

The monthly meeting of MCEF was held at 7:00 p.m. at the One Stop Shop. There were 20 in attendance representing 13 churches/organizations. The meeting was called to order by the President, Pat Hubert. Karen Tucker, Treasurer, opened with prayer. The agenda was adopted by general consent.

Broadus Baptist, Karen Tucker, **Treasurer**
Broadus Baptist, Neil Turner
Church of the Redeemer, Ed Soniat
Cool Spring Baptist, Ann Kennedy
Fairfield Presbyterian, Nancy Gallihugh, **Client Services Coordinator**
Fairmount Christian, Lisa Cecil
Fairmount Christian, Gail Ellis
Fairmount Christian, Helen Scott
Greater Nazarene Baptist, Yolanda Morris
LDS Chickahominy, Marge Friel
LDS Chickahominy, Kimberly Moss
Mechanicsville UMC, Mary Jervey
Messiah Lutheran, Judy Glick
Messiah Lutheran, Gladys Hubert
Messiah Lutheran, Pat Hubert, **President**
Northside Baptist, Trudy Carlton
Restoration, Carol Lynne Dean
Truth Baptist, Wendy Pursel, **Secretary**
Walnut Grove Baptist, Charlie Rasnick, **Sr. Rides Coordinator**
Leigh Negvesky, **Clothing Coordinator**

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 2026 MCEF flyers are available at the OSS, and can also be printed from our website - [4mcef.com](http://www.4mcef.com). Churches are requested to change any posted MCEF logos to the new 50th Anniversary logo for this year. Invitations for the 50th Anniversary Luncheon will be emailed soon for any past/present MCEF volunteers, Pastors, and Missions leaders. Minutes of the January meeting were approved as posted. Please check the website for the monthly minutes as they contain good information to report to your church. Be sure to give Wendy Pursel any updated contact information if changes occur.

CLIENT SERVICES REPORT/Phone Reps

There are currently 4 phone representatives that are scheduled through March, but more help would be welcomed! If you are interested in being involved in answering the MCEF phone, please contact Nancy Gallihugh at innngalli@comcast.net. Each phone representative has the phone for 2 week intervals. The phone is no longer being used for financial assistance, but is used for basic information only. A notebook of information, training, an answering machine, and

WiFi are provided along with the phone. Phone calls just need to be answered by the end of the day.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITY

During the month of January, there were 37 requests for financial assistance and 13 were helped, with 4 pending. Of the requests that were not eligible, the majority were requesting help too soon, or were not in our zipcode.

Information for requesting financial assistance may be found on the website, and those requesting assistance must send the information requested through email. Those requesting assistance must live in the 23111 or 23116 zip codes. Financial help of up to \$500 is given once every 2 years, if eligible.

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 2026 income/expense accounting:

Income- \$9,256.52

Expenses- \$14,382.67

JANUARY Bank Statement Acct Balance - \$83,741.56

Certificate of Deposit at Edward Jones - \$200,000.00

Karen reported that the quarterly Sr. Rides expenses reimbursement checks were sent out, as reflected in the expenses. She also explained that EVO/Global Payments company would no longer be managing our e-giving transactions, since their fees have skyrocketed. Karen is in the process of requesting a refund for the 2026 annual fee, as we have switched to PayPal. There was a motion to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit. The vote was favorable.

HANOVER SENIOR RIDES

During the month of January 2026, MCEF gave 96 (one-way) rides in Mechanicsville and ACES provided 23 (one-way) rides in the Ashland, Elmont, and Hanover Courthouse areas. Overall, Hanover Senior Rides provided a total of 119 (one-way) rides for the month of January. However, due to the severe weather conditions, we had to cancel 38 ride requests during January.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr.	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
MCEF-	96												
ACES -	<u>23</u>												
Total -	119												

We currently have 114 riders (MCEF has 85 and ACES has 29 riders). We currently have 31 volunteer drivers (25 with MCEF and 6 with ACES).

Our Operations Manager, Aimee West, and our 4 Ride Coordinators continue doing a great job in managing the daily operation of the program by scheduling rides, providing information, and communicating with the riders and our volunteer drivers.

We continue to have a critical need for additional volunteer drivers. We ask the MCEF Churches to include an insert in their Sunday bulletins and other church communications for the next 6 weeks to request volunteers to meet this need.

ONE STOP SHOP (OSS) ACTIVITY FOR January

Total sign ins –121 (representing 367 persons in household)
Total new clients –5
Total # bags of food given out – 173
Total # bags for second helping –11
Total # people receiving clothing – 53
Total # people receiving linens –34
Total # people receiving socks/underwear - 42

**DONATIONS OF FOOD AND CLOTHING ARE ACCEPTED
THE 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 2-3:30.**

FOOD PANTRY/VOLUNTEER

The OSS was closed during the last week of January due to inclement weather. Our policy remains that if HCPS is closed due to weather, the pantry is also closed; however, an exception was made during the first week of February. Although HCPS was closed due to icy conditions in some parts of the county, our parking lot was cleared and able to serve our clients safely.

Current Needs For The Food Pantry

Jelly, canned fruit, deodorant, razors

CLOTHES CLOSET (and linens)

The Clothing donations timeline has been updated. We are accepting Winter clothes up until the end of February. We will then begin accepting Spring/Summer clothing from March through August. Clothing closet guidelines allow each family member to get up to 5 clothing items a month. Linens and socks/underwear continue to be given 2X per year. Donations may be dropped off at the OSS on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 2-3:30pm. Our lease specifies that nothing is to be left outside, so please do not leave donations at the door when we are closed. Please be reminded that we do not accept clothing that is stained, dirty, torn, out of date, or with slogans/advertising.

Current Needs For the Clothes/Linens Closets

Men's jeans - (Waist - 32, 34, 36 Length - 32, 34)
Men's thermal/long sleeved t-shirts
Women's socks

BACKPACK MINISTRY

Currently, New Song is providing 152 backpacks per week, and Grace To Go is sending approximately 70 backpacks. MCEF continues to provide support to these ministries.

FUND RAISING

- NASCAR - Race dates for next year are August 14-15, 2026.
- Kroger - Please connect your Kroger Plus Shopping card to MCEF #GD661 on your Kroger profile.
- The 9/11 Benefit Concert for 2026 will mark 25 yrs. For 9/11 and 50 yrs. for MCEF. The American Legion Post and the Hanover Strings Orchestra will perform for this event.

OLD BUSINESS

Long Range Planning Committee - We are now into the third year of our second 5-year lease. The committee has met and will be approaching the OSS landlord early to negotiate the possibility of allowing us to maintain the current rent rate into the first year of the new lease.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

- Feb. 14, 10:00, 50th Anniversary Committee Meeting, OSS
- Feb. 21, 5:00, 5th Annual Chili Cookoff, Restoration Church, to benefit Moments of Hope.
- Feb. 22, 6:00, Worship Night/Concert, Broadus Church

50th Anniversary Luncheon - April 18th, 2026 - Fairmount Christian Church. We will need help from churches to contact past/present volunteers to invite to this luncheon.

The group shared any prayer concerns followed by the Lord's Prayer.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Please remember that the MCEF meetings are the second Monday of the month , unless otherwise notified. (put it on your calendar)

Next Meeting - March 9, 2026 at the One Stop Shop – 7:00 p.m.

Wendy Pursel, Secretary