



Motley Free Methodist Church

"In His Grip"

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A Few Words from Pastor Jim:

Mark 8:29 *"but what about you? He asked. Who do you say that I am? Peter answered "you are the Christ".*

Friends, can we also reply to this same question....." you are the Christ, you are the Savior of the world, you are my Savior and Lord"

If we claim to know Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, friends it is time we live for Him, it is time we love Him, it is time we proclaim Him.

The world around us is going to hell, and many don't even know it. That is not the word of Jim, that is the word of God. Most actually care, but most don't understand the love of God and the need for surrender to Jesus the Christ. That is where the church comes in, to live for Him, to love Him and to love for Him and to proclaim Him.

Do we make mistakes in the church? Of course, we do. But to continue to live for ourselves and/or to continue to live in sin is NOT what God has called the church to be or to do.

To only live for Jesus when it is handy or convenient, is not what he has called the church to either. We, the church, must decide if we are willing to deny ourselves and our agendas and our pleasures to really follow Jesus the Christ and proclaim like Peter "you are the Christ" and then follow.

This next Saturday we have a very unique opportunity to be informed on the subject of human trafficking and slavery, both sex slavery and otherwise. Dr. and Pastor Kevin Austin is an expert in this field and he will be with us Saturday May 5th to enlighten us on this subject matter.

This is not just for those who think that they can do something about it, it is for all of us in the church to recognize this issue and to be aware of what may be causes and systems right here in our own backyards. Please put this on your calendars and plan to hear from him this Saturday from 1:00-4:00pm.

The Kids Club year is coming to a close again soon. I want to say two things about that. 1) Thank you, Val and Wayne Johnson, for all you do to make this happen, and thank you to all the staff who is faithful to help reach these kids for Christ. Without all of you we cannot have a kid's club at all. 2) We have not had and do not have enough staff to adequately and effectively help these kids on Wednesday afternoons. Please, people of MFMC consider helping with these community kids and our church children next year. We are going to be using a new curriculum next year and we need your help. God has given us this very rich opportunity to minister to kids that will never hear about Jesus at home, but we need some more help. Many of you could be instrumental in the spiritual formation of some children, but you need to be willing to come and help. We have had many here to help over the last years and now we have very few. Why?

God, by His Spirit, has gifted every believer with Holy Spirit given gifts to be used for the building up and the edification of people and the church. We need to use those gifts for God and His glory. Please be in prayer about this during this summer break and consider helping us with Kids Club next season.

I hope that by now you have all had a chance to sign up for your pictures to be included in our new church directory. If you have not had that chance, please see Linda Beebe very soon. This is all scheduled for the week of May 15-19.

We have mentioned to you all that we at MFMC have hired a new assistant pastor, pending the NCC approval process. Pastor Charles Mallory and his wife Jennifer and their 3 kids will be here for a visit on Sunday May 20th and we plan to have a pot-luck dinner that day for more of you to get to meet them.

Please continue to pray for them as they prepare to move from Kansas here. They are looking to purchase a home in our community somewhere and get settled and begin work here by July 1st.

VBS is coming up fast and so is the missions trip to Montana that our teenager group will be part of. Please pray for these very important ministry opportunities too.

God bless you all,

Serving Jesus and serving you.

Pastor Jim

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Upcoming Events:

- May 2nd All-In Derby Car Races
- May 3rd National Day of Prayer
- May 4-5th Youth Group Garage Sale
- May 5th Kevin Austin- Human Trafficking
- May 12th Women's Ministry Meeting
- May 12th Ladies' Tea
- May 13th Mother's Day
- May 16th All-In Year End Celebration
- May 20th Senior Sunday

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 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

- 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 Hirsche
- 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!

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 "). A big thank you to the men for serving the Easter breakfast. LAPS Ministry banquets were held on the 17th and 19th of this month celebrating life. Praise God!

May: Garage Sale Youth Fundraiser on the 4th & 5th. We are serving coffee and snacks at the Human Trafficking Seminar on the 5th. Women's Ministry Meeting on the 12th @ 10 am with Ladies Tea at 11:30am. Jane Callis will be speaking. All ladies are welcome (See Signup sheets).

Mother's Day on the 13th and Senior Sunday Recognition coming up on the 20th.

June: Community Picnic 5:30-7 pm on the 6th at the park. Women's Ministry Meeting @ 10 am with baby shower for Jennifer Vasquez at 11 am. June Fest parade on the 16th (root beer floats will be served at noon at the park. VBS will be going strong the week of 18-22. Lots of activities and fellowships to do and enjoy, so please come and be a part of this church family.

God bless!

Estelle Poulton 218-296-3838.

Youth News:

We finished up April with Jess completing the lesson "Unbelievable". On April 25th we went to our last BAY Rally of the school year and on April 28th we went to see The Skit Guys in Wadena.

May 2nd the youth will be going over to the old church at Tim and Jesses to work on setting up for the garage sale. The Youth Group garage sale will be held in conjunction with the city wide garage sale on May 4th and 5th. Starting May 9th Craig, Sue Horstmann and Linda Beebe will start Mission trip training with those going on the mission trip, while Jess, Tim and Danny & Sue Rydbom continue with the rest of the youth group. May 20th is senior Sunday to celebrate graduating seniors. May 23rd is the night that we welcome the youth that are completing 6th grade to the youth group.

If you have any good items to donate to the youth group garage sale please contact Jessica Judd (218) 296-2441 or Craig Weigel (218) 839-0007

May 2018

5/6- Jennifer & Logan M./Ken, Hope & Sue

5/13- Melaine S. & Margaret F./Brandi & Pat B.

5/20- Ian & Sue N./Sandy K. & Morgan S.

5/27- Dorothy & Kristen O./Vicki G. & Diane B.

June 2018

6/3- Jaurone & Mikayla/Lisa M. & Lilly N.

6/10- Nick & Lonna D./Marisela & Ashley V.

6/17- Kripa & Mikayla R./Dale & Carla L.

6/24- Linda B. & Grace J./Samantha & Dayton

July 2018

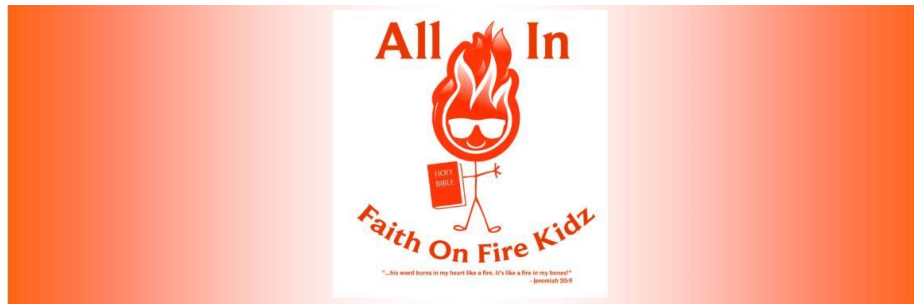
7/1- Diane J. & Deb C./Ken, Hope & Sue

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.



"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13 I'm not sure how many times I have prayed this verse this past month, but I am very thankful for the strength God grants us to get through the days when our bodies are tired. April has been a very busy month, the kids have been working on their pinewood derby cars to get ready for race night! Trying to help a group of over excited kids to pick a design, then sand and paint, put wheels on and weights can be very challenging, but this last Wednesday to see their eyes and smiles to watch their car go down the track is a great reward for all the struggles. I praise and thank God for the most wonderful group of volunteers that have stepped up and been a part of All-In this year. It's been a lot of work, but God has been faithful and shown us that He is at work amongst this group of kids.

This last Wednesday, we heard the last story from the Old Testament and we know God's people have been told that God is sending a Rescuer to them, of course we already know who that will be, but putting the story together this year has been fun. The next couple of weeks we will do some review and try to learn the Old Testament Books of the Bible!

The month of May will be filled with busyness with a Derby Race Family Night, our Spring project of delivering flowers, and a celebration night! It is hard to believe we are 3 weeks away from the end of our year!

Please be praying for us, we thank you all for knowing you have us covered! Prayer requests: 1) Families will continue to send kids this last month and God will work on parent's hearts. 2) Our Volunteers- health, patience, strength and be filled with Holy Spirit to pour out the love of Jesus onto these kids! 3) Continued growth for children in their walk with Jesus, especially those that have made a confession of Faith this year.

If any of you have wagons we can borrow for May 9th, please let Valerie Johnson know. Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 2: Pinewood Derby Race Night! (5:30 p.m.); **May 9:** Spring Community Project;

May 16: Celebration Night; **May 23** – Volunteer and staff year end meeting



Children's Programming News...



We are gearing up for summer programming...

Vacation Bible School is less than two months away. We have two VBS meetings left. May 19th at 9 am will be our last "training meeting."

We will show both the VBS training videos and we will also be doing Child Safety Training for anyone who was unable to attend last fall.

Our last VBS meeting will be Saturday, June 9th at 9 am! This will be a wrap up meeting filling in anything we may need before the BIG day!! Thank you all for your help and prayer for VBS! It is so important.

You can register your children with the papers on the back table in the church or online

at <http://www.motleyfreemethodistchurch.com/vbs.html>

We will be ordering T-shirts again for adults and kids alike. If you would like to order T-shirts please sign up in the next few days, as I will be ordering by May 9th! If you want to donate to the T-shirts please see Jessica as we always order extra t-shirts for those that may not have known we were ordering shirts for all children to feel included!

A copy of our donation sheet is also included in this newsletter as we have many items that we need donated to make VBS run! Thank you for considering and if you are able to help with any of the needed items please mark your name on the sign-up sheet on the back table in the church as well!!

We are also still in need of several positions: Nursery workers, crew leaders, pre-K game leader, cleanup crew!

Also, if you are able to bake 5 doz. cookies for a night that would be great. On Wednesday night we need 180 sandwiches, if you are able to make some sandwiches please see Jess!

Thank you all for your help, prayer and volunteering to make VBS a wonderful success for this community!!

If you have questions, please see or call Jessica Judd- 218.296.2441

As always if you are interested in helping with nursery care or have any questions/concerns please see Linda Beebe!!

BOA MINUTES – 04/16/2018

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

Guests: Wayne and Valerie Johnson and Jessica Judd

Devotional/Prayer:

Ephesians 1:4, For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

AW Tozier – Sin is a disease and lawlessness, it wastes our most precious treasure on earth - to wake up the lost. Man who dies without Christ is lost. He squanders a fortune losing his soul, life and peace.

God loved us before the beginning of the world when he was planning our salvation. How can we get all to know that he loves us unless we are faithful in our witnessing? Why are we not more faithful to God's eternal plan?

Forgive me Lord, I've let you down. Use me today as a faithful servant. Amen.

Secretary Report - A correction was noted from the March 2018 Minutes: The Youth Garage Sale dates are to be corrected to May 4th and 5th. Charlie made a motion to accept the minutes with the above corrections, and Chris seconded that motion. No further discussion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - The beginning balance in checking account of \$62,161.66 with deposits of \$91,405.39 for a total of \$153,567.05. Year to date expenses were \$83,667.43 leaving a balance in checking as of March 31, 2018, of \$69,899.62. Free Methodist Loan Fund is \$50,692.39 and the local Savings Account balance is \$11,808.76. Craig made a motion to accept the March Treasurer's Report and Dan seconded that motion. No discussion, motion carried.

Old Business:

Assistant Pastor - Charles Mallory has been offered and has accepted the position as Assistant Pastor. The MEG Board will meet this Saturday to work on getting credentials transferred to Motley FM. The MAC Board will need to interview him as well. Everything at this point is in motion for Charles to begin his new position with us no later than July 1st. The board discussed wage and vacation details as well as details regarding his move here.

Church Directory - Dates are scheduled for May 15, 17, 18 & 19th. We currently have 70 of our 100 slots filled. Greeters and hosts will be needed for those dates to ensure everything runs smoothly.

Kevin Austin – Will be here to speak on Saturday, May 5th. Kevin is a FM Missionary who works domestically and globally through the Set Free Movement to end modern-day slavery. Motley is hosting this 3-hour event. The board talked about ways to help our body become more aware of the significance of this issue. Our All-In families as well as the community are all invited and encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Kevin will also speak for us Sunday May 6th at both services. A motion was made by Dan to contribute \$2,500 towards the Set Free Movement, seconded by Craig. All agreed, motion carried.

Fifth Sunday Offering – The board was reminded that the fifth Sunday offering this month will go to MNCTC as previously discussed and voted on.

A.L.I.C.E. Training – There will be a two day "Train the Trainer" event put on June 11 and 12th by the Staples Chief of Police. Can we do more in terms of safety at our church? The board discussed looking at "point people" to coordinate or watch over our services. Pastor will talk to others about taking on this role.

New Business:

Youth Missions Trip – Craig informed us that a training meeting will be held soon and that our insurance will cover the rental van. We currently have 19 signed up to attend.

VBS – With VBS approximately just two months away, we usually see more donations/volunteers by now. We will want to start promoting it to the church body and community. We also still have volunteers that need to go through the Child Safety Meetings.

Next Year's Kid's Club – A summarized hand out was provided to the board by Val with this year's highlights. We are looking at two different versions of new curriculum for next year; Pioneer Club and Kids Life. Jess and Val will choose which one best suits our needs. We currently are experiencing a volunteer shortage on Wednesday Nights. This past week we had a ratio of 40 kids to 7 volunteers. This is an important ministry and it takes many hands for us to be successful. We need our church body to come together to help teach and serve these children. We are requesting input, thoughts and prayers for this issue.

North Central Conference Annual Meeting – Dates are June 1-2. Discussions with attendees are taking place with arrangements being made.

Habitat for Humanity – We currently have one Habitat for Humanity home in Motley with another one being built in Staples. It may be a good way to contribute more to our community.

National Day of Prayer – Held on May 3rd. Prayer services begins at noon on May 3rd at the Staples City Office Building.

Motley Chamber of Commerce Request – A motion was made to pay a \$100 Sponsorship fee for the Motley Two Rivers Music Fest. The sponsorship fee will cover the parade entry fee.

Other:

Future Prayers – Requesting daily and weekly prayer for our community needs including:

- Possible Future Christian School
- Widow Ministry
- Grief Support Group
- More Volunteers for Kids Club

Next Meeting: May 21, 2018, at 6:30 pm.

May 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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		6:30 Bible Study	9:30 Bible Study 12:00 Prayer Time 12:00 AA Meeting 3:30 All-In 5:30 All-In Derby Cars 5:30 Youth Group	6:30 Men's Group 6:30 Women's Group	*Youth Group Garage Sale 12:00 AA Meeting	*Youth Group Garage Sale 1:00 *Kevin Austin- Human Trafficking 6:00 Prayer Time
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