



## Upcoming Events

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## From the Pastor

by Adam Schell

I know it's only October, and it will probably drive some of you a little crazy, but we need to start talking about Christmas at Melbourne Heights. But I'm not going to talk about all the events and activities that will fill up our calendars. Instead, I want to tell you about how Melbourne Heights will be giving back this year.

In the lead up to Christmas each year, our church has partnered with various organizations to bring Christmas to countless children in our own community and around the world. In years past, we have collected shoeboxes for *Operation Christmas Child*. But last year we started doing something bigger than the box.

Last year, we began working with the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program to bring Christmas to children in need in our own community. And we're going to continue this new tradition this year.

So once again, as a church, we will be working together to provide shoes, clothing, toys, and a "Christmas Wish" to each of our angels.

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## From the Pastor

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Now let me tell you how we're going to do it. On Sunday morning, November 5, we will be having our second annual "Giving Sunday." On this Sunday, we're asking you to make a one time financial gift that our church will use to provide for as many Angel Tree children as possible.

It takes an average of \$150 to provide for all the needs of one child, and, when we pull our resources together, we can make an incredible impact. Last year alone we were able to make 85 children's Christmas dreams come true.

So I want you to prayerfully consider your gift for "Giving Sunday." And I want to ask you to give sacrificially, so we can do as much as possible for children in need in our community.

However, I also want to remind that your "Giving Sunday" gift should be over and above the financial contributions you regularly make to our church.

I can't wait to see what we can do together again this year. I know it's going to be a Christmas

## Sermon Discussion Group



Have you ever heard a sermon that left you asking questions at the end? Have you ever wished you could pick the preacher's brain about a certain point that was made during a sermon? Have you ever wished you could spend time digging

deeper into a passage of scripture after you heard it preached?

Our Sermon Discussion Group let you do all of these things. You get to ask questions, dig deeper, and better understand and apply each week's message.

If you haven't had the chance to be a part of this group, we encourage you to join us

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## 60th Anniversary Celebration



On Sunday morning, October 15 at 10:30am, we will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of Melbourne Heights.

During a special time of worship, we will reflect on what our church has meant in our community and in our own lives over the years. We will also look forward to our future together, and dream of what God has in store for us next.

Immediately following our worship service, we will have dinner on the grounds. The church will provide fried chicken and drinks, we ask that you provide side items and desserts.

Please contact our church office at (502) 454-4681 to let us know you plan to attend, or sign up near the Welcome Center on Sunday morning.

We look forward to celebrating with you.

## Kid's News

by Michelle Cloud



On September 23, our Children's Ministry, in conjunction with our preschool, hosted our annual trip to the Louisville Zoo. Along with taking in the exhibits at the zoo, we were also able to meet, mingle, and provide lunch for dozens of people - including Meriday kids, their families, and our preschool staff.

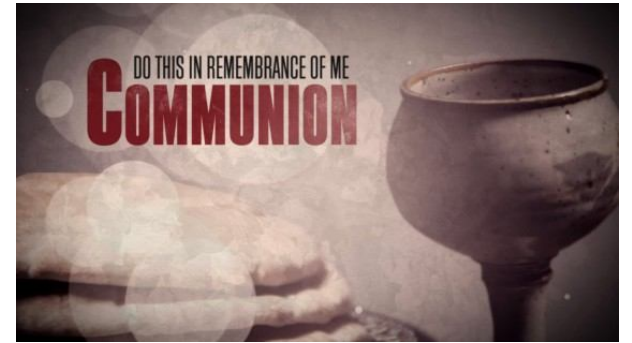
If you weren't able to attend the zoo trip, we want to encourage you to come out next year. But in the mean time, please consider joining us in other upcoming ministry opportunities for our preschoolers, teachers, and families.

You can volunteer to help in our kids area at Fall Festival. Along with the inflatable bounce house and slide, we will also have some carnival games and a face painting station. So we could use your help.

In November, our church will help serve lunch after Meriday's Thanksgiving program. This is a great chance for us to meet these families and minister to them.

In December, you can help out at our Birthday Party for Jesus. Look for more information about these opportunities to serve our children and their families as each event gets closer. And remember, there are many ways that we minister to our children, and we would love for you to help.

## Looking Ahead



### Thanksgiving Communion Service

As the holiday season approaches—when our lives are inundated with commercials, flyers, and sale bills—it's the perfect time to stop and reflect on how blessed we are.

Each year, in November, we have a special service to remind us of how much God has blessed each of our lives over the last year.

This service happens the Sunday before Thanksgiving (which is November 19 this year), and together we leave the familiar confines of our sanctuary to gather around tables to worship in our Banquet Hall.

As we gather, you're encouraged to get to know the other people at your table, to share how you have been blessed this year, to reflect on how God has blessed our church, and to thank God for his continued presence in your life.

The highlight of this special service is always our time of communion, where we share intimately in the abundance of God.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's Thanksgiving Communion Service on November 19 at 10:30am.



## October Birthdays



October 1 | Doris Ferguson  
October 3 | Bevvie Neel  
October 3 | Carol Perkins  
October 3 | Makenzie Rieber  
October 3 | Ashley Schell  
October 11 | Becky Gardner  
October 12 | Leigh-Anne Boland  
October 20 | Will Howse  
October 24 | Alice Neff  
October 31 | Ed Grey

If you would like your birthday published in our church newsletter, please contact our church

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## Women's Ministry

Our Women's ministry will be meeting on Thursday, October 26 at 11:00am. We invite all the ladies of Melbourne Heights to bring a sandwich and drink, and join us for this meeting. While we're eating and fellowshiping, we'll also talk about our visitation schedule for the next few months.

We also want to encourage our ladies to remember our ongoing collection of personal hygiene items to benefit the young ladies of the Cabbage Patch House. You can contribute to this collection by dropping off your donations in the basket in the women's restroom near the sanctuary.

## Spotlight Event



**Fall Festival is October 28 from 4:00—7:00pm**

Summer is almost over. Fall will soon be upon us. So it's time to start getting ready for another Fall Festival at Melbourne Heights. This year, our Fall Festival will be on Saturday night, October 28 from 4:00-7:00pm.

We'll have food. We'll have a cake walk. We'll have a photo booth. We'll have inflatables for the kids (and the young at heart). And, of course, we'll have our Basket Auction as well. And that's just the beginning of the fun we're planning for Fall Festival.

Plus, when Fall Festival starts winding down (around 6:30), we'll move to the parking lot to Trunk-or-Treat.

So mark October 28 on your calendar, invite a friend or neighbor...and be sure to join us for what's sure to be another exciting Fall Festival at Melbourne Heights!

## Senior Adult News

2017 has been a busy year for our Senior Adults, and it won't be slowing down in the last few months of the year.

On Tuesday, October 3 at 10:00am, we will have our next regular meeting. We will be discussing plans for future meetings, so we encourage you to bring your suggestions for places to go, things to do, or speakers to host. After the meeting, we will carpool to *The Overlook Restaurant* for lunch.

In November we will be going to *Derby Dinner Playhouse* for a Sunday matinee. Yes, you read that correctly—we're trying something new this year. So immediately following the morning worship service on November 12, we will depart the church and enjoy a thrilling Agatha Christie mystery, "A Murder is Announced." Tickets will go on sale soon and are \$35 per person, including the buffet. Round trip transportation on TARC is available for an extra \$5.

And, of course, in December our Senior Adults will sponsor the church's annual Christmas Banquet. We will have a delicious buffet prepared by Dino Evans, and a wonderful evening of entertainment to help us get in the Christmas Spirit. Complete details and ticket prices will be available in November.

As always, we invite you to bring a friend and

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## Youth News

by Joe Noland

October will be a quiet month in the life of the youth. We'll be having our Bible Studies on Sunday nights at 6:00 PM looking into different stories that are still relevant to them today.

Once we get to November though, it's all hands on deck as we get ready for our Lock-In, November 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00PM and going until 8:00AM the next morning. Our theme this year is Spiritual Warfare so get ready for war games, NERF, Underground church, and two studies about what Spiritual Warfare is and How we can Survive the War.

The congregation asks me a lot of how to help with the youth. The biggest help I can use right now is for people to volunteer to stay a few hours throughout the night for the Lock-In. If you would be interested in seeing what goes on, or even

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## Candy Collection



During the month of October we will be collecting candy to help Klondike Elementary School with their annual Fall Festival on October 27.

Klondike Elementary is located just a few miles from our church, and educates about 400 children in our neighborhoods. Over the last few years, we have partnered with Klondike to provide back to school supplies for their students.

This year we're taking the next step in our ministry to this school. So we ask that you bring in bags of individually wrapped, (preferably) nut-free candy that we'll donate for their Fall Festival.

There will be a collection bin in the atrium area for your donations.