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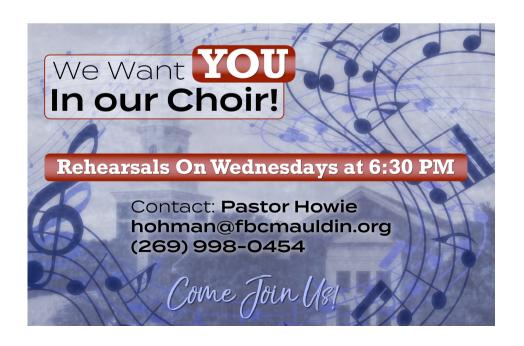
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AWANITA WORK AND WORSHIP WEEKEND

During Spring Break in March, we'll head to Awanita from the 21st to the 24th to do some fixing up and preparing for summer camps. It's a great way to serve those who have a relationship with and help them do what they do best. We'll be doing some construction, painting, and other things needing to be done during the day. Then in the evening we'll spend time hanging out, worshiping, playing games, and connecting as a church family. The trip is open for 6th graders to 99 year olds who are physically able to participate.

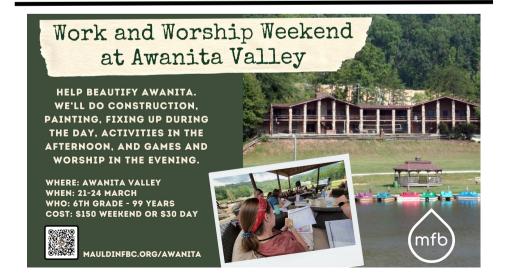
There are two options to participate. Day or Weekend. This allows those who work and can't stay overnight for the whole weekend to be able to come help out on Thursday, Friday, and/or Saturday.

The whole weekend option means getting there Thursday morning and staying till Sunday afternoon with a cost of \$150. The day option is \$30 a day and includes meals and activities.

Space is limited for the weekend option, but more spaces are available for those who can come help out during the day. Deadline to sign up is 11 February. Email Tory at talmond@fbcmauldin.org for more info.

mauldinfbc.org/awanita

Sign Up by Feb 11!



"TRINITY SONG" - MFB'S NEW HYMN FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Background:

The trinity is a one of our foundational truths as an evangelical, Southern Baptist church. The Baptist Faith and Message frames it this way: The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being. (Baptist Faith and Message, 2000)

We believe it and we affirm it, though it is largely a mystery. But the mystery is how they are distinct yet one God, not the fact that the Scripture clearly teach this truth. Jesus is co-equal with the Father in substance and essence. It is this truth that distinguishes us from Muslim (great prophet), Jehovah's Witness (created being – subordinate to God the Father), and Mormon (just one of many "sons of God"). This is not just a current battle among differing religions, but one that goes back to the 4th and 5th centuries. The Nicene Creed of 325 that affirmed Jesus as fully God and fully human. But the battle didn't end there. For the next 50 years, opponents of the Nicene creed were led by a guy named Arius, who believed Jesus was a created being – special maybe but not equal with God the Father.

Enter our hero – Athanasius. You may have never heard of him. He was powerful, insightful, and courageous in making this doctrine of the trinity a key doctrinal pillar of the early church. In other words, we in the 21st century who follow Jesus owe him a great debt. Still, we worship Jesus – not Athanasius.

But that's the point here. If Athanasius hadn't overcome this opposition for the truth – we wouldn't worship Jesus as the unique God who came from the Father to become human like us – to die a death that we deserved. We wouldn't worship Him because Jesus wouldn't be divine – and if he's not divine/eternal – he couldn't save us from our sins. He would be unique person perhaps – a great prophet – but not God.

This wasn't just a debate between eggheads with no consequences. If Jesus isn't fully God, he can't pay for our sins, once for all. If Jesus isn't fully God, he can't be our Savior. If Jesus isn't fully God, we don't have eternal life.

The Song:

"Trinity Song" is a new hymn that affirms the Triune Godhead is in communion with each other. Our worship joins the adoration already in progress. The song evokes a kind of "musical meditation" on the theme of the holy trinity. Enter in and worship the Triune God and affirm what saints from all centuries have affirmed. Let's continue to be the people of God – the multi-generational family at MFB as we introduce new "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" into our Sunday morning experience. Remember, this new song and recently introduced songs (Doxology, Let the Nations Be Glad, I Speak Jesus, etc.) for Sunday morning worship can be accessed on Spotify or web browser:

Spotify: https://mauldinfbc.org/worship

Web browser: https://mauldinfirstbaptistmedia.org/wsc/

Password: MFBfamily









BUDGET/GIVING FOR MONTH OF JANUARY

Budget Giving.

\$116,536.85 \$ 80,577.25

FROM YOUR SENIOR ADULT AND DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR

February makes me think of June --- You know the song "June is bustin' out all over" There are several activities "bustin' out all through the month of February. Starting with the 2nd, our Family Ministries first Legendary Night of the year.

Activities in my area of responsibilities include:

Feb. 8th (Church-wide) a "Drop In" Evening with the Pongpas family (missionaries staying in the mission house) It will be from 6 pm - 8 pm at my place (121 Saxon Falls Ct) to give you the opportunity to fellowship with them, informally, and wish them well/pray with them as they prepare to return to Thailand the end of this month.

Feb 11th (Church Wide) Super Bowl night with our 3rd annual Men's Chili Cook-off. I hope ... as of right now only a couple are signed up to compete. The cook off is for the men to cook, no help from the ladies! Get your chili in by 4:30 for judging which will take place at 4:45. Ladies we ask you to join us by bringing sides and desserts. The dinner will begin at 5:30.

Feb 13th (Senior Adults) Senior Adult Valentine Banquet in the fellowship hall at 11:30. Please sign up no later than Feb 9 so we can get a count for JJ to know how many to prepare the meal for. Howie Ohman will present a musical program for us during the meal.

February is known as Heart Month. My heart is full of gratitude and love for the privilege of serving our Lord through the ministry here at Mauldin First Baptist

Yours, because we are His Bill Voorhes