

TODAY: August 25

8:30a—Elder & Deacon **Prayer** Time
8:45a—**Prayer** Time (all ages)
12:15p **AWANA Leader's Lunch** / E107
4:30p Missions Committee Meeting in Room N126—
Fifes will join them at 5:00p
4:30p—**Drama** Team Practice
7:15p—Fellowship Time after PM service to officially
welcome the Fifes back—each family asked to bring
finger foods or desserts

THE WEEK

•**Tues.** August 27—6:30p Women's Ministries **Leaders Meeting** in Room N126
•**Wed.** August 28—6:30-8:00p **AWANA Registration Night** at the church

[weekly activities listed on the back of bulletin]



•September 3—11:30a **J.O.Y.** Group Potluck Lunch at the church—Food Assignments: A—F= Salad; G—M = Dessert; N—Z = Main Dish—Carmans will be bringing the program “*Love For a Lifetime*”
•September 4—6:30-8:00p **AWANA** begins for ages 3 years through 6th Grade
•September 5 **Women's Bible studies** will begin—both AM & PM—12 week study in the Book of Isaiah—Books available in the Book Nook for \$10.60—encouraged to read the introductory material and complete Lesson 1 for the first class—9:30a at the church with childcare provided— 6:30p at Carla Michel's home
•September 6-7 **How to Disciple and Counsel from Scripture** conference at the church—Cost: \$100 —scan code to register (includes all three weekends)*
•September 20 & 21—5:00p-9:15p (Fri.)

AWANA Leadership Conference at Lakeview Bible Church in Nampa (light meal) **OR** (Sat). 8:30a—12:45p—Lunch provided

•September 26-28— **Ladies' Retreat** “*The Heart of Suffering*” at Camp Pinewood in McCall—register online*—Tara Potter will be the speaker—Cost: \$85 full retreat \$55 for 1/2 retreat

•October 4-5 **How to Disciple and Counsel from Scripture** conference at the church*

•October 12—**Fall Bible Conference** with Friends of Israel

•November 1—2 **How to Disciple and Counsel from Scripture** conference at the church*



Ministry Assignments

August 25:

Greeters: Gary & Margaret (F) Jean (B)

Ushers: Jason / David / Mike / Donn

Nursery:

- **AM:** Donna / Katie
- **SS:** Joanna / Niccole
- **PM:** Connie / Sara

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

Junior Church: B J & Amanda

PM Children's Ministries: Zack & Kim

Sound Booth: Audio: Alex (AM & PM)

Video: Anna (AM & PM)

Safety Team: Jim D. (AM) Ray (PM)

September 1:

Greeters: Marietta (F) Donn & Johsta (B)

Ushers: Carl / Alan / Lloyd / Jason

Nursery:

- **AM:** Kathy H. / Rosy
- **SS:** Jeremy & Hillary
- **PM:** John & Erin

Children's Church: Kara (Teacher)
Marietta / Anna (Helpers)

Junior Church: Viktor & Inna

PM Children's Ministries: Sue & Heather

Sound Booth: Audio: Jason (AM)

Garrett (PM)

Video: Garrett (AM) Ilyana (PM)

Safety Team: Craig (AM) Jim M. (PM)



*Register online: www.camppinewood.org

MERIDIAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

August 25, 2019

9:30 AM Service

Pianist: Lina

Song Leader: Jim

Welcome/Announcements

Hymn **#378**—*Soldiers of Christ Arise*

Hymn **#388**—*He Will Hold Me Fast*

Hymn **#394**—*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

Greetings

Prayer & Offering: Pastor Saltz

•Welcome Guests

•Special Music: Fife Family

Hymn **#381**—*The Solid Rock*
[Dismiss Children]

Scripture Reading: Garrett

Message: *The Great Ejection*

A Sermon to Commemorate Our Spiritual Heritage

Pastor Randy

Closing: Jim

6:00 PM Service

Pianist: Lina

Song Leader: Kelly

Hymn **#35**—*O Great God*

Hymn **#359**—*My Soul Finds Rest*

Song—*Yet Not I But Christ Through Me*

Special Music: Fife Family

Missionary Speaker: James Fife

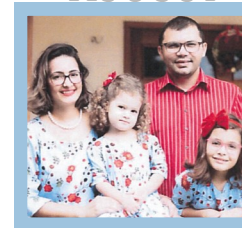
Togo / ABWE

Theology Exams for MFBC Elders*

September 14: Mike Munger

September 21: Danny Steinmeyer

September 28: Pastor Virgil Saltz



Diego & Késia Ramos

Academic Director of
The Expositors' Bible School
Brazil

Prayer Requests & Praises:

PRAISING GOD:

•for a blessed and challenging pastors' conference

•for the group of men in our church that God is giving us the privilege to train

And also PRAYING TO GOD:

•for our pastors and leaders that God may keep us from falling and bringing shame on God's name.

•for the continuation of our training that God may grant us wisdom and diligence to strive for excellence.

•for our monthly support need.

	Deposit Report 2019
	August General Fund Budget:
	\$40,307.69
WEEK:	August 18, 2019
General Fund:	\$6,850.04
Special Offering:	\$505.00
Deposit:	\$7,355.04
MONTH: AUGUST	
General Fund:	\$29,224.83
Special Offerings:	\$3,483.91
Deposits:	\$32,708.74

Greatest Stories Ever Told

Testimonies by our Leadership

Over the next couple of months, or elders & pastors will be working through theology examinations by group of peers. During this time, we want to introduce you or reintroduce you to the men that will be examined and then officially continue to serve as elders of MFBC.

Randall Keith Cook (Randy)

Born: January 17, 1953

Married to Phyllis since 1973

Randy's Testimony (condensed version)

My parents tell me that when I was four years of age I asked Jesus to be my Savior. Shortly after that, my parents moved from Kalispell, Montana to Omaha, Nebraska to attend Omaha Baptist Bible Institute in order to prepare for missionary service in Brazil. On one occasion while in Omaha when I was eight years old, I felt unsure about my salvation and remember praying, “Lord, if I wasn't saved before, then I want to make sure now.” After that time I never had any other doubts about my salvation. I was baptized by immersion a year later.

When I was ten, my parents joined ABWE and we moved to Brazil. Until my last year in high school I was not very committed as a Christian. However, during a week of camp when I was a senior, I went forward at the invitation to give my life to God for His purposes. The following year I returned to the U.S. to study at Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa.

During the Missions Conference my freshman year at college, I decided to return to Brazil to serve the Lord as a missionary. After my sophomore year, I married a pastor's daughter from Idaho— Phyllis Obenchain. Following three years as Youth Pastor at First Baptist Church of Creston, Iowa, we joined ABWE and went to Brazil. Since I was interested in a teaching ministry, we located in Natal where I could be part of the Berean Baptist Seminary and Institute.

During our ten years in Natal, we worked in various ministries. However, most of my time was spent in teaching and Bible school administration. Through interest in the Old Testament and Bible backgrounds and following two trips to Israel, I grew increasingly interested in Jewish evangelism. Since there were very few Jewish people in N Brazil, we applied to ABWE to be transferred to Sao Paulo. In the process (much too long to relate here), we were redirected to Israel instead.

We spent three years in Jerusalem and started a congregation which is continuing today with an Israeli pastor and the help of another ABWE couple....

There's more to story. Since August 2008, Randy has served as senior pastor at Meridian First Baptist Church.

We encourage you to attend our elders' theology exams and hear each of their testimonies. God is continuing to write a story for each of them and for MFBC as we move forward to God's Glory.*