



OUR STAFF

Transitional Pastor:
Reverend Nikey Keels
Director of Music: John Rickert
Organist: Jeremy Reis
Administrative Assistant:
Linda Wieferich
Caretaker, Al Ferrell
Nursery Attendant:
Sarah Egerer

OUR CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator: Nancy Lewis
Vice-Moderator: Tom Carr
Clerk: Cyndi James
Treasurer: Jody James
Missions Treasurer:
Roger Ellsworth
Financial Secretary: Mary Leary

FUN DAY AT THE CAMPGROUND

10:00 a.m.
Saturday,
August 20, 2016

CHURCH TEAM LEADERS

1. Christian Education:
Theresa King
2. Youth: Cheryl Ellsworth
3. Missions, Outreach/Evangelism:
Co-Leader: Nikki Anjakos-Seno
Co-Leader: Vacant
Historian: J. David Garn
Assistant: Cheryl Ellsworth
4. Music: David Garn
5. Finance: Jim Garn
6. Facilities/Maintenance:
Vacant
7. Hospitality: Connie Ellsworth
8. Worship: Jan Wheeler
9. Pastoral Relations: Vacant
10. Visitation: Lois Smith
11. Nominating: Appointed as needed

MICHIGAN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
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OUR CHURCH VISION

Drawing upon its rich history of service to God in an urban setting, Michigan Avenue Baptist Church serves as a beacon of Christ-centered ministry to the community through witness, worship, and fellowship in a culturally diverse population.



THE ROAD OF LIFE

God of our life, there are days when the burdens we carry chafe our shoulders and weigh us down; when the road seems dreary and endless, the skies gray and threatening; when our lives have no music in them, and our hearts are lonely, and our souls have lost their courage. Flood the path with light, turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise; turn our hearts to brave music; give us the sense of comradeship with heroes and saints of every age; and so quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life, to your honor and glory.

-St. Augustine

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Camping: August 18-20

Fun Day: Saturday, August 20



River Country Campground
6281 River Road, Ewart, MI 49631
(213) 734-3808



A day of fun activities is planned for Saturday, August 20. We will go tubing, canoeing, and/or kayaking down the river approximately 10:00 a.m. while others will choose to stay on ground. Please contact the campground to reserve your mode of transportation down the river. Later that day we will gather around the campfire for a devotional sing along and delicious food.

You are asked to bring your lawn chair and your beverages for the day. If desired, you may bring a dish to pass. Please check with Cyndi James for what may be needed. Come and join in the fun and fellowship.

Please contact River Country Campground for site availability as campsite reservations must be made in advance.

SEE YOU AT THE CAMPGROUND!



SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOU

Dear MABC

My lifelong dream of attending a Christian school is moving forward, thanks to generous educational scholarships like yours. Since being named one of the recipients of the scholarship, my dream is becoming a reality at Cornerstone University. The award gives me an opportunity to earn skills that will serve the community following graduation. Thank you personally for your generosity, for without scholarship patrons willing to support education, students such as myself, would be unable to pursue advanced ministry degrees.

Your scholarship will help me earn credentials in Biblical Studies, which requires special training and coursework. My passion for ministry is matched only by my love for encouraging people, so my decision to specialize in chaplaincy comes from the heart.

Once again, thank you for the vote of confidence and the scholarship. I am committed to my education and to the ministry field. I am one step closer to becoming a chaplain. Thanks for your continued generosity and to the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church Scholarship.

Sincerely
Sarah Ferrell

Dear Michigan Avenue Baptist Church

Thank you to the congregation and the Scholarship Committee for giving me scholarship money. It is a big help each year.

Thank you.
John Seno

SUMMER WORSHIP MUSIC

If you are interested in offering your musical talent during the worship service, now is the time. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the music room. Just put your name in any Sunday that is available and/or see me.

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk with me after church, send an email to rickertmusic@gmail.com, or give me a call at 989-598-4132. Thank you.

John Rickert,
MABC Music Director



MABC is in need of a Facilities Team leader. If you feel this is your “calling” and you’d like to volunteer to serve in this position, please contact Nancy Lewis, Jody James, or Jim Garn.



Dear Michigan Avenue

A huge thank you to MABC and the “Sunshine Lady” for the

birthday cards and wishes. I also appreciate the devotional books sent to me and the newsletters.

I am missing all of you so very much. I am attending a small church and have been for 18 years in Arizona. I have found many friends and my niche within the kitchen crew, dance worship, teaching, women’s fellowship called “WINGS” (Women in God’s Service), Kid Town during the week, and in Sunday School.

I’ll always treasure my years at “Michigan Avenue” with our children growing up and being baptized there as well. Thank you for your love and for keeping in touch through all these years.

Love to All
-Carla Young

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 25, 2016

THE "ART" OF FORGIVENESS



An interesting legend is associated with the painting "The Last Supper." Some say Leonardo da Vinci used a rival's face for Judas. Then when the painter tried to create Jesus' face, all he could see was that of his enemy. Supposedly, da Vinci was able to complete Jesus' face, and the entire masterpiece, only after making peace with his enemy and repainting Judas.

This tale shows the necessity of forgiving other people so we can accept Jesus' forgiveness for ourselves. As Jesus says in Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV): "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

-Adapted from *Hot Illustrations for Youth Talks*
By Wayne Rice



It's almost that time of year where we will begin our regular schedule at MABC. (Sunday, September 11 - RALLY DAY). One of the many opportunities to grow at MABC is the Latham Burrows Choir or the Belle Aire Handbell Choir. Why not give it some thought and join the choir this year. Everybody can learn to sing and/or play. John Rickert, our Music Director, is an excellent teacher. Perhaps this is the year for you? Choir rehearsal dates will be posted towards the end of August in your church bulletin. Hope to see new faces at rehearsal!

COME, JOIN THE FUN!

BEAUTIFUL BROKENNESS

We are bodies of broken bones. I guess I'd always known but never fully considered that being broken is what makes us human. We all have our reasons. Sometimes we're fractured by the choices we make; sometimes we're shattered by things we would never have chosen.

But our brokenness is also the source of our common humanity, the basis for our shared search for comfort, meaning and healing. Our shared vulnerability and imperfection nurtures and sustains our capacity for compassion.

-Bryan Stevenson, *Just Mercy*

BIBLE QUIZ

Under what circumstances did strongman Samson become weak?

- When a curse was spoken against him
- When he slacked off on his weight-lifting exercises
- When his hair was cut
- When he was bound with ropes that had never been used



The answer may be found on the calendar page.



- September 11, 2016. RALLY DAY (return to our regular schedule) and Jim Hendricks Christian Piano Concert at MABC beginning at 4:00 p.m.
- December 11. John & Kate Music Duo

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|---|--------|--|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 4:30 p.m. Prayer Team | 5 | 6 |
| 7 Communion Sunday | 8 6:15 p.m. Bible Study | 9 | 10 | 11 4:30 p.m. Prayer Team | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 6:15 p.m. Bible Study | 16 | 17 | 18 4:30 p.m. Prayer Team | 19 | 20 FUN DAY at Camp for everyone |
| 21 | 22 6:15 p.m. Bible Study | 23 | 24 | 25 4:30 p.m. Prayer Team 7:00 p.m. Church Council | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 6:15 p.m. Bible Study | 30 | 31 | Answer to Bible Quiz: C (See Judges 16-17). | | |

Pastor Keels will be away on vacation from August 15-23. She will return August 24.

Camping @ River Country Campground

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SUNDAYS AT MABC
9:00 a.m., Church School
10:00 a.m., Worship service

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Happy Birthday to You!



BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

- 03 Sharon Schultz**
- 07 Gabriel Smith**
- 08 Brian Little**
- 09 Tina Lown**
- 09 Brennan Hall**
- 13 Karen Hatch**
- 16 Thomas Graham**
- 19 Theresa King**
- 21 Christina Lopez**
- 21 Deborah Ellsworth III**
- 23 Stephanie Ellsworth**
- 30 Nicole Little**

If your birthday has not been listed, please contact the church office at (989) 7893-8555 with your birth date. We'd like to wish everybody a Happy Birthday during their birthday month. Please contact the church office should you have a change of address. We want to keep our records current. Thank you.