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From Your Senior Adult Pastor:

Welcome to Fall! It's hard to believe Summer has come to an end and we are beginning our Fall scheduling quickly. The day after Labor Day, September 5, will be our first Sonshine Fellowship of the Fall. Hope you have signed up for it by now. We appreciate your cooperation in signing up. Normally we bring pot luck sides and desserts and the church provides the meat. I'm sure you're aware of the cost of meat today, so by signing up you do a few things to help us --- not the least of which is to exercise proper stewardship over the Lord's money. Secondly it helps us to have sufficient meat to feed all in attendance including staff and program performers.

October Sonshine Fellowship will also require sign ups to know how many will be going with us to Sky Top Apple Orchard and Bay Breeze restaurant for lunch in Hendersonville, NC. At present we have 2 buses reserved for the trip. Buses will leave at 9:30am sharp and our expected return time will be somewhere between 3:00 & 4:00pm.

Just a head's up for the November Sonshine Fellowship that will be at the Leonard's farm. Always a special time there. Buses will be available for those of you who would like transportation. As always, be sure to sign up on the Senior Adult board. More info will be shared in the next Newsletter.

Look around, we have had several new members unite with our church family of late. I hope you have met them. Some of them are Sonshine Fellowship age range. Hope you've invited them to join in the fun and fellowship.

Have a great day in The Lord,
Bill



Mission Highlight Moments:

One of the things the mission committee wanted to do is let the church know more about what the church is involved in and how you too can be a part of it. So we're working on creating mission moments to share in the bulletin and on social media weekly and in the newsletter on a monthly basis.

Each month will have a theme and we'll highlight various ministries we're involved in during that month connected with that theme. September focuses on the schools and kids in the area. October will focus on ministering to kids around the world.

Good News Club starts on September 19th! Paula Southwell and her team will be able to share God's love to between 50 and 100 kids at Bethel Elementary every Tuesday afternoon. There's always room for more volunteers to help out with small groups, songs, games, and snacks. Talk to Paula for more info on how you can be a part of this great ministry.

Tory Almond volunteers at Mauldin Middle School and one of things he does is mentor students. The school could use more adults to take 25 minutes every week during lunch to talk to students and see how they are doing in life. It's not hard work, but makes a huge difference in these kids' lives. If you'd like to mentor a student, talk to Tory about how you can be involved.

Andrew Tran is one of our missionaries who works with international students in the Upstate through Cru. He provides opportunities for these students to connect, get assistance if needed, and hear about God's love for them. If you'd like to hear more about what he is doing and how you could help, contact Andrew at andrew.tran@cru.org.

Make sure to check the social media pages for more info about these opportunities and the people involved.



a wild and crazy
nite for K5-5TH
graders

episode 9!
Friday 15 Sept
5:30-8:30 pm

LEGENDARY NITE

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kids

\$2 pizza dinner
bring a change of clothes.
Towel. and friends
register @ mauldinfb.org/legnite9



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FAMILY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES

Sundays at 4:30PM

- Deepening Your Prayer Life
Facilitator: Amanda Gregory
- The New Reformation, finding hope in the fight for ethnic unity
Facilitator: Blake Callens
- Christmas, examining 10 "eyewitnesses" to the Messiah's birth
Facilitator: John Jones
- Answering Life's Toughest Questions
Facilitator: Bill Bales

SEPTEMBER

10

SIGN UP IN THE COFFEE BAR AREA



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5-8th Graders...Hang Up & Hang Out!

We're going to spend the weekend playing crazy games, doing fun stuff, getting to know each other better, and learning about the importance of having friends IRL.

Awanita Valley - 29 Sept to 1 Oct
\$150 (\$50 deposit required to hold spot)
Space Limited...Sign up by 13 Aug online @
mauldinfb.org/fallretreat

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY



Based on the Book **Be Free**
by Gari Meacham

Led by Crystal Clevenger

Sundays at 4:30 PM
Begins September 10

- Weight loss and total health from the inside out!
- Christ-centered healthy living program
- Proven holistic techniques



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5th Quarter

Attention 9th-12th Graders!

bring
\$5
for food

- Friday, September 15
- Hang out after the games
- Food & football smack talk
- 9:00 PM - Midnightish

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1ST STEPS

New to MFB?

is for you!

September 17 @ Noon

(After the Service)

Fellowship Hall • Lunch Provided

Wednesday Warriors *Ladies' Bible Study*



"Weird Things in the Bible"
Led by Amanda Gregory

9:00 AM Wednesdays
Beginning September 13



MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING Bible Study

6:30 AM • MFB FELLOWSHIP HALL
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7



LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS
9:00 AM

IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM
BEGINS 9/7

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From Your Discipleship Pastor:

20's and 30's take note of an exciting new opportunity for growth with the new Discoverers Sunday School Class starting September 17!

Fall leaves have not started dropping off the trees yet, but starting this month we are dropping some great opportunities your way in the area of discipleship. Our Fall quarter of Sunday School classes will be studying the Gospel of Mark. My New Testament professor always called Mark "The Action Gospel" and so it is that we look for plenty of "action" in our classes as we study and reach out for growth – spiritual growth and numerical growth. Be aware of those in worship around you and invite them to visit your class. Pray for your class members, and especially the leaders daily.

Sunday nights resume September 10th with 5 great groups. New to our teaching team this fall is Bill Bales who will be leading a study on "Questions You Always Wanted Answered", next to the sign up sheet in the coffee bar area are sheets with possible questions you may have. Sign up, mark the questions you are most interested in and leave them with the sign up sheet. Amanda Gregory will be leading a study on "Deepening Your Prayer Life", John Jones will be helping us get ready for Christmas with a study about some of "The Eyewitnesses To The Birth Of Jesus. Blake Callens will lead "The New Reformation" and the Women's Ministry will be leading First Place which is a holistic program that addresses ones spiritual, physical, and emotional areas of life. Sign ups are happening now, so don't miss out on them and remember, they all start September 10th at 4:30pm Sunday evenings.

The Fall session of Grief Share begins September 6 at 6:30 pm. Other great opportunities coming your way this Fall as well, Women's Small Group Bible Study on Wednesdays and Thursdays, Men's small group Bible Study on Thursday. Come on and join in the various opportunities and watch the blessings come down!

Have a great day in The Lord,
Bill



How the **Bible**

speaks to

today's culture

NEW CLASS!

Young Adults • 18-30

Begins September 17 @ 9:15 AM • Room A268
Facilitator: Blake Callens