



FRIDAY, NOV. 19

Dear MBC Family –

As we near the end of 2021, we praise God for His grace in so many ways across our church. In addition to the launch and growth of many new Church Groups, we have been working hard for months now to open and worship in our own building in the heart of Arlington starting this Sunday! If you live in that area or would like to be a part of this significant day, we invite you to join us in Arlington at 9 am on November 21. If you haven't had a chance to watch the video on the recent completion of the new building, you can view that [HERE](#).

A significant step like this is only possible as a result of your generous giving. In addition to the new Arlington location, we have recently opened a renovated café and coffee shop at MBC Tysons, we have renovated numerous spaces at MBC Tysons, including the lobby and children's spaces, we are in the process of securing new facilities for both MBC Prince William and MBC Loudoun, we have renovated and reorganized all of the office space for Central Operations and Central Ministries, and we have been able to do all of this on top of our food distribution operation that has shared more than seven million dollars of essential goods with communities all over the DMV during a pandemic. We're excited to see how God will continue to use these updated spaces and resources to reach more and more people here and around the world with the gospel. Thank you so much for your faithfulness!

As we thank God for your generosity, we want to invite our entire church family to consider giving above and beyond our normal giving at the end of this year toward the mission of the church. As a key part of this process, we want as many members as possible to be able to participate in voting on our church budget this December (as is outlined in our church's constitution) and to have the opportunity to affirm a large group of new members in our church. These are significant responsibilities for members in our church family, and we want as many members as possible to be able to carry them out. For this reason, and because the time when the most MBC members are together is on Sunday mornings, **we will officially hold our Congregational Meeting for the purpose of voting on the budget and affirming new members in association with our worship gatherings at all of our locations on Sunday, December 5.**

In preparation for that Sunday, we will be providing copies of the proposed budget at all of our locations for anyone to pick up starting this Sunday, November 21. In addition, we are creating multiple avenues in advance of our worship gathering and Congregational Meeting for church members to participate in forums. Any members of MBC from all locations are invited to attend either of the following:

MBC Member Forum – Pre-Congregational Meeting on Church Business

Monday, November 29 – 7 pm at MBC Tysons

MBC Member Forum – Pre-Congregational Meeting on 2022 Budget

Thursday, December 2 – 7 pm at MBC Tysons

Please note that these forums are not the only way to ask questions. We are providing these forums in addition to our ongoing invitations for you to meet individually with church leaders regarding any questions you may have about the church, including questions you may have about the budget. To reach out with any questions or concerns, you can always email questions@mcleanbible.org to schedule a meeting.

As Elders, we want to exhort our church family to continue our collective focus on glorifying God by making disciples and multiplying churches among all nations, beginning in greater Washington, DC. Particularly as we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, opportunities for sharing the good news of God's love in Jesus abound. During Sundays in December, we will take a break from our sermon series in the Gospel of Mark and walk through a special Christmas series called "The Sound of Hope" in which we look at the biblical foundations for familiar songs we sing at Christmas and celebrate the hope we have in Christ, particularly in a trying world.

We encourage you not to come to these Christmas gatherings alone. Invite family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors and others to come with you on these Sundays leading up to Christmas, and to our Christmas Eve gatherings at every location. Let's pray together that God will draw many people to eternal life in Jesus this Christmas season!

Love in Christ,

MBC Elders