



News From

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November 2022



Give Thanks

PLEASE JOIN US!

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 23, 2022
7:00 PM

AT
MOUNT MORIAH CHURCH

*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His love endures forever.*

~Psalm 107: 1



HAPPENINGS

- NOV 11** **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**
Work Day 9:00 AM - Noon
- NOV 13** **MISSION MOMENT**
Mount Moriah Christian School
- NOV 19** **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**
PACK & PRAY PARTY
9:00 AM - Noon
- Nov 23** **THANKSGIVING SERVICE**
7:00 PM (In-Person Only)
- DEC 4** **RETIRED MINISTERS AND**
MISSIONARIES OFFERING
- DEC 4** **MISSION MOMENT**
Operation Blessing Bag

GATHERINGS

- 9:30 AM** **Sunday School In-person**
- 10:45 AM** **Sunday Worship**
In-person & ONLINE via Facebook
- 7:00 PM** **Wed. Night In-person Bible Study**
- 7:00 PM** **MMYOL Wed. Night Bible Study**
- 8:00 PM** **Wed. Night Online Bible Study**

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Samaritan's Purse

Mount Moriah has been actively involved with Operation Christmas Child since 2005. This is a project of Samaritan's Purse that delivers shoeboxes filled with toys, hygiene items, and school supplies to children around the world as a tangible expression of God's love through the hands of local partners to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift!

Since 1993, more than 188 million children in over 170 countries and territories have received a shoebox gift. Local Christians are trained and equipped to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in a child-friendly way at outreach events where children receive a surprise shoebox gift along with "The Greatest Gift" booklet. Through "The Greatest Journey" (a 12 lesson discipleship program), children will learn who Jesus is and how to have a relationship with Him.



We are actively collecting items for shoeboxes to be assembled here during National Collection Week. There are brochures in the foyer that give instructions on how to pack a shoebox and suggested items to be put in the boxes. There is also an envelope included to make a \$10.00 donation to cover shipping costs and teaching materials for the children. Shoeboxes and self-adhesive labels are available. If you would like to make a donation of items or a donation of money for us to purchase these items, please see Mina Brown, Project Leader.

There will be opportunities to volunteer to help with preparing items to be packed and with the actual packing of shoeboxes.

Our goal for Mount Moriah this year is to collect 600 shoeboxes (a.k.a. Gospel Opportunities)! We fell a little short of our goal last year, but we are confident that we can reach it this year for the glory of the Lord! Please pray for the success of this ministry and for God to show you how you can be a part of bringing the Gospel message of Jesus Christ to children all over the world!! Jesus said in Mark 16:15, "Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation."

*Mina Brown
Project Leader*

SAVE THE DATE

Church "Pack & Pray" Party
Saturday, November 19
9:00 AM - Noon

This is always a fun time of packing shoeboxes and praying over them.



MEET RENEE DUBOIS

Renee DuBois is the principal at Mount Moriah Christian School (MMCS). Most people know her as “Mrs. D.” God led Renee to the growing Mount Moriah Christian School in 2000 to fill a position as teacher of the school’s very first second-grade class. Renee, who was teaching at another Christian school at the time, did not understand why God was leading her to Mount Moriah, but she now knows it was because He had a mission for her. “The Lord really laid it on my heart that I was to be part of this ministry, and I have been able to minister in so many ways to so many people who have come across my path through the school.”



Al and Renee Dubois

Renee loves working with kids, and it has always been her heart’s desire to be a teacher. After teaching for six years, Renee was asked to consider becoming the principal at MMCS. She responded, “The only way I will be a principal is if I can continue to be in the classroom. I cannot be an administrator that administrates in any other way than to show them by example.” In 2006, she took a leap of faith and became the principal while continuing to teach. “God calls the unequipped and equips the called,” she explained. “It has not been easy. The hours are long, but when I make a decision, it isn’t based on what I think; it is based on what I know because I am down in the trenches every day.”

After Renee became principal, she frequently visited Mount Moriah Church. About ten years later, the Lord led her to be baptized, but she did not join Mount Moriah at that time. God laid it on her heart a couple of years ago that if she wanted to minister correctly at MMCS, she had to be a member of the church because there needs to be a unified commitment of the school and the church together in the unity of ministry. Renee knew she couldn’t do that unless she was a member. “Being a member opens my eyes as to how the school and church can connect better, and they have become closer now that I am attending.”

Renee believes that Mount Moriah is on a good path of bringing awareness about how important it is to make a commitment to Jesus, and she would like to see the importance of making that commitment made even more urgent. “We are in an urgent place in our society, and people need to know Jesus. I have taken that urgency very seriously in our school.”

Renee would also like to see the Mount Moriah community—the school, the church, and our missions—keep working for unity in our programming, in our approach, and in our mission statements so that we will better be able to serve the community as a united body. This year MMCS has 149 students in Kindergarten through 8th grade and over 50 students in preschool. “The missions we work on in the school are always in conjunction with the church because that’s how we can have a bigger ministry. The school is very involved with the Closet of Hope, Operation Blessing Bag, and Operation Christmas Child. These ministries are just so important to my heart.”

Renee's motto: “God, just use me in the best way that I can be used today.”

Renee and her husband, Al, were very much involved in ministry together until Al passed away in January. Al was a quiet servant, a man of God, and he loved Jesus. He began working in the background of MMCS when Renee started teaching. After she became principal, Al (who was a CPA) took over the financial operations of the school, such as auditing, maintaining school records, and payroll. "It's been difficult without him. I know exactly where he is, and that allows me to show others that even though your heart is broken, you can still be faithful and serve the Lord in powerful ways. I know that God will use this to help me help other people because He has used every experience in my life to help me help others. I continue to praise God for the many years we were together and the ministries that we were able to share together. Through it all, the school has kept me centered and grounded. I try to stay focused on what really is important here, and what my mission is. The Lord has strengthened me, and my work isn't finished. I can still love Jesus even when it is hard."

Their son, Josh DuBois, is employed as the administrative support person at the school, which allows Renee to focus on her duties as principal, teacher, and mentor to other teachers.

Renee's grandson, Landon (Josh's son), has been part of Mount Moriah since infancy. He is currently a sixth-grade student at MMCS. Renee says, "Mount Moriah is in my grandson's heart, and we always tease that he is the up-and-coming principal!"

Their daughter, Jess, and her husband, David, live in Pittsburgh with their two-year-old daughter, Abigail Renee, whom Renee adores. Jess is a teacher. She has her principal papers and a counseling certificate, and she is very involved with her school. Renee is proud that her daughter has followed in her footsteps.

"I feel very grateful to be a member of Mount Moriah. It is a tremendous community. The beauty of Mount Moriah is that it is a such a warm community of believers that you feel like you are home." ~ Renee



Landon and Renee

A Fun Fact About Mrs. D

"I am the champion eye roller of Mount Moriah. Nobody rolls their eyes like I do! I don't even have to raise my voice; I just roll my eyes. The staff and kids know what that means." ~ Mrs. D

We, too, are very grateful that Renee is a member of Mount Moriah and Principal/Second Grade Teacher at Mount Moriah Christian School. Thank you, Renee, for your faithful service!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

COMING IN JANUARY 2023!

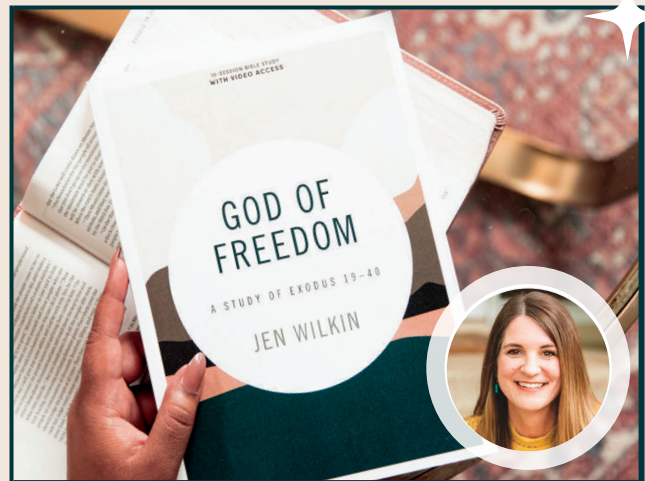
A 10-Session Study by Jen Wilkin

Please join us for this study of Exodus 19 – 40 to revisit the familiar scenes of the giving of the Ten Commandments, the idolatrous worship of a golden calf, and the intricate details of the tabernacle. With fresh perspective, we'll learn to trace the promise of Christ throughout and ask what these stories teach us today about how to live as those set free.

You can purchase a copy of the Bible study book, *God of Freedom: A Study of Exodus 19–40*, through Christianbook.com, Lifeway.com, or Amazon.

Please don't miss this great opportunity to fellowship with other women and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord.

We look forward to seeing you!



JOIN US IF YOU WANT TO:

- Learn the deeper theological implications of stories you may have known for years.
- Understand how the freedom God gives His children is meant to lead us to lives of glad service to God and our communities of faith.
- Explore how we understand the character of Christ, even through Old Testament accounts.

MOUNT MORIAH YOUTH OF LIGHT

MMYOL - WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00 - 8:00

GRADES
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**COME
AND
SEE**

MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH
INVITE SOME FRIENDS TO COME AND SEE, TOO!!



November 2022

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, concerning those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. (1 Thessalonians 4:13)

We have lost some dearly loved people from our congregation recently. More significantly, we have probably all lost loved ones in our lives. If we have not and Jesus does not return soon, most likely you will suffer this loss within in your lifetime. There are many verses that I reflect upon when I take time to mourn some of the losses in my life. But 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 helps me to understand that I don't have to grieve like people who don't have Jesus.

My heart longs to see and talk to the people in my life who have passed away. I miss them. For those who know Jesus, this verse tells us where they are and will be. "God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep." So where are they now? They are with God. And if we know Jesus, "believe that Jesus died and rose again," we will get to be with Him someday as well. We will all be together with Jesus. This is the hope that we have, and this allows us to grieve differently.

An article that I read recently shared these thoughts. "No one is immune to the pain of bereavement, but Christians have a hope that death is not the end." Christianity.org.uk writes, "It is not wrong to grieve. It is not a sign of physical or spiritual weakness or failure. But, in the midst of pain, Christians have hope and comfort to help them as they grieve."

Christians, be encouraged and take hope from knowing Jesus and His Word. Christians, share this hope with others and tell them about Jesus. And understand that because of Jesus, we can and we will see Him and our loved ones again.

We Have This Hope,
Pastor D