

December 2025  
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# The MESSENGER

INSPIRE ■ INFORM ■ ENCOURAGE



*For unto  
us is  
born this  
day in the  
city of  
David a  
Saviour,  
which is  
Christ  
the  
Lord*

*Luke 2:11*



## a note from Pastor Brian

I am sitting here still reflecting on how good God has been over these last few months. We have seen His hand in more ways than we could ever count, but I want to mention just a few of the blessings He has given us.

Our "Good News 2025" revival was truly a wonderful time as six churches came together each night to worship the Lord. Our joint Thanksgiving service at Renfrew was another blessing—I love seeing churches united around the same message of hope in Christ. And, of course, one of the greatest blessings is the \$81,000 rebuild grant we received from Samaritan's Purse to help restore the damage our church experienced during Hurricane Helene.

As we enter the month of Advent, I want to challenge you to consider just how perfect the birth of Jesus truly was. The fact that God sent His one and only Son to die for sinners like me is a gift beyond measure. With all the time we will spend together—from choir rehearsals to worship services—let us remember that He is the reason we gather, the reason we praise, and the reason we serve.

Please join me in praying that we will do "whatever it takes" to remain united in Christ's love—through our faith, our families, our community, and to the ends of the earth. Know that I love you all, and I pray for you regularly.

With love,  
Pastor Brian

## DECEMBER

### *Birthdays*

- |    |   |
|----|---|
| 2  | Zach White  |
| 4  | Lee Jones   |
| 5  | Shawn Wallen  |
| 8  | Patti Cox   |
| 9  | Deidre Youngblood   |
| 11 | Mary Alice Bowers<br>Kim Ervin<br>McKenzie Snow               |
| 14 | TJ Satterfield  |
| 15 | Chet Nix  |
| 19 | Jeff Tipton   |
| 20 | Jim Elders<br>Aaron James                                     |
| 22 | Arletha Barker<br>Lynn Albright                               |
| 24 | Gary Glenn  |
| 25 | James Simmons<br>Mario Domingo                                |
| 26 | Charley Walton  |
| 27 | Cher Allen  |
| 28 | Peggy Luther<br>Bob Cashion<br>Sonya Cantrell<br>Kayla Sparks |



## *Merry Christmas!* from your Church Staff

- The Church will be closed Dec 24, 25 & 26
- DEC 28 — Service - 9:30 am / No Sunday School or Evening Worship
- The Church will be closed Wednesday, Dec 31 & Thursday, Jan 1

## SERVANT DEACONS ON CALL DECEMBER

Alan Harris	/	Robbie Edwards	/	Robbie King
979-3081		509-8587		735-6241

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## LADIES' CHRISTMAS AUCTION

All Ladies Are Invited For Fellowship  
Food And Lots Of Laughs!

DEC 9 @ 7 pm / Ellen Cashion's House  
Please Park @ MFBC and our shuttle will take  
you to Ellen's house, starting @ 6:30 pm

Everyone Is Encouraged To Bring Baked Goods  
Or Christmas Items To Be Auctioned Off

All Proceeds Will Go To LOTTIE MOON

# ADVENT 2025



NOV 30 - DEC 21

## **CHANGE AGENTS** **DECEMBER 2025 SCHEDULE**

### TUESDAYS

**2**

Alan Harris  
Toni Harris  
Kathy Holmgreen  
Tedd Barnette

**9**

Brian Burton  
Wayne Tankersley  
Linda Tankersley

**16**

Brayden Allen  
Gary Ervin  
Edwina Ervin  
John Rees

**23**  
**30**

**GYM  
CLOSED**

### THURSDAYS

**4**

Ronnie Albright  
Lynn Albright

**11**

David Welborn  
Marrie Loftis  
Benny Ford

**18**

JJ Hughes  
Melanie Hughes

**25**

**GYM  
CLOSED**

## THE GYM @ MFBC

### Holiday Schedule

All Areas Of The Gym  
Will Be Closed...

- DEC 23 - 26
- DEC 30 - JAN 1





- 01:** 10:00 am, Pickleball
- 02:** 9:00 am, SALT  
10:00 am—1:00 pm, Lighthouse  
6:30 pm, Set Free
- 03:** Love Thy Neighbor  
6:30 pm, Mid Week Service  
(RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults)
- 04:** 6:00 pm, Storehouse
- 07:** 9:30 am, Worship  
10:45 am, Sunday School  
6:00 pm, Adult choir presentation
- 08:** 10:00 am, Pickleball
- 09:** 10:00 am—1:00 pm, Lighthouse  
6:30 pm, Set Free
- 10:** 6:30 pm, Mid Week Service  
(RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults, CARE)
- 11:** 6:00 pm, Storehouse
- 14:** 9:30 am, Worship  
10:45 am, Sunday School  
6:00 pm, Kids choir presentation
- 15:** 10:00 am, Pickleball
- 16:** 9:00 am, SALT  
10:00 am—1:00 pm, Lighthouse  
6:30 pm, Set Free
- 17:** Love Thy Neighbor  
6:30 pm, Mid Week Service  
(RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults, CARE)
- 18:** 6:00 pm, Storehouse
- 21:** 9:30 am, Worship  
10:45 am, Sunday School  
6:00 pm, Candlelight Service
- 22:** 10:00 am, Pickleball
- 24:** No Mid Week Service
- 25:** No Storehouse
- 28 :** 9:30 am, Worship  
No Sunday School  
No Evening Worship
- 29:** 10:00 am, Pickleball
- 30:** 9:00 am, SALT
- 31:** No Activities  
Church Office Closed


## WORSHIP CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

- 3rd: Rehearsal, 7:35pm  
4th: Rehearsal, 7:00pm  
7th: 9:30am Worship; 6:00pm Presentation of "One Shepherd"  
10th: NO REHEARSAL  
14th: 9:30am Worship  
17th: NO REHEARSAL  
21st: 9:30am Worship  
24th: NO REHEARSAL  
28th: 9:30am Worship  
31st: NO REHEARSAL


And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. -Jn. 1:14



## Love Thy Neighbor Dec 3 & 17



**Spaghetti  
Sauce**



**Peanut  
Butter**

**Regular Size Jars**



the  
**Lighthouse**

**DECEMBER  
Schedule**

**SET FREE** TUESDAYS  
@ 6:30 PM

**DEC 2 - Celebration Night**  
**DEC 9 - Regular Meeting**  
**DEC 16 - Regular Meeting**  
**DEC 23 & 30 - Not Meeting**

**DAY  
ACTIVITIES**

**TUES 10 AM - 1 PM**  
NOT ON  
DEC 23 & 30

**ART EXPRESSIONS**

**DEC 8  
@ 6 PM**



**cameron's house**  
TUES 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

# ONE SHEPHERD

A Worship Presentation of  
Marietta First Baptist Church

Sunday, December 7 @ 6 pm

## Christmas

2025 GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

### LOTTIE MOON

### KICK-OFF & CHILI COOK-OFF

BRING A CROCKPOT OF YOUR BEST CHILI TO ENTER THE CONTEST

Dec 1 @ 6 pm MFBC Goal: 25K

### LOTTIE'S POST OFFICE

Send Christmas Cards to your Church Family at Lottie's Post Office. Please, donate a minimum of .50 per card.

*White* Christmas Wrap gifts in simple White Tissue. Label discreetly on the bottom:  
1. What the gift is 2. Is the gift for a Man or Woman

*Angel Tree* Pick out a name from the Angel Tree in the Welcome Center. Please, don't forget to sign the clipboard.

White Christmas & Angel Tree Gifts - DUE DEC 14

Kidz Choir Presents

## THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING MANGER



Sunday, Dec 14 @ 6 pm



MARIETTA FIRST BAPTIST

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Dec 11 / 6 pm / In The Sanctuary

TEACHERS NEEDED  
Come Join Our Team



No Meeting In DEC



No Meeting In DEC



# Family Ministry



## Marietta Students

### The Mountain Experience

It's not too late to sign up!  
Payment 2 due December 21st.

### Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 17th  
6:30-8:00p  
@ the Walton's



## Marietta Kids

### Kids Choir

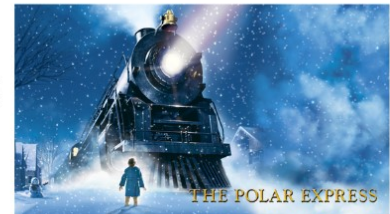
Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

### Serving in 2026

Our Kids' Ministry is growing, and we're building our team –your "yes" could change a child's life!

### Kids Movie Night - The Polar Express

Friday, December 12th  
6-8pm @ MFBC  
Wear your best pajamas!



## Teachers

	Nursery	2-3s	4-5s	Elementary
12/7	Edwina Ervin	Amy Logan Melanie Hughes	Jessica Dilworth Madison Powell	Pam Logan Karen Burton
12/14	Brenda Ervin	Emily Moats Brittini Howard	Anna Storay Assistant	Debbie Holtzclaw Danielle Payne
12/21	Amy Logan	Jessica Dilworth Assistant	Jennifer McJunkin Assistant	Angela Spearman Savannah Hightower
12/28	Emily Wilkey	Hannah Blume Madison Powell	Liz Nix Assistant	NONE

## Contact

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Email - mariettascstudents@gmail.com



Text STUDENTS to  
855-581-0725

# CARMEL PECAN STICKY ROLLS

## ingredients

3 1/2 to 4 cups all-purpose or bread flour  
 1/3 cup granulated sugar  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 2 packages regular active or fast-acting dry yeast (4 1/2 teaspoons)  
 1 cup very warm milk (120°F to 130°F)  
 1/4 cup butter, softened  
 1 egg  
**Caramel Topping**  
 1 cup packed brown sugar  
 1/2 cup butter, softened  
 1/4 cup light corn syrup  
 1 cup pecan halves, if desired  
**Filling**  
 1/2 cup chopped pecans or raisins, if desired  
 1/4 cup granulated sugar or packed brown sugar  
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 2 tablespoons butter, softened

## directions

In large bowl, mix 2 cups of the flour, 1/3 cup granulated sugar, the salt and yeast. Add warm milk, 1/4 cup butter and egg. Beat with electric mixer on low speed 1 minute, scraping bowl frequently. Beat on medium speed 1 minute, scraping bowl frequently. Stir in enough remaining flour, 1/2 cup at a time, to make dough easy to handle.

Place dough on lightly floured surface. Knead about 5 minutes or until dough is smooth and springy. Grease large bowl with shortening. Place dough in bowl, turning dough to grease all sides. Cover bowl loosely with plastic wrap; let rise in warm place about 1 hour 30 minutes or until dough has doubled in size. Dough is ready if indentation remains when touched.

In 2-quart saucepan, heat brown sugar and 1/2 cup butter to boiling, stirring constantly; remove from heat. Stir in corn syrup. Pour into 13x9-inch pan. Sprinkle with pecan halves.

In small bowl, mix all filling ingredients except 2 tablespoons butter; set aside.

Gently push fist into dough to deflate. Flatten dough with hands or rolling pin into 15x10-inch rectangle on lightly floured surface. Spread with 2 tablespoons butter; sprinkle with filling. Roll rectangle up tightly, beginning at 15-inch side. Pinch edge of dough into roll to seal. With fingers, shape until even. With dental floss or a serrated knife, cut roll into 15 (1-inch) slices.

Place slices slightly apart in pan. Cover loosely with plastic wrap; let rise in warm place about 30 minutes or until dough has doubled in size.

Heat oven to 350°F. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand 2 to 3 minutes. Place heatproof tray or serving plate upside down onto pan; immediately turn tray and pan over. Let pan remain 1 minute so caramel can drizzle over rolls; remove pan. Serve warm.

## For The Record NOVEMBER 2025

### Morning Worship, 9:30 A.M.

02: 255 9: 243 16: 264 23: 268 30: N/A

### Evening Worship, 6:00 P.M.

02: N/A 9:74 16: 68 23: N/A 30:N/A

### Tithes and Offerings

<u>Reg. Budget</u>	<u>Bldg. Fund</u>
02: \$11,067.90	\$725.00
09: \$12,900.90	\$416.00
16: \$9,649.90	\$564.00
23: N/A	N/A
30: N/A	N/A

## *Your* **Church Staff**

*We're here to Serve!*

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**Dr. Brian L. Spearman, Senior Pastor**

**Scott Holtzclaw, Worship & Administrative Pastor**

**Stephanie Epps, Worship Leader**

**Chandler Moats, Associate Pastor of Families & Discipleship**

**Tedd Barnette, Building & Special Projects Coordinator**

**Melissa Crum, Administrative Ministry Assistant**

**Carol Ellis, Financial Ministry Assistant**

**Rachael Snow, Nursery Coordinator**

**Rob Lento, Pianist**

**Office Hours 8:30 am–1:30 pm M-F**

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Child Development Center.....864-836-7027

*Merry Christmas*  
And Happy New Year

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