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Join us in welcoming Lisa Muse  
Director of MFB's  
Mauldin Christian Academy  
Please pray for MCA and the  
2021-2022 school year



The Ministry Budget  
details will appear on  
a quarterly basis  
going forward.  
Third quarter 2021  
will appear in the  
October, 2021 Herald

### From Your Worship Pastor:

Worship – The True Center of the Mark

Conversations about worship can be divided, according to Chuck Swindoll, into two categories called expression and essence. Usually, these conversations are dominated by the expression category – which translates to the songs we sing and the instrumentation used to accompany those same songs. Yet, expressions of worship can easily devolve into matters of preference and God's people can get swept away by this never-ending vortex. But that's where the essence of worship comes into our discussion. The essence of worship starts with a different question: What pleases God in our worship? We talked about this in our recent Worship Arts relaunch event. What does God want? Does it matter to God whether our melodies are 5 months old or 500 years old? Rev. 2 gives part of the answer:

***I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. (Rev. 2:2-4)***

According to this passage, we may exhibit many outstanding character traits but miss the main purpose. We may display much-needed spiritual discernment, endurance, perseverance, and a great work ethic but dismiss the core value of our "first love." God calls this dismissal "sin" and reason enough to remove the "lampstand" from a local church. This lesson is a sobering reminder of what can happen when we leave our "first love." It can happen to any of us. We subtly replace our love for God with work/tasks/correct belief systems. Augustine called this problem "disordered loves." We take something that is good and we make it ultimate – our loves are out of order. There is only one that deserves to be "first" in our love. This is why all the law and the prophets can be summarized by whether we love God first or not.

So let's be vigilant and aware of the enemy's schemes. Let's not lose the essence of true worship by getting sidetracked with the expression of worship. Songs of worship are important, but they are not ultimate. God is ultimate and pleasing Him in our worship is our highest priority.

Pastor Howie

# Help Wanted

**Bill Voorhes** is developing a study on family worship and looking to interview a few families to get some fresh ideas that works with your family. He wants to host a meeting with you at Café Rooster. Give Bill a call 864-351-0848 or email [bvoorhes@fbcmauldin.org](mailto:bvoorhes@fbcmauldin.org)

# SUNDAY NIGHT

**Starting Sunday September 12, 2021**  
**Wednesday Night events will move to Sundays**

MFB will have the following schedule:  
**BIBLE STUDY 4:30PM-5:30PM**  
**MEAL 5:30PM-6:15PM**  
**CHOIR REHEARSAL 6:00-7:30PM**



## **SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAYS** **Dear Ol' Golden Rule Days** **MFB Missions**

Those days with school children crowding the sidewalks and hallways of our local schools have arrived again. Designated tubs are placed in the lower hallway by the food closet and upper hallway by the elevator outside the office. They will remain through September



## **CRISIS FOOD CLOSET**

Thank you! Thank you! Your generous donations to the Crisis Food Closet are welcome. We do have PLENTY green beans, corn and Chef Boyardee products. We can always use more snack items, drink boxes, hygiene items and tuna/hamburger helper.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER 4:30PM**

**GRIEF SHARE September 8, 2021**



## **From your Discipleship Pastor:**

Fall is here and a wonderful season of harvest opportunities to grow more in LOVE with Jesus, SHARE His love, lovingly SERVE our community and MAKE new disciples.

Our FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP SUNDAY NIGHTS will “serve up” a feast of opportunities to grow in our faith and fellowships as well as honing skills to use in reaching our community. We will start by serving up various studies on a variety of interests. These studies will be short in duration, usually 3-6 or 8 sessions from 4:30 -5:30. Initial offerings beginning with a 2-3 week session “Connecting with MFB” led by our pastor Wade Leonard. This is a great opportunity for those new to our church (either through membership or regular visitors as well as seasoned members) looking for greater opportunities in involvement in the life and service the life and ministries of MFB.

Following will be 6 sessions on “Fundamentals of the Faith” which I will be leading. Beginning the 12th we have two other options: Amanda Gregory will be leading an 8 week series on “The Good Life” which is a study of the Beatitudes. Ron Haught will be leading an 11 week study “Is Genesis for real”.

Throughout the fall there are other interest opportunities in the offering, marriage enrichment; sharpening parenting skills, family worship, personal daily worship, grand parenting skills along with fun ideas for sharing your faith. If you have an area you'd like to learn more about or grow in, let me know and let's make these times of study exciting and meaningful to you.

Here's a fun fall reach out idea I'd be happy to help you with:

Host a neighborhood pizza bar, or burger bash.

Just let me know. BTW, the first one implementing one of these “neighborhood reach” ideas will get some assistance in financing it.

Following our study will be a time to grow in our fellowship from 5:30 - 6:15 during our FAMILY NIGHT MEALS. The meals will be geared to family Sunday night fare, for instance “pizza night” “taco night” etc. The cost for the meals will be \$4 bucks a plate but you must prepay and sign up in advance no later than Wednesday nights

Opportunity for those who want to share their faith in song (AKA choir rehearsal) will follow the meals. Howie will start rehearsals at 6 pm. Fall choir rehearsals usually includes getting ready for Christmas.

Paula and Tory are busy planning Sunday night activities for the kids, tweens and youth.

WOW!

Come join us, you're not going to want to miss all the fun. MFB is the Sunday Night place to be this Fall.

Have a great day in The Lord,  
Bill



# Watch Mauldin First Baptist “Live” and “On-Demand” on Your TV

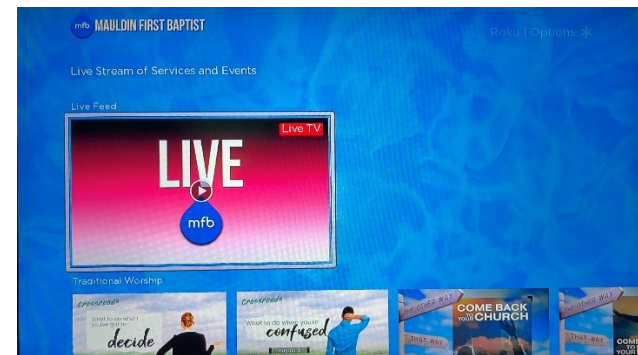
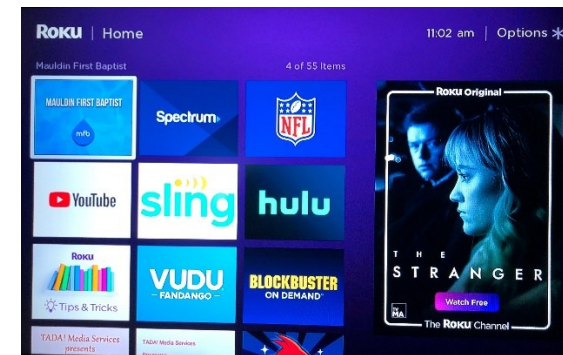
Mauldin First Baptist has a new Roku Channel where you may watch “live” and “on-demand” videos of our church worship services, Sunday School, information, and other events. Watching via a Roku Streaming Media Player allows you to watch from the comfort of your living room on your TV. Roku is an internet connected device and requires that you have wireless internet via a router in your home. There are several different models that are available. We recommend either the Streaming Stick or the Ultra. See the photos below.

For more information: <https://www.roku.com/products/players>



The Roku Ultra also requires a separately purchased HDMI cable that is available from retailers such as Best Buy, Wal-Mart, Office Depot or BH Photo Video.

After you install your Roku, you will need to go through the settings to connect it to your wireless signal from your router. Once connected, “search” and “add” the “Mauldin First Baptist” channel.



For more information and to watch a video about the Roku, visit the church website here:

<https://mauldinfirstbaptist.org/roku-streaming-media-player/>

If you need help in setting up your Roku, please contact the church office for assistance 864-288-7835