other places to sign up for our Fall Family Night Bible Studies beginning September 11, 2022. At present, we have firmed the ladies group will meet per usual in room A266. Ron is doing sessions on Sharing Your Faith In Today's Culture, one other is being planned but it is not yet confirmed. Family night meals will resume on Sunday night, September 11, 2022, at \$4.00 per plate.

Actually, our Fall schedule will resume beginning Wednesday, September 7, 2022. Grief Share is returning to Wednesday nights 6 – 8 pm in Room C230. If you know of someone who has experienced the recent passing of a loved one, encourage them to contact the office and register for these meaningful sessions. Judy Davis and her team does a great job for this vital ministry.

September 16-18 promises to be an exciting time of spiritual growth and excitement for our men. Our MFB Men's Retreat (men 18 and over) will be held at Look Up Lodge. The theme is "Be The Man....". Rev. Rick Plotts, pastor of LaPrimera Baptist Church, in Transylvania County, NC will be our Bible Study Leader. Rick is a gifted speaker who practices being the man in Christ, in the home, in the church and in the world. The cost for 2 nights, 3 days is \$150.00 per person which includes room (bunk house type rooms), meals, conference fees and T- shirt. Register and sign up on line this month <https://bit.ly/mfbmen2022>

Prayer is a vital ministry and privilege God has given us, actually has commanded us through his word to be engaged in prayer for those in need. Wednesday nights at 4:30pm we gather in the sanctuary for a time of Bible Study and prayer. For those who can not attend in person, it is recorded and can be seen on our various channels (Website, ROKU, FaceBook, etc.). Your staff has been actively pursuing ways we can connect with those we have not heard from who have prayer needs. You've been hearing about how your Sunday School Classes can help us be informed and in touch, thank you for your assistance in that area. There is another way you can be involved and that is through our Prayer Ministry Team. Currently, we have 2 dear ladies/prayer warriors who spend an hour or so in the prayer room contacting those on our prayer lists, homebound and, senior adults. They make calls to see how they are doing and, if they are on the prayer list, get updates on how God is working in their life. I have another who has volunteered to follow-up even more directly by making home contacts. We need more, we need you! Please, pray and get with me so we can talk about how we can expand this ministry to reach not only our church members, but the greater Mauldin area as well.

Have a great day in The Lord, Bill

A flyer for a choir renewal event. The background is a blurred image of a choir singing. On the left, there are colorful, stylized musical notes in red, orange, yellow, and green. A white box in the top right contains the text "We Want **YOU** To Be Part of Our Choir Renewal". Below this, the title "**IN TUNE**" is in a teal box, followed by "Choir Kickoff" in a cursive font and "August 19-20" in a bold sans-serif font. A list of times is shown: "Friday - 6:30 PM" and "Saturday - 8:30 AM-12:30 PM". At the bottom, a red box contains the text "Register: <https://forms.gle/BcpmitoNFsEkTm7E7>".

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August 19-20

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Please **PRAY** for our speakers who are filling the pulpit in August:

**David Brown** Missionary to Guatemala, and living in our mission house!

**Colton Woodside** MFB's own!

**Al Phillips** Director of Missions for Greenville Baptist Association



And join us **August 28** as we dedicate our entire service to remembering our Lord's sacrifice through the ordinance of the Lord's Supper

HOW WE  
LIVE

The Sermon On the Mount



## From Your Senior Adult Pastor:

Can you believe summer is winding down already? We've had a great summer and this month promises to be a great summer send off. Our Sonshine Fellowship resumes on the first Tuesday of each month, starting August 2, 2022. We have an exciting program lined up! MFB's Business Administrator/Pastor's Secretary, Nadine Chasteen, will be performing our program. Nadine is pianist at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church in Laurens SC. You will enjoy getting to know her better and experience her giftedness that she shares with us. JJ will have meat and beverage prepared for us. We ask that if you attend that you will bring/share a "Potluck" of sides, salads and desserts. The program begins at 10:30am in the fellowship hall and will be followed by the meal. Pray for your Senior Adult Committee Team who will be meeting after the meal to plan programs for the remainder of the year.

August 19, 2022, Life FM is sponsoring "An Evening with the Regals and Friends" at Northwood Baptist Church in Greer, SC at 7:00pm. The concert will include the Regals who have sang at a couple of our events, along with The Whishants and Dennis Swanberg. It should be a wonderful time. We have reserved 2 buses for those of you who wish to attend, yet do not want to drive to Greer. The buses will leave the church no later than 5:45 pm. To get on the list you will need to bring \$15.00 (price of the tickets) to Ron, myself or the church office.

Fast forward to October 20, 2022. David Jeremiah and Michael Sanchez will present a program at the Wellness Center. There is no charge for tickets, but tickets are required for entrance to the event. We have 40 tickets available as well as two buses reserved which will be leaving the church no later than 5:45 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the Senior Adult Board

Have a great day in The Lord, Bill



**HIS VOICE! OUR VOICE!**

AN EVENING WITH DAVID JEREMIAH

**LIVE IN GREENVILLE**  
October 20, 7 pm  
@ Bon Secours Wellness Arena

OCT 20



**Sonshine Fellowship**  
mfb seniors

## Sides & Dessert Potluck

Tuesday, August 2 • 10:30 AM

- Mauldin First Baptist Church
- Program: Nadine Chasteen
- Bring a Side or Dessert to Share
- Church Will Provide the Meat

## An Evening with The Regals and Friends



*The Regals*

Dennis Swanberg

*The Whishants*

**August 19, 2022  
7:00PM**

**"An Evening  
With The Regals  
and Friends"  
Tickets \$15.00**

**\*Contact Ron, Bill  
or stop by the  
church office\***

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