



8:45a—Praver Time (all ages) ≥ 11:00a—Easter Play Practice

▲ 4:30p—Choir Practice



●Wed. Mar. 14—5:30-6:30p Easter Play Practice



# THE MASTER'S

- ●Wed. Mar. 14—7:00p Women's Chamber Choir from The Master's University at MFBC
- Fri. March 16—7:00p Fife's Sending Team Meeting at their home
- ●Thurs. Mar. 15—7:00-9:00p Still Waters Homeschool Group presents Officer Gomez Internet Safety class at MFBC— everyone invited
- •Fri.—Sat. Mar. 16-17 Men's Work Weekend at Camp Pinewood—Sign-up in the foyer

[weekly activities are listed on the back of the bulletin]



- •Mar. 18 Fife's ministering at Little Salmon River Bible Church in Polluck, ID
- Mar. 18 12:30p Deacon's Meeting
- Mar. 20—6:30p Women's Ministries Leadership Meeting in the Library #122
- •Mar. 22—3:08p **Touchstones** departure to Togo
- ●Mar. 24—8:30a All Church Work Day
- •Mar. 24—9:30a Easter Play Practice Opring Dreak
- •Mar. 26-30— Spring Break
- •Mar. 25—Business Meeting to approve 2018-2019 Budget
- •Mar. 25—Prepare all Rooms for Carpet Cleaning
- •Mar. 27—8:30a Carpets cleaned in all the facility
- Apr. 1 Easter Sunday 8:30a Early Service (outside) 9:00a Brunch—10:00a AM Service (No SS)

6:00p—Evening Service

●Apr. 19-20—BNN Annual Meeting /Bible

Conference at MFBC—Speaker Philip DeCourcy—senior pastor of Kindred Community Church in Anaheim Hills, CA —daily radio program, Know The Truth

●May 15—June 2—Pastor Randy's Congo Trip



#### March 11:

Greeters: Carol (F) Peterson (B) Ushers: Lloyd / Jason / Thane / Al

Nursery:

•AM: Rosy / Olga K.

•SS: David & Jeanie / Niccole

•PM: Jacque / Robin

Children's Church: Christy (Teacher) Kaila / Carson / Katelyn (Helpers) Junior Church: Michelle (Teacher)

(Helper)

Children's PM Ministries: Priscilla

Sound Booth: Audio/Jonathon (AM & PM)

Video/ Alison (AM & PM)

Security: David P. (AM) Linda Gene (PM)

Facility Setup: Ray / Bruce (week of March 11)

### March 18:

Greeters: Granger (F) Elaine (B) Ushers: James M./ David/ Yuriy/ Mike

Nursery:

•AM: Brian & Mary Ann / Amanda

•SS: Robin / Joanna •PM: Glenda / Connie

Children's Church: Kara (Teacher)

Hero / Scott (Helpers)

Junior Church: Michelle (Teacher)

(Helper)

Children's PM Ministries: David & Jeanie Sound Booth: Audio/ Brent (AM & PM)

Video/ Iyana (AM & PM)

Security: Dan R. (AM) Jim M. (PM)

Facility Setup: Matt / David

(week of March 18)





### March 11, 2018

Pianist: Priscilla Song Leader: Luke Welcome/Announcements

Hymn #31—This Is My Father's World

Prayer Greetings

Hymn #187—Before the Throne of God Above Hymn #119—There Is a Higher Throne

Prayer & Offering: Pastor Saltz

Welcome Guests

 Special Music: Vickie Song—Revelation 7:9-17 [Dismiss Children]

Scripture Reading: Garrett

Message: The 144,000 Revisited

Text: Revelation 14:1-13 Pastor Randy

Closing:

## 6:00 PM Service

Pianist: Scott Song Leader: Luke

Hymn #107—Fairest Lord Jesus Hymn #89—Amazing Grace Hymn #380—My Jesus, I Love Thee

Message: Special Speakers





Props Needed for Easter Play: fishing poles, large baskets, table, sewing baskets, sewing items

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## Jack & Cheryl Shiflett

### ABWE / Semi-Retired

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- •Picnic with Syrian Refugee friends from ESL classes was a special time
- •Cheryl besides teaching English to refugees with Jack continues as a literacy mentor one day a week in one of the city's needy schools
- •Not being the Director of Security and Crisis Management for ABWE but his assistant as of Jan. 1st feels good
- •Jack spoke at Men's Retreat in Pinehurst, NC, Jan. 12-13
- •Feb. 2-12 Southern Idaho multi-church Mission Conference
- •Thank you for your faithful partnership in the gospel-blessings on you all
- •QUOTE: WE TALK OF THE SECOND COMING; HALF THE WORLD HAS NEVER HEARD OF THE FIRST—OSWALD J. SMITH



**Deposit Report 2018** General Fund Budget: \$37,544.60

WEEK: March 4, 2018 General Fund: \$12.341.07 Special Fund: \$3,299.61 Deposit: \$15,640.68

MONTH: MARCH

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# MFBC Mission Statement and

Meridian First Baptist Church Exists to develop committed followers of Jesus Christ who glorify Him and attract others to Him.

### I Will Build My Church



It is impossible to overstate the importance of the church in the eternal plan of God. The church is His building (1 Corinthians 3:9). Moreover, He is the immutable, sovereign, omnipotent Lord of heaven. His Word cannot return void but always accomplishes what He says (Isaiah 55:11). He is always faithful and cannot deny Himself (2 Timothy 2:13). His sovereign purposes always come to pass, and His will is always ultimately fulfilled (Isaiah 46:10). His plan is invincible and unshakable, and He will bring to pass all that He has spoken (v. 11). And he has spoken about building the church in the most triumphant words.

For example, in Matthew 16:18 Christ said, "I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it." He who knows His sheep by name (John 10:3)- He who wrote their names down before the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8)- He personally guarantees that the gates of Hades will not prevail against the church He is building.

"The gates of Hades" was a Jewish expression for death. Hades is the place of the dead, and the gates of Hades represent the portal into that place- death itself. Hades is also the domain of the devil. Hebrews 2:14 refers to Satan as the one "who had the power of death", and verse 15 says he used that power to keep people in fear and bondage all their lives. But no Christ has broken that power, and liberated His people from Satan's dominion- in essence, he has broken down the gates of hades. And therefore even the power of death- the strongest weapon Satan wields- cannot prevent the ultimate triumph of the church He is building.



Notice that the church is a work in progress. Christ is still building His church. We are still joined together (Ephesians 2:21). The church is still under construction (v. 22). God is not finished yet. The imperfections and blemishes in the visible church are still being refined by the Master Builder. And here's something remarkable: the plan for the finished product is a blueprint that was drawn in eternity past.

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