May 5, 2024

# Welcome!

Merriman Road Baptist Church

We want to welcome you, and hope you will feel our love for the Lord, and our love for you. Scan the QR code for a link to check in, or stop by our Welcome Desk for more information about our church.



### **Ministry Staff**

Senior Pastor	Wayne Parker
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Thank you for giving to this year's Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Our total giving this year was \$11,126! Your generous giving supports our North American Missions.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES

#### SUNDAY

- 9:30 AM Worship Service and Life Groups
- 11:00 AM Worship Service and Life Groups
- 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

#### TUESDAY

<u>No</u> Comfort Creations

6:30 PM \*Girlfriends of Grace Table Topics (FH)

#### WEDNESDAY

- 5:00 PM Fellowship Meal (sign up in the main hallway)
- 6:00 PM Mid-week Service (*in-person & via live-stream*) Nursery Preschool Mission Friends, 3-5 years of age Pioneer Clubs, Grades 1-6 Youth Group ~ Music & Bible Study ESL (*Rms 126 & 132*) Old Testament Overview (*FH*)
- 7:00 PM Bible Doctrine (*FH*) Real Women, Real Jesus (*Rm* 250)

#### THURSDAY

- 8:00 AM Primetimers leave for Holland
- 7:00 PM College Life Group (@ the Parsons' home) DivorceCare (*Rm* 132) Safe Place ~ Addiction Support Group (*FH*)

### SATURDAY

7:45 AM Men's Life Group, Iron Sharpens Iron (Rm 132)

\*indicates additional information within the bulletin

### Important VBS Information!

Vacation Bible School is one of our largest outreach to our community and we need everyone to take part!

Begin to pray about where you will serve, and watch for upcoming details.

### VBS Save the Dates!

Monday-Friday, July 22-26, VBS! Sunday, July 28, VBS Family Night









Join us for a fantastic time of reconnecting, reminiscing, and committing to the legacy of Bambi Lake. This will be a time for experiencing family fun, fellowship, captivating music, inspiring testimonies, delicious food, and an abundance of love and laughter. Be a part of this journey as we honor our past, celebrate the present, and work towards a bright and blessed future.

For 65 years, Bambi Lake has touched the lives of thousands of boys and girls, young individuals, and men and women who encountered God in this sacred space. If it's been a while since your last visit, seize this excellent opportunity to stroll through the grounds, share cherished memories with friends, and discover how you can contribute to preserving this essential ministry for future generations.

Your family is encouraged to arrive on Friday and stay through Sunday, or simply drive up for the day on Saturday and join us for the Celebration Banquet at 5PM.

If you would like to be a part of this upcoming weekend gathering, please go to the website at bambilake.churchcenter.com to register and get more information. Room availability may be limited.

For those who would like to go for the day and need a ride, we are offering a ride in our church Transit on May 18. Please sign up in main hallway by Sunday, May 12. Seating is limited.

<u>Please note: You will still need to register for the</u> <u>Celebration Banquet online, the deadline is to sign up</u> <u>is Saturday, May 10.</u>

# Table Topics With Girlfriends of Grace

Ladies, ages 18-108, plan on joining us this month as we gather around the table! Come together with

new and old friends, and have meaningful, and uplifting conversations about topics that impact our lives. Join us this Tuesday, May 7, at 6:30PM, in the Fellowship Hall.



### Home Plate Tickets ~ Available for Pick Up

If you purchased tickets for the Detroit Tigers *Home Plate Event,* they are available for pick up at the Welcome Desk.

# No Evening Service Next Sunday

Just a reminder, we will not meet for evening worship next Sunday, May 12, which is Mother's Day.

### Summer Skool is Back!

Summer Skool is returning to MRBC and your help is needed! Do you have a hobby or skill that you would be willing to pass on to a small group of children? We are looking for volunteers to serve for one, or both, of our 5-week sessions this summer (June 19-July 17 & July 31-August 28). Perhaps you do not have a skill to share, however, you would like to assist; we need you too! For more information, please stop at the Children's Department check-in area or see Jessica Kogelmann.

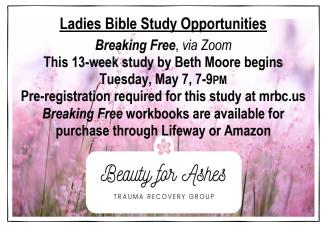
### A Message from the MRBC Library

As we are taking inventory, we are finding there are many library books that have not been returned. If you find that you have a book at home that was checked out of the library, please return it. You can find a drop box in the hallway, just outside of the library door in the back hallway.

# WMUZ Blood Drive ~ Save the Date

As in previous years we are hosting the WMUZ blood drive here at MRBC. This is a BIG event in our community and brings lots of visitors into our building.

How can you get involved? First, sign up to donate blood. You can make your appointment by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or online at RedCrossBlood.org and use the sponsor code WMUZ. Second, consider volunteering to help. It takes many volunteers to run this large event and we could use you! Stop by the Welcome Desk to let us know if are available.



# Urgent Food Pantry Needs

We have been able to help several families recently. Our Food Pantry is significantly low and needs to be replenished with the following items:

cereal	relish
spaghetti sauce	ketchup
pasta	mustard
ravioli	mayonnaise
mac & cheese (deluxe)	saltine crackers
canned fruit	soups
canned vegetables	stew

Please do not donate items that have passed the expiration date.



God is showing up in a big way to show His power to save! Keep praying for and sharing with your ONE! If your ONE was saved, praise the Lord, help them grow in faith and find your next ONE!



# Now is a GREAT time to join a Life Group!

MRBC is in the midst of a six-week, church-wide emphasis on prayer. We are going to be learning about prayer and practicing prayer in Sunday services, Life Groups, and through our daily study and quiet times. Take part in this church-wide study and pick up your participant guide and the book, "Prayer," at the Welcome Desk today. Participant guides are free, however, there is a \$5 cost for the study book. Everyone needs to be in a Life Group!

In a Life Group, you will be engaged with a small group of other believers who want to share life with you for God's purposes. You will be involved personally in learning and living God's Word, inviting others to experience Jesus, caring for the needs of others, and multiplying the impact of your life for the kingdom of God.

If you are not a part of a Life Group, let us help you find one! Stop by the Welcome Center or a Next Step Table today, or email <u>dave@mrbc.us</u>, to let us help you find the group for you!