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News from Melbourne Heights for June 2015

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From the Pastor

by Adam Schell

There is an ancient Chinese proverb that tells us, "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." About this time last year, our church began a new journey together by taking a single step. That step was an initiative called *Dawnings*, where many of us spent time discovering who God wants us to be, and what God wants us to do.

Together we realized that God wants us to become more involved in our community...and this led us to the doorsteps of SEAM. Over the last four months, our church has had the chance to learn about SEAM and the work they do in our community. We've supported SEAM's ministry by donating tangible items--like peanut butter and laundry detergent--during the season of Lent.

Knowledge and support have been the first steps of our journey with SEAM, but now it's time to take the next step and get *involved*.

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From the Pastor

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Beginning June 11, I will be taking a group of volunteers from MHBC to SEAM once a month to help with the hands-on operation of their ministry.

We'll help sort new donations, we'll work in their pantry, we'll give food to the hungry. To put it simply: we will be the presence of Christ in our community. If you'd like to volunteer, come talk with me and let's take this next step together.

June's Sermon Series



In May we celebrated the end of the season of Easter and the arrival of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. In June we move away from the well known seasons of the church year--Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter--and we move into ordinary time.

When you stop to think about it, most of our lives is lived in ordinary time. Yes, there are big events like graduations, weddings, births, and deaths...but most of life happens between these big events. But our God remains the same throughout. Our God remains extraordinary even when life is ordinary. In June, we will be exploring stories that show just how extraordinary our God is.

June's Bible Study

Sunday Nights | There will be no Sunday night Bible Studies in June or July. We encourage you to enjoy the break, spend time with family, friends and other church members. And come back reinvigorated when Sunday night activities resume on August 2.

Wednesday Nights | In Acts 1:8, Jesus tells his followers, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and to the ends of the earth." How do we carry out this calling today? Join us on Wednesdays in June, as we discover what it means to be on a mission as a church.

Senior Adults

In May, we celebrated Senior Adult Sunday at Melbourne Heights. We sang some of our favorite hymns, we enjoyed special music, and we were challenged to continue God's work by our guest speaker, Guy Futral.

As we look ahead to the summer, there are two things we want our Seniors to be aware of. First, our June meeting has been moved to the third Tuesday of the month - June 16. This change is only for one month. After our monthly meeting, we'll be going to Our Best Restaurant for lunch.

In July, we'll be traveling to Glendale to eat at the Whistle Stop and visit the shops around the restaurant. There will also be a side-excursion to White Mills and to visit Anna Lee Wheeler's family hardware store.

June's Spotlight Event



There may be nothing that we do, as a church, each summer that is more important than Vacation Bible School. During VBS each summer, we are able to share the good news and love of Christ with dozens of children from our church, our preschool, and our community. And this year, we're going to do it twice.

Our first VBS kicks off on June 22 and will focus on our preschoolers (ages 3-5). Then, on July 11, 18, and 25, we will have a community-wide Vacation Bible School open to all ages. During each session, our participants will explore an ancient marketplace, and come face to face with the gospel story.

And we want you to be a part of both of our VBS's too. It doesn't matter if you can only volunteer for a day or if you can commit to help every single day. What matters is that you want these children to learn about God, the same way you did at VBS when you were a kid.

You can help with crafts or with games, you can volunteer at a marketplace shop. If you're willing to help, there is a place for you. Just contact Michelle Cloud for more information.

And don't forget to spread the word. Bring your kids, grandkids, or great grandkids. Invite your neighbors. Be a part of VBS.

Kid's News

by Michelle Cloud

Although we call this article Kid's News, when summer hits we could call it VBS News. Why? Because our first week of Vacation Bible School is only three weeks away.

From June 22-26, we will have a special Bible School for our preschoolers (ages 3-5). Together we'll do crafts, sing songs, play games, and most importantly share the love of Jesus with dozens of children from our own church and from Meriday.

And even though this VBS is only a few days away, there are still plenty of ways you can help out. First and foremost, you can pray. You can pray for children, you can pray for the volunteers, and you can pray that we'll all grow closer to God during VBS. You can also volunteer to help. We need people to help set up for VBS on June 21 at 4:00pm. We need people to assist our teachers in their classes.

It doesn't matter if you can only help for a day or for the whole week, we can use you. And don't forget, this is only the first VBS for this summer. We're also planning a community-wide VBS for all ages on Saturdays in July. But we can't do this VBS without lots of volunteers, so be on the look out for Sign Up Sheets beginning June 7.

There's also one last bit of Kid's News to pass on for the summer, in June and July there will be no children's worship during our Sunday morning services. Children over the age of 3 will spend the summer worshipping with their parents...but the nursery will still be available.

Women's Ministry Update



June is upon us, and the Women's Ministry is making plans for this summer. But before we look ahead, we want to take a moment to thank all of the women who participated in our first ever Hat Contest...with a special congratulations to our winners Hannah Schell and Linda Schmidt.

Now on to our plans. On June 17, our Women's Ministry is sponsoring a church-wide Summer Potluck in lieu of our regular Wednesday evening services. So bring your favorite side dish or dessert, because the Women's Ministry will be furnishing the entree and the drinks...and we'll even clean up for you. This is a free event, however donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the entree.

Our Women's Ministry is also excited to announcing that we're partnering with our former administrative assistant, Diane Hein, and J-Town Baptist Church in a ministry to 100 women in Ahero, Kenya.

In September, Diane will be leading a conference for these women and is putting together goodie bags to pass out. You can help by donating small bottles of shampoo, lotion, bookmarks, pens, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and more to the box marked "Kenya Women" outside Rogers Hall.

Many of the women attending this conference are also in need of Bibles. Swahili Bibles can be purchased for \$11, and if you'd like to help purchase a Bible you can contact Kathy Cornetet or Bevvie Neel for more information.

We also want to let all of our women know that there will be no Women's Fellowship Meetings in June and July. We'll resume on August 13.

Youth News

by Joe Noland

Summer is almost here! Soon our youth will be getting out of school and getting into a two month break from classes, books, and homework. But that doesn't mean our youth program is taking a break.

It's going to be a busy summer for our youth at MHBC, and I'm excited to be a part of it all. Our youth will be volunteering to help out with both of VBS's at Melbourne Heights this summer, and of course we'll be headed off to a week of camp as well.

From June 28 through July 3, our youth will be attending a FUGE camp at Union University in Jackson, TN. Our youth will be learning about why God is important to their lives and how they can bring God into the community around them. We'll also get to have fun playing games and we'll get to know each other better.

There will be a meeting for the parents of our youth attending camp on June 7 following the morning service to go over permission forms, camps rules, and more.

Looking Ahead



Financial Peace University is coming to Melbourne Heights August 5—September 30

What Is Financial Peace University?

We all need a plan for our money. *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is that plan! Through a nine week study featuring video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more.

Why Should I Sign Up?

FPU is fun! This isn't some stuffy economics class. You'll laugh as you learn money skills from Dave Ramsey, a financial expert with decades of experience, and participate in entertaining class activities.

It's easy to understand! You don't have to be a rocket scientist to learn how money works. Each lesson is broken down into easy Baby Steps.

It's going to change your life! In just nine lessons, you'll learn to take control of your money, invest for the future, and give like never before. And you don't have to worry, you won't be asked to share any personal financial information during the class.

How Do I Take The Class?

Taking Financial Peace University is easy. We will be hosting it at Melbourne Heights beginning August 5 (with a special preview on July 22). If you'd like to be a part of our first FPU class, you can register for the class and purchase your membership kit by contacting Adam Schell.

June's Birthdays



- June 4 | Ken Orr
- June 7 | Barbara Crenshaw
- June 7 | Sue Jackson
- June 10 | Rachel Cloud
- June 12 | David Brockelsby
- June 12 | Virginia Houchin
- June 16 | Connie Maitland
- June 17 | Becca Boland
- June 18 | Barbara Capsel
- June 19 | Linda Conver
- June 21 | Bob Tomsett
- June 22 | Maude Grey
- June 22 | Bill Tinsley

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Upcoming Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship 5p Picnic	Jun 1 1p Art Ministry 4:15p TOPS 6:30p Deacon's Mtg 7p Young Adult Study	2 10 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Private Event	3 6p Bible Study 7p Choir Rehearsal	4 6:30p Private Event	5	6 9 Private Event 9 Workday
7 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship 12p Parent & Youth Mee	8 1p Art Ministry 4:15p TOPS 7p Young Adult Study	9 11 Ruth Class 6:30p Private Event	10 6p Bible Study	11 8 Private Event 6p Women's Fellowship 6:30p Private Event	12 12p Private Event	13 9 Private Event
14 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship	15 1p Art Ministry 4:15p TOPS 7p Young Adult Study	16 10 Sr. Adults 10 Staff Mtg. 6:30p Private Event 6:30p Leadership Team	17 6p Potluck	18 3:30p Private Event Per 6:30p Private Event	19	20
21 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship 4p VBS Set Up	22 (9:00am) VBS Meriday 1p Art Ministry 4:15p TOPS 7p Young Adult Study	23 6:30p Private Event	24	25 6:30p Private Event	26	27
28 Youth Camp 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship	29 1p Art Ministry 4:15p TOPS 7p Young Adult Study	30 6:30p Private Event	Jul 1 6p Bible Study	2 6:30p Private Event	3	4 9 Workday

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