

**APRIL | 2024**

**MARION METHODIST CHURCH**

**“A Community in Christ where you can belong, become, and be a blessing”**

*“In Marion,  
For The  
Hearts of  
Marion”*



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## Giving

Total financial gifts for February

**Budget (General)**  
\$29,851.00

**Cap. Improvement**  
\$9,541.00

**Backpack Program**  
\$920.00

**Memorials**  
\$1,050.00

**Other:**  
\$2,429.00

Thank you for your generous support for the ministries of our church.

welcome  
TO  
our family



Please join us in welcoming the Campbell Family; Creig, Beth and Benton joined MMC on March 10th. Also pictured is sister Londyn.

### Prayer Concerns:

Rod Alexander, Blake Blankenship, Sue Bonds, Cathy Caldwell, Judy Catt, Danny Chrestman, Gail Fogleman, Heather Grider, Mayson Hall, Jane Hartley, Darlene Meek, Mike Miller, Sidney Pickering, Ralph Roberts, Charlie Sneathern, Bartt Vaughn, Billie Williams.

### Memorials for Ann Carpenter

Debbie and Frank Wallace  
Holly and Lannie Lancaster  
Nancy and Murray Benton  
Mary and Leven Williams  
Steve Bonds  
The Dillahunty Family  
Dick Howard  
The Dan Dennis Family  
Dianne Person  
Ashley and David Wallace  
Baylus and Denny East  
Sarah Traugh

# Please join us for Senior Sunday on May 19th at 10:45

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on reaching your goal at this point in your life. There are so many more goals and opportunities ahead. Faith, determination, and skill will take you far. Whether or not you plan to go on to pursue more formal education, just remember that life never stops teaching.

Your formal education so far has equipped you with lots of knowledge and theories and skills that are vital to your success in the world. But life is not lived in theory. Life is lived with purpose.

Whatever your career or station in life, your purpose is to always be a follower of Jesus Christ. Jesus summed up what is most important in life in this way:

“Love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy, and .. Love others as well as you love yourself” (Mark 12:30-31, *The Message*).

Love reminds us that life is about more than just self. Love leads us to live for a bigger purpose that is beyond our own self concern. So, let the love of God always be your guide and you'll never go wrong. Love will never fail. Love is the one thing you can always be proud of.

Do not be afraid of the best that is in you. All that you are is a gift of God and it is meant to be shared with the world. A life lived in love with and for others will never disappoint.

Blessings to you!

## Jack Carter

**Parents:** Nicole DeVasier and Bill Carter

**High School:** Marion High School

**What activities did you participate during high school?** I was a member of the Marion Patriot Golf and Baseball teams for 4 years.

**Plans after graduation?** I plan to attend the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and major in agricultural business.

**What is your favorite memory from our Church?** My favorite memory of our church is being a part of Hope for the Holidays and Mr. Joe Catt's Sunday school class.

**What are your summer plans?** I plan on working and spending time with friends and family before I leave for college.

**What is your favorite snack food?** My favorite snack food is goldfish and sour candy.

**What is your dream vacation?** My dream vacation is a trip to Augusta National to watch the Masters Golf Tournament.

**What career do you feel called to?** After college I plan to get into commercial and agricultural real estate.



## Cross Fogleman

**Parents:** Kelly and Franklin Fogleman

**High School:** Marion High School

**What activities did you participate during high school?** Mu Alpha Theta

**Plans after graduation?** Attend the University of Arkansas.

**What is your favorite memory from our Church?** Getting to participate in Hope for the Holidays.

**What are your summer plans?** Work and go to my sister's wedding.

**What is your favorite snack food?** Blue Doritos

**What is your dream vacation?** Duck hunting in Canada.

**What career do you feel called to?** Farming



# PALM SUNDAY

Our Palm Sunday service overflowed with the joy of music, resonating with the energy of our children joyously waving palm branches as they sang, Hosanna, Loud Hosanna. Monty Hill's solo rendition of "The Holy City" stirred hearts, while Brad Marrow's leadership in delivering the message "Praise Be To Christ" guided our congregation into deeper reflection and praise. The combination of our children's voices with the choir in the uplifting melody of "I'm Gonna Sing" gave emphasis to the sense of unity and gratitude filling the day. Truly, it was a blessed and spiritually enriching experience for all who gathered in fellowship.



## Happy Birthday



(3) Callan McCullum (4) Jim Bagwell (6) Charlene Kelley (8) Eddy Cates (9) Missy Bius (11) Lillian Fogleman  
(13) Harper Doyle (14) Sara Betts, Melissa Donaldson (15) Ann Ashley Laughter, Anna Wehrum  
(16) Baylus East (17) Sandy Bagwell (19) Ben Barber, Joel Sargent (21) Robin Coe (22) Greyson Collard  
(25) Bree Rikard (26) Blake Hart

# YOUTH MINISTRIES

SENIOR  
SUNDAY

May 19th @ 10:45am

## Joseph Hale

**Parents:** Jay and Tammy Hale & Dickie Thomas

**High School:** Marion High School

**What activities did you participate during high school?** Soccer and National Honor Society

**Plans after graduation?** Attend Arkansas State University to study business or civil engineering.

**What is your favorite memory from our Church?** Participating in the youth group.

**What are your summer plans?** Work before college and just have fun this summer.

**What is your favorite snack food?** Ramen

**What is your dream vacation?** Go to France and see the Eiffel tower.

**What career do you feel called to?** Being in sales or engineering depending on where my major takes me.



## Landon Miller

**Parents:** Mark and Christy Miller

**High School:** Marion High School

**What activities did you participate during high school?** MHS Baseball

**Plans after graduation?** Attend University of Arkansas

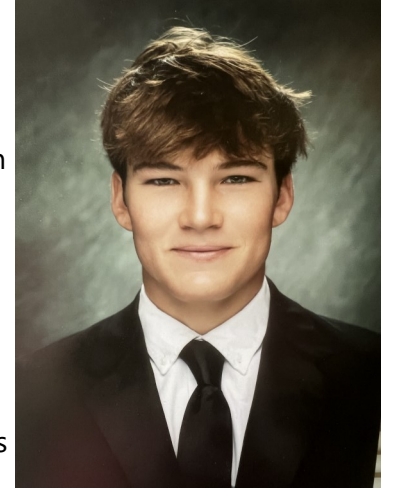
**What is your favorite memory from our Church?** Being at Veritas and the hotel alarm going off at 3am.

**What are your summer plans?** Work and save money for college.

**What is your favorite snack food?** Doritos

**What is your dream vacation?** Alaska

**What career do you feel called to?** The agriculture industry.



## Isabella Hinze

**Parents:** Mandy and Shane Hinze

**High School:** West Memphis High School

**What activities did you participate during high school?**

Beta club, Mu Alpha Theta, Softball, Volleyball

**Plans after graduation?** I plan on attending the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

**What is your favorite memory from our Church?** My favorite memory is when our confirmation class played some weird game of tag with a ball during breaks during our confirmation class.

**What are your summer plans?** I am going to be a counselor at Brookhill Ranch summer camp, and spend time with friends and family before I go to college.

**What is your favorite snack food?** My favorite snack is probably cheez it and a diet coke.

**What is your dream vacation?** My dream vacation is to backpack around Europe.

**What career do you feel called to?** I feel called to be in the medical field, specifically a nurse anesthetist.



# HE IS RISEN



On Easter Sunday, the sanctuary filled with worshippers as Monty Hill lead our choir for his last time with the opening Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"; followed by the choir's rendition of "Alleluia, Christ Arose" with uplifting harmonies. Miller Owen's trumpet resonated, carrying the timeless melody of "In the Garden," stirring emotions and invoking reflection. Bob Nations spoke to the children about how we are all God's children during the Children's Moment. He then transitioned into his sermon, "There is a Savior". As the sermon drew to a close, the congregation united in song, "Crown Him with Many Crowns." Marcia Sutton, Debbie Wallace, Miller Owen, and Wally Fowler, with their musical talents, added depth and richness to the hymn, creating a moment of spiritual connection and uplifting that lingered long after the final notes faded.



# Children's Area



Easter morning dawned with an air of anticipation and joy as the children gathered to learn about the significance of the resurrection. Meanwhile, the youth busied themselves with hiding Easter eggs. Thankfully, the weather was on our side, allowing us to take the egg hunt outdoors and revel in the beauty of the day. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Shanna Boney for her dedicated leadership, making this Easter morning a truly special and memorable one for our children.



## VBS:

We need help organizing our Vacation Bible School program. Our theme this year will be Camp Firelight. Dates selected are June 17-19 from 5:00-7:30 pm. Please contact the office if you are willing to help .with this program. THANK YOU!



## Senior Spotlight Con't.

### Miller Owen

**Parents:** Blake and Straley Owen

**High School:** Marion High School

**What activities did you participate during high school?**

High School Band; Soccer; Mu Alpha Theta; National Honor Society; French; Vacation Bible School; Youth Soccer Coach - Boys and Girls Club West Memphis; Soccer Referee - Marion Youth Sports Association; Solo Musician - as needed; Dixie Band Camp - Student Captain; University of Central Arkansas Honor Band; Macy's Great All American Marching Band.

**Plans after graduation?** - I plan to attend college and major in music education.

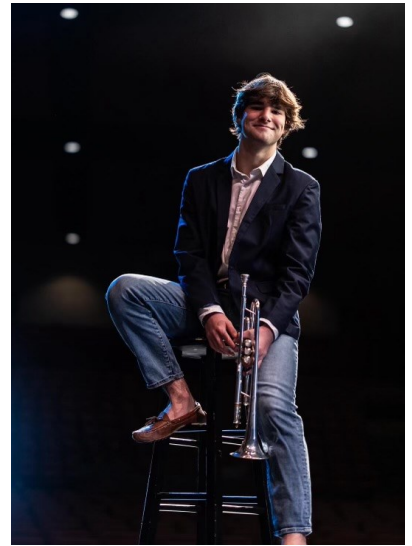
**What is your favorite memory from our Church?** - Going on youth trips like Veritas - all of them! I love Hope for the Holidays.

**What are your summer plans?** - I plan to attend Dixie Band Camp, travel, and prepare for college.

**What is your favorite snack food?** - My favorite snack food is Extra-Toasty Cheez-It, Tootsie Rolls, Takis, Samoas Girls Scout Cookies.

**What is your dream vacation?** - Hawaii!

**What career do you feel called to?** - I feel called to be in a top performance, premier United States Military Band.



## Scholarship Opportunities

Our Preschool will offer its annual scholarship to a graduating senior from the Class of 2024. Requirements: (1) The senior must have attended our preschool (2) The senior must be a member of MMC. Applications are located on the black tables outside the sanctuary. After completion, please submit to the church office. The Preschool Board will review all applications. Deadline for submitting is **May 5th**. Time to apply for the Joe and Patsy Catt Family Scholarship expired on Monday, April 1st.

Please be sure to join us on Sunday, May 19th for Senior Sunday.

# MMC

### Leadership

Lannie Lancaster, Board of Managers Chairperson  
Tracy Brick, David Fogleman; Frank Fogleman; Franklin Fogleman;  
David Rikard; Jeff Schwartz; Mitch Shidler and Steve Sutton

### Staff

Cyndi James, Business Administrator

Marcia Sutton, Pianist

Debbie Wallace, Organist

Tracy McDonald, Custodian

Teresa Gardner, Preschool Director/Teacher

Joanna Chafin and Jennifer Morgan, Preschool Teachers

Pam Scarbrough, PDO Director/Teacher

Kristie Stotts, PDO Director/Teacher

### Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday (9:00-3:00)