Sunday, Sept. 15
S.S. Appreciation Luncheon
5:00 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 18
Business Meeting
6:30 pm

Thursday, Sept. 23
Deacon's Meeting
7:00 pm

FYI: Watch for Weekly Update and Electronic Calendar for any changes during the month!

CHURCH STAFF
Dr. Thomas R. McCann
Interim Senior Pastor

Rev. Greg Hetherington
Minister to Youth & Children

Dr. James Gregory Denton
Interim Minister of Music

Rev. Larry Sprouse
Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Shelly Lane
Office Manager

Mrs. Linda Saunders
Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Hope Schilling
Director of Kingdom Kids Childcare

Business Meeting Highlights
Wednesday, August 21, 2019

- Approved request from Children’s Committee that there be no Fall Festival in September and that Oktoberfest be held on Sunday, October 27, 2019 from 5:00-7:00 pm.
- Approved request to allow Salem High School Band to park their buses and instrument trailer on the upper gravel parking lot at Melrose on September 20, 2019 starting at 6:00 pm.
- Approved request from the Personnel Committee for housing allowances for the Intentional Interim Pastor and the Interim Minister of Music.
- Accepted the resignation of Rhonda Kessler and Brittany Shook from the Youth Council and Jill Ernest from the Children’s Committee.
- Approved request from the Nominating Committee for new committee members for two-year and three-year terms.
- Approved request from the Fellowship of Deacons for new deacons for one-year and three-year terms.
- Approved church wide support for the WMU Valley Impact Ministries.

All Sunday School Teachers, Substitute Teachers & Outreach Leaders
You are cordially invited to attend a reception honoring all Melrose Baptist Church Sunday School Workers

Sunday, September 15—5:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Dress is casual—Spouses are welcome!

Ham biscuits, BBQ sliders, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Chips, Fruit, Veggies, Cookies and Brownies!
The events of the past couple of months have been remarkable. The Leadership Team first contacted me in last May after receiving my resume and background materials from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in Atlanta. After considerable thought, prayer, consultation, and a quiet visit to a church service, I advised the team that I was available for discussions about serving the Melrose family as its Intentional Interim Pastor. I met with the Leadership Team for an interview—really each of us learning from and evaluating the other—and then received an offer from the Team on behalf of the church soon afterwards.

A “Call Weekend” from August 14 through June 17 followed providing the congregation and me with an opportunity to meet each other, to ask and to answer questions, to lunch with the Team and staff, to share during a Prayer Breakfast, to attend the Single Senior’s Banquet, to visit Sunday School classes, and to dine with the Deacon Fellowship, and members of the congregation, several times. It was a great experience for me—the best introduction I have ever had—and I hope it was a valuable time for our church members as well.

On Sunday morning, August 18, at a called business meeting, the congregation voted unanimously to call me to be their Intentional Interim Pastor. It was a bold, creative, and exciting process. I am blessed, humbled, and eager to move ahead. Your outpouring of support during the Invitation on Sunday, September 1, was remarkable, warm, and affirming!

Looking forward, the Leadership Team will gather for an orientation session on the 19th followed by a team training event at which we will begin work on the first of five focus points (Heritage) that comprise the “Intentionality” of the interim experience. We will then move through the remaining four: Mission, Leadership, Connections, and Future. I will provide written and spoken presentations on each of these Focus Points in the days ahead. You will be involved in some way throughout the process.

Thank you, Melrose family. I appreciate you all so much. Remember, my door is always open!

Grace,

Tom McCann

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**FYI**

**Melrose Craft Buddies**

2nd & 3rd Monday of each month

9:30-10:30 am

On the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month, Melrose Craft Buddies meets in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30 am. Church members lead children in creating age-appropriate and fun crafts to illustrate Bible stories and to celebrate upcoming holidays.

We began this activity working only with the Pre-K class at Kingdom Kids. Teresa Kennedy is the leader. Helpers are Lois Bailey, Janet Bain, Carolyn Tucker, Karen Mullins, Patty Huffman Donna Johnson and Steve Kennedy.

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**NEWS**

Back to School Blast on August 10 was a real success. 995 book bags, and 500 tennis shoes, along with other supplies. Bibles were given by the Gideons.

Needed: Breakfast and Lunch servers; Breakfast—5:30-8:00 am; Lunch-11:00 am-2:00 pm.

Happy Coat Giving—Now collecting coats (any size) for the Rescue Mission. Look for box in the Fellowship Hall to place your coat(s).

Melrose is a real supporter of the Penny Ministry. A total will be given after our next auxiliary meeting on September 18. Thank you for your pennies to help the mission.
Children & Youth Happenings

Colossians 3:17 “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Now that we have completed summer, school has started and the fall is in full swing, I thought I would update everyone on some upcoming events in the life of our Children and Youth Ministries.

September:
15 – Children: Movie Night (5pm – 7pm) in the Youth Wing “Ralph Wrecks the Internet”
25 – Youth: See You at the Pole (before school at each student’s school)
28 – Children & Families: Valley Impact Day at Melrose
   Youth: Valley Impact Day at Ward Haven

October:
6 – Children: Christmas Drama Practices Start
   Youth: FCA Fields of Faith
11-13 – Youth: Middle School Weekend @ Eagle Eyrie
13 – Youth: Christmas Drama Practices Start
20 – Youth: Salem Christmas Parade Work Day
27 – MBC Families: Oktoberfest

November:
2 – Children: Day at the Stables (Meadow Wood Stables)
3 – MBC Families: Operation Christmas Child Pack
   Party
10 – Youth: Float Work Day
17 – Youth: Operation Christmas Child @ Salem Baptist

December:
1 – Hanging of the Greens Service
6 – Children & Youth: Salem Christmas Parade
7 – Children: Christmas Drama Dress Rehearsal
8 – Children: Christmas Drama Presentation
14 – Youth: Christmas Drama Dress Rehearsal
15 – Youth: Christmas Drama Presentation
22 – MBC Families: Caroling & Potluck
30-Jan 1 – Youth: Winterfest @ Liberty

Rev. Greg Hetherington

Dr Greg’s Notes......

Thank-you to all for such a warm welcome. Our family can certainly feel and sense what makes Melrose Baptist Church the wonderful place that it is. We look forward to ministering and serving with you.

If you have always wanted to try one of our choirs, now is a great time to do so. The Sonshine Choir, (those of us over 50), meet on Tuesdays in the choir room 9:30-10:30 am. The Sanctuary Choir meets on Wednesday evenings in the choir room 7:30-8:30’ish. No audition or music reading skills necessary. All you need is just a willingness to sing praises to The Lord. We can teach you all the other stuff.

If there are any folks in our church who play musical instruments; such as clarinet, flute, trumpet, trombone, oboe, saxophone, tuba, electric string bass, etc., we need you. We are looking at forming some kind of instrumental ensemble to accompany the church in the worship services.

Looking forward to seeing each person in worship this Sunday.

Serving With You,
Greg Denton...Psalm 19:14

September Items for Older Children

Calculators, Flashlights (with batteries), Sunglasses, Bandanas, Hair Accessories, Baseball Caps, Sewing Kits & Manicure Sets

ALMA HUNT
Offering for Virginia Missions & Prayer Emphasis: Sept. 8-15, 2019

The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions has always been a special tribute to the woman for whom it was named. “Miss Alma” was known worldwide for her service and dedication to missions. This year’s theme is “Together as One”, from 1 Corinthians 12:25-27.

Melrose Baptist and baptists across our state enable others to experience God’s presence in their lives by supporting the Women’s Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) ministries with this offering.
ATTENDANCE
TOTAL FOR MONTH OF AUGUST:
Sunday School ............................................794
Worship..........................................................964

GREETERS: September 15- Faye Dolin, Joyce Ikenberry, Lois Collins & Wanda Ross
GREETERS: September 22 – Brad Robertson, Nancy Leyh, Eve Wirt & Linda Allice

DEACONS HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM:
Sunday, Sept. 15 - Saturday, Sept. 21
Evelyn Harris & Rick Moorer
Sunday, Sept. 22 - Saturday, Sept. 28
Mary Gilley & Karen Simmons

COURTESY TEAM:
September 15 - Larry Wirt & Larry Hicks
September 22 – Butch Elmore & Lew Tucker

DEACONS OUTREACH TEAM:
September 15 - Joan & Rick Mullins
September 22 - Mike & Evelyn Conner

USHERS:
Sunday, September 15 - Kathy & Kyle Draper
Sunday, September 22 - Kathy & Kyle Draper

VAN DRIVERS:
Sunday, September 15 - Jeff Ernest
(793-0847)
Sunday, September 22 - Donny Daniels
(309-6356)
Sunday, September 29 - Jay Taylor
(597-7437)

SAFETY TEAM:
Sunday, September 15 - Tim Whitt
Sunday, September 22 - Jeff & Joyce Poore

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS:
September 15 -
Babies: Karen & Dave Mullins
Toddlers/2’s & 3’s: Eve Wirt & Janice White
3’s, 4’s & 5’s: Tracie & Sydnie Conley

September 22 -
Babies: Nicki Joynes & Alice Crider
Toddlers/1’s & 2’s: Morgan & Kay Hicks
Kindergarten: Michael Hackworth & Nick Crawford

Enrichment & Growth

Sunday, September 15
9:00....................................................Library Open
9:30.......................................................Sunday School
10:45.....................................................Morning Worship
4:45.....................................................S.O.Y. (Youth)
5:00............................................S.S. Appreciation Reception
5:00...........................................Movie Night (Children)

Tuesday, September 17
9:00....................................................Sr. Choir
10:00....................................................LAAF
10:30...........................................Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 18
2:30...................................................Stitch & A Prayer
3:30...........................................5th Block
5:30........................................Family Night Dinner
6:00........................................Children’s Music
6:00............................................Youth Activities
6:30.........................................Business Meeting
6:30..................................CIA/Mission Friends
7:30.....................................Sanctuary Choir

Saturday, September 21
12:00-6:00...Sanctuary being used for
Hepburn Wedding

Sunday, September 22
9:00....................................................Library Open
9:30.......................................................Sunday School
10:45.....................................................Morning Worship
12:00...........Children’s Committee Meeting
4:45.....................................................S.O.Y. (Youth)
7:00...................................Youth Council Meeting

Monday, September 23
9:00-11:00...Melrose Craft Buddies (F.H.)
7:00...........................................Deacon’s Meeting

Tuesday, September 24
9:30....................................................Sr. Choir
10:30...........................................Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 25
3:30...........................................5th Block
5:30........................................Family Night Dinner
6:00........................................Children’s Music
6:00............................................Youth Activities
6:30...........................................Prayer Service
6:30..................................CIA/Mission Friends
7:30.....................................Sanctuary Choir

Saturday, September 28
RVBA Valley Impact Day

Homebound Member
of the Week:
Peggy Spickard
Friendship Health & Rehab
327 Hershberger Rd, #113
Roanoke, VA 24012

Roanoke Valley Baptist
Association Valley Impact Day
September 28, 2019

On Saturday, September 28, RVBA churches, including Melrose, unite in one day of service in Jesus’ name. Each church develops its own project to impact our valley.

Melrose has chosen to support The Least of These Ministry. This ministry to homeless people provides for physical needs and shares the love of Christ.

Melrose volunteers will purchase backpacks ($4.00 each) and hand write cards with Bible verses and words of encouragement. These items will be given to The Least of These Ministry to distribute to homeless people.

Money for backpacks can be given to Carolyn Tucker or put in the offering with the notation that it is The Valley Impact Day. Checks should be made to Melrose Baptist Church (note Valley Impact Day on the check).

On Saturday morning September 28, please drop by our Fellowship Hall between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon to write the cards we will give to The Least of These Ministry. Bring your own cards and pen (there will be some available) and enjoy the fellowship as we share the love of Jesus.

Lunch will be provided for volunteers at 12:30 at TBA location for anyone who wishes to attend and learn what other projects were completed during this year’s Impact Day. Contact Mary Gilley for more information.