

**Luke 10/2 Challenge**

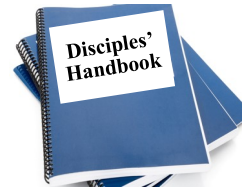
During the month of January, we are inviting you to take the Luke 10/2 Challenge. Every day at 10:00 A.M. or 10:00 P.M., we ask you to pray for two minutes about two issues:

- ◆ Pray for one individual in your current circle of friends or associates who does not know the Lord or who has fallen short in the walk with the Lord. Share your Christian faith. Our special *Who's Your One?* service on Sunday, January 31, is an excellent opportunity for you to invite this "One" to attend worship with you.
- ◆ Pray for the mobilization of new workers to the harvest. Is God calling you to go outside your current community to spread the gospel?  
*Be sure to pick up a bracelet printed with the Luke 10:2 verse. Wearing one will serve as a reminder of this month's challenge.*

**Disciples' Handbook - New Sermon Series**

What if there were a handbook with clear steps about how to follow Jesus? For the first months of 2021, we will explore Jesus' handbook for His disciples from Matthew's Gospel, where Matthew offers five major messages, the core of following Jesus:

- ◆ Introduction Matthew 4:17-25
- ◆ Everyday Jesus Matthew 5-7
- ◆ Worldliness Matthew 10
- ◆ Sharing Our Faith Matthew 13
- ◆ Church Family Matters Matthew 18
- ◆ Be Prepared Matthew 24-25



**Calendar of Events**

- 1 Luke 10/2 Prayer Challenge Begins
- 6 Virtual Prayer Meeting Begins - 6:00 P.M.
- 10 Commissioning of Connor Bastin - 9:30 A.M.
- 12 Deacons' Meeting - 6:30 P.M.
- 20 Family Missions Night  
4:45 P.M. - Pizza Supper  
5:30 P.M. - Volunteer Work
- 16-18 Youth *Strength to Stand* Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN
- 23 "Snow"body Loves You Like Jesus Winter Fellowship for Children - 10:00 A.M.
- 24 Mission Trip Meeting - 11:45 A.M.
- 27 Children's Mission Program Resumes - 6:00 P.M.  
Youth *Thrive* Bible Study Resumes - 6:00 P.M.  
*Scrappy Church* Deacon-led Study Begins - 6:00 P.M.
- 31 *Who's Your One? Sunday with Eternal Vision* - 9:30 A.M.

**Who's Your One? Sunday with Eternal Vision  
January 31 9:30 A.M.**

Please join us and "Bring a Friend" for Sunday Morning Worship when Morningside will host *Eternal Vision*, a musical group from Knoxville, Tennessee. Their music is described as "a fresh approach to Southern Gospel." Celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> year, *Eternal Vision* is an exciting and energetic group that has been a favorite of Gospel music fans across the country. The group is known for a progressive sound that is still respectful to the "old standards" that Gospel music fans have come to love. *Eternal Vision* uses music, comedy, and testimony to capture the attention of their audience, while delivering the gospel of Jesus Christ that culminates in salvation for the lost and encouragement for the saved.

*You will not want to miss this worship experience!*









## *m*side youth

### **Strength to Stand Conference January 16-18**

#### **Pigeon Forge, Tennessee**

Students who have registered for the *Strength to Stand Conference* will be blessed by the in-depth study of Ecclesiastes 3:1, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." The worship leaders and guest musicians will urge the youth to go beyond the surface of casual Christianity and enter into a lifetime commitment to Jesus Christ. Please pray that the conference will spark the urgency in those who have simply become lazy in their walk with Christ and help them feel the need to seek revival and renewal.



**Youth Thrive  
Bible Study Resumes  
Wednesday, January 27  
6:00 P.M.  
Youth Room**

### **Save the Date**

#### **Strength to Stand Tour March 12-13 Spartanburg**

Watch for more details about registration in future publications.



### **We Say Goodbye**

We say goodbye to Steve Kibbe who served as our Youth Director since December 2015. Steve assures us that he, Kimberly, Olivia, Turner, and Asa all plan to continue worshipping with the Morningside family and being involved in the activities at Morningside. The youth, their parents, the Staff, and the Deacons all appreciate Steve's nurturing guidance. We wish him the best as he devotes more time to his business and family. Recognition for Steve's service will be scheduled for February.

### **Welcome to Our New Interim Youth Director**

Connor Bastin, has been called as the Interim Youth Director. The son of Barry and Lori Bastin and grandson of Melva Green, Connor earned a bachelor's degree in Christian Ministry and Business and a Master of Divinity from Clump Divinity School at Anderson University. For the past four years, Connor has been guiding youth in developing their faith: he has served as a summer missionary at Parkwood Baptist Church in North Carolina, a member of the Campus Ministry Team at Anderson University, and as an intern at various churches. Connor will begin his work at Morningside on January 10.

*Please give Connor a warm Morningside welcome!*



## *m*side kids



### **"Snow"body Loves You Like Jesus Fellowship for Children**

**Saturday, January 23**

**10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

Our children will enjoy a morning of winter crafts and games followed by a pizza lunch. Please make your reservations with Laura White by phone (585-5457, Ext. 4) or by e-mail (lwhite@msidechurch.org).

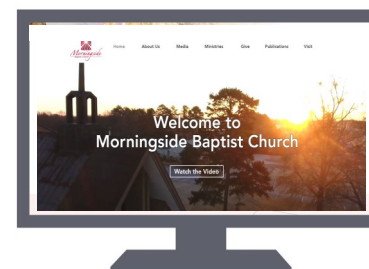
**\*\*\*All preschoolers will need to be accompanied by a parent or adult.\*\*\***



### **Missions for Children Resumes Wednesday**

**January 27 6:00 P.M.**

## *m*side family



**Visit  
Mside's  
Website  
during the  
Week**

### **♦ Virtual Prayer Meeting Wednesdays 6:00 P.M.**

The Staff will resume virtual prayer meetings in January. Tune in to our website (www.msidechurch.org) as Pastor Steven continues with his survey of the New Testament, focusing on II Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, and Titus. Jack Dodds will lead in prayer, and Robert Mitchell will offer music.

### **♦ Words of Encouragement Fridays**

Tune in to our website each week to hear some encouraging words as various members of the church share Scripture, devotions, or testimonies.



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Sympathy Extended to

... Reada Joyce and family in the death of her husband, Lon, December 3 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.  
... Carolyn McKee and family in the death of her sister, Doris Anderson, December 4 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.  
... Bryan and Eulalia Seay and family in the death of Eulalia's sister, Dorothy Breitenbach, December 5 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.  
... Ray and Janice Roberts and family in the death of Ray's sister, Dorothy Tessnear, December 13 in Pacolet, South Carolina.  
... Ann Bishop and family in the death of her husband, Larry, December 20 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.  
... Bobbie Elliott and family in the death of her brother, Charles R. Shurbert, December 27 in Woodruff, South Carolina.  
... Joyce Lewis and family in the death of her husband, T.C. Lewis, December 31 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.  
... Martha Bartsch and family in the death of Martha's husband, Peter Bartsch, January 4 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Ministers on Call during Weekends

|               |                |              |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Fridays       | Steven Owensby | 590-7985     |
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| January 9-10  | Jack Dodds     | 590-8951     |
| January 16-17 | Laura White    | 828-447-2175 |
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Covid - 19 Recommended Guidelines

The Deacons and Staff ask you to observe the following:

- ◆ Practice all social distancing guidelines. Some class locations have been changed to accommodate this guideline.
- ◆ Place your offering in the baskets located at the entrances to and exits from the Sanctuary.
- ◆ Follow instructions provided by the Staff on exiting the Sanctuary after Sunday worship services.
- ◆ Wear a facemask.
- ◆ Stay home if you have a fever, cough, sore throat, or if you have had any suspected contact with Covid.

We will continue worship services and Bible Study as long as we receive no restrictions from the government. Each Sunday School class can determine whether it will continue. Classes may decide whether they will meet at church or at another location.

If a person who attended services on Sunday tests positive for Covid-19, the church family will be alerted.



Hospital/Homebound Visits

During the Corona-virus pandemic, our Staff has not been making in-person visits to the hospital or homes unless requested by the patient or family. We continue calling to check on the condition of individuals who are ill. Please be aware of the Regional's Healthcare System's policy: "Patients at Spartanburg Regional's hospitals will be allowed one visitor per patient." *Any* visitor would preclude a family member from seeing their loved one that day.

Thank You Notes for Your Prayers and Support Received from

Martha Brown and Mary Troxler  
Ruth Cash Neely  
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