

### Why Does God Ask Questions?



*Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? (Ezekiel 33:11)*

Why does God ask questions? He has been asking questions, since the beginning of time. For example, in Genesis 3, God called to Adam: "Where are you?" Did God not know? Of course He knew. So why did He ask? Again, in the same chapter, once Adam had told Him that they had hidden because they were naked, He asked, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" Once again, God knew what the serpent had said and what Adam and Eve had done. There are many other examples in Scripture.

If God knew the answers to the questions already – and, after all, He is omniscient – then the questions were not for His benefit. They were for the benefit of those He asked. In this case, His questions were for the benefit of Adam and Eve. They were designed so that they could confess their sins and repent. Sin is disobedience to God's Law. God's Law at that time was not to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Scripture does not tell us if Adam and Eve had repented. Notice that God did not ask any questions of the serpent, who is Satan, because there was no opportunity for such a spirit being to repent. But for us, there is that opportunity for complete salvation if we will repent and trust in Christ.

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# Memorial Baptist Church



## February 25, 2024



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**This Week at Memorial**

**Sunday, February 25, 2024**

8:45am - Discipleship Classes

10:00am - Worship

2/25 - Student Event

**A Look Ahead**

3/3 - Breakfast

3/3 - 10 - Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer

3/9 - Set clocks forward one hour

3/22-27 - Kentucky Mission Trip

3/30 - Student Progressive Dinner

3/31 - Easter Service and Breakfast

6/17 - 21 - Youth Camp

**Thank you for joining us for worship today. If you are visiting or have any prayer needs, please fill out an MBC Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.**

**February 25, 2024**

**Joy Junction**

8:45am - Alana C.

10:00am Svc. - Cindy S., Linda W.

Wed. - February 28 - Cindy S.

**Junior Church**

Chris S. - Thomas S.

**Kids Connection - Wed. Feb. 28**

Amy J. - Ryan G.

**Usher Ministry**

8:45 - Sunday School - Steve G.

10:00am - Joe G., Ryan W., Matt S.

Wed. - February 28 - Ed S.

**March 3, 2024**

**Joy Junction**

8:45am - Jamie B.

10:00am Svc. - Julie S., Ryan S.

Wed. - March 6 - Linda W.

**Junior Church**

Alana C. - James P.

**Kids Connection - Wed. March 6**

Amy J. - Ryan G.

**Usher Ministry**

8:45 - Sunday School - Jesse W.

10:00am - Jim S., Ben S., Chris S.

Wed. - March 6 - Tim R.

**Concession Stand Leaders and Helpers Needed**

Help is needed for the concession stand during the Upward Games. There is a signup sheet at the Welcome Center.

We can still use individually packaged snack cakes and home baked goods for the concession stand.

**Lunch with the Cargills**

Don't forget to sign up for lunch with the Cargills. There is a signup sheet in the foyer, or you can call the church office.

**Student Progressive Dinner**

There will be a progressive dinner for the youth March 30 at 5pm. Hosts are needed to open their home for the dinner.

**Kentucky Mission Trip**

We are planning a mission trip to GAP in McDowell Kentucky March 22-27. If you are interested in going, please contact Ryan Gerling at (573) 225-0268.

**Student Camp**

Camp Theme: GROW

- Camper cost: (Leader and Student) \$240

- Dates: June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

Online registration is Open. QR Code will take you straight to the Registration link. See Chris Smith for assistance signing up. Chris will also have Waivers to be filled out and submitted.

