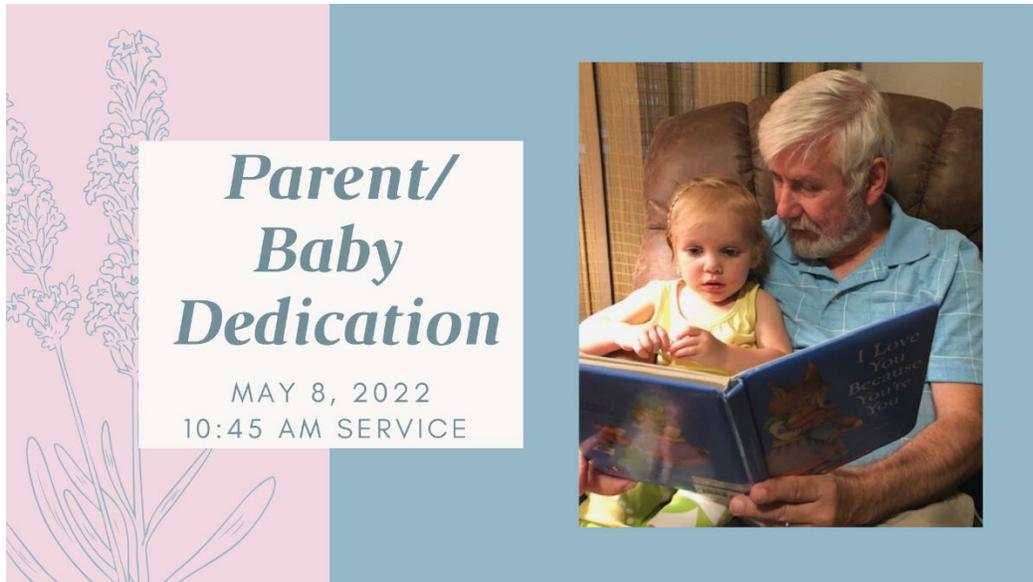


MBC Weekly Update for May 6, 2022

Spotlight on Upcoming Events:



Baby Dedication

This Sunday, May 8th, MBC will have its annual Parent-Baby Dedication during the 10:45am service! We hope you will come and meet the youngest additions to MBC and their families!



DISCOVER MBC

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

NEXT CLASS:
MAY 15, 22, 29, AND JUNE 5TH
9AM UPSTAIRS IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOM
LIGHT BREAKFAST & CHILDCARE PROVIDED
RSVP IN CONNECT@MBC OR ON THE MBC WEBSITE

Discover MBC

Are you new to the family here at MBC? Want to know more about our vision, mission, strategies and leadership? ***Mark your calendar now for our next series of Discover MBC classes, offered May 15, 22,***

29th, and June 5th upstairs in the Middle School room. These classes are a gateway for those wanting to become MBC member/partners. Childcare and breakfast provided. RSVP by [clicking here](#).



MBC Women Coffee Connect

Join Stacey Walter and other women of MBC for coffee and conversation at Lighthouse Coffee in Midlothian on Saturday, May 21st from 8:30-10am. [Click here](#) to let Stacey know you're coming!



Senior Sunday

Come celebrate our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 22nd! We will have a reception for them in the Hub starting at 10:15am! Starting on May 15th, we will have Bibles in the Hub for each graduating senior. Please make sure to take a minute and mark a favorite verse or two in each Bible! This creates a

special and encouraging gift for them from our entire community here at MBC!



MBC Moms Connect

We have started a new ministry--Moms Connect--to bring together moms of all ages and stages here at MBC. This summer, they will be hosting a series of "Park Tours" in and around Midlothian. Plan to join the group at their first Park Day at the Midlothian Community Park and Splashpad on June 2nd from 9am-12pm. These park days will be our launch pad for an exciting new "MOPS-ish" ministry to moms of children ages birth -11 starting in September! If you would like more information about how you can get involved with this new group, please contact the church office by [clicking here](#).

Sermon Recap for April 29, 2022

Title: Behold, the Glory of the Lord

Passage: Exodus 33-34 & 1 Corinthians 3:18

Vision emphasis 2022

- BE TRANSFORMED as we are motivated by grace to walk by faith in obedience to the Lord.

Background to Exodus 33 -34

Moses' requests when "Face to Face" with God (Exodus 33:11):

1st Request--"Please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight (Exodus 33:12-13)

- God's answer--"My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Exodus 33:14

2nd Request--If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here (Exodus 33:15–16)

- God's answer--This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Exodus 33:17

3rd Request--"Please show me your glory." Exodus 33:18

- God's answer--¹⁸Moses said, "Please show me your glory." ¹⁹And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." ²¹And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen." Exodus 33:20–23

God's Glory and Moses' Response---Exodus 34:5–8 & Romans 12:1-2

- Moses's face shining--Exodus 34:29–33
- Why the veil? 2 Corinthians 3:13

"We behold the Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ by hearing or reading God's Word in dependence upon God's Spirit."

--CJ Mahaney

Thoughts

My favorite part of last week's sermon was Pastor Matt's description of ***Big Godders*** and ***Little Godders***. Remember? People who have a little view of God view think they are always in trouble with God. They forget that God can do miracles. They don't believe God can defend issues surrounding the inspiration of the Scriptures. They don't believe He intervenes on behalf of His people.

However, those who are ***Big Godders*** believe—

- God speaks and it is done
- God commands and it stands fast
- He knows how to show Himself strong on behalf of those who fear Him

I've heard this challenge before, and every time afterward I am left wondering, "How have I thought of God lately? Am I being a ***Big Godder*** who believes God can do great things or am I a being a ***Little Godder***—complaining about my circumstances like God is too small to be using them to further His purpose in my life.

In counseling, we learn a lot about identity and value. Humans are some combination of our thoughts, emotions, and actions. ***If we take a small view of God as Little Godders do, it will impact what we can think we do for His kingdom.*** It can lead to anxiety and even symptoms of depression. However, if we hold a large view of God—***if we're Big Godders---our actions will flow from faith in His power and***

promises.

Here are some things you can take to the bank about God:

- ***God is always good.*** — Psalm 119:68 “You are good and do good. Teach me your statutes.”
- ***God is always with us*** — Hebrews 13:5 “He has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you,” and Matthew 28:20 “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
- ***God is faithful*** — Hebrews 10:23 “Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.”
- ***God is kind and compassionate*** — Isaiah 54:10 “Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love {kindness} for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you.”
- ***God designed us for a purpose.*** — Ephesians 2:10 “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”
- ***God loves us deeply, no matter what.*** — Romans 8:38-39 “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- ***God will give us wisdom*** — James 1:5 “If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”
- ***God gives us power for life*** — 2 Timothy 1:7 “For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”
- ***God will strengthen and help us*** — Isaiah 41:10 “So do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”
- ***God gives us peace*** — Phil 4:6-8 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
- ***God can be trusted*** — Hebrews 10:23 “Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.”

Fill your minds with these promises this week because as we think, we feel... and as we feel, we do.

May we remember all that God has promised, so that we can have an easier time being a ***Big Godder*** this next week.

In service to Him and to you!
Heather Hogue