

For this is the  
**Love of God,**  
that we keep His commandments.  
And His commandments  
are not burdensome.

1 John 5:3

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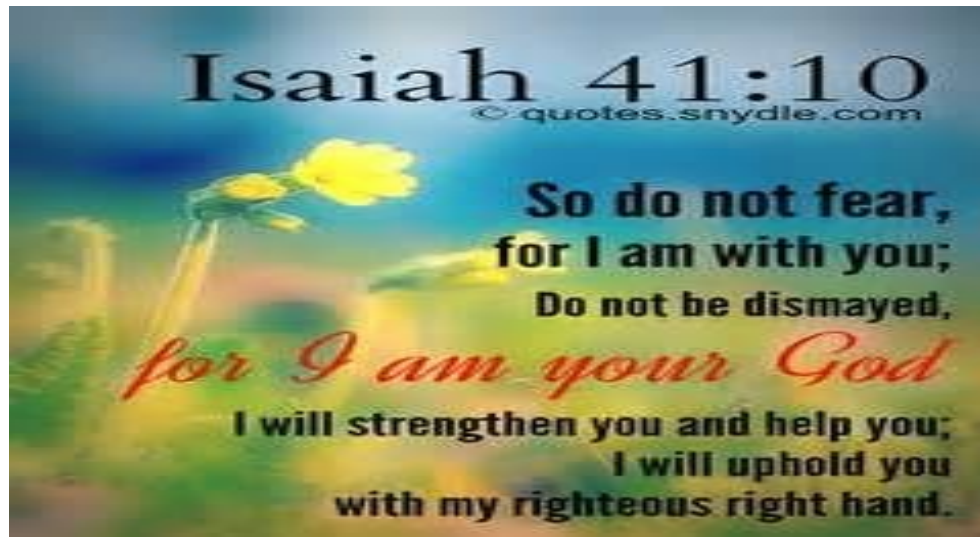
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## From Your Discipleship Pastor:

In one of the songs we sing in our 10:45 service, “I Raise a Hallelujah,” there is a phrase that goes, “louder and louder you’re going to hear my praises roar...” 100 years ago the 1920’s became known as the roaring 20’s because it was a time of extreme and often excessive partying. The war was over, jobs were up, money was up... it was a time of a new freedom in the land, a new culture was taking over, it was a time of crime, fear and violence. It was the roaring 20’s.

And here we are, 2020. Will it be a decade of a culture, roaring with the excesses of the 1920’s, or will we make a decade roaring with the good news of a Savior who lavishes us with His love?

I’m excited as we embark on an amazing year/decade of growth of praise, power, and transformation here at Mauldin First. Wednesday night, 1/8, we resume our Wednesday night activities starting at 5:15 with family night meals. As per usual you will need to register and pay by noon Mondays preceding the Wed. Night. You can do so by filling out one of the Wed, Night Meal envelopes found in pew racks, or register and pay on line. For the first 3 months of this year, members of our SPANISH WITH A PURPOSE class, instead of formal class time will gather around a table and practice doing Spanish, polishing up their skills to “roar” the good news to the Spanish speaking community around us in their heart language. If you speak Spanish, or want to learn or polish up your skills join them. When you sign up for the meal be sure to mark it Spanish so we will know what size table to reserve for everyone.

Disciplemakers class will resume at 6:30 in room A-34. We will be exploring what we believe and why we believe it to be the Real Deal. Our first two weeks will examine the most important question we need ready to answer “Who is Jesus”. Come join us, have your faith grow into an exciting roar of reaching out to “the one”.

Bill Voorhes  
Discipleship Pastor

## STUDENT BASKETBALL GAME SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020

HS FBS 6:00 FBCM HS vs FBS Traynham  
MS FBS 7:00 FBS Butler vs FBS Adams  
HS FBS 8:00 FBS McCarthy vs FBS Brady  
HS FBS 9:00 FBS Peay vs FBS Perez-Cubas  
MS RCBC 6:00 FBS Sill MS vs FBS Wilson/Neal  
HS RCBC 7:00 FBS Sill HS vs FBS Franz  
HS RCBC 8:00 FBS Nelson vs FBS Gauthier  
MS RCBC 9:00 FBCM MS vs RCBC MS

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

HS PG 7:00 FBS Mercer vs FBS Brady  
HS PG 8:00 FBS McCarthy vs PGBC HS  
HS PG 9:00 FBS Nelson vs FBS Peay  
MS FBCM 6:00 FBS Wilson/Neal vs FBS Butler  
MS FBCM 7:00 FBCM MS vs PGBC MS  
MS FBCM 8:00 FBS Chappell vs FBS Sill MS  
HS FBCM 9:00 FBCM HS vs FBS Franz

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020

HS RCBC 6:00 FBS Nelson vs FBCM HS  
MS RCBC 7:00 FBS Adams vs RCBC MS  
HS RCBC 8:00 FBS Sill HS vs FBS Gauthier  
HS RCBC 9:00 RCBC HS vs FBS Perez-Cubas

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020

MS PG 7:00 FBS Wilburn vs FBS Wilson/Neal  
HS PG 8:00 FBS Mercer vs PGBC HS  
HS PG 9:00 FBS Franz vs RCBC HS

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

MS FBS 6:00 FBCM MS vs FBS Chappell  
HS FBS 7:00 FBS Traynham vs FBS Franz  
HS FBS 8:00 FBS McCarthy vs FBS Perez-Cubas  
MS FBS 9:00 PGBC MS vs FBS Adams  
MS RCBC 6:00 FBS Sill MS vs RCBC MS  
HS RCBC 7:00 FBS Sill HS vs FBS Peay  
HS RCBC 8:00 FBCM HS vs FBS Gauthier  
HS RCBC 9:00 RCBC HS vs FBS Brady

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2020

MS PG 7:00 FBS Wilson/Neal vs PGBC MS  
MS PG 8:00 RCBC MS vs FBS Butler  
HS PG 9:00 FBS Brady vs PGBC HS  
HS FBCM 6:00 FBS Mercer vs FBS Perez-Cubas  
HS FBCM 7:00 FBS Nelson vs RCBC HS  
HS FBCM 8:00 FBCM HS vs FBS Peay  
HS FBCM 9:00 FBS Traynham vs FBS Gauthier

Ministry Budget 12/01/2019	
This Week	\$ 26,453.36
This Year	\$ 1,165,721.57
Renovations	
This Week	\$ 887.00
This Year	\$ 36,067.52
Designated	
This Week	\$ 2,334.00
Attendance	
Worship	248
Sunday School	188

Ministry Budget 12/08/2019	
This Week	\$ 29,767.01
This Year	\$ 1,195,488.58
Renovations	
This Week	\$ 782.00
This Year	\$ 36,849.52
Designated	
This Week	\$ 7,565.00
Attendance	
Worship	296
Sunday School	204

Ministry Budget 12/15/2019	
This Week	\$ 53,018.84
This Year	\$ 1,248,507.42
Renovations	
This Week	\$ 552.00
This Year	\$ 37,401.522
Designated	
This Week	\$ 11,055.00
Attendance	
Worship	307
Sunday School	216

Ministry Budget 12/22/2019	
This Week	\$ 21,117.51
This Year	\$ 1,269,624.93
Renovations	
This Week	\$ 612.00
This Year	\$ 38,013.52
Designated	
This Week	\$ 4,875.00
Attendance	
Worship	280
Sunday School	212

Ministry Budget 12/29/2019	
This Week	\$ 20,927.00
This Year	\$ 1,290,551.93
Renovations	
This Week	\$ 375.00
This Year	\$ 38,388.52
Designated	
This Week	\$ 3,625.00
Attendance	
Worship	224
Sunday School	212

Ministry Budget YEAR END	
This Year	\$ 1,368,731.93
Renovations	
This Year	\$ 38,473.52
Designated	
This Year	\$ 79,205.00

**MEMBER CARE OPPORTUNITIES**  
**Recent Hospitalization:** Tim Bailey, Dianne Merritt, Win Mace, Jean Scott, Owen Castles, Parker Chiles  
**Nursing Care/Assisted Living:**  
 Bob & Jill Brown, Bill Barbour, Mary Sue Barbrey, Loraine Absher, Jim Cox, Dot Davis, Ray Henderson, Robbie Jones, Marilyn Grey, Sara Jumper, Doris Landrum, Mary Welborn, Elizabeth Snow, Ann Watts, Charlotte Cox  
**Sympathy:** The church family extends our sympathy to the Watts family in the passing of George Watts, Bishop and Raines Family in the passing of Phyllis Bishop.

Dates to Remember

January 8-9 Painting Project—Church Steeple

January 18 Men’s Breakfast, FH, 9:00—11:00 AM

January 12 MCA Elementary Open House

January 28 Focus on the End Times, FH, 6:30 PM

Watch the Bulletin for other Events not included here.

**MEN’S BREAKFAST**  
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020 - 9:00 AM—11:00 AM  
 Fellowship Hall  
 Please call the office to register for the breakfast. Hope to see you there!

**MEN’S BIBLE STUDY**  
 Every Thursday at 6:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall



Welcome to.....

Mr. Robby Sox who will be serving as our Worship Leader for the month of January.  
 Also, Mr. James Tigeler will be serving as pianist during January.

**The Ladies Book Club** will meet the last Monday of each month, at 8:30 AM Panera Bread, Woodruff Road  
Contact Jewel for more info at 864 - 270 - 5783.

All ladies are invited to the **Maude Clarke Mission Group** which meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. each month in the Prayer Chapel at 7 PM.

Please join us as we learn about, pray for, and participate in missions. For more info contact Ann Strom at 864-458-7079 or [aistrom@aol.com](mailto:aistrom@aol.com).

**MCA REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS OF CHURCH MEMBERS  
FEBRUARY 10-11, 2020, 7:30 AM—6:00 PM AT THE SCHOOL  
THIS IS ONLY FOR CHURCH MEMBERS**

**LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING  
FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS  
Goal: \$18,000 - Received to date \$18,391**

REV. 7:9: "...I saw a great multitude from every nation and every tribe..."  
Your prayers and offerings for the multitudes transform life.

### **SENIOR ADULT NEWS**

Sonshine Fellowship will NOT meet in JANUARY



**ANNUAL VALENTINE BANQUET  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020, 6:00 PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**Couples, make plans and reservations to attend our annual Valentine Banquet. The cost will be \$30.00 per couple for a steak or chicken dinner and will include child care if needed. Reservations need to be made online or through the church office no later than Wednesday, February 5, 2020. Either stop by the office, call 864-288-7835 or email Nadine at [nchasteen@fbemauldin.org](mailto:nchasteen@fbemauldin.org) to reserve your place. Be sure to let us know if child care is needed. Not included in the cost will be the gratuity to go towards summer youth missions.**

**Have a great day in the Lord,  
Bill**

## **Meet the new Student**

### **Pastor, Tory Almond.**

Tory was approved as Student Pastor on January 5, 2020. His tentative start date is Sunday, February 16, 2020. Below is a portion of the letter sent out by the Pastor and the Search Committee.



Dear Church Family,

For the last several months, our Search Team has reviewed over 200 resumes. At the same time, we've been constantly praying that God would reveal to us HIS choice in HIS timing for our next Student Pastor. During this process, we were introduced to Tory by one of our team members who knew Tory when he was serving in another role here in Greenville. As we have gotten to know Tory, we have come to see why his references are so strong and why he has been so highly recommended. Give him 5 minutes and you'll see why Tory connects so well with all ages, but especially students! Tory is from right here in Greenville, but has spent the last several years in Amsterdam, serving as a Youth Leader and Ministry Director for XRDS International Church and CM Connect, working with international students and assisting understaffed and under resourced churches in Europe. Before that, he has also worked here in Greenville with Off The Coast Ministries and Brookwood Church in student ministries. Tory received his undergraduate degree in Youth Ministry from North Greenville University and his Master of Divinity from Tyndale Theological Seminary in North Holland. Tory enjoys the outdoors, taking photos and eating tasty foods. Tory says of his recent journey: *"The past 8 and a half years in Amsterdam have been amazing. And despite the all too often hard times of being a missionary in Europe, I'd not trade it for anything. It will be bitter sweet to leave the people and ministry God has allowed me to be a part of. But, they are excited for me and I'm looking forward to the new adventure, new people, and new opportunities to share God's love with in Greenville. It will be great serving in my hometown with a church that people have described to me as a big, loving family!"*