



Madison Hills Baptist CHURCH

November 2024 Newsletter

A Note From The Pastor

— Robert Bennet, Senior Pastor

Thanksgiving holds a special place in my heart as my most cherished holiday. Its appeal lies not only in the delectable culinary offerings but also in the profound spiritual significance it holds. As encapsulated in the biblical verse 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Thanksgiving serves as a pivotal moment to reflect on the abundance of blessings bestowed upon us throughout the year.

Each Thanksgiving, I am reminded of the countless blessings that have shaped my life. The sheer volume of gratitude I feel compels me to diligently compile a list of the many things I am thankful for. However, true gratitude extends beyond the positive aspects of our lives. It encompasses the challenges, the difficulties, and the imperfections that we encounter. A remarkable example of this mindset is the life of Brother Lawrence, an ancient monk who believed that gratitude could be cultivated for even the most unpleasant circumstances. He dedicated his life to practicing daily gratitude, embodying the principle that “all things are gifts.”

This month, I will be teaching a series on the subject of “Being Thanksgiving for All Things.” I invite you to join me every Sunday as we delve into the profound teachings of gratitude. The key to cultivating a truly thankful spirit lies in our focus on Jesus Christ. By examining the life of Jesus, we can discern his unwavering gratitude for all aspects of life, the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Contact Us

If you need to update your contact information, OR if your committee or group would like to include an event or activity in the monthly newsletters, please contact the church office at mhbc@madisonhills.com or (210) 656-3946

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Mon-Thurs: 9 am—4 pm
Fri 9 am—12 pm
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Our Staff

Senior Pastor: Robert Bennett

Associate Pastor: Ted Merrell

Youth Minister: Caitlyn Lockwood

Financial Administrator: Melissa Patterson

Music Director: Pam Valdes

Mother's Day Out Director: Sharon Cummings

Children's Ministry Director: Ashlea Jensen

Christian School Teacher: Christina Vaquera



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Brenda Irle	2	John Bandy	8	Linda Lee	19	Jenn Edgar	25
Caitlin Newville	3	Susan Shannon	9	Paula Martinez	21	Rosalva Rodriguez	25
Kenneth Whited	4	Omar Chavaria-Duron	13	Lisa Vallee	21	Samantha Jones	28
Deanna Swoveland	5	Jennie Reed	14	Cheyenne Chandler	23	Sherree Bennett	30
Ryleigh Patterson	6	Audrey Tudyk	16	Laura Breazeale	24	Peggy Graves	30
Ashley Haugh	7	John Bonvillian	17	Sara Alvarado	25	Claire Rice	30

Happy Birthday to you from MHBC!



Upcoming Church Events

TAMALE SUPPER

Make sure to join us on Sunday, November 24, 2024 for our annual Tamale Supper at 6:00 pm! There will be a chili cookoff and a silent auction as well. Make sure you don't miss out on all the fun!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child boxes are out now! Make sure to pick up a "How to Pack" brochure and a box from the back of the sanctuary and bring the filled box back to the church by Sunday, November 17, 2024. Please help give a child, who would not otherwise have the opportunity, the chance to celebrate Christmas and our Lord's birth!

POINSETTIA ORDERS

It's that time of year already! Poinsettia orders will begin this month! Please fill out an envelope at church with the number of poinsettias you would like and who they are in honor or memory of. You can also place your order or pay online through the online giving link on our website and selecting Poinsettias as the fund. Orders are due by Wednesday, December 11, 2024 and Poinsettias are \$12 each.

Children's Chat

— Ashlea, Jensen, Children's Ministry Director

MHBC Kid's Event

THANKSGIVING HUNT

We are having a Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt! The kids will be hunting for clues throughout the church. They will have to solve riddles to see where to go next! Their final destination will be a tasty surprise!

This is for kids from the age of 3 to fifth grade
(Plenty of food will be provided)

5-7:30PM | NOV 9 | @MADISON HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



Mother's Day Out

— by Sharon Cummings, Director

Our Pre-K and Three-year-old classes got to enjoy a fun morning walking through the pumpkins and listening to story time at St Margaret's Episcopal Church. After story time the children are given a bag with goodies inside, then they get to go out and pick a small pumpkin to take home. We are accompanied by most all our parents or grandparents, which is a real blessing.

All MDO classes will participate in the Operation Christmas Child shoe box ministry. The families bring toys to fill one shoe box for a

girl or a boy that will be sent to children in far off countries that might not otherwise get to celebrate Christmas. Jesus is the Reason for the Season!!

We are excited that our annual Thanksgiving Feast will be on Thursday, November 21. This is always a special time where our families gather to enjoy a feast of turkey, ham, many sides, and yummy desserts.

Remember this special season of Thanksgiving. Find a time to share your children our many daily blessings.

Youth Ministry

— by Caitlyn Lockwood,
Youth Minister



YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

Friday, January 24 – Sunday, January 26, 2025

Join us for Bible Study, Fellowship, Games and our Annual Polar Plunge!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP SCAN THE QR CODE!

Cost: \$100
Financial Assistance Available



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024

YOUTH GAMES NIGHT

Join us for board games, card games, team games, sports games, and all the games! Open to all so invite your friends!

Grades 6th – 12th
DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

15413 O'CONNOR RD, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78247

Note Worthy

— by Pam Valdes, Music Director

Kids Praise

Remember, our kids gather each Sunday morning at the beginning of the Sunday School hour to have a little time of singing about Jesus. We like to share a song in our worship service periodically and will be doing so during the Christmas season. You'll want your kids to take part! December performance date coming soon.

Christmas Cantata

The holiday season is upon us. The Worship Choir will be presenting our Christmas cantata, Come Worship the King, three times this season. On Sunday, December 15th we will be sharing our music with the residents at The Waterford Thousand Oaks at 3:00 PM. We will present it at MHBC two times on Sunday, December 22nd at our regular 10:45 AM service and again at 6:00 PM. Make plans now to attend and invite your friends and family. You'll be blessed by this beautiful re-telling of Christ's arrival and the reminder that He is worthy of our worship.

Christmas Eve

As is our tradition, we will worship together with Scripture and carols at our Christmas Eve service. You'll want to make sure that this service is on your holiday calendar!

Fellowship Supper Menu

Wednesdays 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm

To donate to the Wednesday Supper Fund please scan the QR code below:



Fellowship Supper Ministry
Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Cost: \$Donations
Check, Cash (exact change only), QR Code

MENU

November 6, 2024
Chicken Tacos, Rice, Refried Beans
Dessert, Tea or Lemonade

November 13, 2024
Beef Vegetable Soup
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Salad, Dessert
Tea or Lemonade

November 20, 2024
Pizza
Green Salad, Fruit
Dessert, Tea or Lemonade

Give Thanks
1 Chronicles 16:34



HAPPENING EVERY WEEK

SUNDAYS

9:30 AM Sunday School for all ages
9:30 AM Partner's for Christ -
Sunday School
on Campus or Online Zoom
*(Join Zoom Link available on our website,
Event Section)*
10:45 AM Worship Service

MONDAYS

7:30 PM Kajukenbo

TUESDAYS

6:30 PM Men's Bible Study
6:30 PM - Handbells Rehearsal

WEDNESDAYS

10:00 AM Adult Bible Study - Facebook Live
11:00 AM Ladies of Grace Sunday School
5:30 PM Fellowship Supper
6:30 PM Adult Bible Study
6:30 PM AWANA Children's Program
6:30 PM Youth Bible Study
6:30 PM Worship Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAYS

7:30 PM Kajukenbo

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, November 1

9:00 AM - SABA Hunger Walk

Sunday, November 3

10:45 AM - Lord's Supper

Wednesday, November 6

6:00 PM - Food Panty at MHBC

Thursday, November 7

6:30 PM - Deacon Meeting

Saturday, November 9

5:00 PM - Kids' Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, November 14

10:00 AM - Beading Class at MHBC

Friday, November 15

6:00 PM - Youth Games Night

Sunday, November 17

10:45 AM - Baptism Sunday
5:00 PM - Church Conference

Wednesday, November 20

6:00 PM - Food Pantry at MHBC

Sunday, November 24

6:00 PM - Tamale Supper

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Day

Church Office is Closed

Friday, November 24

Church Office is Closed

October Financial & Attendance Information

October Giving – General Fund - \$46,669.96

Total Giving – General Fund – Year to Date - \$446,239.76

New Building Fund Total - \$348,456.43

Average Sunday School Attendance - 117

Average Worship Service Attendance - 196

Average Online Worship Service Attendance - 200

Average Online Wed Morning Attendance - 107

Average Wed Evening Activities Attendance - 103