

Memorial Baptist Church

Missions and Evangelism Team

NEWSLETTER

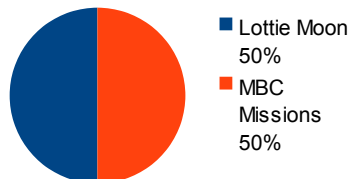
Giving • Going • Educating • Praying

Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

Giving

When you Give to to the MBC Missions and Evangelism Ministry Team where does your money Go?

Now when you give to the **Faith Missions Offering** 50% will be given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and 100% of that many goes to the foreign mission field. The other 50% will go to the mission work being done at MBC such as Church-wide missions trips, seed money for mission trip fund raising, support for adopted missionaries, and local mission and evangelism work.



With this change the Missions Team would also like to encourage each family that is able, to give \$5-\$10 a week above and beyond their regular offerings to the Faith Missions Offering. This will increase the impact MBC will have in local, national, and world missions.

You may be wondering, what about the 10% that use to go to **World Hunger**? The Missions Team feels as though the fight against World Hunger is very important and we will continue to give to this cause, however in a different way. Let us introduce you coffee drinkers to a wonderful product called Kerusso Coffee.

Check Out: <http://www.kerrussocoffee.com>



Kerusso Coffee is a quality coffee and is designed to be used as a fund raising tool to help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Missions Team plans to sell Kerusso Coffee Beans to raise money for the fight against World Hunger. If just 10 bags a month are sold we can send \$40-\$50 a month to this worthy cause.

Going

We are not only called to give of our resources to the work of the Lord but we are to give of our time and energy as well. The Missions Team has and is working hard to connect you with opportunities to accomplish this.

During the summer months we have set aside three dates so far to go out and connect with our community as a church.

Friday July 8, 6-8pm, Baker Park - Connect with the Community by giving away Lemon Shake-Ups

Saturday July 9, 10-11:45am - Promote VBS through prayer walk and passing out flyers

Tuesday October 11, 5:30pm - Door to Door Evangelism and Neighborhood Outreach

The Missions Team is also working with Brandon and Megan York to organize a church-wide short term missions trip consisting of 2-3 days of ministry at the Indiana University campus in Bloomington Indiana this fall. So start praying and planning to be a part of this wonderful opportunity.

While we recognize how important it is for every believer to go out and do the the work Christ has called them to do we also want to **encourage and support our church sponsored missionaries** who are taking the good news to others throughout the world.

Brandon and Megan York and their Ministry with Campus Crusade for Christ at Indiana University in Bloomington Indiana. It was encouraging to have Brandon and Megan with us recently and share with us what God is doing through their Ministry. Keep a look out in the foyer for the newsletter they regularly send out and pray for them. You can contact them by email at brandonyork7@hotmail.com to encourage them and find out how best to pray for them.

Nathan and Mary Stanley and their ministry to the Zapotec Indians in Oaxaca Mexico. We were all very excited when we first heard about the work Nathan and Mary were called to do and God has blessed us by giving us the ability and opportunity to support this great work. You can get more information, see regular updates and stay in contact with them through their website at <http://stanleys2mexico.com>.

Educating

It is also a goal of the Missions and Evangelism Team to help educate the members of MBC about the mission we have been given by the Lord Jesus Christ. In the past we have done this by holding weekend conferences with a focus on missions. This year we are looking into something different.

The Missions Team is considering and discussing with Sunday School teachers about using that time to teach a curriculum for a few weeks that focuses on believers becoming more deliberate in their Christian Witness. The curriculum we are considering using is called "Proclaim."

Do you want to share your faith but don't know how? **Proclaim** is a small-group course designed to help everyday Christians like you grow in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Through seven sessions, you can discover how to communicate the gospel more clearly and how to trust God more fully in evangelism.

Another way the Missions and Evangelism Team encourages you to be educated about this mission is through the resources that are easily available to you, namely books and websites. So here are some suggested resources to aid you in your understanding and encouragement.

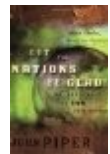
Books:



What is the Gospel? by Greg Gilbert – This is a short and easy to read book with an important message. A clear definition of what the gospel is in a time when it's common to get many different answers to that question.



How To Give Away Your Faith by Paul Little – Evangelism is probably something we will never master but we can continually get better at it. A book like this is a tremendous help.



Let the Nations Be Glad by John Piper – A classic that encourages and teaches the importance of missions. This book will inspire and motivate you to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Websites:

These websites are great resources for information on mission opportunities, great books, articles, and sermons

- [www.Founders.org](http://wwwFOUNDERS.org)
- [www.Monergism.com](http://www.MOnergism.com)
- www.IMB.org
- www.NAMB.net

Praying

Because we believe that it is God that is sovereign over all things, even the heart of a person, we know how important it is to pray. We want you to know that your Missions Team is praying and we ask that you pray with us. Here are a few things you can join us in prayer for.

-For the members of MBC, that their hearts would be filled with a zeal for the work of the gospel and a greater love for the lost around us.

-For the Lost in our community, our state, our nation, and the world.

-For Wisdom on how to best use the resources given to the Missions Team for the work set before us.

-For Brandon and Megan York and their work through Campus Crusade for Christ at Indiana University in Bloomington.

-For Nathan and Mary Stanley and their work among the Zapotec Indians in Oaxaca Mexico.

-That God will be Glorified by all that is done through the people of Memorial Baptist Church.