

# MISSION MARION

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## ***From The Missionary's Desk***

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 says, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: that thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey His voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto Him: for He is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land that the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them." At the end of his life, Moses and the Israelites stood on the brink of the land of beginning again. Moses couldn't enter the Promised Land, but he prepared his people to go. He reminded them of their covenant with God. He challenged them to accept their responsibility. He warned them of punishment for disobedience. He reminded them of the way to repentance and forgiveness and of God's nearness, then he left the choice to them.



As we stand at the gate of this new year, we too must choose how to live and relate to God. Moses' instruction was to choose life, but what does choosing life mean?

### **1. Choosing Life Means Loving God First.**

Loving God was the number one priority in Moses' challenge to God's people, and it is the number one priority for us today. We need to show God our love above everything else. It's our way of choosing life in Him.

When asked what the greatest commandment was, Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." If Jesus put loving God first, so should we! As a whole, we are a loving people but sometimes we tend to love the wrong things. We tend to love the things of the world.

Jesus said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you."

Jesus went on to tell us not to worry about tomorrow. God's got that under control too, if we love Him.

### **2. Choosing Life Calls For Obeying God.**

Israel said they loved God but they frequently failed Him, so Moses called for total obedience in verse 20. He reminded his people that the path of life led up the hill of obedience. God speaks to us through His Word, in our consciences, and through others. We have to obey by doing what is right and by not doing what God disapproves of. Choosing life means obeying God's voice.

Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice and I know them, and they follow Me, and I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand."

### **3. Choosing Life Causes Us To Cling To God.**

"Cleave unto Him" means to hang on to, stick, hold fast, attach oneself to, to be faithful. Choosing life means not only love and obedience, but also faith that doesn't let go when the going gets rough. When we put our lives into God's care, He will pull us through anything! We simply have to cling to Him faithfully and He will give us life when we do. Love, obedience and faith are the steps to the abundant life that God wants us to have. So in this new year, let's choose life—life instead of death, blessing instead of cursedness, righteousness instead of selfishness. If we will do these things, we can see God do great things in 2022!

Thanks for all you do for Jesus MCBA, and God bless you and your family and church in this new year.

God Bless You Always,

Bro. Keith

Phil. 4:13

## **MCBA Evangelism Conference**

**February 6, 2022**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Hamilton First Baptist**

**Speaker: Dr. Roc Collins**



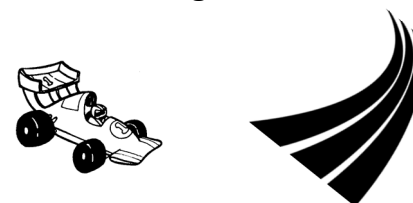
## **MCBA Pinewood Derby**

**Winfield First Baptist Church**

**February 27, 2022**

**Weigh-in 1:00 - 2:00**

**Races begin at 2:00**



## **Calendar of Events**

### **JANUARY**

- 1 New Year's Day
- 2 Men's Prayer Gathering, MCBA
- 16 Santity of Human Life Sunday

### **FEBRUARY**

- 6 Men's Prayer Gathering
- 6 MCBA Evangelism Conference, FBC Hamilton
- 20 World Hunger Day
- 27 Pinewood Derby, FBC Winfield

### **MARCH**

- 1 Security Training, FBC Hamilton
- 5 Wild Game Dinner, FBC Hackleburg
- 6 North American Missions Emphasis & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 6-9 Alabama Association of Baptist Secretaries Conference, Shocco
- 13 Sharing Hope Conference, FBC Cullman
- 20 Executive Committee Meeting