

MANGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Sowing Seeds

It may seem odd to think about sowing seeds at this time of year when the harvest is in full swing. Actually, there is no better time to discuss planting than when we can see the results, all around us, of a successful planting season. When we see combines working their way through fields gathering grain, we must understand, that the crops did not plant themselves. Neither did they spring up from wild growth. On the contrary, when we see a great harvest, we are compelled to remember what has to happen prior to the reaping; and that is sowing. If the farmers were not diligent to sow the seed, then there would be no harvest. Without sowing there is no gathering. Without planting there is no harvest.

Let us apply that principle to the spiritual vitality, or maybe the lack thereof, in our communities. If we are not experiencing a successful harvest of souls, is it possible that the Word is not being broadly spread. As God's people, we have the important and singular task of spreading the word of the gospel (sowing seeds). And it is true that we cannot make people receive the word. Our success is not based on the results of how others receive the word; rather, our success is based on our obedience to sow. Therefore, let us go and spread the word, and plant seeds. If we are being obedient then the lacking harvest is not our fault, but let us be diligent to at least try. Go and Sow.

Believing and Belonging,

Bro Rick

Sunday Nights

This month we will begin a series of events on Sunday evenings for the families in our church to experience family growth, fellowship, worship, and fun. We will be interacting across generational lines and getting to know each other and the Lord better. Announcements are soon to come.

Bridal Shower for Samantha Duncan Hogan

Sunday, September 3, 3:00 PM at the Family Life Center, 112 Church Street, Mangham, LA.

Associational Meeting

The Richland Baptist Associational Meeting will be on the evening of September 7, at Cedar Baptist Church. The executive board will meet at 5:30, and then all are invited to join us for a meal at 6:00 followed by the Associational Meeting at 6:30. For more info, contact Bro Rick.

Ladies' game night will be September 11, at 6:00 PM.

*****Save the Date*****

September 17, at 3:00 PM, a Wedding Shower for Bridget Mills, bride-elect of Jared McKay.

Men's game night September 18, at 6:00 PM.

Louisiana Missions Day

We will celebrate Louisiana Missions on Sunday, September 24. This will be a day of learning more about mission work in our state and opportunities to give to missions.

We will be collecting:

- 1) Warm clothing for Care and Share Ministries in Rayville.
- 2) Packaged Louisiana foods: rice, red beans, jambalaya, etc... (If you bring these packaged foods the prior week, the hostess committee can use them to decorate tables)
- 3) Monetary offering for the Georgia Barnett State Missions Offering, which supports Baptist mission work in the state of Louisiana.

We will have our regularly scheduled Sunday morning bible classes followed by worship with guest speaker, Bro Eddie Rhymes. Afterwards, we will enjoy a covered dish luncheon of your favorite Louisiana foods. So, invite your friends and bring your favorite La. dishes for all to enjoy as we celebrate Louisiana Missions.

Connected Groups

We will begin our connected groups in September and will meet on Sunday evening, September 24. We need host homes for our groups, so please contact Bro Rick if you can help.

Watoto Children's Choir

We are hosting the Watoto Children's Choir in the coming months. We need ten homes that will offer overnight accommodations for members of the group. Please sign up at church and don't miss this blessing.

September Birthday Calendars

Our September Birthday calendars are available in the foyer. We honor our Senior Saints over seventy: Rosemary Hendrix, Mary Lynn Smart, and Norene Sellers.

Men's Bible Study

We will have men's Bible Study every Sunday at 5:00 PM.

Shoe Box Ministry

We will collect boys' and girls' toys, such as dolls, balls, yoyos, jump ropes, cars, trucks, school supplies, stickers, etc. Donations to the Shoe Box Ministry are always appreciated. A donation of money can be made online at the MBC website; just go to the Online Giving and arrow down to Shoe Box Ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Morgan.



September 3 – Rachel Gandy – Jessica McKay
September 10 – Ann Church – Tracy Hoggatt
September 17 – Ashley White – Ainsley Miller
September 24 – T J Thompson – Charline Odom



September 3 –Sonya Arender – Mona Chisholm
September 10 – Mary Margaret Hoggatt – Savannah Hipp
September 17– Susan Morgan – Grant and Audrey Middleton
September 24 – Erica Graham – Jessica McKay

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