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# The Herald

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## From Your Senior Adult Pastor:

February's Sonshine Fellowship will be combined with our annual Senior Adult Valentine Banquet and will be held on Valentine's Day, Tuesday February 14 at 10:30 am. The program will be presented by The Carolinians Senior Jazz Band. We have had this group before and everyone seems to enjoy them. The meal will be provided by the church and, as usual, served by the staff. Sign up is required by February 5 via sign up sheet on our Senior Adult Bulletin Board, through me or contacting DeeAnne during office hours.

The senior adult committee will meet following the Valentine Banquet to make plans for the spring.

Our March Sonshine Fellowship will be held as usual on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:30am. The program will be board games, so be sure to bring your favorite board game for an hour of fun. Game day will be followed by a lunch of soup and salad. If you are willing to bring a crockpot of soup, or salad, please let us know. We have been slow of late signing up to provide door prizes, here again, if you're willing to donate a prize please sign up on the Senior Adult Bulletin board.

We are looking forward to the 2023 Celebrators Conference, October 16-20. Many of you who went last year were less than pleased about the accommodations. We have been confirmed that this year we will be back at Music Road Inn. Celebrators has advised us that the program speakers will be released around the middle of February 2023. We will let you know as soon as we find out who will be featured. You are not registered until you have paid your non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee which is due by June 4. We will send out a sign up instructions soon, be on the lookout.

All lodging prices have increased this year:

<u>EARLY BIRD</u>	<u>LATE REGISTRATION</u>
4 PER ROOM \$289 PER PERSON	\$309 PER PERSON
3 PER ROOM \$319 PER PERSON	\$339 PER PERSON
2 PER ROOM \$389 PER PERSON	\$409 PER PERSON
1 PER ROOM \$619 PER PERSON	\$639 PER PERSON

Coming soon! Some of you have mentioned missing News Flash which has suspended publication since Ron has moved to Maine, still miss that guy and Linda. DeeAnne Carlin has assumed the duties of my administrative assistant and will be working with the News Flash in the near future.

Have a great day in The Lord,  
Bill

We are declaring that Jesus (His divine power and person) is the solution to every sin and darkness, and it is found nowhere else!

When we sing:

*I just wanna speak the name of Jesus  
Over fear and all anxiety  
To every soul held captive by depression  
I speak Jesus*

We are declaring that Jesus is the solution for all of our daily tribulations and trials. (who doesn't go a full week without encountering fear, anxiety, or depression?) And we can declare confidently this resounding answer:

*'Cause Your name is power  
Your name is healing  
Your name is life  
Break every stronghold  
Shine through the shadows  
Burn like a fire*

Then we proclaim our allegiance to Jesus and how His ways and commands infuse our lives:

*Shout Jesus from the mountains  
Jesus in the streets  
Jesus in the darkness over every enemy  
Jesus for my family  
I speak the holy name of Jesus*

This song is a rare combination of vertical praise, authentic pain, and victory over the enemy by declaring Jesus is the answer! Join me in February as we learn this new song – but more importantly, we express these truths together as the multi-generational body of Christ. You can prepare for February and this entire sermon series by listening to the song on this link below.

[Link: https://mauldinfirstbaptistmedia.org/wsc/](https://mauldinfirstbaptistmedia.org/wsc/)

**Password: MFBfamily**

Let's take a step together and share this experience of learning a new song that will bolster our confidence in Christ!

Grateful,

Pastor Howie

## From Your Worship Pastor:

### February's New Song: "I Speak Jesus"

This month launches Pastor Wade's next series, "The Truth," where the book of Romans will be referenced often. During this series, we're also teaching a new song, "I Speak Jesus," that enhances the truths we will be taught (thank you for learning January's new hymn – "Yet Not I But Christ").

This new song, focuses on the name of Jesus, which we know is the "name that is above every name." (Phil 2:9) Paul links the gospel with Christ being "named," (Rom 15:20) and we call to mind that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Rom 10:13) Without a doubt, the name of Jesus is central to our faith.

But have you ever considered . . . why? Is the name of Jesus powerful because the mouths of humans voice it? Is the name of Jesus important because the phonetic spelling (say, from an English teacher sharing pronunciation with a class) from human lips ("/'dʒi:zəs/") has some inherent power in and of itself? That conclusion would seem to be on shaky foundation logically and make God's followers superstitious (merely saying the word, "Jesus," becomes a rabbit's foot), as well as the realization that our English translations are not the original source language of Scripture – which means "Jesus" has a different phonetic spelling in different languages. So it can't be the phonetic spelling. It must mean something different.

I would propose that Scripture says Jesus' name is important because of what it represents – namely, the person of Jesus. The name of Jesus represents all who Jesus is - his purpose, his character, his entire life's scope. We see this in the healing of the lame man at the gate of the temple:

"By faith in the NAME of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' NAME and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see." (NIV) (Acts 3:16)

This man was healed because of Jesus (his divine life and power) and Scripture records this as being healed in Jesus' name. Similarly, there are other themes recorded in this representative sense. Suffering is mentioned in light of Jesus' name (Acts 5:41; 9:16; 15:26; 21:13; 1 Peter 14,16; Rev 2:3) and coming to saving faith is summarized by this link to Jesus' name (Joel 2:32; Zech 13:9; John 1:12; Acts 2:21, 4:12, 10:43; 1 Cor 1:2). And there are others!

So when we sing:

*I just wanna speak the name of Jesus  
'Til every dark addiction starts to break  
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom*

SENIOR ADULTS  
VALENTINE LUNCH  
Tuesday, February 14, 2023 - 10:30 AM



MFB will provide the meal as we enjoy watching The Carolinians Senior Jazz Band perform. All Senior Adults are welcome to attend. Sign up is required by February 5, 2023. \*Sign up on the MFB Seniors Board or call DeeAnne 864-288-7835\*

 **celebrators**  
CONFERENCE

*Clothes Swap*

4 FEB | 9AM-12PM

MFB & MCA FAMILIES, KIDS OUTGROWN THEIR CLOTHES (0-3 MONTHS-14/16 YOUTH)? JOIN US IN THE GYM WITH YOUR LIGHTLY USED, CLEAN CLOTHES AND SWAP WITH OTHER FAMILIES FOR SOME NEW STYLES

DONATIONS ONLY? DROP AT THE CHURCH OFFICE BY 3 FEB

SHARE/SEE WHAT'S BEING BROUGHT  
[mauldin@fbc.org](mailto:mauldin@fbc.org)/[clotheswap](https://www.facebook.com/clotheswap)



We Want **YOU**  
On Our **Tech Team!**

Looking for People to Serve on Our Teams:  
**Lighting, Video,  
Audio, Computer**

Contact: Pastor Howie  
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We Want **YOU**  
On Our **Worship Team!**

Looking for People to Serve as  
**Vocalists and/or  
Instrumentalists**

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**SUNDAY**  
FEBRUARY 12, 2023  
**6:00 PM • MFB**  
**SIGN UP**  
ON THE BULLETIN BOARD  
OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE  
MUST HAVE CROCK POT AT THE CHURCH  
BY 4:00 PM FOR JUDGING  
**WOMEN**  
BRING SIDES AND/OR DESSERTS



**JOIN A CONVERSATION...**

- Connect with new people
- Watch an episode on a question of faith
- Share your thoughts & hear from others

**MAULDIN FIRST BAPTIST**  
TUESDAYS 6:30-8:30PM  
STARTING 7 FEB

**30/40 SMALL GROUP BBQ & HANGOUT**

**19 Feb 12-2**

Looking to connect with other 30/40 year olds in the church? Join us after the service for a BBQ lunch and get to know others in the church.  
For more info, go to [www.mauldinfb.org/3040s](http://www.mauldinfb.org/3040s)




**Flourish Women's Conference**

**March 31-April 2, 2023**

Join us at Look Up Lodge for a great weekend. Sign up by February 12th, \$149.

[mauldinfb.org/womensconference](http://mauldinfb.org/womensconference)




### From Your Discipleship Pastor:

It's SuperBowl time! What does the SuperBowl have to do with Discipleship you may ask?

Last year we had one of the largest events of the year, our first Men's Chili Cookoff. It was truly a discipleship experience. We had a lot of building new relationships, meeting new people and we even had visitors preparing chili. It started out with only about 3 or 4 men who had signed up to enter their chili into the contest. We ended up with about 15 crockpots of chili show up! Several of the ladies joined in by bringing sides and desserts. It was suggested we make it an annual event! Sooooo, February 12, 2023 will be our 2nd Annual Soup or Bowl Men's Chili Cookoff. Please guys, sign up either by signup sheets, calling/ emailing DeeAnne during office hours, or contact me and let us know we can count on you. The rules can be picked up on the sign-up table or contact me by email and I'll forward the rules to you. I wonder, who will take home the beautiful trophy – YOU?

Whether you bring chili, sides, dessert or just plan on attending, join the fun, food and fellowship, you might just make a new friend.

Winter Sessions of Sunday Night Family Studies end February 6, 2023, with the 2023 Spring Sessions beginning February 19, 2023. Classes scheduled for the Spring are "Weird Stuff in the Old Testament" led by John Jones and "Part 2 of Experiencing God" led by Amanda Gregory. Sign up sheet for Weird Stuff are on the table in coffee bar area

Mauldin Alpha (apologetics) will begin February 7, 2023, with Tory taking the lead.

### Prayer Warriors:

February 19, 2023, after worship, I plan on holding a lunch meeting for those who are interested in serving in our expanding prayer ministry. Several of you have expressed interest in praying for our concerns and expanding to reach our community through prayer. Sign up needs to be done by February 12, 2023, so that I can have lunch available for all or contact DeeAnne or me.

Please join me in welcoming DeeAnne Carlin who will now be serving as my administrative assistant. DeeAnne will continue as our front desk receptionist/administrative assistant to our business administrator as well. DeeAnne's contact information is below:  
864-272-1510 or 864-288-7835  
[dcarlin@fbcmaldin.org](mailto:dcarlin@fbcmaldin.org)

Have a great day in The Lord,  
Bill