

Messenger

MOFFETT ROAD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

September 2011

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September Cell Group Meetings

(Remember: You may attend as many cell group meetings as you like; just let the leader know in advance.)

[Kelly Burleson/Stacey Farni](#)

Kelly & Stacey plan a combined cell group meeting for **Thursday, September 22, at 6:30 pm** at Stacey's home. See the directory for her address. You may bring a dessert or a drink. RSVP to your cell group leader for this meeting. Contact Kelly at gkburly@aol.com or 377-1242; contact Stacey at farnic@bellsouth.net or 679-9298.

[Alicia Luttrell](#)

Let's get together for a covered-dish supper on **Monday, September 19, at 6:30 pm.**, at our fellow cell group member Deborah Hawie's home. Please RSVP by e-mail at mabaluttrell@yahoo.com or phone 591-8716. Let me know if you need directions.

[Patty Peckham](#)

Our first cell meeting will be **Thursday, September 22, at 6 pm** at Panera Bread, Schillinger Road. Call Patty at 423-1426 or email sewblessedby6@aol.com to RSVP.

[Wendy Ramsey](#)

Join us for a Mom's only night out on **Thursday, September 8, at 6:00 pm**, at Olive Garden, Airport Blvd. Please RSVP to sramsey43@comcast.net by **Monday, September 5.**

[Monica Warren](#)

Let's meet for a Mom's only time of fellowship at Monica's house on **Tuesday, September 20, 6:00 pm.** Bring some kind of salad to share (green, pasta, chicken, etc.). When you email or call with your intent to attend, she will provide you with directions. Please email Monica, mon408@comcast.net, to RSVP and to find out what you can bring.



MRCS Intercessory Prayer Team

When Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble..." he was speaking not to unbelievers but to His own disciples (John 16:33). Unfortunately, over two thousand years of history has not changed this reality. Disciples of Jesus Christ still experience troubles, and this includes MRCS families. Gratefully, 21st century believers possess the same promise with which Jesus encouraged His earliest disciples: "...but take courage, for I have overcome the world". Intercessory prayer, praying on behalf of another, remains an important tool in the journey to overcoming troubles. In light of these realities – inevitable troubles, process of overcoming, and the value of intercessory prayer – MRCS invites you to join our newly formed intercessory prayer team and/or make use of its services.

Who makes up the team? MRCS is currently assembling the intercessory prayer team for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year. We are looking for people who possess

- an intimate, growing relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ
- a conviction of the power of prayer and a desire to pray for others
- the characteristic of discretion (i.e. someone who does not gossip and can keep a confidence)

What does a member of the team do? Once a prayer request is made known, team members will be notified. Then PRAY – as the Holy Spirit leads, when He leads, and how He leads. The team will gather once a quarter to join in corporate prayer at a time and place to be determined by the team.

How can someone request prayer from the intercessory prayer team? When a prayer need arises, contact Monica Warren at mon4408@omcast.net or 251-423-5473, and she will alert team members.

2011-2012 Family Demographics

Moffett Road Christian School continues to have a far-reaching international ministry to homeschooling families.

Our numbers for this year are:

Faculty Members: 108

Total students: 194

High School total students: 71

12th grade 21

11th grade 18

10th grade 16

9th grade 16

Middle School total students: 39

8th grade 17

7th grade 7

6th grade 15

Elementary School total students: 84

5th grade 15

4th grade 12

3rd grade 14

2nd grade 15

1st grade 19

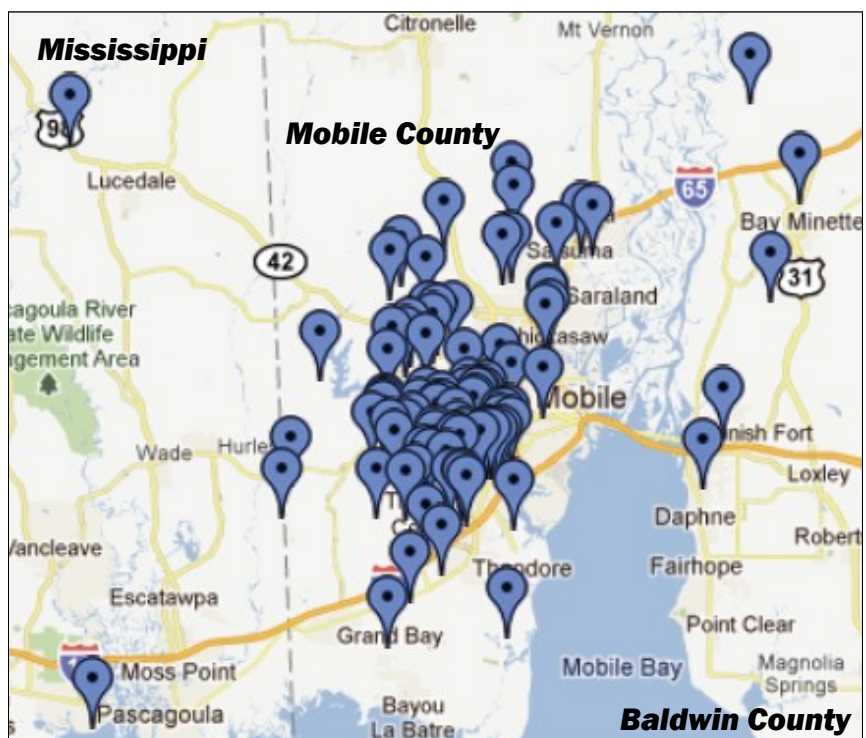
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Our student body statistics are:

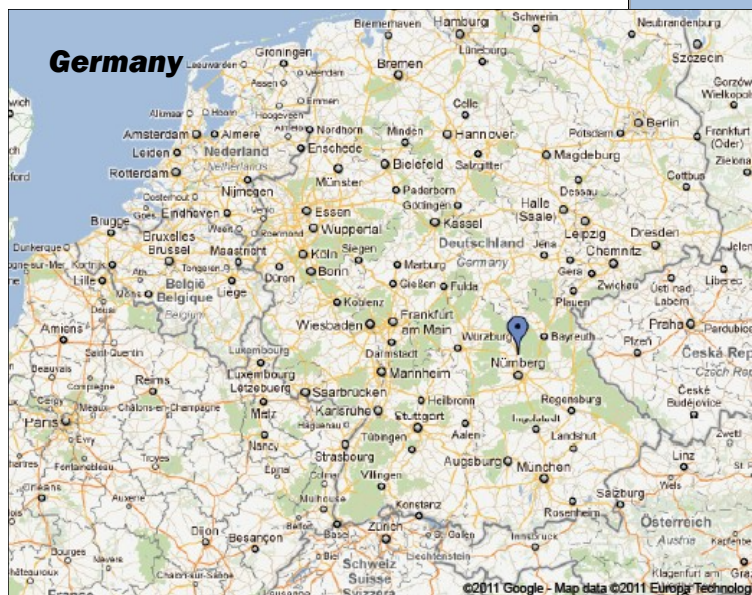
36% high school students

20% middle school

44% elementary



On the map above, every blue marker represents a local member family. Below are maps of Germany and Ecuador, where we also have member families. May MRCS be a blessing to you as you are to those around you. We're glad you are a part!





Alex Davis, MRCS student, will be playing in the **Mobile Piano Ensemble** on **Saturday, October 15, at 7:30 pm** and **Sunday, October 16, at 2:30 pm**. This will be the ensemble's 60th anniversary. It is held at Davidson High School and there will be six grand pianos on stage. For more information visit their website at www.mobilepianoensemble.org

Our P.E. Class is FULL!

If you are still interested in taking the class, you may join our waiting list; but we are not taking anymore students at this time. Our first P.E. class starts on **Tuesday, September 6, from 9-10 am at Christ Fellowship Church** on Azalea. Thank you to all who are participating! Contact Jennifer Albertson at jenniferalbertson6@gmail.com or call at 251-300-0040 with any questions!

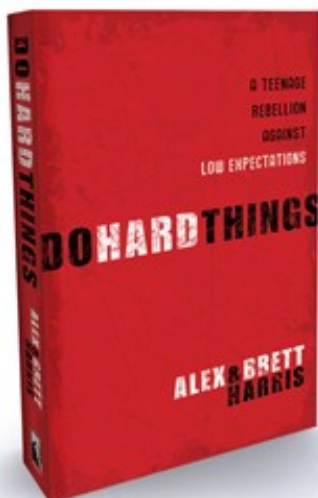
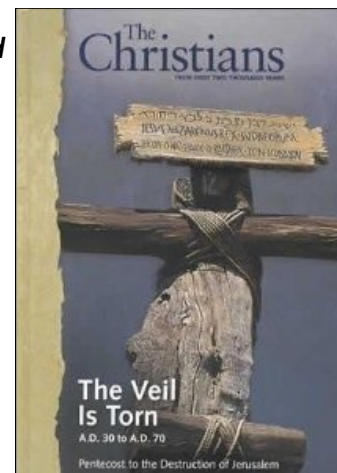


Our first deadline date to turn in Box Tops to the school office will be **October 18**. You may bring Box Tops to the faculty meeting **Tuesday, October 11**, and turn in at the registration tables. **Keep up your clipping! Thank you!**

MRCS Library News

Marcia Bell, our school librarian, will have our library open weekly, beginning **Tuesday, September 6**. The library will be open **EVERY Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm** for your convenience. Our collection of books and curriculum can be a great asset to your home school. Please take advantage of these new hours, and visit often. We will note in the newsletter certain holidays when the library will be closed.

New additions to the library include volumes 1-6 of ***The Christians: Their First Two Thousand Years*** by **Christian History Project**. These books (will be 12 in all) tell the objective, historical story of Christian people from Pentecost to today. These impressive volumes will fill any gaps in your knowledge of Christian history.



Secondly, we have added ***Do Hard Things: A Teenage Rebellion Against Low Expectations*** by **Alex and Brett Harris**. The next generation stands on the brink of a "rebellion." With over 35 million hits to their website TheRebelution.com, Alex and Brett Harris are leading the charge in a growing movement of Christian young people who are rebelling against the low expectations of their culture by choosing to "do hard things" for the glory of God. Written when they were 18 years old, ***Do Hard Things*** is the Harris twins' revolutionary message in its purest and most compelling form, giving readers a tangible glimpse of what is possible for teens who actively resist cultural lies that limit their potential. Combating the idea of adolescence as a vacation from responsibility, the authors weave together biblical insights, history, and modern examples to redefine the teen years as the launching pad of life and map a clear trajectory for long-term fulfillment and eternal impact. Written by teens for teens, ***Do Hard Things*** is packed with humorous personal anecdotes, practical examples, and stories of real-life rebelutionaries in action. This rallying cry from the heart of revolution already in progress challenges the next generation to lay claim to a brighter future, starting today.

September Field Trip Details:

All checks must be mailed to the MRCS OFFICE: 6159 Moffett Road, Mobile AL 36618. The reservation forms and checks must be received by the deadline date.



Seward Farms Cornfield Maze Home School Day

DATE: Monday, September 26 • **RESERVATION DEADLINE:** Friday, September 16

TIME: 9 am-1 pm • **COST:** \$8 per person; **under two free** • **AGES:** All Ages

LOCATION: 1.5 miles West of the AL/MS state line on Tanner Williams

Enjoy the cornfield maze, hayride, cow train ride, and corn cannon shooting. Bring a picnic lunch and drinks in a cooler. **Contact person: Retta Franklin, fran503@bellsouth.net or 391-4663**



Dauphin Island Sea Lab & Estuarium

DATE: Monday, September 19 • **RESERVATION DEADLINE:** Wednesday, September 7

TIME: 8:30 am to 11:30 am • **AGES:** All Ages • **COST:** K5-4th only-Just Touch Lab Class-\$2.00 per student;

5th-12th only-Research Vessel trip: \$15.00 for students and any accompanying adults; **Estuarium Museum** (separate check) additional \$3.50 per person (no group or age limit on Estuarium)

Ages for classes are strictly enforced by DISL. Just Touch Lab Class is approximately 1:30 minutes. A variety of marine creatures are introduced (using preserved, safe to handle specimens) with a short "character sketch" of each animal's life cycle and place in the marine environment. After introducing such animals as the sponge, jellyfish, sea star, clam, snail, crab, shark, octopus, etc., the DHP instructor arranges specimens for the students to touch, hold and examine. **Research Vessel Trip will last for two hours.** The group will trawl in Mobile Bay and/or the Gulf of Mexico to collect/identify animals that inhabit the coastal waters. Students will have the opportunity to use various scientific equipment to observe obscure life forms and to measure physical parameters while at sea! **The self-guided Estuarium museum tour takes about 1 hour.** Bring a picnic lunch! **Contact person: Retta Franklin, fran503@bellsouth.net**



MRCS Field Trip Policies & Reservation Form

1. You **must have a reservation** to attend a field trip, class, or event.
2. All checks must be made payable to **MRCS**.
3. **SEPARATE** checks are required for each field trip, class, or event.
4. Cash **CANNOT** be accepted.
5. **All checks must be mailed to the MRCS OFFICE: 6159 Moffett Road, Mobile AL 36618.**
6. **The reservation forms and checks must be received by the deadline date.**
7. For field trips with a fee, reservation forms must accompany your check and **must include the number of adults and the number of students attending.**
8. For **FREE** field trips, reservations by email to the Field Trip Coordinator are sufficient.
9. Refunds will be issued if you cancel by the deadline of that field trip, class, or event. Refunds cannot be made for a cancellation after the deadline.
10. **DO NOT** bring more people with you than those for whom you have reservations.

NAME _____ PHONE & EMAIL _____

Field Trip/Class/Event (include choice of time/day)	# Adults	# Children	Grades of Children	Amount Enclosed
			Total Enclosed	

Stanford Achievement Test Administrators Needed

Peaches needs a total of 10 testers to provide the SAT for students!

If you have a four-year college degree and your student will be taking the Stanford Achievement Test in April, please consider volunteering to be a tester.

She will be happy to help you in the BJU approval process.

Contact Peaches Fink at peachmail@comcast.net or 661-4034 for more information.

PSAT Testing

The PSAT will be given on **Wednesday, October 12, 2011**, at the Mobile Public Library West Regional Branch, Grelot Road, at 9:30 am. Cost is \$20 for MRCS members or affiliates and \$30 for other homeschooled students. Current sophomores and juniors are eligible. Freshmen may register on a space-available waiting list. Deadline to register is **September 12**. The fee may be mailed to the school office: MRCS, 6159 Moffett Road, Mobile, AL 36618, indicating student name and "PSAT Test" on the check. Contact Betsy Ross, PSAT Coordinator, at 455-3309, with questions.



www.teenpact.com

State Classes: 1st and 2nd weeks of March

Where: Montgomery, AL

Camp: YMCA Camp Chandler, Wetumpka, AL

Ages: 4-day class for ages 13–19; 1-day class for ages 8–12

DOUBLE Early-Bird Discount: September 1st thru 30th

GROUP Discount: First time enrolled students

Contact: Contact Peaches Fink at peachmail@comcast.net or 661-4034

TeenPact's mission is to train youth to understand the political process, value their liberty, defend their Christian faith, and engage the culture at a time in their lives when, typically, they do not care about such things.

The TeenPact experience is one of intentional education and encouragement designed to build up the next generation of leaders. We believe that every teen has a great spiritual capacity as well as a scriptural mandate to cultivate and use their talents. Founded in 1994 by Tim Echols, TeenPact currently offers classes in 38 states and counting.

Our civics courses (half credit) offer an incredible platform for rhetoric, interpersonal communication, and current events. There is a great need for godly, powerful communication within every arena of our society, and our goal is to train up a generation of young people that fill that need.



Service Hour Opportunity

For **seven** consecutive weeks beginning the end of September, Christ Anglican Church will be doing the Good News Bible Club at Morning-side Elementary on **Wednesdays** from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm. They have been doing this program for **several** years with great success and participation, but they are still in need of more volunteers, specifically middle school through high school students. If you would like to volunteer or for more information, call the Christ Anglican Bible Club Coordinator at 476-7790.

MRCS 2011-2012 Volunteer Assignments

Volunteer assignments have all been made. Group coordinators will be contacting you in the next few weeks with more information on your assignment. If you have not been contacted by September 15, email Joy Moore at moorejyful@bellsouth.net and she will give you your assignment.

DEBATE CLUB

Date: Monday, September 12 & 26

Time: 2 pm – 4:30 pm

Bring: Notebook, pen, and text book

Meet: Fink's home

This year's members include: Josh Vaughn, Bethany Vaughn, Katelyn Ewing, Alex Davis, Malory Davis, Brian Burkhardt, Olivia Benton, Jordan Ross, Benjamin Fink, and Lacie Fink.

High School Happenings:

Clash of the Classes

Date: Thursday, September 22

Time: 5 pm to 7 pm

Cost: \$3 for pizza

Location: Woodridge Baptist Church, 2700 Schillinger Road South

What to bring: Freshman: bring a bag of chips

Sophomores and Juniors: bring a 2-liter

Seniors: bring a dessert



Come for some fun, friendly competition as we fellowship together! We'll be playing an assortment of group games and competing for bragging rights. Join us for our first high school activity of the school year! It will be a great way to get to meet new friends. See you there!

Azalea Trail Maid Application

Deadline: September 9

Trail Maid applications are now available for 2011-2012 High School Juniors and are due **September 9, 2011**. Those girls chosen to be Trail Maids will represent Mobile at various events throughout their 12th grade year. For more information, see www.mobileazaleatrail.com. Applications may be downloaded from our school website, www.mobilemrcs.com, under the "Forms" tab. Contact Susan Hofer, 639-3160, or email dshofer@bellsouth.net with any other questions.

SGA 2011-12 Representatives



Senior Class President: Grace Hofer; Adult Sponsor - Debbie Atwell;
Junior Class Vice-President: Katie Ann McWilliams; Adult Sponsor - JulieAnna Sherrod;
Sophomore Representative: Ethan Hofer, Adult Sponsor - Amy Pimperl;
Freshman Representative: Elizabeth Bemis, Adult Sponsor - Kristi Tanner





2011-2012 Yearbook Committee

Back row: Victoria Tanner, Katie Ann McWilliams, Lacie Fink, Benjamin Fink, Scottie Townsend, Raymond Kepford & Micah Pimperl
Front row: Joy Atchison, Jamey Lyons, Katelyn Ewing, Anna Nyeste & Victor Tanner; Not pictured: Jordan Ross



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Happy Labor Day	6	7 Deadline for Dauphin Island Sea Lab FT	8 Ramsey Cell Group 6 pm	9	10
11	12 Deadline to register for PSAT Test	13	14	15	16 Deadline for Seward Farm Field Trip	17
18 	19 Dauphin Island Sea Lab FT Luttrell Cell Group 6:30 pm	20 Warren Cell Group 6 pm	21	22 Peckham Cell Group 6:00 pm Burlerson/Farni Cell Groups 6:30 pm	23	24
25 	26 Seward Farm Field Trip 9 am-1 pm	27	28	29	30	

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Office Hours: 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm on 2nd Tuesday of each month & by appointment

MRCS Board Members

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Peaches Fink	Registrar	661-4034
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Monica Warren	Cell Group Leader	662-7637
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For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

Jeremiah 29:11-14

Please deliver newsletter information to Teresa Stokes no later than the 20th of each month: MRCS office or tbstokes@comcast.net or 331-3914. Digital pictures, 3-6 MB in size, are welcomed!



F.Y.I.

We would like to give you information in this section each month about various classes and websites available to enhance your homeschooling experience. This is a section where you can find out about music, art, and other opportunities available in our area through private or group instruction. Please keep in mind that MRCS does not endorse any particular teacher or class; we encourage you to seek out references for those particular teachers or classes that interest you.

Sixth - Eighth grade sports opportunities for 2011-2012 are open to home school students at Covenant Christian School. They offer volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball. Contact Mr. Applin at AGA2@bellsouth.net.

Private Piano Instruction is offered by Elizabeth Ellington. For further information contact her at 510-2230.

The 2011 Helen Keller Art Show of Alabama will be on display in the University of South Alabama Library, first floor gallery, July 1, 2011 - September 30, 2011. This show is a popular exhibition that travels throughout the region and marks the eighth time it has been shown in the University Library. Art is solicited from all ages of students with visual and/or hearing impairments in Alabama public, private, home and residential schools. These students' artwork is unique with emphasis on creativity, color, and tactile media. Pieces in this year's show include watercolors, chalk pastels, finger paintings, and multimedia. The exhibit is free and open to the public and may be viewed during library hours: <http://www.southalabama.edu/univlib/info/hours.html>.

An Art Contest for 4th grade students, sponsored by the Marine Resources Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, in Mobile and Baldwin counties will showcase Alabama's marine resources. Winning entries will be featured in an Alabama Marine Resources 2012 calendar. The theme of the contest is "Conserving and Enjoying Alabama's Coastal Resources". Some topics for consideration are as follows: Seafood (shrimp, crabs, oysters, and fish of the Gulf of Mexico); Marine life (sea turtles, dolphins, invertebrates and fish of the Gulf of Mexico); Fishing piers and artificial reefs; Alabama Marine Resources Enforcement (Alabama Marine Resources Enforcement only if labels are used on boats, etc.); Boating and recreational and commercial fishing in the Gulf of Mexico; Keeping our beaches clean. Entries must be postmarked by September 26. If you would like an information sheet with specific requirements, contact Teresa Stokes, tbstokes@comcast.net or 331-3914.



Home School Choir and Band programs start in October. We are currently registering students and will be hosting a "Meet and Greet" in September. Detailed information regarding exact dates for the choir orientation and the band orientation is available on our website: www.AndysMusic.com/homeschool

Fireman Kent & Friends Disaster Preparation and Emergency Evacuation, Tuesday, October 4, 10:30 am. Children of all ages are encouraged to come learn how to prepare for disasters and emergency evacuations with Fireman Kent and his friends, Dusty the Dragon and Sam the Toucan. Practice emergency evacuations from the inflatable disaster house. For more information please call the West Regional Children's Department a 340-8571.



Did you know...Hungry Howie's Pizza locations will sell one large ball of dough, enough to make one large pizza, for \$1.00? What a great way to get dough and add all your own sauce and toppings for an "almost" homemade pizza!



Junior/Senior Girls Progressive Dinner & Movie Night

2011-2012 Directory Updates!

Following are the updates for our directory. Please add these new members and make changes as indicated. If you have discovered other mistakes with your information or if your information changes during the year, please contact Teresa Stokes, tbstokes@comcast.net or 331-3914, so we can keep our information as accurate as possible. Thank you!

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