



# Motley Free Methodist Church

## "In His Grip"

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Matthew 7:21 *"Not everyone who says unto me Lord, Lord will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only He who does the will of my Father who is in Heaven".*

As long as these verses are tucked neatly into the Sermon on the Mount, I will address them at some point in the near future on a Sunday morning service. But allow me to say this today....." are you and I (we) doing the will of our Heavenly Father"?

I am not talking about working your way to Heaven, I am talking about being in a relationship with Jesus Christ that moves you to live for Him every day. I am talking about being surrendered to the Christ, to the point of "doing the will of the Father" and putting His will way out in front of our own.

We must ask ourselves; am I really living for Jesus Christ, or am I still living for myself?

July is already upon us. Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. God bless America.

Thank you again to all who made VBS a very good year again this year. Please continue to pray for all of those students that were with us this year. Every one of them has potential to be Kingdom movers and shakers, to the glory of God.

Please be aware that on July 11<sup>th</sup> we will have our next community meal at the Ernie Converse park again. We invite you to be a part of that pot-luck meal to feed and visit with our community. This is just a good way to "love your neighbors as yourselves".

July 1<sup>st</sup> means that today we welcome to our church family and leadership; Pastor Charles Mallory and his family. Charles and Jennifer and their 3 children are now living in Staples and he will be on staff here now as our assistant Pastor. Please be in prayer for them as they are transitioning here to serve the Lord Jesus Christ with us.

Charles will be preaching on July 15<sup>th</sup> at both services, Dan Rose will speak on July 22<sup>nd</sup> on Missions at both services as Pastor Jim will be out on vacation for that time.

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual baptism Sunday. After our services we will have pot-luck lunch together then go down to the river to celebrate baptism will several individuals. If you are planning to be baptized or would like to be baptized make sure you see Pastor Jim or Pastor Charles soon.

On the evening on July 29<sup>th</sup>, The Hartley family will be here to present a bluegrass-gospel concert at 6:00 pm.

On July 30<sup>th</sup> Pastor Jim and Sheri leave for Costa Rica and Panama. Missionary Don Korach has invited us to come and be the commencement speaker at one of the graduating classes of students in Panama on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for that trip too. Thank you MFMC for helping us and allowing us to go.

I want to thank you all for being willing to serve in all the ways that you do. The "body" is only the body when its members are all functioning as they were designed to do. May we all bring glory to God being available to Him to be used by Him for His Kingdom and for His glory.

Serving Jesus and serving you.

Pastor Jim

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## Upcoming Events:

July 4- Happy Independence Day  
July 7-14 Youth Mission Trip  
July 14-21 Pastor Jim's vacation  
July 11 Community Picnic  
July 14 Women's Ministry Meeting  
July 16 Christian Ed Meeting  
July 23 BOA Meeting  
July 29 River Baptism  
July 29 Hartley Concert

## Small Group Information:

As a part of a growing body, the best way to have a more intimate fellowship and Bible study is to be involved in a small group. Here at the Motley Free Methodist Church we currently have 8 small group opportunities...

- Sunday morning at 9:00 Youth Bible Study with Tim Judd in the Fellowship Hall
- Sunday morning at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall, led by Chris Neal or Dan Rose studying "A Clash of Kingdoms"
- Sunday evening at 5:00 pm, Young Married Couples led by Ron & Dorothy Odenthal
- Tuesday mornings Bible Study at 10:00 led by Jessica Judd
- Tuesday evening Bible Study starting at 6:30 pm studying John
- Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall studying the book of 1 Samuel



**Join us this summer!**

**Community Picnic Nights**  
@Ernie Converse Park,  
Motley, MN

**June 6, July 11, August 8**  
**5:30-7:30pm**

We will be serving picnic supper\*  
and playing games!  
Bring the WHOLE FAMILY!

\*Potluck salads and desserts are needed.

- Wednesday afternoon intercessory prayer team at 12:00 pm
- Thursday evenings Men's Group at 6:30 pm with Wayne Johnson & Mike Horstmann
- Thursday evenings Women's Bible Study at 6:30-8 pm studying Worship by Henry Blackaby Led by Susie Horstmann & Barb Hirschey
- Saturday evening prayer group at the church at 6 pm with Pastor Jim

*Please pray about which group you can be a part of or if you would be willing to lead a different small group please see Tim Judd-Small Group Head or Pastor Jim!*



Thank you for your kindness!

The families and staff of New Pathways, Inc., thank you for your donation in support of our program in the amount of \$10,000.00. We are thankful, and appreciate your support and commitment to this program. Through your donation New Pathways, Inc. will continue serving homeless families with children from our community.

Sincerely,



Pamela Streed  
Executive Director

Thank you again for your donation!

## Women's Ministry News:

Striving to be the Proverbs 31 woman (Proverbs 31:30 "She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy").

June was busy with the Community Family Picnic, June Fest w/ root beer floats, and Vacation Bible School. Thanks to all who helped.

Happy July 4th! Community picnic on the 11th at Ernie Converse Park from 5-7 pm. Please pray for our youth mission trip 7th thru 14th. On the 29th we will be having a potluck after 2nd service. Both kitchen crews will be needed to setup, serve and cleanup. Then we will head to the river for the baptisms. We will return to the church at 6 pm for an enjoyable evening with the Hartley family.

August 8th will be another community picnic. The 14th at 10am is our Women's Ministry Meeting here at the church. I just got the packet from Faith Lutheran Church in Staples which is hosting The Back To School Fair on the 20th. We have been asked to provide school supplies for 13 second graders. I will have a signup sheet on back table with supply list. We will also need helpers for that day to assist the families. Please pray about being a part of this project. Next Women's Ministry Meeting July 14 @10 am. Please be in prayer for a new leader for this ministry. Hope to see you there. Estelle P

## Youth News:

In June, the youth group had a very different month starting with attending the community picnic at Ernie Converse Park on June 6, followed by the picnic at the Judd's on June 13 then there was no youth group on June 20th due to Vacation Bible School! Thank you to so many youth for volunteering during VBS that week, your help was greatly needed and appreciated! The last week in June was our only "semi-normal" where we all came together on a Wednesday night for games, snack and then we broke into two groups again to finish the Mission's trip training and Tim and Jess led a lesson on the importance having Christ within and taking a stand for Him.

Starting off on July 1st the congregation will pray over any youth going on the Mission's trip during both services! For the rest of July, the first week (July 4th) there will be NO youth group! Happy Independence Day! The second week in July, is the mission's trip. The team will leave at 5:30 am on Saturday, July 7th! Please be in prayer for those going on the mission's trip. Pray for their safety, and especially that not only do they touch the lives of others through service and example, but that their lives will be changed as servants for the Most High God! The rest of us not attending the Mission's trip to Lame Deer, MT, will attend the second community picnic at the Ernie Converse Park again, Wednesday, July 11 at 5:30-7:30 pm. This is a family event so please feel free to bring your families along as well!!!The last two Wednesday's in July, will be back to "normal" :) If you have any questions regarding youth group please feel free to contact Craig Weigel or Jessica Judd. If you are a youth please know you are always welcome and encouraged to join us any Wednesday you are available!!

### July 2018

7/1- Diane J. & Deb C./Samantha & Dayton

7/8- Jennifer & Logan M./Brandi & Pat B.

7/15- Melaine S.& Margaret F./Sandy & Morgan

7/22- Ian & Sue N./Vicki G. & Diane B.

7/29- Dorothy & Kristen O/ Lisa M. & Lilly N.

### August 2018

8/5- Jaurone & Mikayla/ Marisela & Ashley V.

8/12- Nick & Lonna D./ Dale & Carla L.

8/19- \_\_\_?\_\_\_ & Mikayla R./ Samantha & Dayton

8/26- Linda B. & Grace J./ Ken, Hope & Sue

### September

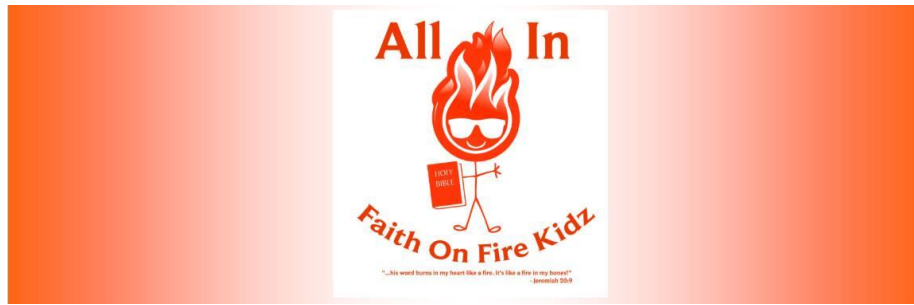
9/2- Diane J. & Deb C./ Brandi & Pat B.

9/9- Jennifer & Logan M./ Sandy & Morgan

9/16- Melaine S.& Margaret F./ Vicki G. & Diane B

9/23- Ian & Sue N./ Lisa M. & Lilly N.

9/30- Dorothy & Kristen O/ Marisela & Ashley V.



Thank you for all that took names off the tree to pray for kids this summer! I can't wait to hear how they saw God in their midst because of your prayers for them!

It seems June is always here for just a short time and then gone. July is usually a time to plan to relax, can I ask while you are sitting and enjoying God's beautiful creation wherever you are, that you will take some time to pray for the ALL-IN program, the kids and volunteers. Would you even ask God to show you if He would like you to be a part of the upcoming year? **We are 10 weeks away from kicking off a new year!!** We are looking for volunteers that have a heart for children and would love to spend each week with them showing them God's Love. *What do I have to do you ask?* It really is simple- the most important thing you can do each week is love up on these children, talk to them about their week, and pray with and for them. Yes, they will be digging into God's Word, memorizing scripture and learning to apply it all to their life. Don't worry you don't have to figure that all out by yourself, we will be having a training night in August to help all of us know the curriculum and how to use it for our groups. Our plan is to have a large group-small group format with small groups being 2 adults to 5-6 kids, to do this we will need your help! *If God is tugging at your heart, don't ignore him, He has a child lined up to come this year and He needs you to love and minister to their heart.* Don't forget to join us at the Converse Park on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 for our next Community Picnic! We will be grilling again and ask all of you to bring Potluck salads and desserts, thank you to all that came last month!



## Children's Programming News...

We just wrapped up another wonderful year of Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year was Group's Shipwrecked. Rescued by Jesus! We started the week out with 96 children and added and subtracted some every night following. There were 104 different children that attend, with 20 different youth helping out as well as 43 adults who were involved as well. Thank you to everyone who contributed to VBS this year through time, donations, and using your talents to glorify God! I pray each and every child as well as adult clings to the fact that no matter the situation, Jesus Rescues! Hallelujah! When we struggle, worry, do wrong, feel lonely or powerless, these kids should remember that Jesus Rescues! We look forward to next year already!

We have nursery care during both services for children ages 0-3 years

During the first service we offer children's church during the sermon with Sheri Johnson and Tasha Ackermann.

During the second service we offer three Sunday School classes, Pre-K-Kindergarten, 1st-3rd and 4th-6th grade.

These classes are taught by Jason Caldwell & Logan Michalson, Barb Hirschey & Dee Carlson and Valerie Johnson filling in for Danny and Sue Rydbom this summer!

Thank you to all our children's programming staff you are vitally important to the ministry of the MFMC!

We will have our next Christian Education planning meeting on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 6 pm.

## BOA MINUTES – 06/25/2018

**Present:** Pastor Jim Johnson, Susie Griffith, Mary Duberowski, Craig Weigel, Charlie Poulton, Dan Rose, Linda Beebe, Chris Neal, Traci Birkholtz and Tim Judd

**Guests:** Jessica Judd, Wayne and Val Johnson and Marilyn O'Reagan

Devotional/Prayer:

Jonah 3 (Reference: Revival Fires, Wesley Duell)

*The people of Nineveh were all in jeopardy of judgment (like all of us). However, when they did something - prayer and fasting, revival happened in their city. Why aren't we the church praying for revival? We know by scripture and past history how powerful God is when revival hits. We need people (not just pastors) crying out to be "stirred in the spirit"! God answers the prayers of revival and it is nothing short of supernatural when he answers. If the church people aren't crying out for revival then no one else will either. When it happens, it is supernatural. We see what God wants to do for our communities when his people pray.*

*Lord, we pray you raise up passionate people to prayer, we pray for you to relent and save us. Raise us up to be ambassadors for you. Use this church, congregation, and leaders to bring you glory. Raise up our kids to serve you with passion and zeal. Raise up Millennials, Gen X'ers, Baby Boomers and all peoples to seek you and glorify you just like that which was done in Nineveh. We pray Father, you do it again. Send forth your spirit in power and majesty in who you really are. Amen.*

Secretary Report – Original Dated copies of May's Minutes were dated wrong but was corrected prior to the newsletter.

Craig made a motion to accept the May 21, 2018, minutes. Charlie seconded that motion. No discussion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - The beginning balance in checking account was \$62,161.66 with deposits of \$164,694.16 for a total of \$226,855.82. Year to date expenses were \$151,464.56 leaving a balance in checking as of May 31, 2018, of \$75,391.26. Free Methodist Loan Fund is \$50,692.39 and the local Savings Account balance is \$11,808.76. Dan made a motion to accept the March Treasurer's Report and Charlie seconded that motion. No discussion, motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

Assistant Pastor Update – Charles chose his housing allowance/salary breakdown. Traci made a motion to approve the wage breakdown, Chris seconded motion. All agreed, motion carried.

Youth Mission Trip – 17 youth (9 boys/8 girls), and 3 adults attending. They will leave July 7 at 5:30 am and return home the evening of July 14. Congregation will be asked to pray over them during both services of July 1.

VBS Report – 104 children, 20 youth and 43 adults attended. Approximately \$700 went towards Missions in Haiti. More volunteers were needed however, Jess received good reviews/feedback.

Panama Opportunity – Tickets for Jim and Sheri have been purchased. They are leaving July 31<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Jim will give a Commencement Speech on August 5<sup>th</sup> to the graduates. They will return late in the evening on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business:**

Kids Club Curriculum – Choices are being made between the two programs (Pioneer Club and Kids Life).

Community Meals – Turn out for June was very successful with many compliments. Next one is scheduled for July 11, 2018. This is a good way to reach out to the community and love our neighbors.

CMA Request (Christian Motorcycle Association) – Financial request of \$600 for 4 cases of bibles. Each case contains 50 bibles. Dan made a motion to give CMA the \$600 requested. Chris seconded the motion. No discussion, motion carried.

MCBI Radio – Dan made a motion to again support The Word 102.7 radio station's weather segment for one month, approximately \$800. Traci seconded that motion. All agreed, motion carried.

Sanctuary Exit – The doors leaking is an on-going concern. Will try double-weather strips and re-caulking to see if that will help.

Post Master Fire Benefit – Benefit to be held July 6. Should we offer a financial gift as an offering from the church? Dan made a motion to donate \$500, seconded by Charlie. All agreed, motion carried.

Josh and Melanie Kaminsky – A couple with a heart for missions. Melanie's home church is Lincoln Evangelical Free Church. They are looking for monthly donors to sponsor them this fall. Other options would be a one-time donation or allowing them to speak to the congregation. More information is needed before a decision can be made.

July 29<sup>th</sup>: Offering/Baptism/Concert – This is our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Kingdom Building Fund/Offering, Baptism Sunday with a potluck following second service before heading down to the river, and the Hartley Concert in the evening.

Pastor Jim's Vacation – He will be on vacation July 15 – 22<sup>nd</sup>. With 4 weeks allowed, this will be his first vacation or time off this year.

### **Other**

Letter of Resignation – Estelle Poulton handed in her Letter of Resignation as a leader of the Women's Group. The next meeting is July 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a volunteer position.

Lame Deer Missions Group – The missions group had asked Craig for donations of Welches Fruit Snacks and Granola Bars for the children being served by our youth group. Dan made a motion to donate \$250 and Charles seconded that motion. No discussion, motion carried.

Next Meeting: July 23, 2018, 6:00 pm at Countryside Restaurant due to deep cleaning of church (carpets, etc) on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please pray for the direction of this church. What is our vision/purpose?



# July 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>01</b> 9:00 First Serv. 10:30 Second 5:30 Young Married Couples	<b>02</b> 4:00 Worship Practice	<b>03</b> 10:00 Bible Study	<b>04</b> 9:30 Bible Study 12:00 Prayer Time 12:00 AA Meeting	<b>05</b> 6:30 Men's Group 6:30 Women's Group	<b>06</b> 12:00 AA Meeting	<b>07</b> 6:00 Prayer Time *Youth's Mission Trip
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