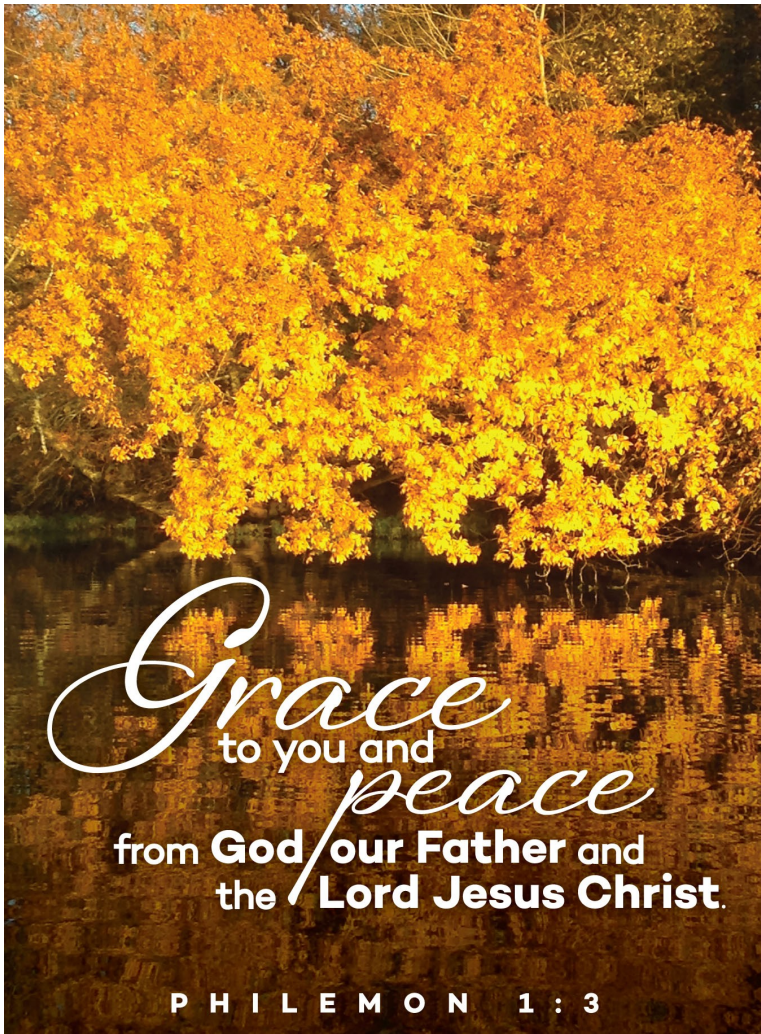


# October 2020



**October Memory Verse:**

And as you wish that others would do to you,  
do so to them.

—**Luke 6:31 (ESV)**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- October 1** — Clothes Closet Reopens
- October 4** — Guest Speaker: Ken Overton
- October 4** — AWANA Leader/Worker Meeting (2pm)
- October 9** — Golden Heirs
- October 9-11** — Hurricane Laura Missions Trip
- October 11** — Guest Speaker: Bruce Gilmore
- October 11** — Congregational Vote on 2 New Elders
- October 12** — Deacon Meeting (6pm)
- October 13** — Youth Pastor/Camp Dir. Search Committee (6:30pm)
- October 19** — Elder Meeting (6:30pm)
- October 22** — SAFA Desserts
- October 23-25** — VBC Family Fall Retreat
- October 27** — Youth Pastor/Camp Dir. Search Committee (6:30pm)

## Marrable Hill Chapel,

I want to thank you for the opportunity of being your Senior Pastor. The amount of trust you have put in me to be the Senior Pastor is heartwarming. Throughout my time as Senior Pastor I don't know that my sermons will always be top notch, or my decisions will always work out like I wanted them to. However, one thing I do know is that I will always love you all and do everything I can to glorify God through my life and through the work we will do at Marrable Hill Chapel. My prayer for this church is that we all as a family grow closer to Christ. That the Holy Spirit does a mighty work in our hearts and we become the lights he has called us to be. I also pray we are a church God uses to reach out to people with the Gospel. Not for our glory but for His. I appreciate everyone here at this church and look forward to worshipping God with you for a very long time.

Thank you and God Bless,

## Blake

### New Senior Pastor

After 15 months without a senior pastor, the congregation of Marrable Hill Chapel voted on June 28<sup>th</sup> and elected Youth Pastor Blake Dailey as Senior Pastor. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this election was performed with a drive-thru ballot box in front of the gym.

Please keep Blake and his wife, Lauren, in your prayers as they transition to their new roles. Also, pray for the Youth Pastor Search committee as they seek God's will in finding a replacement.



## God's Hands and Feet By Natalie Butcher

*"When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality." (Romans 12:13 (NLT))*

Recently, there was a such a need from one of God's people, Jerry Wayne Guinn. As you probably know, Jerry Wayne has been fighting cancer for well over a year. Due to the cancer and chemo treatments, it has become harder for him to get in and out of his house for doctor appointments.

After church on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, the Marrable Hill Chapel Elders and Deacons became aware of his need for a ramp. They discussed and voted on building a ramp for Jerry Wayne. By Monday, Danny Endel purchased supplies using some of the Take 5 fund and built the framework of the ramp. Between Danny Endel (Deacon/Staff), Benny Vestal (Elder), and Danny Vinson (Deacon), the ramp was setup and finished by Thursday. Jerry Wayne is happy and thankful for the love shown by our leaders.



Thank you for your contributions to Take 5. The funds are not only used to help those outside of our church, but also within.

"My children, our love SHOULD NOT be just WORDS and TALK; it must be TRUE LOVE, which shows itself in ACTION."  
--1 John 3:18



## Hope By Natalie Butcher

“Social distancing” and “Flatten the curve” are phrases that have been added to our vocabulary over this year as the world battles the COVID-19 pandemic. We are also told to “Wash hands for 20 seconds”, “Don’t touch your face”, and “Wear a mask”. But even during such stressful times, God is still with us and gives us hope.



In a time of world-wide fear, it is reassuring to see God in nature around me. Even though the human world feels out of control, nature is still thriving — oblivious to the fears and concerns of humans. Everyday I see evidence of God — a bumblebee collecting and distributing pollen as it flits from flower to flower, tadpoles hatching and growing in a puddle (that shouldn’t exist) in my driveway, and birds singing songs of love to their mates. Life still goes on.

God is using this bad time to reach people that previously were not open to hear the Gospel. My nephew, Kevin, is an MHC supported missionary. The city that he serves was under a lockdown earlier this year. If you broke the night curfew without a government permit, you were arrested. If you went out for non-essentials in the daytime, you were heavily fined. Even under such restrictions, the Gospel was being preached. The rich, who were previously unreachable for the Gospel, realized that money couldn’t save them from this virus. As they began to think about their mortality and what happens after this life, they started seeking and reaching out to Christians in that country — searching for eternal answers and hope.

From missionaries to local churches to individuals, the Gospel was and is still being shared to people hungry for hope. During COVID-19, we have had to be more inventive in how we reach others by live streaming, prerecording, drive-in services, Zoom chats, texting, calling, etc. Some individuals even learned Instagram and other social media platforms to use as tools to encourage others.

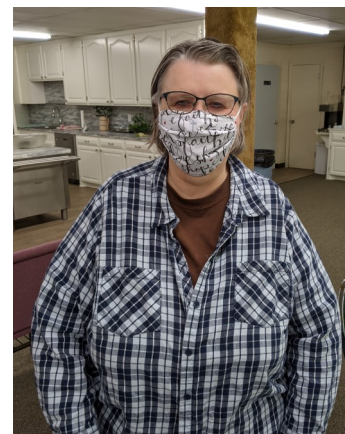
Through Christ, we have hope! Let’s continue to use these tools to encourage each other and reach the lost — sharing the hope that we have as believers.

## Ladies Sewing Group By Joan Hershberger

The orders to stay home during the pandemic shut down the sewing group at Marrable Hill Chapel. That did not bother Jean Tedford. She pulled fabric from her own stash and kept on stitching. First she finished assembling shorts she had taken home to sew on the last day we sewed. Then she began sewing dresses to put in the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Considering her health conditions, others went to church, pulled fabric for dresses, lace and trim to take to her. Jean sewed up a storm! Every time anyone talked with her, she said, “I needed more rickrack (*a flat braid woven to form zigzags and used especially as trimming on clothing*) and lace.”



Every dress had coordinating borders, lace and/or rickrack. “I am running out of these colors of rickrack,” she said after she finished 20 dresses.



We all sorted and looked for rickrack. It never was enough rickrack or thread or fabric. All across the country men and women had turned to sewing to make masks. Other women in the Thursday sewing group had begun sewing masks. Judy Couch, Laverne Johnson and Barbara Harber met at Enelda Cary's house a few times to make masks to give to folks in Union County. Individually and as a group, we made more than 500+ masks that were donated to individuals and different organizations that requested

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masks.

Fabric donated before the COVID-19 shut-down became masks, dresses and sometimes shorts. The Union County Extension Office and El Dorado Connections received fabric donations for volunteer projects such as the face masks. Joan Hershberger collected bundles of fabric and shared them with masks makers who sewed and donated masks and with Jean to make dresses.

By the time Joan delivered the first lot of fabric, Jean had completed 35 dresses. Her eyes glowed with pleasure. “Oh my!” she said and began matching strips of complimentary colors with the bigger pieces. “I need more rickrack. I don't have these colors.” Maybe not the colors, but she did have a heap of dresses in various sizes covering her couch.

Desperate, I put out a plea for more rickrack on Facebook. Debbie Langford and Nancy Murphy pulled a pile of rickrack from their stashes. Jean sighed happily and sorted colors. I packed up the 52 dresses to take to church until we pack OCC boxes.

I asked her once, “How many do you do in a day?” “Ohhh, I can make about a dress and a half in a day,” her eyes twinkled. “I was a bit tired Sunday, so I didn't do any,” she said regretfully. And she took a break at one point only to return with vigor and assembled another 80 dresses.

Jean imagines little girls' happy faces when they receive the pretty dresses. “I wish I could be there and see it,” she said once. Marrable Hill Chapel originally had a goal of over 100 dresses for this year's boxes. The quarantine threatened to quash that goal, but thanks to Jean's obsessive sewing and the mask makers the ministry of sewing for others has continued.

When we met again the last Thursday of September we counted about 130 dresses, 80 pairs of shorts and 200 hygiene bags for OCC and the 500+ masks already distributed.



## MISSIONS Missionary Briefs By Joan Hershberger

*Reports in April from our missionaries during the COVID-19 Crisis are listed below. Current updates will be in November's Communique.*

**Jasmine Wiyun Shepperson:** My mission to Eastern Europe has been temporarily postponed until the COVID virus passes over, however, I firmly believe that 2020 will be the most fruitful year yet for Circuit Riders!! On Leg 1 of our global tour that ran from January to March, we saw 2,171 young people give their lives fully to Jesus Christ!! This is just the beginning. If there has ever been a need for people to hear the Gospel, IT IS NOW. In the midst of global panic, God has a plan for great global harvest.

I also have other amazing news! Upon joining Youth With A Mission, Circuit Riders full-time, I have been given a tax-deductible giving page via a giving platform called 'Equipnet'. This allows financial gifts to be reoccurring each month as well as recorded for tax deduction purposes. This is such an exciting step for me in becoming a full time missionary and fulfilling each assignment that God has called me to!

I am currently at \$175 of support per month and have a goal to reach \$3000 so that I can stay on the mission field and continue to reach students across America & Europe! I have attached a portfolio below that shares information about my role as staff with my organization, as well as my missionary budget.

You can also check out my giving page here:  
<https://secure.etransfer.com/Equipnet/JasmineShepperson.cfm>

**Donna Allen with Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF):** The snacks and treats that the Ladies Night Out collected in December took care of the CEF clubs for the rest of the year. In January, CEF began a JYC (Jesus and You Connection) club in the high school so students can now be in CEF from pre-school through high school. Blake Dailey served as the facilitator for the high school club.

**Dan and Paula Flynn with Global Service Network:** Before

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COVID-19, I had the privilege of addressing a roomful of collegians at Indiana U, from the Book of Ruth. It was satisfying to preach Christ.

Boaz is a picture of Jesus, who at infinite personal cost, bought us out of our spiritual poverty and malaise, and set us into a lavish, secure, eternal relationship with Himself. If you're currently homebound, we encourage you to crack open your Bible and read the riveting, revealing story of Ruth and Boaz!

His speaking engagements have been canceled for the duration. Janice Kendall (Paula's mom who lives nearby in a residential care unit) is essentially quarantined with the virus. And that is hard on all.

**Paul Kendall with Helps Ministries:** For the time, in regards to the COVID-19, Helps Ministries will be discontinuing all activities except for administrative, accounting, and payroll services at our home office – personnel have been given paperwork and have been deemed as 'essential' for the minimal administrative (including accounting and payroll) operation of Helps Ministries:

While these personnel are allowed to go to the Home Office, the local government has asked that we limit this time and only go into the office as needed. All other Home Office personnel are being asked to work from home during this time. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Helps Ministries Home Office is committed to serving our missionaries and ministry partners during this difficult time and we commit to continue to serve you in every way possible. We ask for your prayers during this time.

**Bill and Linda Parker with Avant Ministries:** Managed to squeak into Guatemala before the borders closed with the COVID-19 crisis and then left when plans for training were postponed and the planned trip to Honduras was canceled.

Three couples the Parkers have been mentoring have had more time to study, pray and interact as they are home bound in Spain and Guatemala. All are waiting out the Coronavirus issue. Prayers asked for others seeking a mentor.

The Parker's son Matthew and his wife left the huge break out of COVID-19 in Texas and moved in with the Parkers. Matthew's job

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ended and his campus closed. Prayers for a job.

**Merton Hershberger Lay ministry distributing the Word in literature and conversations:** With his day job sending everyone home, he has had time to organize and help less fortunate receive what they need in some basic personal items.

**Kathy and Vidal Perez in Guatemala:** continuing to listen to reports around the world on the Coronavirus and pray for each place.

May God bless each one of you today. May you rest in His love for his children. May you have peace that passes all understanding.

In Guatemala we are restricted to travel, meeting in groups over five is prohibited until March 31...schools, churches, public transportation, restaurants are closing. Our open market will be closed the next two Saturdays, but we are trusting to be able to shop at small stores around town or drive to the next town to get a few vegetables. We are still doing homeschool although sometimes Garret and Emma are distracted and would prefer a holiday like the other children around them. Vidal and Rubelio still do visits and are helping prepare leaders that can make small home churches happen while we can't all meet together. They are encouraging people and helping them think through how to avoid close contact. The Guatemalan greet personally and so this idea of having a meter of space between others is hard for them to remember.

P.S. Vidal said that growing up they didn't have toilet paper, but that this tree has the softest leaves around and will be great if we can't get store bought toilet paper. We have a ready supply growing around Tectitan!!

**Kim Shepperson and Jac in Slovakia:** The government made early restrictions so only essential businesses are open. The borders are closed to entering or leavings. Schools are closed. Students are studying online and the schools are not prepared for this. Their stateside college aged daughters' colleges eventually closed down. For now, Gwentyth went to Houston to her aunt's and Emili went to Alaska with a college friend.

**Jeff and Cheryl Garr with Life Action Ministries:** No pastor

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retreats are planned until May. All other events have been canceled into April. Jeff is working from home for now. Cheryl continues to work part time in the community.

**Jim and Jody Smith wrote earlier:** We left China before the Coronavirus really broke out. We have been in Thailand for our annual health check ups. Each day we watch the news, and have been told not to return to China for the present. So we are not sure what we will be doing once our few days of hospital visits are finished. WE only packed enough clothing for a week, and summer clothes at that. Some folks are returning to the USA, but for now we will be staying with some friends, at least for another two weeks.  
—Love to all of you, Jim and Jody

## Victory Bible Camp By Natalie Butcher



For the first time ever, in-person summer camps at Victory Bible Camp (VBC) had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

During the spring and summer months, the Victory Board carefully monitored the latest information on the virus and rules related to overnight camps. Initially, they decided to delay the camp to July instead of June. After the Arkansas Department of Health and Governor Asa Hutchinson issued the directive on overnight camps on May 21st, the

Victory Board decided that it would be too difficult to keep campers safe and follow the directives. They canceled in-person camp and planned virtual camps for July.

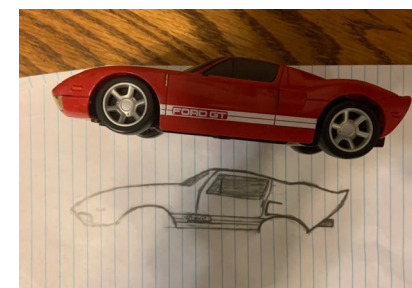
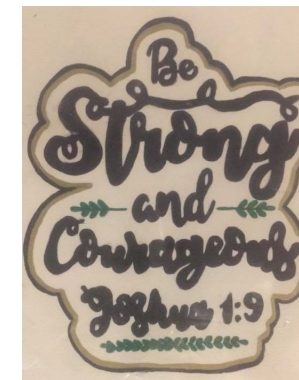
Blake Dailey, Lauren Dailey, and Natalie Butcher prerecorded/edited videos of guest speakers at MHC for Family Weekend, Junior Week, and Teen Week. The videos were uploaded daily in July to MHC's Vimeo account and were linked on the MHC & VBC websites and Facebook accounts. During Junior Week and Teen Week, "game time"



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challenges were issued on the MHC and VBC Facebook pages asking campers to post a picture or video of them completing the challenge. Winners of each game were given \$10 gift cards. Some of the games were: Build a fort, show your talent, scavenger hunt, make handmade gifts for lonely/isolated people, paint/draw a favorite Bible verse. Grayson Bailey created bracelets for his homemade project during Junior Week. Kalla Fudge drew Joshua 1:9 and Ashton Bailey sketched a car as his talent.



This summer we definitely missed being able to meet face-to-face, but we made it work. If you missed any of the sessions, you can still watch them on the Marrable Hill Chapel website.

(<https://www.marrablehillchapel.com/vbc-virtual-camp-2020>)

The Victory Board has approved the Fall Family Weekend for October 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. It will be a great weekend of fun, digging into the Word, and fellowship. Josh Bullock from Wyatt Baptist is the speaker this year. If you are able to make it, we would love to see you!

Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation and my God.  
—Psalms 43:5