

THE HERALD

MARCH 2024

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ALPHA STARTS ON MARCH 26

We're excited to do Alpha again for the adults. The youth have really enjoyed it over the years and it's great seeing the adults enjoying talking about the basics of faith and life while meeting new people and enjoying good food together.

If you don't know what Alpha is, it's all about welcoming friends, coworkers, and neighbors to an evening of food, meeting new people, and discussing topics about faith, life, and meaning. Alpha really is for everyone, whether you're curious about faith, new to it, or grown up in the pew.

So who will you invite that could benefit from an open dialogue about faith and life? How will you be involved? There's several ways we need help including prayer, food, table leaders, and greeters. For info or to help out, go to www.mauldinalpha.com or talk to one of the leaders on Sundays with the red shirts on.



Bring donations to the Food Closet

Food Closet Needs

Dry Milk Packets
Instant Grits
Instant Oatmeal
Boxes of Cereal
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Soup
Spaghetti Sauce & Noodles

Food For Homeless

Cracker Packs
Tuna Salad Kits
Granola Bars
Cereal Bars
Poptarts
Individual Pull Tab
Cans of Ravioli



MARCH HAPPENINGS AT MFB

3 March: 30/40 Dinner and Bible Study
5 March: SonShine Fellowship - Soup and Boardgames
6 March : Grief Share
9 March: Ladies Second Saturday coffee at Chestnut Coffee
10 March: VBS Interest Meeting after service
15 March: Hiking for Tweens & Youth at Paris Mountain
16 March: 30/40 Dinner and Bible Study
17 March: Church Conference and SING! fundraiser Bake Sale
21 - 24 March: Awanita Work & Worship Weekend
26 March: Alpha Begins!
28 March: Maundy Thursday Service
31 March: EASTER He is Risen, Indeed!

Fundraiser Calendar

HELP SUPPORT THE EAGLE'S WINGS MISSION TRIP TO LATVIA THIS SUMMER. COME OUT TO OUR FUNDRAISER EVENTS OR USE THE QR CODE/LINK BELOW TO MAKE YOUR DONATION! ANYTHING IS APPRECIATED!



QR CODE / LINK TO DONATE:
MAULDINFBC.ORG/LATVIATRIP

SATURDAY MARCH 9TH 6-8 P.M

Boys v.s. Girls Basketball Game
at Mauldin First Baptist Gym
\$5 entry
Concessions available for purchase
50/50 Raffle

TUESDAY MARCH 26TH 3-4:30 P.M

Bingo Afternoon
In the MFB Youth Room
\$3 per card // \$5 for 2 cards

SATURDAY MARCH 30TH 10 A.M-1 P.M

Donation Car Wash
Mauldin First Baptist Parking Lot

SATURDAY MARCH 30TH 6-9 P.M

Parents Night Out for Kids K5-6th Grade
\$25 for first child + \$20 for each additional child
Includes dinner, snacks, drinks, and activities

SUNDAY APRIL 14TH 2-4 P.M

Paint Afternoon
\$20 per individual // \$30 for group of 2
RSVP by April 10th
Paint supplies and instructor included
Feel free to bring snacks/drinks

WEDNESDAY APRIL 24TH 6:30-8:30 P.M

Paint Night
\$30 per person // \$50 for group of 2
RSVP by April 14th
Paint supplies and instructor, Charcuterie board, Mocktails Included

FRIDAY APRIL 26TH 6-9 P.M

Parents Night Out for Kids K5-6th Grade
\$25 for first child + \$20 for each additional child
Includes dinner, snacks, drinks, and activities

FRIDAY MAY 24TH 6-8:30 P.M

Murder Mystery Show and Dinner
\$20 per person
RSVP to Olivia by May 14th (864-420-1047)

Contact Olivia (864-420-1047) or Chelsea (864-432-4834) with any questions, willingness to volunteer, donations, or to RSVP for events!

“THE LORD ALMIGHTY REIGNS” MFB’S NEW HYMN FOR MARCH

Do you know what the last song in the Bible is? It is found in Revelation 19. That chapter describes a day to come in the future when all the Church will sing in heaven after the last battle is won. ‘Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.”

We all know how a classic fairy tale story ends with a big wedding feast. The Bible tells us that at the end of time we will know this as a real life story ending. Each time we sing together now we get a little taste of this. But one day God’s church will be like a bride ready to celebrate with the Lord, our struggles over and peace ours forever. And we will fully see how the Lord has reigned and always will. We will sing a great song of victory. It is what God’s people do to celebrate all that God has done!

CS Lewis describes it in his final Narnia book, The Last Battle: ‘...we can most truly say that they all lived happily ever after...All their life in this world and all their adventures had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on for ever: in which every chapter is better than the one before.’

One day our biggest celebration will come when all God’s people from all parts of the world over all the centuries of time will stand together to praise Him. Revelation 19 describes what that will be like. It tells us what our words will be and so this is used those for the chorus of this hymn, “The Lord Almighty Reigns,” written by Keith and Krysten Getty (the couple behind the Sing Conference).

Over many months, alongside Matt Papa and Matt Boswell (pastor and worship professor at The Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville), the verses came together, word and melody. Some of the lyrics were written in Northern Ireland and some in Nashville. The melody sounds triumphant and full. The last verse reminds us to consider how important it was to tell others of this day to come so that more would join the song!

Revelation 19:6&7, ESV

“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready.”

Let’s let “the word of Christ dwell richly in us” (Col 3) as 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 hymn and recently introduced hymns (Trinity Song, Doxology, Let the Nations Be Glad, I Speak Jesus, etc.) for Sunday morning worship can be accessed with this link or through Spotify by scanning the QR code:

Link: <https://mauldinfirstbaptistmedia.org/wsc/>
Password: MFBfamily



NEXT LEGENDARY NITE IS APRIL 5TH!

The last Legendary Nite there was a waitlist! So when you see that sign up open up kids, better jump on signing up. Due to the popularity, limited space, and limited volunteers, we do have to cut off the amount of kids we can take to keep it safe. If you can help out, we need some good helpers so let Paula know!





CHURCH CONFERENCE LUNCH SUNDAY, MARCH 17

\$5 KIDS (UNDER 10) \$10 ADULTS
mauldinfb.org/churchconference

REGISTER
NOW!



VBS PLANNING

To be prepared for VBS, we need to start talking about and planning for it now. Join us on the 10th after the service to hear about ways you can be involved this year. There are all types of ways for people with all types of abilities to be a part of this great outreach opportunity.

JULY
22-25

SCUBA
diving into friendship with God

VBS INTEREST MEETING
SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH
AFTER WORSHIP
LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED
FIND YOUR PLACE ON THE TEAM!

WAYS TO GIVE



IN PERSON
IN THE PLATES



ONLINE @
MAULDINFBC.ORG/GIVING



TEXT "GIVEMFB"
TO 1-888-364-GIVE

BUDGET/GIVING FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Budget	\$ 93,229.48
Giving	\$131,946.92

FROM YOUR SENIOR ADULT AND DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR

I remember when I joined your staff 7+ years ago there was some laughter about my title if, perchance, anyone tried to make a shortcut out of it and refer to me as the S.A.D. Pastor. Said, I have not been, it has been a joy and honor to serve our Lord through the ministry here at MFB. But, sad, does fit a bit as I write this article. It is with some sadness that after 60 years of vocational ministry the time has come, through an aging body and mind, to admit retirement is the wisest thing to do. March 31 of this year will be the official time of my retirement. Pray for me as I discover the next steps God has in store for a continued ministry in and through retirement.

Until then, March holds some busy times for us.

SENIOR ADULTS, your committee has been busy lining up programs for Sonshine Fellowship. The March meeting will be held March 5, in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am. We will start with playing our favorite board games (bring yours) before we break for our soup luncheon. Soup will be made by various members of the committee with JJ furnishing corn bread, salad and dessert. Help us know how much food to prepare by signing up on the senior board sign-in sheet or by calling the office.

Continue watching the bulletins and elsewhere in this newsletter to keep up with other March activities, including Maundy Thursday and Easter events/services. Of particular note, because of Maundy Thursday, there will be no prayer meeting on the 28th.

Yours, because we are His
Bill Voorhes

STAY
TUNED

