



Motley Free Methodist Church "In His Grip"

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A Few Words from Pastor Jim:

1 Samuel 17:47 *"All those gathered here will know that this is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves, for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give all of you into our hands"*

These are the words of a very young shepherd boy named David when he was about to go to battle with Goliath of Gath.

I write these words to encourage you today; no matter what you face today or tomorrow or the next...when we place our faith completely in Jesus Christ and trust God for the outcome, He will be with you. The Bible says in many places, that

"The battle belongs to the Lord". May we trust Him completely with our lives, and with our battles and allow Him to lead and move.

June is already here. It seems like the thermometer doesn't know that, but the calendar says it is. For those of you that have had enough of summer already, take heart...shorter days will start in three weeks already. For those of us still waiting for summer to arrive, take heart God is faithful and summer will come.

June is a great month and a busy month for us here at MFMC. Yes, the Kids Club is over for the summer and school is out (or nearly so for everyone) but we have lots to do this month.

From June 7th – the 15th Bishop Hawkins Magaya (Kenyan Free Methodist Bishop) will be in Motley. Bishop Hawkins will be sharing on June 9th at both services and hopefully during the week at some of the bible studies too.

We are going to be doing what we can to accommodate him during this weeklong stay. IF you are able to have him over or take him out for a meal during that week, please let Linda know so that she can get you on the schedule. If you might house him for a day or two later in the week, that would be welcomed too. If you want to take him on some Minnesota outing for a day, please let us know, he would welcome that. Please help us make his stay here a good one and memorable too.

VBS (vacation bible school) starts on Monday June 17th from 4:30-7:30pm. Please pray about this important outreach ministry event. Set-up for the VBS will start on Thursday June 13 and June 14th, if you can help with that please see Jessica Judd about helping set up.

On Saturday June 22nd is Motley's June Fest, which means a parade (although for lack of interest we may not have a float this year) and after the parade MFMC will once again offer free root beer floats at Ernie Converse Park from about 11:30 (right after the parade is over) until the ice cream is gone. If you would like to help serve free ice cream floats to the community that day, please see Val Johnson.

And if we didn't have enough scheduled already for June; on Wednesday June 12th we (MFMC) will offer a free community meal again for the folks of our community. What does this mean? We grill burgers and hot dogs and bring pot-luck items to the Ernie Converse Park and serve our community a meal. See bulletin insert from last week.... hopefully you saved it. It has the times and the dates for these meals again this summer. Whew, that seems like a lot doesn't it?

Did I mention lately "God has blessed us here at MFMC". In His goodness and grace and blessings to us, we want also to be a blessing to others.

We praise God for the opportunities to serve Him in our communities and around the globe.

Thank you, Kids Club leaders and Awana team for working with children. Thank you, Youth leaders, for working with our youth. Thank you VBS coordinators and staff for making that all happen year after year. Thank you, Community meal organizers and servers and root beer float servers for all that serving of our community. Thank you, prayer warriors, for praying. Thank you, tithers, and offering givers for making ministry possible here at MFMC. Thank you, bible study and small group leaders and Sunday school teachers for teaching and leading and making disciples. Thank you, ladies for serving families through funerals all the time. God bless you all. May God be glorified through and in it all.

Together, may we continue to point people to Jesus Christ as Lord. Together, may we be Holy people as God has called us to be Holy. Together, may we make disciples who in turn will make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Serving Jesus and serving you,

Pastor Jim

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Upcoming Events

- *May30-June1 NCC Conference
- *June 8- Women's Ministry Meeting at 10:00
- *June 9- Bishop Hawkins' visit
- *June 12- Community Picnic
- *June 16- Father's Day
- *June 17-21 Vacation Bible School
- *June 22- JuneFest Parade and root beer floats
- *June 24- BOA meeting at 6:30

Small Group Information:

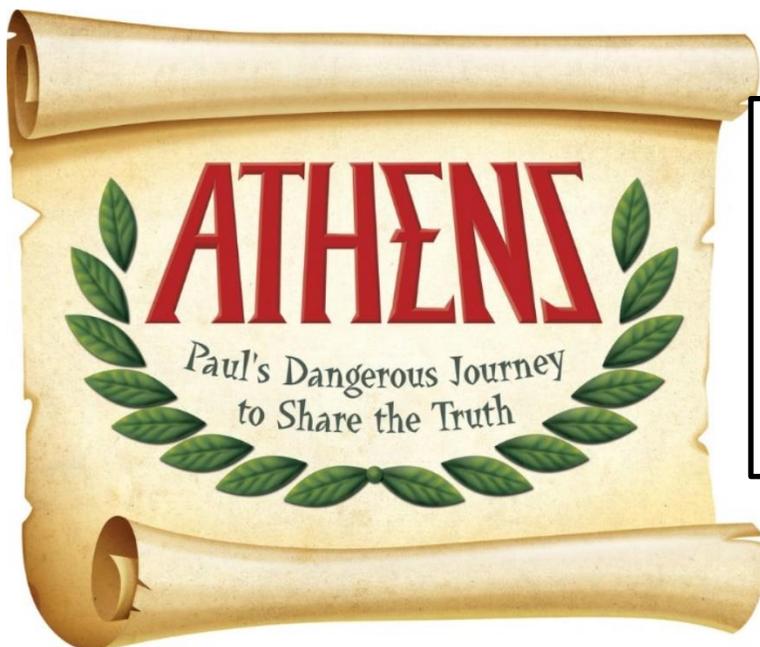
As a part of a growing body, the best way to have a more intimate fellowship and Bible study is to be involved in a small group. Here at the Motley Free Methodist Church we currently have 8 small group opportunities...

- 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
- Sunday evening at 5:00 pm, Young Married Couples led by Ron & Dorothy Odenthal
- Tuesday evening Bible Study starting at 6:30 pm studying Acts
- Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall



- 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 with 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!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

DATE: JUNE 17-2, 2019

AGES: 3 YEARS THROUGH JUST FINISHING
6TH GRADE

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER
CONTACT JESS AT 218.296.2441

Women's Ministry News:

May's Women's Meeting Update:

In the month of May, the ladies met on May 11 at 10 am with devotions led by Hope Johnson. Then we discussed upcoming events. The Ladies' Tea was held at 11 am with Alice Dickson speaking, as well as Mary Duberowski and Emily Doyle singing and a big thank you to Barb Hirshey for leading the tea! It was a great time of fellowship, food and fun. Thank you also to Jane for her story as well! On June 8th we will meet at 10 am and look at future projects. The women's group has continued to give out our prayer shawls and lap blankets, thank you to those who continue to make them. We also gave out a marriage devotional for the wedding at the church on May 18th. We strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those around us. If you have any questions regarding the women's ministry please contact Jessica Judd 218.296.2441



Youth News:

May started off with the Youth Group garage sale on May 3rd and 4th. The Youth raised \$3,700 dollars towards our mission motley project. Craig did lessons on the Commandments and being unequally yoked. May 19th was our Senior recognition for our High School Seniors. May 22nd the youth that are finishing 6th grade joined us to be part of the YOUTH Group.

June starts off on the 5th with Josh Horstmann doing the lesson. June 12 is the first community picnic at Ernie Converse park. June 17th – 21st is Vacation Bible School so no Youth Group the 19th. June 25th the girls are going to the Horstmans camping spot near Ottetail for an overnight outing. June 28th the guys are planning an overnight canoe trip down the Crow Wing river. Craig has the lesson on the 26th.

Looking ahead Jess is doing the lessons for July. The second Community picnic is July 10th. July 19th is the annual Youth Group lock-in.

If you have any questions please contact Craig Weigel (218) 839-0007 cbweigel@hotmail.com or Jessica Judd (218)296-2441 jessleejohnson@yahoo.com

June

6/2- Linda B. & Grace J/ Traci & Bel B.

6/9- Dayton & Samantha/ Brandi N. & Pat B.

6/16- Diane J. & Deb C./ Mary N. & Lilly N.

6/23- Melaine S. & Margaret F./ Lonny & Cathi D

6/30- Nick & Lonna D./ Sandy K. & Morgan S.

July

7/7- Dale & Carla/ Tammy & Cassidy

7/14- Linda B. & Grace J/ Lisa M. & Natalie S.

7/21- Dayton & Samantha/ Marisela & Ashley

7/28- Diane J. & Deb C./ Traci & Bel B.

August

8/4- Melaine S. & Margaret F./ Brandi N. & Pat B.

8/11- Nick & Lonna D./ Mary N. & Lilly N.

8/18- Dale & Carla/ Lonny & Cathi D

8/25- Linda B. & Grace J/ Sandy K. & Morgan S.



All-In had an exciting last month of activities!

On May 1st we delivered May Day Baskets around to the homes in Motley, the kids helped make most of the baskets and we stuffed them with candy and an invite to our community picnics. Each basket told the recipient that God sent his son Jesus for them (John 3:16), we had a great time and the weather did cooperate, although we did have some sprinkles drop here and there.

On May 8th, we challenged the kids to be sure to bring their Bibles they received this year to work on a Bible Scavenger hunt. We wanted to have it outside but rain kept us inside, we still had a great time and the kids learned some great Bible Skills!

May 15th was the last night, there was pizza for supper, we played games outside!, had a short lesson on Worship in God's House with other believers, some small group time to reflect and say goodbye and finished the night with Ice Cream Sundaes!

Thank you to all of you that donated food items for meals, monetary for Christmas shopping and Spring projects, devoted countless hours praying for volunteers, kids and their families. A Huge thank you to all our volunteers and teens that helped this year by sharing the love of Jesus with each of the kids, I pray that all of you have a blessed summer! - Valerie Johnson 😊



In Children's Ministry News:

As the summer begins, the nursery care, Children's Church during the first service and preschool class during the second service will all remain the same. However, the Elementary class during our second service will take a break from their Sunday school curriculum to try a few months of "children's church." Also, Chris Neal will take on the youth Second Service class with some help for the summer months as well. He will be looking for a creation science curriculum for our young people.

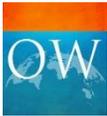
In Addition, Vacation Bible school is right around the corner with only two weeks until the start day! June 17-21, 4:30-7:30 pm!! We are really excited about another fantastic year of VBS. Please pray for the families that will attend, please pray for our staff to love our children with the love of Jesus and for His word to go forth to this community! There are still donation items available if you are able to help with those please check the clip board on the back table. Our last VBS meeting is June 8th at 11 am please try to attend this meeting if you have yet to make one! We look forward to another wonderful week serving Jesus and helping kids feel the love and excitement only He can bring! If you have kids, grand kids, neighbors, please register them today!!! If you have any questions regarding children's programming please contact 218.296.2441 or jessleejohnson@yahoo.com



Young Adult Ministries

The weather has been uniquely cool and even a late season snow and frost has made it hard to believe it is June. It is time for the Church to “pick up the pace” and to begin running right into Summer! *There will be plenty to do!!*

As I mentioned in our May article, I wanted to offer a few programs to download onto your phone as a way to assist you in your personal Bible study and devotional time. Here are more helpful and trusted phone-apps that could be beneficial to you:

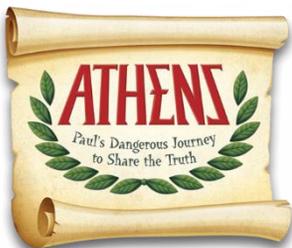


1. **Operation World** (daily prayer that focuses on a particular country each day): <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.missionaldigerati.operationworld&hl=en>



2. **Bible Hub**: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.biblehub.biblehubapp>

Our “Social Media” ministry outreach continues to do well. First, our **Twitter page gained 5** people which brings us to 46 “followers.” We had 12,900 views in May with an average of 341 people interacting with our Church Twitter page each day. Amazingly, we had 902 people access our Sunday worship services and Pastor’s sermons (audio and video) via Twitter. Secondly, our Church **blog-page** published 4 new articles with 437 checking in to read.



For our **featured volunteer opportunity**, we would love to have you join along to help us with Vacation Bible School (VBS), **June 14-21, 4:30-7:30PM**. Beyond teaching, mentoring, and assisting during the programs, we have **many ways to help** with props, supplies, and food! Would you consider providing food items, supplies and necessities for VBS? Sign-up sheet is here at the Church, or just swing by the Church to see what you can do. We’d love to see you!

Before I go, don’t forget June means it is time to kick off the Church’s annual “**Picnic in the Park**” ministry. Here in Motley, you will have three opportunities to eat, help set up, serve, donate side-dishes, socialize and clean up. The first one is **Wednesday, June 12th (5:30pm)** at Ernie Converse Park. Looking forward to meeting you there at one...or all three events!

If you have any questions regarding the Young Adults ministry please contact Charles Mallory; Associate Pastor, (218) 352-6888; (240) 691-6762 or charlesMFMC@gmail.com

Blog: <https://charlesmfmcblogspot.com>



Twitter: @FreeMotley or <https://twitter.com/FreeMotley>



BOA MINUTES – 5/20/2019

Present: Dan Rose, Ian Newkirk, Traci Birkholtz, Wayne Johnson, Tim Judd, Linda Beebe, Pastor Charles Mallory, Mary Duberowski and Susie Griffith

Guests: Val Johnson, Jessica Judd, and Craig Weigel
Devotional/Prayer

Secretary Report - Tim made a motion to accept the April 15, 2019 Minutes, Susie seconded that motion. No discussion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The beginning balance in the checking account was \$54,851.37 with deposits of \$35,555.17 for a total of \$90,406.54. Expenses were \$21,358.76 leaving a balance in checking as of April 30, 2019, of \$69,047.78. Our Motley Savings Account balance is \$11,814.67. After various questions and answers, Ian made a motion to accept the April Treasurer's Report and Traci seconded that motion. All agreed, motion carried.

Old Business:

Annual Conference Update – Held May 31 – June 1, 2019. The parties will leave on Thursday, May 30th. Jennifer will be approved as CMC at the Annual Conference.

Kid's Club/Awana– Val provided an informational handout with All-In data for the 2018/2019 year.

Traci told the board start-up costs are approximately \$30 per child and she informed them of an upcoming volunteer meeting being scheduled for this week. This number includes books, awards, t-shirts, etc. Ian made a motion to pay up to \$30 per child for starting up the Awana Club and Tim seconded that motion. All agreed, motion carried.

Youth Group Motley Missions Project – There is currently no start date set up for the Ernie Converse Park project. The youth is still providing the \$9000 donation originally offered. The City of Motley is looking into various grants and waiting on an RFQ at this time.

Church Shirts – Val provided a digital sample of a logo for the board's approval prior to getting samples. The t-shirts will cost approximately \$14 with the golf shirts costing approximately \$21-\$26. The board agreed to move forward with the printing of sample shirt(s) to offer to the church body.

Cahill's Visit – After visiting with them, Dan and Mary commented that this couple is truly committed to their ministry. A pamphlet was handed out containing their needs (financial, material and prayerful). They are looking to secure funds for their return trip to Tanzania.

Dan brought up that Child Hope Ministry (a ministry that was originally started by both Dan and Marie Rose and one in which we currently contribute to) has secured new investors who are greatly contributing to their cause. He thought it would be worthwhile to transfer our contributions from Child Hope Ministry to The Cahills.

After much discussion (question and answers), a motion was made by Ian and seconded by Wayne to terminate our Child Hope contributions and transfer our balance of approximately \$1,125.00 to the Cahills in addition to our current support. All agreed, motion carried.

New Business:

Chaplain (Todd County) Support – A motion was made by Traci to support the Todd County Chaplain in the same amount (\$1000) as last year, Susie seconded that motion. All agreed, motion carried.

New Members – Of the 18 people that attended the Membership Class, five have returned applications to become members at Motley Free Methodist Church. After the board reviewed the five applications Traci made a motion to accept the applicants and Susie seconded that motion. No discussion, motion carried.

VBS – Jess reported that all positions have been filled. Donations are still needed. The next VBS meeting will be held on June 8th. Registration will need to be pushed at this point. Set up will begin on June 13th.

Swim Program Request – Val made a request to help local children attend the Staples Summer Swim Program. Traci made a motion to support this in the amount of \$350 (the same amount as last year). Wayne seconded the motion. All agreed, motion carried.

Policy for Adult Education – The board had a discussion regarding volunteer roles within the church. It was stated that it has been our policy in the past, that volunteers be a part of our church for approximately six months prior to taking on roles within the church.

Video Capabilities – We need new cable installed. We are currently waiting on a quote for that. More decisions need to be made on where to run it. Discussion has been tabled until a quote has been provided.

Bishop Hawkin's Visit – The Bishop would like to come to present on Kenya and to preach on the Great Commission on June 9, 2019. He is asking for support in lodging, meals, and entertainment while he is here and also for assistance in traveling to his next destination. More information is needed at this time before decisions can be made.

Weekly Scripture Reading – The board feels it would be worthwhile to add some sort of weekly scriptural memorization/reading challenges to our church family. Different ideas were: Adding it to the bulletin, adding it on the big screen, in the newsletter or possibly an insert.

Other

-Tim made a motion to buy a new industrial strength vacuum cleaner to replace the current one (which is no longer working). Ian seconded that motion. All agreed, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2019

June 2019

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6:00 Prayer Time
*NCC Conference

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5:30 Young Married Couples

4:00 Worship Practice

6:30 Bible Study

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12:00 Prayer Time
12:00 AA Meeting
5:30 Youth Group

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6:30 Women's Group

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*11:00 VBS Meeting
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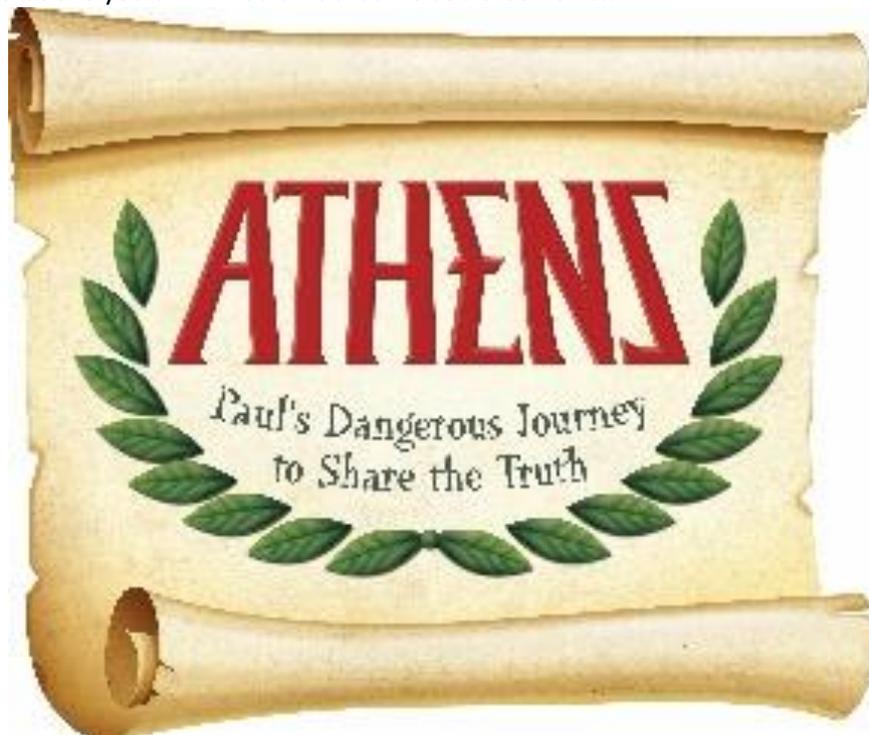
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Vacation Bible School Supplies Still Needed:

(Please turn all signed up for supplies in by June 9th
Thank you for your help!!)

- *180 Hamburger Buns
- *900 Mini Bags of Chips
- *180 Pickles
- *6 empty wrapping paper rolls
- *8 dowel Sticks
- *4 String Mops
- *Clothes Drying Rack to borrow
- *Rugs
- *Greenery
- *Small bottle of Orange scented oil
- *6 boxes of club crackers
- *3 blocks of cheddar cheese (cubed)-
- *3 blocks of mozzarella cheese (cubed)-
- *3 blocks of Colby jack cheese (cubed)-
- *Grapes (450)-
- *75 Hot dogs-
- *19 Pears-
- *Figs (150)-
- *Dried Apricots (150)-
- *Mixed Dried Fruit (150 Pieces)-
- *Shortening-
- *2 Cups Sugar-
- *Olive Oil in Glass bottle (to borrow)-
- *Long Lengths of white Tulle or Gossamer-
- *Any other Athens decorations you think would fit that we could borrow!!!



NEW! NEW! NEW!

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