

MBC Weekly Update for January 14, 2022

Spotlight on Upcoming Events:

DISCOVER MBC

HOW DO YOU FIT IN AT MBC? COME
LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR MISSION,
MINISTRIES, & LEADERSHIP!

NEXT CLASS:

JANUARY 23RD, 30TH, & FEBRUARY 6TH
9AM UPSTAIRS IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOM
LIGHT BREAKFAST & CHILDCARE PROVIDED
RSVP IN CONNECT@MBC OR ON THE MBC WEBSITE



Discover MBC Returns

If you're new to the MBC community or would like to know more about our church, be sure to sign up for our next Discover MBC class which starts next Sunday, January 23rd and continues over the next two Sunday mornings during the 9am Sunday school hour. This class is our "gateway" to becoming an MBC "member/partner," and it's a great way to learn about our mission, ministry opportunities, and our leadership team. We even provide a light breakfast and childcare. Preregistration is helpful but not required. RSVP now by [clicking here](#).



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive

HERE AT MBC!!!

Friday, January 21st | 12-6pm

Register now @ www.redcrossblood.org/give

Come help save a life!

Community Blood Drive

It's not too early to register for our community blood drive on for Friday, January 21st from 12-6pm. Sign up for a time slot to donate blood by [clicking here](#).



Game Night!

What: First monthly game night featuring a Texas Hold'em tournament.

When: January 20, 2022 starting promptly at 7:00 PM.

Where: In the Hub at MBC

Who: Anyone 15 years old and up. YOU MUST PREREGISTER!

Details: Standard Texas Hold'em rules with a 10X big-blind max raise. First through third finishers will receive prizes to be cherished. No entry fee. Cards will be a combination of Reformation, Great Awakening and Early Church playing cards—learn a little church history as you play this historic game. There will be arrangements for anyone needing to leave before the conclusion of tournament. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Contact Doug Arendsee by [clicking here](#) for more information.

[Click here](#) to register.

COME BEFORE
WED NIGHT
MINISTRIES FOR
LASAGNA, SALAD,
BREAD & DESSERT

\$5 PER PERSON
\$15 PER FAMILY

FEB 9TH
5:00PM
THE HUB

Family Meal Night
Register using your Connect@MBC account
or at www.midlothianbible.com/events

Family Meal Night moved to February!

We'll try again to have our crowd-pleasing Family Meal Night on February 9th before our Wednesday night ministries. RSVP and pay online by [clicking here](#). That really helps us plan. However, don't let it stop you from coming! We always seem to have enough food for everyone!

Sermon Recap for January 9, 2022:

Title: Be Transformed

Passage: Romans 12:1-2

Review of MBC Vision Emphasis 2021: Contending for the faith by growing in what you believe, why you believe it, and how to communicate it in a gracious biblical, manner.

MBC Vision Emphasis 2022: Based on Romans 12:1-2

The Dedication: Be motivated by mercy

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1

The Transformation: Be transformed rather conformed

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2 (Also Matthew 17:2, 2 Corinthians 3:18)

The Transformation: Renew your mind

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Romans 8:5-6

Want to experience TRANSFORMATION?

- Dedicate your life to Christ. Worship as a way of life.
- Seek to transform not conform.
- Renew your mind with God's truth.

MBC Vision Emphasis 2022: BE TRANSFORMED, motivated by grace, as we walk by faith in obedience to the Lord

Thoughts:

It's interesting, but before Pastor Matt had finalized the MBC Vision Emphasis for 2022, I had already decided that my word for 2022 would be **transformation**. It applies to so many areas of my life. I want to be **transformed spiritually** by spending time in God's Word and prayer. As a mental health coach and counseling student, I want to help others **be transformed by the Holy Spirit** so they can escape out of places of pain and darkness into hope and light. I even want to **transform my physical body** into one that is healthier and in better shape!

How do we do this? One suggestion I learned this week after watching a lecture on Digital Minimalism, is to come up with a list of the values, activities, and people that are most important to us. The instructor then challenged us to put our time and energy into those **important** things. He suggested that no one would say they value social media apps or online streaming over their families, but if you look at how they spend their time and energy, you might guess otherwise.

Charles Hummel gives several suggestions for how to take back our time for what's important in his essay, "Tyranny of the Urgent." (You can read the whole essay by [clicking here](#).) He suggests that first we decide what's important, discover where our time goes, budget our hours, follow through on our commitments, make time to evaluate the present and plan for the future, and then continue following teachings of Jesus and seeking his wisdom in the decisions we make. Hummel writes, "We live in constant **tension between the urgent and the important**. The problem is that many important tasks need not be done today, or even this week...The appeal of [other] demands seems irresistible, and they devour our energy. But in the light of eternity their momentary prominence fades. With a sense of loss we recall the important tasks that have been shunted aside. We realize that we've become **slaves to the tyranny of the urgent**."

I hope Pastor Matt's message also challenged you to seek transformation—not just because it is the vision emphasis for the body here at MBC in 2022, but because by renewing our minds, we allow the Spirit to make us more like Christ in every area of our lives. And the great thing is, true transformation doesn't require a superhuman effort... Well, it does, but the superhuman who does it isn't us, it's Christ! As Philippians 3:20-21 state, "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, **the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body**, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to Himself." May you begin the transformation process with me today!

In service to Him and to you!
Heather Hogue