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The Journey

August 11, 2017

A weekly e-newsletter from Mandeville's First Baptist Church ... to keep you "in the loop"

### the journey



Have you written or received a long thank-you letter lately? It's likely you have never written or received one as long as the one that the Apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Philippi. A guy named Epaphroditus brought Paul a gift on behalf of the church, and Paul wrote back to them thanking them for their support and partnership. He opened the letter with thanksgiving, but Philippians is more than a thank-you letter. He used this letter as an opportunity to encourage the believers to persevere together with joy in spite of opposition.

Beginning today and continuing through Thanksgiving, our church will engage in a comprehensive spiritual growth campaign. Paul's letter to the Philippians will serve as

our biblical foundation for this journey. Like many churches, we face significant challenges. We have an enemy; however, I must remind you that our enemy is not flesh and blood. Our enemy seeks to cause confusion and to divide.

It's my prayer that over the course of this growth campaign that we will experience healing, forgiveness, unity of purpose, and a deeper love for Christ, which will result in our Lord receiving much praise and that more people will be won and discipled for His glory. I know that this campaign will take all of us working together. This will include elements of give and take, placing the interest of others ahead of your own, commitment, discipline, dedication, unity of vision, and sacrifice.

I'm glad that Ron Ussery has taken on the leadership of the growth campaign. He is assembling a great team to work with him and to lead our congregation over the next several months. Those on the team will be asking others to join in the effort. Please make yourself ready to step up when asked to serve.

Sunday I will be preaching the first message in the Philippians series, "True Christian Fellowship" from Philippians 1:1-11. As I pointed out earlier, this letter has a warm, friendly tone because Paul loved this church. However, they were experiencing some disunity from within, so Paul used this occasion to call them to persevere and to unite around the gospel thereby retaining their joy.

Joy and unity are found in Christ. When you get the gospel, you get joy. When you focus on the gospel, you get unity. However, when you lose your focus, your joy will diminish and you will experience disunity. Please join me in praying that the Holy Spirit will speak clearly to each of us through His Word.

Here are some things you should know about:

- Children's Choirs start this evening at 6pm, and AWANA returns this Wednesday at 6pm.
- The next New Member Experience is this Saturday evening at 6. We'll meet at the HUB Student Center. This is a great way to learn about our church.
- Coming in September, we will be offering Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace University" on Monday evenings. We will have a free "preview lesson" on August 28 at 6:30pm. Michael Bergeron will serve with me in leading this 9-week class.

I'm glad to be your pastor.

Because of Jesus, *Ken Schroeder* 

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#### **PRAYER**

#### **Prayer Bands**

Sunday Prayer Band 7:30am, in the Hub-Prayer for pastors and our ministries facilitated by Francis Motichek.

Women's Prayer Band Sundays at 5:30pm in the Worship Center. Facilitated by Erica Ise. Childcare is provided.

**Moms In Prayer** Mondays, at 12:15pm, in the Hub. Facilitated by Melinda Brodt. For more information contact Melinda at <a href="melindabrodt@gmail.com">melindabrodt@gmail.com</a>.

**Men's Prayer Band** Fridays at 5:30am, in the Hub, 8 -10 minute "word from the Word" facilitated by Ken Schroeder. Prayer focus on Spiritual Awakening. Concludes by 6am.

<u>Prayer Points...</u>

#### Please pray For:

- The Lord to develop disciple-makers in our own faith family
- The Lord to send out laborers into His harvest
- Families in our own faith family who are hurting
- Our International Missions
- Kinne and Kathy Callaway, missionaries in Oregon
- Bill and Pat Martin, missionaries in South Dakota
- Our Military
- Our elected Officials, Law Enforcement Officers, our President and Leaders
- ICR and their evangelistic efforts
- New Life Community Church campus
- Myanmar Christian Fellowship



Prayer Room

The prayer room is available during both services for everyone. Volunteers are available if you need someone to pray for you or if you need to make a decision. The Prayer Room is located through the side door (stage left) of the auditorium.

#### MISSIONARY FOCUS



STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

"Why Wait." The answer to that question is often the determining factor in embarking on a life-changing direction. When there is no good reason to keep us from sharing the Gospel, ministering in Jesus' name, planting new churches or training missional leaders, the next step is, "Let's get to it."

#### Georgia Barnette – a Legacy of Missions

Louisiana was part of God's plan for Mary Georgia Barnette, who was born in Roanoke, Virginia, and served in Atlanta, Georgia. She arrived at First Baptist Church, New Orleans in October 1901 and fell in love with "Lovely Louisiana" immediately. Her official role as "church visitor" soon included some work with the women as well. This was a natural step for Miss Georgia, who became the first paid leader for WMU (Woman's Missionary Union) in Louisiana, a role she held with various titles from 1904-1929.

Her love for the women of Louisiana was equal to her love for the lost of Louisiana and the missionaries who served them. She traveled many miles each year by train, buggy, wagon and horseback to organize church mission groups for women and girls and to encourage mission pastors.

As an encourager of missions throughout the state, a trainer of WMU/mission education leaders, and a mobilizer of mission support, Miss Georgia proved her love for Louisiana over and over. "In her quiet, unassuming, but firm and steadfast way she persisted, never counting any task too mean or any journey too long or hard." That same spirit lives on through us as we give to the Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering, named in her honor in 1936.

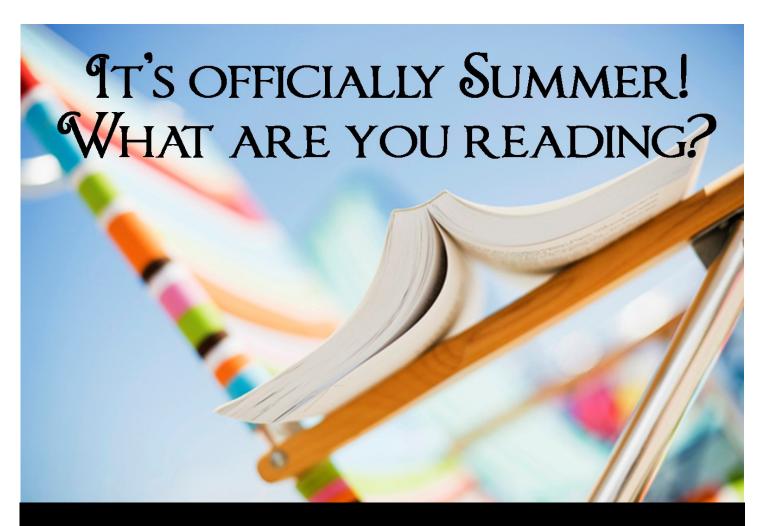
Your Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering is busy year-round making a difference in the lives of people and churches across the state.



Find out who we are, what we believe, how to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, what the membership requirements are, how to get connected in the church, and how you can serve at FBC Mandeville.



#### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

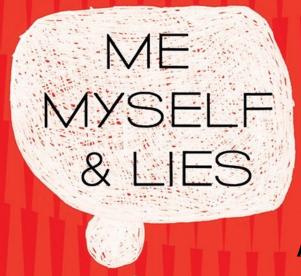


The Ladies OverReaders Book Club will be reading *The Things We Do for Love* by Kristin Hannah for our August selection. We are meeting on Tuesday, August 29th at Cheryl Robinson's at 7:00pm.



Hearts & Hands Ministry Ladies knit, crochet and quilt for mission projects for babies and the elderly. You don't need to know how to sew to be a part of this needle-work ministry. Everyone's talents are used and appreciated. This is a "Sewing Bee" group so all are welcome! It is a great way for women to gather and share in the purpose of serving others. Join us on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 10:30am-12:30pm in the MFBC Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Vera Jones at 985-727-4763 or Natalie Barber at 985-273-8852 or email us at heartsandhandsfbcm@vahoogroups.com.

a 12 week personal study experience that encourages women to clean out the junk in their minds and replace hidden negative thoughts with positive truths from God's word. Words are powerful. Especially the words women speak to themselves. All too often, what they say to themselves when they lie in bed at night or look in the mirror in the morning is not even close to the words God wants them to speak to their souls. According to Rothschild, what we think about often has a ripple effect on nearly every area of our lives.



Beginning Sunday, August 13 at 6:00pm Cost is \$15 for the book

> August 27 September 10. 17 & 24 October 1. 8. 15 & 29 November 5 & 12

- a thought closet makeover

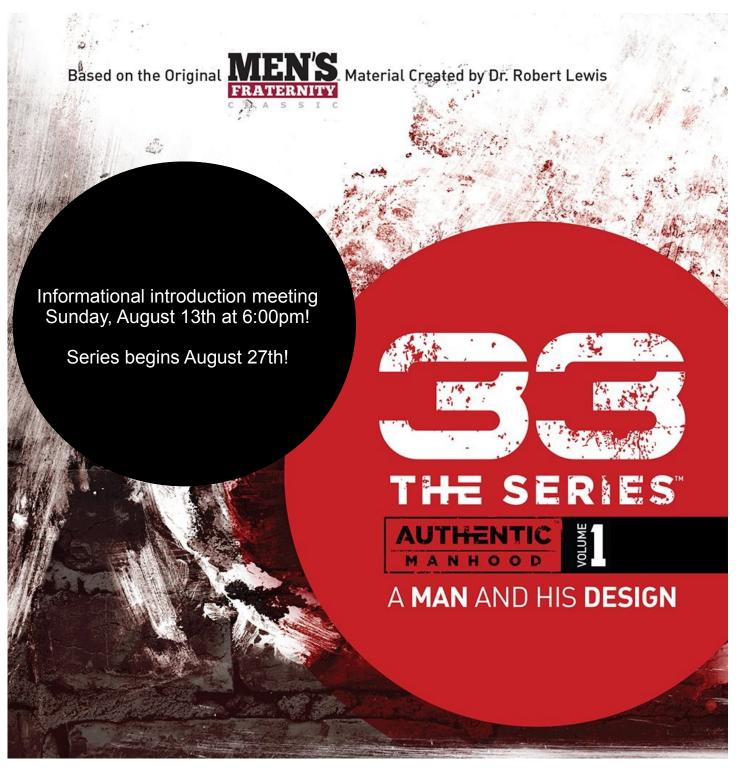


author of Self Talk, Soul Talk



#### MEN'S MINISTRY







#### STUDENT MINISTRY



ALL FAMILY SECRET SERVICE SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH FROM 9: 00AM- 3: 30PM

#### MFBC PRESCHOOL

**Mandeville's First Baptist Church Preschool** is a non-profit ministry established to provide a Christian experience to the families and children of Mandeville as a part of the total ministry of Mandeville's First Baptist Church. It is a structured learning environment for preschool aged children. Most importantly it is an environment where the love of Christ is instilled in every child. We are currently accepting registration for the 2017-2018 school year. We offer preschool classes for one, two, three, four, and Pre K 5 ages.

To leave a message for the director, please call 985-674-2065.

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

# Kickoff

Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed



Wednesdays at 6:00pm Register on-line



#### WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Please make reservations by noon on Tuesday at 626-3217

Adults \$4 • Children \$3• \$17 Family Max

In order for us to have enough food for all who made reservations we ask that you get the meal you originally reserved. If you are not registered and would like to have a meal please wait until 5:50 so that those with reservations can be served first. Thank you

August 16th we will be serving ..... Meatloaf

The **Wednesday Night Team** is needing help once a month setting up & making beverages, preparing salads & desserts and washing dishes. Please contact Michael Blue. *Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.* 1 Peter 4:10 NIV

Bible Study led by Ken Schroeder at 6:30pm in the Worship Center

# JOIN US FOR MID-WEEK SERVICE



K-6th Grade



## How to contact us...









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