

# MARTELLE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

Gather, Engage, Make A Difference



## *Upcoming Events*

**Dec 4th**-Children  
Christmas Program  
Practice 5:45-6:30pm

**Dec 8th-10th**- Hope2  
Martelle Friday and  
Saturday Evenings,  
Sunday Morning

**Dec 24th**- Christmas  
Eve breakfast 9:30am

**Jan 21st**-Elder and  
Deacon/Deaconess  
Elections

## *COREY'S CORNER*

By Corey McCracken

The holidays are always one of my favorite times of the year. Family traditions spanning generations and new beginnings looking to the future collide in a season of hope.

Why do we think of hope in these times? Any time we look back to see the faithfulness of our God in the past, we can look forward, counting on His faithfulness to continue into the future. **Hebrews 13:8** reminds us that, "**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.**" Take time to look back on the last year. If your year has been full of blessings, remember that the same God walks with you into the future. If you are excited to throw the 2023 calendar in the trash, remember that God is a God who we can trust to rebuild and restore.

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Look to the past and see God's faithfulness, look to the future to remember the hope that we have in Christ's return. In all of this take time to remember that Jesus is the same TODAY as well! Be present in the moments with family, don't only wait for a far-off kingdom but join in and be a part of "God's Kingdom come, His will be done, here on earth as it is in heaven."

Merry CHRISTmas and Happy New Years!

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## ***ELDERS, DEACONS, DEACONESS - ANNUAL ELECTIONS***

By Rick June

Our bylaws for Martelle Christian Church (MCC) require a yearly congregational meeting on the third Sunday of January to conduct the annual election of any qualified candidates for the position of elder, deacon, deaconess and any other relevant business (Article IV, Section 2).

Nominations for these positions are advertised within the congregational members for election. Nominations will be reviewed by the current Eldership and ballots prepared for the election.

Along with the biblical requirements some subjective terms will be considered. They may consist of being an active member, regular attenders participating in church activities, (i.e. Sunday School, Worship Service, night Bible Study Group). Will they be willing to give of their time to help this body of Christ in serving their brothers and sisters? Do they have skills or gifts that will enable them serve in ministries? Do they have a certain ministry they want to be involved in? Do they have ideas that will help serve this body better? How can we improve on our service to others?

One area our current Eldership has recognized is that we have not done well in enabling the Deacons and Deaconess' in being an active body working together for the betterment of MCC. We are planning on having a meeting with all Deacons and Deaconess' in early 2024 to see how we might be able to encourage more active participation as a group. If you have thoughts on how and when this should take place, please advise Corey or any of the elders.



# TRUNK OR TREAT

The church hosted its annual Trunk or Treat event on Sunday October 29th. Thank you to so many that participated by decorating trunks or helping with soups in the basement. Take a look at the creative ideas that were on display!

