

# CHURCH FLOW

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# MERCY SEAT

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



Friday, March 1, 2024



## Spring Is In The Air!

Greetings Family. Well, February has come and gone, and Winter must give way to Spring. Spring is the time of rebirth, renewal, and rejuvenation. This month's newsletter highlights those themes with our events. Rebirth through our upcoming renovations. Renewal through our upcoming Church Anniversary. And Rejuvenation through our upcoming Spring Revival. With our focus on **The Big 5**, a new season is coming.

**Be blessed!**

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## Snack Bag Sunday

The first Sunday of every month is our Zero Hunger Snack Bag Sunday. On that Sunday, we will have snack bags at the front exit for everyone to take with them. Please grab a bag and give it to a homeless person that you encounter this week. This gives us another opportunity to love others. Our next Snack Bag Sunday will be March 3rd.



## Warming Winter for Those in Need

On February 17, our Mission and Outreach Ministry Warmed Winter for the homeless in our community. We provided blankets, coats, sweaters, caps, and other winter items to our brothers and sisters in two areas in Southwest Little Rock. Along with the clothing, our Culinary Ministry provided a hot meal consisting of chili, chicken noodle soup, chips, cornbread, a drink and dessert. We had over 30 members to volunteer to pack food bags, sort and pack clothing, and deliver the food to the homeless near their encampments. We had countless more to donate to the cause. To all our volunteers and donors, we thank you for your giving hearts.





Sunday, March 3, 2024

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## Anniversary Service

CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Sunday, March 3, 2024

**We will be celebrating our 49th Church Anniversary on Sunday, March 3rd during Morning Worship. One of the Sons of Mercy, Rev. Billy Artis, will bring the message on that day. All members are asked to give \$100. Pastor has also asked every member to invite someone who is not a member of a church to join you at church this Sunday. Dinner will be served after worship. There will be no Sunday School this week. So come join us this Sunday as we thank God for his faithfulness toward us. Everyone bring someone, and let's have a great time!**

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT:**

**If you would like to pay online, go to [www.mercyseat.churchtrac.com](http://www.mercyseat.churchtrac.com) or use the QR code on the last page of the newsletter. Click "GIVE". Make sure you list your giving as "Church Anniversary" to ensure it is correctly annotated.**

Join us for the

## SPRING REVIVAL

MARCH 12 - 14 @ 7PM

Mercy Seat M.B.C.  
8715 Oman Road  
Little Rock, AR 72209

Guest Speaker  
**PASTOR C. RAMONT MORRIS**  
Bethel Baptist Church  
Brooklyn, New York

## Spring Revival

Join us for Spring Revival March 12-14. This year's guest speaker is Pastor C. Ramont Morris of the Bethel Baptist Church in Brooklyn, NY. Pastor Morris was here last year and brought a great Word every night. Come and be rejuvenated as you witness a dynamic man of God as he rightly divides the word of truth.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, March 10**—We will travel to Warren Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock, AR. The services will start at 2pm. The Choir is asked to sing, and Officers and Ushers are asked to serve.

**Saturday, March 16**—Pastor Sanders will be conducting a Deacons Workshop at McGehee Chapel in McGehee, AR beginning at 10am. All deacons of Mercy Seat are welcome to join.

**Saturday, March 16**—The Regular Arkansas Missionary Baptist Convention's State Laymen will host a State Laymen Banquet at 5pm at Pleasant Branch Baptist Church in Conway, AR. Everyone is welcome. See Deacon Kevin Wallace for tickets.

**Sunday, March 24**—Pastor will be preaching at McGehee Chapel at 3pm for their Deacon Crowning. All who can attend, please do so.

## Happy Birthday

Kevin Wallace

Neica Jones

Kensley Campbell

Jocelyn Woods

Roosevelt Barnes

Keena Wamble

Tracey Caradine

Caylee Williams-Jones

Harrison Braddix

Donnell King

Jahyla Franklin

Wanda King

Grace Parker

Latoyic Barnes

Reggie Arnold

Joshua Sanders

A Very Happy Birthday from your  
Mercy Seat Family!!!



The Big 5 was born out of Pastor's observation that "The church sometimes finds herself lifelessly lagging behind because she doesn't have a main focus, a permeating purpose that we can all agree upon." The Big 5 will be used to keep us focused on doing ministry going forward.

### **The Big 5 are:**

**Our Time-**To reach the masses we have to be mindful of our time. We must start on time.

**Our Teaching-**There are several teaching arms for a reason. Get connected to the teaching so you as a member can grow. Leaders, look at everything you do in ministry as a teaching tool so we can become more efficient that we can reach the masses.

**Our Tenth-**In Malachi, it states to bring your tithe to the storehouse and the Lord will pour you out blessings that you won't have room to receive. The purpose of your tithe is so the church can do ministry. By giving your tenth, the Lord's work continues on.

**Our Trials-**We need to learn to self-mature and deal with our issues before dealing with others. If you have something that has a bigger hold on you than God, you need to let it go.

**Our Trust-**You need to know how, when, who, why, and where to trust in order to do ministry.



## Join Us for Bible Study

God is working wonders on Wednesday nights as our Bible study grows stronger every week. We are getting ready to start Chapter 4 of "When Your Way Isn't Working" by Kyle Idleman. This book offers a unique exploration of John 15. John Idleman reminds us that it's connection, not production, that leads to a fruitful life.

Rev. Spencer Braddix is

leading us in this study and brings a unique, well-informed spin on the lessons. We would love to see you as we continue to learn and grow together. You can pick up your copy of the book on Amazon. Whether you have a book or not, join us on Wednesdays because you will gain great insight on how to let God take control when you can't handle a situation or issue.

*Join Us As We Study*

Wednesday Night  
Bible Study



Wednesday Night  
Bible Study

*Wednesday Nights*

7:00 P.M.

## Restroom Renovation

We are continuing our goal to reach \$30,000 to begin our restroom renovation. Our current total is approaching \$27,000. Our plan is to reach our goal in March so we can break ground. Since we're close, we have begun talks with the financing company. Thank you for your continued support for this much needed renovation. Scan the QR code provided here to give. Every donation helps us towards our goal of beautifying the Lord's house.

**RESTROOM RENOVATION**

**LET'S KEEP CLIMBING!**

JOIN US IN REACHING OUR GOAL OF \$30,000!

CURRENT TOTAL \$26,451.00

DONATE TODAY!

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## Galatians 5:1

**Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.**

This letter to the Galatians is centered on, or at least consistent with, Godly freedom predicated upon justification. To be justified is to be counted as righteous, knowing that one is not righteous. Nonetheless, it is in this letter that Paul wrote to believers, who faced the onslaught of the Judaizers attempting to pull them back under the bondage of the law. Life has a way of putting us in the same position. No, we are not troubled by the Judaizers, but what about the racism, injustices, judgements by the unjust, and even our own sinful desires, decrees, and distractions? Moreover, we are under constant attack by our enemy, the deceiver.

Nonetheless, the apostle gave the Galatians advice that transcends trials, and time, hence it is sufficient for us as well. First, the apostle said, **Consider your Position**, “Stand fast therefore”. Paul warned the Galatians not to give in to the pressures of the Judaizers, likewise brothers and sisters let us not give in to our pressures. Further Paul said, **Remember His Passion**, “in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.” We must in times of trials remember the passion of our Christ, and his suffering as our Savior. Finally, Paul exhorted the church to, **Maintain in the Present**, “and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.” Paul’s exhortation appeared to be indicative of continuing and/or future onslaughts. Given that, the apostle concluded firmly by calling it as it was an entanglement with bondage. Brothers and sister, until the next time may our God continue to be our guide.

The Prayer: Father, we thank you for keeping us as we are unable to keep ourselves. We offer our prayer in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

**G. L. Sanders**

**Senior Pastor, Mercy Seat M.B. Church.**

The Morning After Devotional is a weekly devotional ministry by our pastor that drops every Thursday morning. If you would like to be included on the ministry, text your name and phone number to Pastor Sanders at 870-866-3848.

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