



Motley Free Methodist Church

"In His Grip"

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A Few Words from Pastor Jim:

Matthew 19:29 (NIV) (The words of Jesus) "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for My sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life"

Do you think about heaven much friends?

Eternity is a long time. So, I wonder if it wouldn't be good for us to spend some more time and thought and energy on the things of eternity....at least more time than we spend planning for our tomorrows here on earth?

Jesus talked a lot about eternity and in this little passage he was addressing the 12 and then all who would be willing to "deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow Me".

Heaven awaits all those who have totally surrendered to Jesus Christ, all those who are totally prepared to follow Him no matter where and no matter what.

Praise God for the opportunity to follow Jesus Christ now and to serve Him here in preparation for living with Him there.

Today is Set Free Sunday. What does that mean, other than we have a special guest here to share with us?

From the Set Free web-page "There are an estimated 46 million slaves today. Pray for the Set Free Movement as we seek holistic freedom to end modern day slavery and create new futures in partnerships with others through community based action", and you can find much more at www.setfreemovement.org

I want to say Thank You to all of you that teach, pray, feed, give in some special ways to our communities and the people we serve. I want to also say Thank you to Ron and Paula Stokes and Traci and Belle Birkholtz for their ministry to the Care Center residents this last month. If you would like to be a part of ministering to the residents of the Staples Care Center on Sunday mornings from time to time, please see Pastor Jim about that.

Next Saturday is our Fall Festival, if you would like to help serve the community on this event please see Jessica Judd immediately.

I want to encourage you to keep reading the Bible. If you don't have a regular routine of doing that, why not start in one of the Gospels and just start reading. Ask God to help you understand and just read and meditate on His word some every day. It really is good and good for us.

Notice too, in this issue, that there are several bible study opportunities throughout the week with lots of different topics being discussed and studied. Why not check one of those out and join in on the discussion and learn together with others. If you look at the bulletin board next to the water fountains you will also see the bible study groups listed there.

God has brought us together in this place/congregation for a reason friends. May we seek His face, trust Him completely and follow His leading to bring Him glory both here and around the world.

Serving Jesus and serving you.

Pastor Jim

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Upcoming Events:

- *Oct. 6- Fall Festival
- *Oct. 10- Pastor Charles' birthday
- *Oct. 10- B.A.Y. Rally
- *Oct. 13- Women's Ministry Meeting
- *Oct. 13- Baby Shower for Melissa Cory
- *Oct. 14- Pastor Appreciation Day
- *Oct. 15- BOA Meeting
- *Oct. 19- Box City, Youth Even
- *Oct. 28- Pastor Salik

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 1 Timothy
- 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 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!

Baby Shower
for Melissa & Charlie Cory

MFMC Women's Group 218-352-6888
Saturday, October 13 at 11:00 AM
Motley Free Methodist church 33 Wellwood Street E Motley, MN Minnesota 56466

Women's Ministry News:

The Women's group met Sept. 8th at 10am and reviewed what had occurred in the month of August, including: collecting 16 full 2nd grade kits for the Staples-Motley school children, along with multiple other donations that went to serve children within our body who may need a few extra supplies! Those that volunteered at the Back-to-school fair at Faith Lutheran church, felt that 15 children associated with our body were helped through this program of the 122 served! On Sept. 8th at 11 am the ladies held a beautiful baby shower for Jen & Ben Goldsmith! We look forward to the birth of their first baby around Oct. 5th!! Please remember them in prayer! In addition, we discussed the up-coming Harvest Festival on Oct. 6th from noon to 3 pm lot of needs still available, All-In Kids Club needs, and other up-coming events in October through December!

In October we will plan our yearly thanksgiving baskets! If anyone is willing to donate to the baskets or would like to contribute a grocery gift card both are more than welcome! The women's group also gives baby quilts to all babies born within the church and marriage devotionals to our newlyweds!! We will hold a baby shower for Melissa & Charlie Cory following the Oct. 13th meeting at 11 am! All are welcome and encouraged to please join us to help celebrate this couple and the birth of their first baby!! Melissa is expecting a girl!

The women's group is in need of another individual to head up our second kitchen crew. This person must be able to head up funerals, pot-lucks and other events for food and lining it up! Thank you in advance for considering this important position. God uses this body to meet the needs of many families through funerals. This is an important, and sometimes a big job! If you are interested, please see Jessica Judd or Sheri Johnson.

If you have other questions regarding the women's ministry! Please feel free to talk with Jessica Judd any time! 218.296.2441 or

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Youth News:

In September the youth were busy with back-to school events and they finished off this month with an annual event called See You at the Pole. It is a student led prayer gathering around the flag pole at their schools, where students pray for their schools, friends, teachers, and whatever else they feel led to pray about. In addition, Craig wrapped up this month's lessons on Families. Looking at October, there are several youth happenings. On October 4th it is Bring Your Bible to school day. For more information on this, visit their website www.bringyourbibles.org Then on Saturday, October 6, 2018 we have our annual Harvest Festival at the church from 12:00-3:00 pm and are encouraging the youth and families to join us for a fun day! If they are willing to help with games that would be great too!! Next, on Wednesday, October 10th we will attend the first of three BAY (Brainerd Area Youth) Rallies for the school year. These rallies are held at Tornstrom Auditorium in Brainerd. The youth group will have pizza together at 5:30 pm and leave for the Rally at 6:00 pm. We should return to the church around 9:00-9:15 pm. On Friday, October 19, 2018 we will hold our own Box City this year! Our youth in the past year have expressed an interest in helping the homeless. New Pathways is not holding their own Tent City this year, so we as an individual group will hold a Box City and still raise funds for this important organization helping the homeless in Central MN. The youth will come together at the church Friday evening at 6 pm and put together their box dwelling to sleep in. They will spend a few hours learning about homelessness in Central MN, having a soup kitchen supper, and then sleeping in their box for the night. If you would like to donate to a youth spending the night in a Box to raise funds please see any youth or Jessica Judd or Craig Weigel! We greatly appreciate the support! Each youth is required to earn \$50.00 through sponsors! Thank you as always for loving and supporting our youth. It is greatly needed!! We are also looking for a few moms to help chaperone this Box City event. If you are interested and have filled out the child safety and protection policies please see Craig or Jess! Lastly, we will study lessons called Sharing...lessons on loving others!

If you have any questions please contact

Craig Weigel: 218-839-0007 cweigel@hotmail.com or

Jessica Judd: 218-296-2441 jessleejohnson@yahoo.com

October

10/7- Jaurone & Mikayla/ Dale & Carla L.

10/14- Nick & Lonna D./ Samantha & Dayton

10/21- Ken, Hope & Sue/ Traci & Bel

10/28- Linda B. & Grace J./ Brandi & Pat B.

November

11/4- Diane J. & Deb C/ Sandy & Morgan

11/11- Jennifer & Logan M/ Vicki G. & Diane B

11/18- Melaine S.& Margaret F./ Lisa M. & Lilly N.

11/25- Ian & Sue N./ Marisela & Ashley

December

12/2- Dorothy & Kristen / Dale & Carla L.

12/9- Jaurone & Mikayla/ Samantha & Dayton

12/16- Nick & Lonna D./ Traci & Bel

12/23- Ken, Hope & Sue/ Brandi & Pat B.

12/30- Linda B. & Grace J./ Sandy & Morgan



In Children's Ministry News:

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

During the second service we offer 4 Sunday School classes:

Preschool/Kindergarten with Jason Caldwell

1st-2nd Grade with Jennifer Mallory

3rd-4th Grade with Grace Johnson & Brenda Romig

5th-6th Grade with Barb Hirschey and Dee Carlson

We offer nursery care during both services for children 0-3 years of age.

If you have any questions regarding nursery please see Linda Beebe. If you are interested in serving in the nursery for 2019 please let Linda know!

**The Harvest Festival is quickly upon us! Join us Oct. 6th 12:00-3:00 pm

Lastly, All-In is also right around the corner for our kids please get involved in our children's ministry! You are needed :)



We have had a good start to our new year! Our first unit for our lessons is "WHO IS GOD?", this last week we learned that God is our trusted Creator! The kids were challenged to write down one way they were going to trust God this week, will you join us in praying for them to be able to trust Him with whatever they decided? Thank you to all that have stepped out in faith to be a part of this ministry, whether here to minister to a child, play games, prepare food, clean up after they eat or donating funds or items for meals. God sees these children as precious and once again He has placed a handful into our hands that have doubts about Him. What an awesome opportunity to help show these kids that God Loves them and He doesn't measure them the same way!

We will spend the month of October getting to know each other more, enjoying the outdoors for game time for as long as the weather will allow us, and continue to learn Who is God and what that means for each of us. We will once again be collecting items for a shoebox packing party in November, this is such a great opportunity for all of us to show the kids how to reach across the globe and share the love of Jesus! We invite families to come and be a part of this night and pack a box with their child during club, if you would like to help by donating items or shipping cots, please see Val or Jess.

Please be in prayer for the following: 1) Children and their families- that they will continue to come, and that God will prepare their hearts to make a decision to accept Jesus as their Savior and follow Him 2) Volunteers- to be healthy, to strengthen and encourage them to love these kids with a love that God fills us with. 3) That God will continue to provide all our needs for feeding and ministering to the children. 4) That more men would be raised up and willing to help mentor our 3rd/4th grade boys.

*We are looking for any persons that have been through our volunteer training that would be willing to be on our sub list- please let Val know if you are willing to be on that list.

Upcoming Events:

October 3: Sport Night; **October 10:** Regular Night; **October 17:** Bring a Friend Night; **October 24:** Regular Night; **October 31:** Fearless- We won't be afraid!

BOA MINUTES – 09/17/2018

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

Guests: Wayne Johnson, Val Johnson, Jessica Judd and Jen Michalson

Devotional/Prayer: A. W. Tozer – Desperate Personal Search

Mathew 5:16 – In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

The average person without faith, God and hope and those who have lost God somewhere along the way are engaged in a desperate search throughout their lifetime. Man, who was made to be like God, has become less like God than ever. Love is gone from our heart and the light is gone from our mind.

Are we a light shining in the dark? Is our light helping others who are struggling in a dark world? Are we being the light? How can we improve? If we were no longer here, would we be missed in the community that we live around, that we work around? The church is to be the light, if we aren't shining, what are we doing? What should we be doing? Are we doing things that are producing fruit? We live in a very dark time – hatred abounds. As followers of Jesus Christ, we must ask ourselves, are we a light house for our community?

Thank you, Lord, for the privilege to genuinely know Jesus Christ. We aren't perfect but we know the Lord. We can be sons and daughters of the Most High God. I don't know what's happening in America. We are living in darkness – seemingly unaware of light. Forgive us Lord if as a church we are doing the same. Thank you for all churches and for placing us here to be a light in the community for people living in darkness. Revive your church Oh Lord, help us to remember daily to be your light. Help us to take a close look at what we do. If areas are overlooked, as a church and a board, help us to be listening to you and to be a bright light to all. Use us, Oh God, to bring glory to you, to shine your light so brightly that all your people can see us. Amen.

Secretary Report - Craig made a motion to accept the August 20, 2018, minutes and Chris seconded that motion. No further discussion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - The beginning balance in the checking account was \$62,161.66 with deposits of \$255,399.19 for a total of \$317,560.85. Year to date expenses were \$252,037.09, leaving a balance in checking as of August 31, 2018, of \$65,523.76. Free Methodist Loan Fund is \$51,098.16 and the local Savings Account balance is \$11,810.23. Dan made a motion to accept the July Treasurer's Report and Traci seconded that motion. No discussion, motion carried.

Old Business:

Dividers – The dividers are here and ready to be installed.

Set Free Sunday – Ashley will be picked up and housed by Mary. We will have a potluck on Sunday after the second service.

New Business:

Faith Community Nursing – A program Jen Michalson is interested in starting up. It is for nurses who have specialized education in spiritual care and ministry. To be considered for a scholarship, she would need Pastor Jim to send a letter of intent in partnering with her. Chris made a motion agreeing to a Letter of Recommendation/Intent for scholarship and Dan seconded.

Kids Club – Registration Night drew 40 kids. Board agreed to having "church" t-shirts that could be used for All-In as well as other events. T-shirts would be open to all for purchase. Val will get samples and a design will be picked out.

A Community Based Trunk or Treat event will be held at Motley Middle School Parking Lot on October 27, 2018. Board has opted out of participating in this event.

Pastor Salik – will be here on October 28. Dan and Marie will pick him up and house him. Pastor Jim will be at the Des Moines District Meeting from October 27 through October 28.

19-30 Year Old Bible Study – Pastor Charles is looking at new curriculum to go along with the Soul Detox. After a starting date and a meeting place is determined, handouts will be made and promotions (Twitter, Facebook, and Staples World) will begin.

2019 Budget – The 2019 budget will be finalized by October or November's BOA meeting. We will need to know if all board members plan on returning again next year.

Thanksgiving Service – At this time we do not plan on joining Faith Lutheran in hosting the Thanksgiving Service. We have very few members/worshippers that attend. We will have our own Thanksgiving service here on Sunday evening November 18th.

Tent City – Insurance would cover this event for our youth to be held here at church. The City of Motley has no problem with it and will work with police staff for extra patrols in the area during that event as well. Youth would raise money for the entrance fee as a donation to New Pathways. This would be held on Friday, October 19th (over MEA weekend). Motion made by Traci to allow this event to be held here at church during said time, Craig seconded that motion. No discussion, motion carried.

Fall Festival – More volunteers are needed, many slots are available for helpers to sign up. We could use more food/ice cream as well.

Other

-Discussed financial request - approved

-Pastor Jim's hearing aid expenses - approved

-Pastor Mallory attending a Pastor Retreat in IA - approved

Next Meeting: October 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Bountiful



HARVEST

FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 6TH 2018 12-3PM

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The Motley Free Methodist Church would like to invite you to our Community Harvest Festival
Live music, Chili or Soup, Ice Cream Contest, Fall Desserts, games, and much more fall fun!

Come and bring a friend!