

WEEKLY MET SCHEDULE

Monday:

6:30-8 p.m., New Salem Baptist Church, Matt Burton, deeperman@yahoo.com / 816-796-4174 (Meet at the church, or contact Matt)

Tuesday:

2-4 p.m., Downtown KC Street Team, Janey Cluck, andreaiane44@hotmail.com / 816-752-4594 (Ride Provided- Meet @ MET sign)

Wednesday:

5-8:30 p.m., Prison Ministry @ Lansing State Penitentiary, Team Leader, Patricia Kannel (need security training and background check), for further info contact: pattyw@nts-online.net / 325-236-0850

Thursday:

6-9 p.m., Prison Ministry @ Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary, Team Leaders, Don and Patricia Kannel (need security training and background check), for further info contact: pattyw@nts-online.net / 325-236-0850

Friday:

2-4 p.m., Matthew Inman, matthewandmarie@gmail.com / 660-620-0578, Central Baptist Church (Ride Provided- Meet @ MET sign)

8:00 p.m., Westport Team, Colby Lynn, fsyshs2007@gmail.com / 785-577-6054 (Ride Provided—Meet on 1st floor of Dorm "Bunker")

Saturday:

9:30 a.m.-Noon, Rotating Local Churches, Dr. Johnston & Chris Drymon, chrisdrymon@yahoo.com / 205-394-9808 (Ride Provided @ MET sign)

7 p.m.-?, Jim Wetschensky & Darin Smith, jwetschensky@yahoo.com / 816-547-1888, meet @ Pennsylvania & Westport Rd., no transportation.

9 p.m.-12:a.m., Hardcore Evangelism Teams I & II, Don Kannel, Leader, pattyw@nts-online.net / 325-236-0850, Ride Provided—Meet at LifeWay Parking

Prayer Requests

- For students in the Basic Evangelism class to be encouraged and involved.
- Pray for our FUSION students as they are on mission for Jesus Christ overseas.

Spring 2010 MET Leadership Team

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Don't Forget the Four Urgencies of Evangelism!

- (1) Jesus is coming back quickly!
- (2) The lost really are lost!
- (3) The Christian is accountable for the lost whom he should reach!
- (4) The time is limited and the harvest is white!

Convocation Keynote Speaker—Dr. Jerry A. Johnson Tuesday, Feb. 2



Dr. Jerry A. Johnson serves as Vice President for Academic Development, Academic Dean, and Professor of Ethics and Theology at MBTS. He comes to Midwestern from Criswell College in Dallas, where he served as President and Professor of Theology and Ethics. Prior to Criswell, he was Dean of Boyce College at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has over 15 years of pastoral experience in Texas, Colorado, and Kentucky.

Johnson holds a B.A. from Criswell College, an M.A. from Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary, and a Ph.D. from Southern Seminary. His leadership in the Southern Baptist Convention includes chairmanship for both the Board of Trustees of Southern Seminary and the SBC Committee on Order of Business.

He and his wife, Rhonda, have two children.

Chapel Project Interview with Lawrence Corley Wednesday, Feb. 3



At today's service, Midwestern will host a presentation by Lawrence Corley, Director of Builders for Christ, based in Birmingham, Ala. The BFC network of volunteers will join hands with MBTS between Memorial Day and Labor Day to assist in the construction of the Chapel at Midwestern complex.

During the presentation, students, faculty, staff and visitors will receive up-to-the-minute insight into the details of the upcoming construction project. Since 1982, Corley and the BFC network have spearheaded efforts to assist Southern Baptist churches and organizations primarily in the Northeastern and Midwestern U.S. to build quality facilities with the goal of reaching people in those areas with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In addition to his work with BFC, Corley is the President of CTSM Architects, Inc., in Birmingham.

SPRING 2010 CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Feb. 2 – Convocation Chapel, Dr. Jerry Johnson, Academic Dean, MBTS
Feb. 3 – Chapel Project Presentation by Lawrence Corley, BFC

Feb. 9 – Rev. Bob Loggins, Sr., Missouri Baptist Convention
Feb. 10 – Mr. Anthony Allen, Senior VP of Admin., MBTS

Feb. 16 – Dr. Stephen Andrews, Professor of OT and Hebrew, MBTS
Feb. 17 – Dr. Dick Eastman - Day of Prayer, Pres. of Every Home for Christ

WHAT'S NEW AT THE VINE'S - The Vine's Café is working hard to provide options for your dining/snacking needs. Here's what's new this semester: Thursday night we'll host a family buffet dinner; Box lunches will be available in the classroom building; We'll offer doughnuts in café and the classroom building as well. Also new this semester, for your convenience the Vine's now accepts Visa, Discover, MasterCard and American Express credit cards. Come check us out!

EUROPE STUDY TOUR 2010 - Join Drs. Mike McMullen, Thor Madsen and Rodney Harrison for the Europe Study Tour 2010 to Germany and Switzerland. The dates are June 18 - July 3, and the cost is \$2200, including up to 7 hours of academic credit (graduate or undergraduate). A week-long extension (and 3 additional hours) is available for \$500. For more information, contact Mindy Akright at makright@mbts.edu, or drop by the doctoral studies office.

CAMPUS-WIDE BLOOD DRIVE - There will be a blood drive in the LifeWay student center on Feb. 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sign-ups will take place in the chapel lobby Feb. 16 and 17 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Contact Amy Gilmore at agilmore@mbts.edu for more information.

FIRST FRIDAYS LUNCH - Please join us for First Fridays lunch, sponsored by the WISDOM office, this **Thursday, Feb. 4**, from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Center (the sitting area outside Lifeway Bookstore, downstairs in the Classroom building). We look forward to seeing you there!

MIDWESTERN MISSIONS FELLOWSHIP - The Midwestern Missions Fellowship will have their next meeting on Friday evening, February 26th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Downing Room of the KMC. The Missions Fellowship is for all students (college and seminary) and faculty who are interested in International and North American missions. This is not just for students who plan on going to the mission field, but for all of those who are supportive of missions. A free meal is provided for those who R.S.V.P. with Julie Harrison by Thursday, February 25 at 1:00 p.m. at jharrison@mbts.edu.

CHURCH PLANTING OPPORTUNITIES IN CHICAGO THIS SUMMER - The Parachute Project is unique in that a team of 4 students will be placed in a priority area where there is currently no church planting. They will be an advance team to test the soil for church planting and develop relationships that we pray will transition into Bible studies. We are looking for mature, self-starting students who with training and coaching desire to gain church planting experience and make an impact in a world class city. We have discovered that teams perform best when they originate from the same place and know each other. This is a partnership with the North American Mission Board (NAMB). If interested please contact Dr. Suarez as soon as possible at gsuarez@mbts.edu.

JOIN "THE FLOCK" – A new campus organization is beginning for undergraduate students to promote Midwestern Baptist College growth, encourage prospective students, and make connections. This group would assist student development one hour a week by calling, e-mailing, writing letters, and giving campus tours to prospective students. "The Flock" would also join in helping with New Student Orientation and Preview Days. Those interested should attend the informational meeting outside Amy Gilmore's office at 10:00 a.m. during the chapel hour on Feb. 11. For more information, contact Jesse Spencer at jspencer@mbts.edu.

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Does Anyone have a Testimony?

It came to my attention over Christmas break that many "Christians" do not have a testimony. This is very disturbing and sad to me. I have been asking Christians lately to tell me about when they accepted Christ, and how he has changed their lives. Most tell me they accepted Christ at some early date, but very rarely do I hear a story of the Holy Spirit moving in their lives. This frightens me and makes me ask: how can a Christian not have a testimony about how Jesus changed their lives? Sure, many Americans claim to have a spiritual experience at a younger age during VBS or a youth retreat, but very few have the proof of repentance in their lives. Can a Christian be saved and not have repentance in their life? The answer to this is simply, no! We all believe this, but rarely teach it.

How is it that so many of our church members cannot give a testimony of how the Holy Spirit did a work in their lives and is still working in them today? How is that so many Christians have no spiritual fruit in their lives? Some might think I am speaking too harshly, but I would challenge them to read Matthew 7:19-20 where Jesus says that there simply can't be someone who doesn't produce fruit and yet be a child of God. He goes as far to say that, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." Sometimes I wonder why we have become so soft spoken about this topic in our churches. It scares me to think about how many are lost that sit in American churches. I hope I am wrong and that those who don't have a testimony to share are just confused. But my spirit drives me to say that we need the true Gospel preached in our churches once again! We need to stop these ridiculous rededication altar calls and stand up to say that it is not a rededication most people need, but a salvation experience!

It is hard for me as a Bible student to read the scriptures and look at the American church with confidence. Sure, we'll mess up and sin while we are on our journey with the Lord, but if a person doesn't even know how to explain the way Jesus changed their lives, can this be biblical salvation?

"But in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you." 1 Peter 3:15

For My Master, †
Tyson Branizor
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