



Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

# The Mt. Nebo News

## An Encouraging Word

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“Holy Night” will be the preaching theme for Advent and Christmas this year at Mt. Nebo Global Methodist Church. Most all of you will know what I’m referring to by the words “Holy Night.” It’s the common description of the time that Jesus was born. One of the Christmas hymns is even titled “O, Holy Night.” Was He born at night? The gospel of Luke only tells us this in chapter 2 verses 6-7, “While they were there (Bethlehem), the time came for the baby to be born, and she (Mary) gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.” So, the Bible doesn’t say if the Son of God was born at night. However, God did send angels to make a nighttime announcement of Jesus’ birth to a group of shepherds staying with their sheep in an open field near Bethlehem. That’s likely where the idea originated that Jesus was born at night but we don’t know for sure He was born at night. Yet we do know that it was a holy time because God chose to come near to the people of earth that He created. In fact, God spoke through the Old Testament prophet Isaiah to foretell how He would come. Isaiah 7:14, “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel (which means “God with us”). So, the birth of Jesus was definitely a holy time whether it was during the day or night.

How would you define the word “holy” as I used it in the previous paragraph? We could use many words to try to define it. And all of them would be our attempts at describing God. The birth of Jesus was a holy time because He was God! He was God who came to our sin-sick world with the antidote to cure us. He came to give His life to save us from the guilt, shame, and power of our sin. Jesus came to do that for every person who will turn away from their sin and dare to believe He has a new life for them to live in relationship with Him. Thirty plus years after His birth, He allowed His body to be beaten and broken to make us whole. And He allowed His blood to be shed dying on a cross to give us a new life to live. The birth of Jesus was a holy time! Celebrate Him day and night this Christmas!

-Pastor Mike

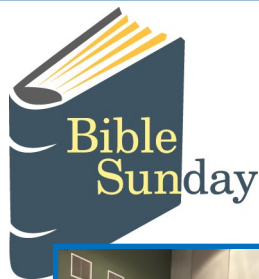


### Rev. John Kalambo Visits Mount Nebo



October 27th, Mt. Nebo Global Methodist Church was blessed to have Rev. John Kalambo from Zambia, Africa with us. He preached the Word of God, lead us in a new worship song at the 11am service, shared about the advancement of the gospel through the Global Methodist Church, and he shared about the progress of building JP Schools in Chongwe, Zambia.

John also met with some of Mt. Nebo's mid-week Bible study group members and finished off his visit having lunch with the youth.



### Bible Sunday was September 8, 2024





## Reeves Family Music Worship Service

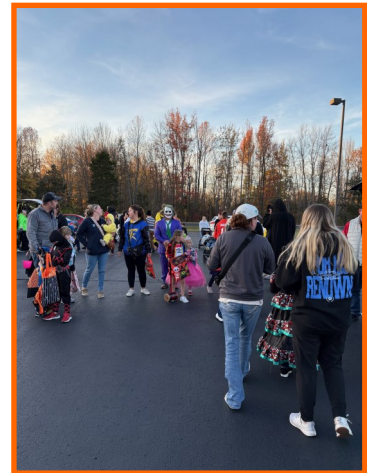
On October 13th Mt. Nebo was able to spend both the 9 and 11 services in worship through music. The Reeves family led us in music and shared their testimonies with the congregation. It was a wonderful way to worship and to see how talents can be used to give glory to God.















**Jared Cornett** passed away September 9, 2024, at the age of 50. Jared was the son of Pat Cornett and will be greatly missed.

**Petrina Brown** passed away September 12, 2024, at the age of 50. Petrina was the daughter-in-law of Andra Brown and will be greatly missed.

**Christine (Chris) Roy** passed away September 24, 2024, at the age of 60. Chris was the loving wife of Jack Roy and a member of the Mount Nebo congregation. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and church family.

**Carole Arn** passed away October 4, 2024, at the age of 81. Carole was the mother of David (Shelly) Arn and will be greatly missed.

*Our prayers and love go out to their families and friends.*

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ? ?	?? ? Bible Quiz ? ? ?
<p>Who was governor of Syria when Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem for a mandated registration, or census?</p> <p>A. Theophilus B. Herod Antipas C. Pontius Pilate D. Quirinius</p> 	<p>In the story of the Magi, what word is used to give a sense of Jesus' age when the wise men visited? What does it tell us?</p> <p>A. "baby"; Jesus was still a newborn in a manger B. "child"; when the wise men visited, Jesus had grown past infancy C. "youth"; Jesus was probably between 10 and 14 D. No word is used to suggest Jesus' age at the time of the wise men's visit.</p> 

**Answer to Bible Quizzes on Page 13**

*Poinsettia*  
**ORDERS** Place your order by December 8th. The cost is \$12.

*Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service  
7pm and 11pm*





**WE  
HONOR  
OUR VETERANS**

### Veterans' Dinner

November 10 — Doors open at 5:00 PM

On November 10th Mt. Nebo Youth will host a special dinner to honor all area veterans. The youth are planning and helping prepare dinner and a program to honor veterans for their sacrifice and service. If you know a veteran, please feel free to extend the invitation. RESERVATIONS are required and can be made at the sign up table in the narthex or by calling the church office Monday- Thursday morning. RESERVATIONS are due Wednesday, November 6th .

Dinner begins at 5:15 PM- Sign in and time for conversation will begin at 5:00 PM. This is only a small way we can say a special thanks to our veterans!

### November Coat Ministry, Food Pantry & God's Table Breakfast

The Mt. Nebo congregation is collecting new and gently used coats of all sizes for all ages. Coats will be offered to people who participate in the November Food Pantry and God's Table breakfast ministry on Saturday, November 23rd from 9:00am – 10:00am. Adult large and extra-large are some of the more common sizes needed. Hats, gloves and scarfs are also needed. Contact Coat Drive Coordinators, Robin Wallace or Virgie Luck, with any questions. You may also contact the church office (937-379-1225) for mid-week drop-off arrangements.



*Merry*  
**CHRISTMAS**

The pastors and congregations of Hamersville Baptist Church, The Hamersville Bible Chapel Church, Hamersville Church of Christ and our congregation will gather together on Sunday evening, December 8th at 6:00pm for a Community Christmas Worship Service. This year Hamersville Church of Christ will be the host. We hope you will plan to attend!



The Liberty Band will be in concert at Mt. Nebo on Saturday, December 14th at 2:00pm. You are invited to come and enjoy the instrumental sounds of Christmas offered in their rich signature style. The concert is offered free of charge. A free-will offering, however, will be received to benefit JP Schools in Zambia, Africa, where Mt. Nebo is partnering with Pastor John Kalambo.

Mt. Nebo will offer Christmas Food Baskets through our December Food Pantry Saturday, on December 21st from 9:00 – 11:00am. Food Pantry coordinators, Jim and Jennifer Brossenne, welcome your help with this ministry again this year. Here are your opportunities to serve the Lord through this ministry. First, you can pick up an empty laundry basket sometime late November and use a provided list of food items to fill it. Second, you can arrive by 8:30am on December 21st to help welcome people and assist them.



Toys will also be offered through Mt. Nebo's Toy Ministry coordinated by Bill and Anna Henry. Opportunities to serve the Lord through this ministry are as follows. First, you can contribute unwrapped toys for children. Second, you can give money to be used to purchase toys. And third, you can arrive by 8:30am December 21st to help gift wrap toys that parents/grandparents pick out for children. Thank you in advance for your willingness to care for people in our community on behalf of Jesus.

### Children's Christmas Musical - "Holy Night" Sunday, December 15th 6:00pm



Come and join us on Sunday, December 15th as Mt. Nebo's children take us through the most holy of nights. The program will begin at 6pm followed by refreshments.

If you have a child (age 4 thru 6th grade) interested in being in the program please sign up at the sign-up table. Any questions can be directed to Natalie Cook or Tracy Gibson.

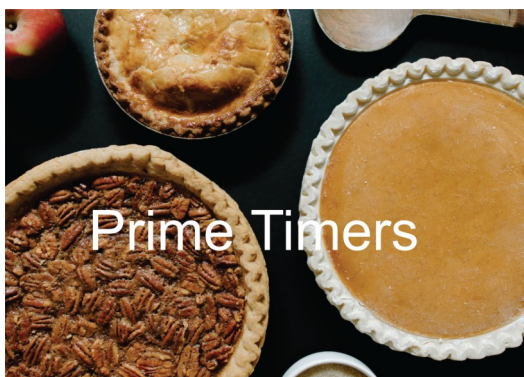




At Christmas, we wrap presents, light our homes, and bundle up cookies to share. We also try not to get "wrapped up" in the holiday rush, setting aside work and obligations to enjoy time with loved ones. But let's remember the first "wrapping" — when Mary swaddled the newborn Jesus, she was wrapping God's precious Gift of salvation for us all.

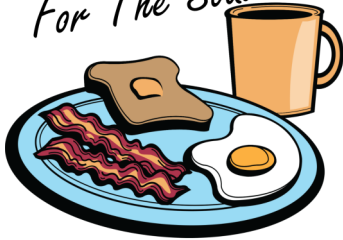
Ladies, join us on Saturday, December 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for a special Christmas breakfast to celebrate being *Wrapped in God's Love*. Please consider bringing a donation of new winter hats, gloves, or socks to help keep our community warm this winter. Be sure to sign up on the sheet in the church lobby!

During Advent, which begins this year on December 3, many churches and families use wreaths to symbolize watchfulness and increasing joy as Christmas approaches. Colors for the candles vary, with some traditions using blue (for hope or creation) and others preferring purple (for royalty, humility or penitence). The four candles that each represent a week in Advent also signify hope, peace, joy and love. (The third candle is often pink.) In the center is the white Christ candle, representing Jesus as the light of the world. That candle is lit on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The round, green Advent wreath has special meaning of its own. It symbolizes eternal life and the unending love of God, who sent his only Son to earth to die in our place.



The Prime Timers invite you to join them for their Thanksgiving dinner. Dinner will be held November 8, 2024, at 5:30 pm. They ask that you bring a side dish or dessert, but anything is appreciated. Please sign-up in the narthex so enough food can be prepared for those planning to attend.

## Men's Breakfast For The Soul



**M**en's Breakfast for the Soul is a men's group that meets the second Saturday of each month 7:30AM- 9:00AM for a hearty breakfast, message and time of fellowship for men of all ages. The November breakfast will be Saturday, November 9th, with the topic being Thankful for God's Grace. The December 14th speaker will be James Pollitt, who will share about being called to serve as a lay person. James was a delegate to the recent GMC General Conference in Costa Rica and leads mission trips to Columbia, and he also serves on Kairos Teams at Lebanon Correctional Institute. Upcoming speakers for 2025 include Jonathan Kollman, pastor of connections at Anderson Hills Community Church, and Jon Mark Hall from Bainbridge, Ohio.

### Financial Peace University Course

Are you struggling or stressing over your finances? Do you want to have a more biblical understanding of handling money? Do you want you or your family to have financial freedom? If you answered yes to any of these questions think and pray about joining the Clubb family in the new year as they go through Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University.



Classes will be held on Sunday evenings at 6pm starting on February 16, 2025, and dinner will be provided. Cost of the class will be \$59 per family or individual. Any questions please see Jacob or Sarah Clubb.



### Tuesday Morning Youth Grades 8-12

**O**n Tuesday mornings a small group meets at the Mt. Orab McDonalds from 6:50AM – 7:25AM, for breakfast, devotions, and prayer. Tuesday AM Group will follow the Western Brown school schedule (if Western Brown is closed or school is on a 2-hour delay, Tuesday AM group will not meet.). This group is led by Linda Stover and Brenda Reed.





### Sunday 456

#### Grades 4-6

This group will follow the following schedule for November and December.

- November 3rd at 6:00 PM
- November 17th - Special Activity to be announced.
  - November 24th - 6:00 PM
  - December 8th - 6:00 PM
- December 15th - Join church family for Children's Christmas Program.

Regular group meetings will include games/activity, a Bible based lesson, prayer and snacks. Tabitha and Joe Chirco and Linda Davis lead this group.

### Tuesday 456

#### Grades 4-6

This group meets the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 4:30PM-5:30PM at the church building, following the Western Brown School schedule. Below is the schedule for November and December.

- November 3rd
- November 12th (Packing Backpack Blessings in Ministry Annex)
  - November 26th
  - December 2nd
- December 9 (Christmas Celebration).

Regular group meetings include games/activity, a Bible based lesson, prayer, and after school snack. This group is led by Samantha Hiler and Brenda Reed

Devos and Donuts is a small group opportunity for middle school students grades 6-8. Devos and Donuts meets Wednesday morning, 7:45 AM- 8:30 AM at the church building during the school year. Devos and Donuts youth meet for breakfast, devotions, and prayer. Devos and Donuts follows Western Brown school schedule (if Western Brown is closed or school is on a 2-hour delay, Devos and Donuts will not meet.). This group is led by Brenda Reed and Linda Henry.



## Praying at the Pole

1 Timothy 2:1 says, "I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf and give thanks for them."

Each week, our Devos and Donuts group that meets before school every Wednesday morning for

breakfast, devotions, and prayer asked when we were going to gather with others to pray at the Hamersville school flagpole. We had missed the national initiative, "See You at the Pole" day, because it fell during Brown County Fair break for those kids.

This group of middle schoolers committed to gathering at Hamersville school to pray the week following the fair. While the picture only shows our Devos and Donuts crew, they were joined by 30+ staff and family October 3rd. The youth led prayers of thanksgiving for the students, staff, community, and leaders as well as asked God's blessing on each of these groups. We then prayed for those affected by the recent hurricane and praises were shared for answered prayers.

Why would 6th, 7th, and 8th graders initiate such a gathering? I believe it is just a natural response to want to pray, as each week, the group collectively develops a prayer list for the week and lifts personal words of thanks to God at the end of each weekly gathering.

Thank you, Mt. Nebo church family, for all you do to support and provide for these ministries for the community's young people as we are about making disciples for Jesus!



*Brenda Reed, Discipleship Coordinator*

**SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS 2025**  
**Road Trip- On the Go with God**  
**June 2-5**  
**9 AM- Noon**



Some of you may be thinking about 'road trips' you and your family might take next year. Here is one we want you to include in your plans!!!

This year's theme for VBS is Road Trip- on the Go with God! This trek will be as much about the journey as it is the destination. The scripture verse for the week comes from the last part of Joshua 1:9 which says, "The Lord your God is with you wherever you may go."

Mark your calendar and make plans to join, Scout the Dog, and the VBS crew on this journey!

If you are interested in being part of the VBS team for 2025, please mark your calendar for our organizational meeting on **Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 PM.**

**Operation Christmas Child  
Shoe Box Packing Night  
Monday, November 18th  
6:00 PM**



The Mt. Nebo Church family is invited to bring items and pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child Monday, November 18th, at 6 PM. We have ordered 100 pre-printed Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes for our church to fill. Each box should include a 'Wow' item, personal care items, school supplies, and other small toys that would bless a child. Each box is designated as being for a Girl or Boy and different age ranges- 2-4 year olds, 5-9 year olds, and 10-14 year olds, so pick which age child you may want to add to your shopping list for this project.

We will share supplies for packing that evening to help pack these boxes to delight a child this Christmas. This is a project the whole family can work together on. Another special part of packing a box is being able to include a personal note for the child receiving the box you pack. We will have those letter forms for you to use on the 18th .

We will make this a festive evening with Christmas music and Christmas cookies! Hope you will plan to bless a child in another part of the world this season!

**Packing Suggestions**

**List of things to include**

-Wow item – Soccer ball with pump, dolls or stuffed animals, shoes, toy cars, toys that light up and make noise (include batteries and extra batteries for these items), battery powered radio (include batteries), yo-yos

-Personal care items, school supplies, and more- toothbrushes, combs and hair brushes (ones you would use yourself), crayons, pencils, pens, sharpeners, markers, notebooks and paper, coloring books, solar calculators, sunglasses, and flashlights (with batteries and extra batteries).

**List of things NOT to include**

Candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items, seeds, food, liquids, lotion, medications, vitamins, aerosol cans, breakable items or glass containers.



## YOUTH 7-12 UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 17th- Movie and Dinner Out

We are going to see *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* Time- To be announced per movie schedule followed by dinner out. Sign up in the narthex- Signed permission form required PLUS all those going must have current emergency medical form on file- For information about event or status of your emergency medical form, contact Brenda Reed, discipleship coordinator.



- December 1st - Youth Christmas Celebration at 5 PM

- December 21st - 8:30AM (meet at church to be ready to serve) Help with Christmas Christmas Toy Give Away, God's Table, and Food Basket event



	9:00	11:00
11/3	Virgie Luck	Theresa Conaty
11/10	Kristina Waterfield	Theresa Conaty
11/17	Linda Wash	Erin Edminsten
11/24	Alyssa Eubanks	Sydney Van Meter
12/1	Linda Davis	Theresa Conaty
12/8	Theresa Conaty	Pam Massengill
12/15	Kristina Waterfield	Amy Timmers
12/22	Theresa Conaty	Deanna Motts
12/29	Sarah Clubb	Jo Warner

	9:00
11/3	Joey Chirco/Jonah Cox
11/10	Macy Bolender/Jasmine Davis
11/17	Emery Boldender/Mason Zuech
11/24	Abigail Chirco/Adelyn Earhart
12/1	Julea Eubanks/TBA
12/8	Abram Cox/TBA
12/15	Kate Noel/Abigail Chirco
12/22	Joey Chirco/Mason Zuech
12/29	Evelyn Kunkel/Jonah Cox

	11:00
	Olivia Myers/Jordan Edminsten
	Cora Edminsten/Kelsey Adamson
	Brenleigh Slater/Jett Edminsten
	Caleb Stover/Emmaline Starkey
	Madelynn Starkey/Ali Myers
	Olivia Myers/Jordan Edminsten
	Kelsey Adamson/Cora Edminsten
	Brenleigh Slater/Ali Myers
	Emmaline Starkey/Caleb Stover





**9:00 AM**

- 11/3 Brenda Blair
- 11/10 Brenda Reed
- 11/17 Alyssa Eubanks
- 11/24 Tabitha Chirco / Denise Lewis
- 12/1 TBA
- 12/8 Nancy Moore
- 12/15 Virgie Luck
- 12/22 Megan Cox
- 12/29 Kathy Pollard / Jessica Kunkel

**11:00 AM**

- 11/3 Michelle Clark / Esta Timmers
- 11/10 Linda Stover / Samantha Hiler
- 11/17 Josette Warner
- 11/24 Amy Adamson / Amy Timmers
- 12/1 Shannon Hiler
- 12/8 Erin Edminsten
- 12/15 Jodi Keller / Stella Keller
- 12/22 Brenda Reed
- 12/29 Jenny Flores / Diana Starkey

**ANSWERS TO BIBLE  
QUIZZES ON PAGE 5**  
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 Right — B (See Matthew 2:1-12)



**Mortgage as of  
October 31, 2024:**  
**\$379,046.19**



*November & December  
Sermon Topics*

**Sermon Series: I Believe (The Apostles Creed)**

- Nov. 3 – I Believe in God the Father
- Nov. 10 – I Believe in Jesus Christ
- Nov. 17 – I Believe in the Holy Spirit
- Nov. 24 – I Believe in the Church

**Sermon Series: Holy Night**

- Dec. 1 – No Impossibles with God
- Dec. 8 – Jesus Came for All People
- Dec. 15 – Joy for the World
- Dec. 22 – People Must Know
- Dec. 24 – Candlelight Services 7:00pm and 11:00pm
- Dec. 29 – To Be Announced

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**Invite Friends and Family to Worship!**

**Service Times:**

9:00 AM Worship with Piano and Hymns

Service inside and parking lot on 91.1 FM

10:15 – 11:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship with Band

Service inside and parking lot on 91.1 FM

*Videos of all services are  
offered on our website  
[www.mtnebogmc.com](http://www.mtnebogmc.com)  
and on our YouTube channel  
(Mt. Nebo Church).*

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