

NEW CLASSES

Winter ABF Classes
Sundays 9:00 am
Beginning December 4

Max Lucado's Life Lessons
1st & 2nd Peter
Taught by Mike Tilford & Ron Ross
Meeting in the Garden Room

Pastor's Class
Bible Basics (December)
Through the Bible in a Year (Beginning January 1)
Taught by David Johnson & Mike Dyson
Meeting in the Shed

Women's Class
Voices of God
Taught by Diane Wattles & Mindy May & Laura Oswald
Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Dec 1	11:30 pm	OASIS Christmas Potluck, SWP Kids, White Elephant gifts
Dec 3	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast
Dec 3	8:00 am	Bible Bowl Competition
Dec 4	5:30 pm	JH & HS Youth to Old Orchard Lanes
Dec 6	11:00 am	OASIS Seniors/Mahomet Fire Station Tour
Dec 7,21	6:30-8 pm	JH Youth Group
Dec 11	5:30 pm	HS Youth Christmas Shopping for Kids
Dec 14	5:30 pm	JH Youth Christmas Shopping for Kids
Dec 18	After Worship	Congregational Meeting (affirm leadership candidates)
Dec 18	am service	"It All Happened in the Country" Kid's Christmas Program
Dec 20	6:30-8 pm	JH YG Christmas Feast
Dec 24	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

SERMONS ON-LINE

Sermons are available on-line to listen to or download. Visit our website at:

www.mahometchristian.org

Elder on Call

Nov 28-Dec 4	Mike Cornwell	897-6459
Dec 5-11	Mike Dyson	202-1415
Dec 12-18	Mike Wattles	369-0295
Dec 19-25	Frank Armetta	778-6711
Dec 26-Jan 1	Mike Cornwell	897-6459

Statistics

Averages for November	(4 weeks)	
Kids SS & Adult Bible Fellowship		79
Worship Hour Attendance		201
Ministry Operations		\$ 7,094.98
FTC (debt retirement)		\$ 614.25

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Office Hours M-F 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

217-586-3095

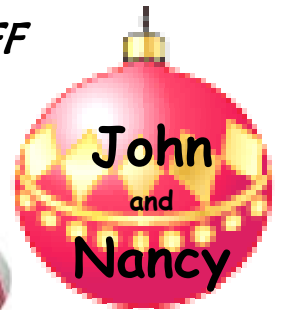
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Mahomet Christian Church MESSENGER

December 2011

From our home to yours...
MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR MCC STAFF



Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

December 24, 7:00 pm

Bring your family and friends and be inspired as we worship Him and get the proper perspective for this wonderful season of the year. You are invited to the Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on December 24 beginning at 7:00 pm. What a wonderful way to keep Christ in Christmas!

O come, let us adore Him!



Welcome to MCC! Please take a moment to welcome Abby and Brianna to our MCC family of believers!

Abby Goin was baptized on Nov 20. Abby lives at 1306 Woodridge Ct, Mahomet with her parents, Harry & Chris and sister Samantha

Brianna DiFilippo was baptized on Nov 27. Brianna lives at 207 Barbara, Mahomet with her parents Nic & Kristen and sisters Kara and Emiliana.

"Touching the World with God's Love... Teaching Them with His Word."

Elder's Corner

"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind." James 1:5 & 6.

We are faced daily, with many different and difficult situations requiring God's wisdom to show or tell us what to do; yet, we often don't ask, or we ask with doubt. We must ask in faith and not doubt God will answer in his own way and in his own time. He does not forsake us.

God longs for us to be wise in our faith. We should, therefore, pray daily for God to give us his wisdom, so that when we are faced with difficult situations in our lives, we will be better prepared to handle them.

When we don't feel like God is giving us the direction we need, we just assume that He doesn't care or that He has left us to walk alone. Are we asking with perceived notions? Are we listening at all? Remember Elijah when he hid in fear? God came to him, not in a booming voice, but in a gentle whisper (1 Kings 19). Listen for God.

Mike Wattles



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 18

On December 18th there will be a short Congregational meeting following the morning worship service to affirm the following for leadership positions at MCC.

- Elder: Ron Ross, Mike Smith
- Deacon: John Oswald, Rita Bartholomew, Steve Comer

HELPING HANDS Donations

November was a wonderful month of giving! You have kept the HELPING HANDS bins full.

We are approaching Christmas a time of joy; however, those without need to know that they are not forgotten. Please continue to bring food for the bins. It's Christmas: anything goes (as long as it is not perishable or expired)! Another way to help is by giving a dollar or two or five or more. For every dollar Helping Hands receives, they can purchase \$10 worth of food. You can write a check to Helping Hands, or you can designate an amount on your giving envelope.

There is a reason for this season: Jesus Christ our Lord. Let's pass on His love.

For questions or suggestions, call Mike or Diane Wattles, 586-2776.

On Sunday, Christmas morning, MCC will dismiss both Sunday school and Adult Bible Fellowship classes; however, Mike Tilford's class will be offered in the Garden room. Worship service will begin at 10 am.



"Where you, your family and your Bible are always welcome!"

Adults and student helpers are needed in the 2 & 3 year old Nursery on Sunday mornings. If you can assist once a month or quarter please call the office at 586-3095 or email jeff@mahometchristian.org

Attention MCC Youth!

Youth Groups
 High School—Sundays
 5:30-7:00 pm
 Junior High—Wednesdays
 6:30-8:00 pm



On December 4th following services the JH & HS will be going to Old Orchard Lanes, Savoy. Bring \$\$ for food

COLLEGE CARE MINISTRY

We're looking for families/individuals willing to help periodically with the College Care Ministry, either with sweat equity or financially. Here are some examples of ways to help: 1) Write a note of encouragement to one or all four of our support college students; 2) sponsor the mailing of a care package; 3) collect items college students would enjoy; 4) share ideas on ways the students can be encouraged; 5) visit a campus and take a student out for a meal or attend an event the student is participating in, 6) telephone a student before finals; 7) be a pen pal, 8) bake goodies, etc.

Anyone willing to any to help in any way should contact Stephenie Braham, sgraham48@gmail.com (217) 714-0111.

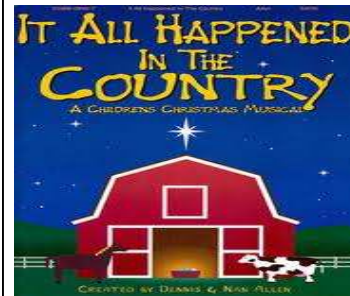
OASIS folks and the youth descended on Arrowhead Lanes for lunch and some fun with the black light miniature golf course. Each group had some OASIS folks and some high-schoolers, letting all of us get to know each other better. What a hoot!! You could hear laughter everywhere; each group came out with smiles and lively conversations.



What a treat at our Nov. 3 OASIS Thanksgiving potluck AND we had a first hand account of one of our very own Mahomet heroes, Art Leenerman. He told us what it was like to have his ship, the USS Indianapolis, torpedoed shortly after midnight, sink in 10-12 minutes, spend 5 days in the shark-infested waters of the Pacific, and finally to be rescued. It was a great reminder of the courage of our armed forces that protect our freedoms. Thank you to all of them.

On December 1, the 50 + folks along with Small Wonders Preschool children and parents enjoyed a bountiful Christmas dinner together. We enjoyed some really cute kids and then had a great time exchanging White Elephant gifts!

December 6, Oasis Seniors and others will take a tour of the Mahomet Fire Station guided by Steve Elkins and then eat together at Monicals in Mahomet



J.A.M. Kids Christmas Play

Rehearsals continue during junior church. The presentation of

"It all Happened in the Country" will be December 18th

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