

Maywood Community Church

February 2024

Training Our Church Leaders

Several goals have been set for the first quarter of our 2024 calendar year. One of those goals relates specifically to training and preparing our elders and deacons for leadership here at Maywood Community Church. We, as leaders, need to understand the qualifications and the roles we should be following based on our Lord's instructions from His word. In the coming weeks and months, we will be fine tuning the responsibilities of our leaders to fit the needs of our congregation. In the month of April, our deacons and elders will be going on a "leadership retreat" to further plan and prepare for the benefit of our church ministry. It is an exciting time to learn, pray, and grow together in this specific area of responsibility within our church.

During the Sunday school hour each week, our deacons and elders are assembling together to go through materials entitled, "Understanding Church Leadership." Our study includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Why do we need to have a plurality of elders and what is their function?
- What distinguishes the roles of deacon and elder from each other?
- What are the qualifications of each office and what is required of each person based on those qualifications?
- How should the offices of deacon and elder relate to each other?
- How should the leaders relate and communicate with the congregation?
- And so much more...

Our goal, in going through this exercise, is to make sure that all leadership is working together in unity for the benefit of our church, the care of our church, and for the growth of our church both numerically and spiritually.

Please pray for this process and for each of our leaders as we work through this material and encourage one another as we serve the Lord together.

~Pastor Alan J. Hodak



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February Events:

February 3rd: Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 a.m.

February 4th: Meet Your Deacon Dinner After Church— Gary Long and Terry Payne

February 15th: Ladies Council Meeting 10 am

February 29th: Helping Hands of Faith 6:30-8:00 pm

Every Tuesday:

Ladies Bible Study 10 am

Ladies Quilting 1 pm

Every Wednesday:

Prayer Meeting 6 pm

AWANA 6:30-8:00 pm

Every Sunday Night:

Youth Group 6:30-8:00 pm

Future Events:

March 24th: Fried Chicken Dinner after Church

March 29th: Good Friday Service 5:30 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31st: Easter Breakfast 8:30 am

Easter Service 10 am

MISSIONS

The Light House is now a part of Missouri Baptist Children Home (MBCH). MBCH is committed to serving God by responding to the needs of children, youth, and families to ensure all life is given hope for tomorrow. Services include Adoption, Community Based Resource, and a Residential Program/Maternity Home.



Encouragement In Christ, Care, Love

They provide pregnancy and post adoption support, advocacy for adoptive and birth families. The community based resource program provides for the practical, physical, and spiritual needs of young mothers who choose life for their babies. The Maternity Home provides residential services for young pregnant mothers between the ages 12-21 free of charge. Also they provide volunteer opportunities.

Maywood Community Church has supported The Light House through year end giving and the Baby Bottle Program for over 20 years.

The Light House request prayer for their staff, children and family ministries, clients, and foster and relative parents.

The Light House is a full service licensed adoption agency.

To find out more about the Light House and Missouri Baptist Children Home, you may go to mbch.org



Elder Update 2/2/24

Greetings,

January flew by and February brings the Church's focus on preparations for Easter.

Allyson Hodak has volunteered to lead the Easter Cantata! (Thank you Allyson.) She has asked for anyone who can make a "joyful noise" to volunteer to be a part of the choir. If you are not sure you match this description, please volunteer and Allyson will find the right part for your voice. Please pray for the Cantata and that it will be a blessing to the Lord, the congregation, the participants, and the community.

Also, a Good Friday service and an Easter morning breakfast are being planned.

As we continue to move forward in 2024, the current goals for the first third of the year will be updated. Please continue to bathe these goals in prayer and ask for God's will to be done and for Him to lead you to action in the Church.

Goal Update

Deacon Dinners – Completed as of Feb 4!

The Deacons and the families on their shepherding list met and got to know each other. The Deacons gave their testimony and the Elders provided Church updates. The Deacons will continue to reach out to those on their list. Thanks everyone who attended and if you have a need please reach out to the Deacons and Elders.

Start and complete leadership training for the Elders and Deacons – In Process

Training has been going well and Pastor Alan is providing an update in this newsletter.

Restart Adult, Children, and Youth Sunday School – In Process

Please continue to pray for the Lord's direction as we continue to work towards restarting Sunday school for the youth as well as adding additional adult classes. Also, if you feel called, please sign up to become a volunteer in the Sunday School program.

Church Business Updates

The insurance company is currently determining what damage should be assigned to either the first or second claim. The adjuster who was assigned to the first claim will be reviewing the additional damage which was found and resubmit a new estimate to the insurance company for the first claim. The adjuster is scheduled to be onsite on February 2nd to review the damage.

Please pray for a speedy resolution of the insurance claim.

God Bless,

The Elders

January Financial

Corner:

We were under budget on Expenses January.

We were under budget on Giving for the month.

Youth Group

Our Winter Melt Down was cancelled due to weather in Iowa.

We continued to meet throughout the month. We discussed Who is Jesus? We have now moved on to going through different Parables in the Bible. These are great to open up conversations with the Youth.

If you'd like to donate snacks to the Youth, please reach out to Meghan.