



Motley Free Methodist Church

"In His Grip"

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A Few Words from Pastor Jim:

2 Timothy 4:3-5 *"For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations...."*

The Apostle Paul gives this sound advice to Timothy and the advice is legitimate for today as well.

Fellow brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we must read and know the scriptures. All people, including us in the church, can be persuaded and / or convinced of a false doctrine or a false teaching or what the "majority" is saying if we are not aware of what the Word of God says.

Paul reminds us that the time will come, and may be here now, when people will not even want to know or want to hear the truth but rather want to hear something other than the truth.

This seems hard to imagine perhaps for us, but I see this happening all the time. It seems like folks are less concerned about absolute truth today then ever before. We even have all kinds of people in academia and entertainment and perhaps the pulpit saying there is no absolute truth. We, in the church, know this is not the case, but the sentiment today seems to be swinging towards listening to what is false and not caring about the truth.

May we immerse ourselves in God's word and be led by God's Spirit and know the truth and not have anything to do with false doctrines that are popping up all over the place, it seems. Jesus said to His followers, you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.....to which I say Hallelujah.

If you are not in a weekly bible study group somewhere (here or otherwise) why don't you consider the opportunities that we provide to you to grow and learn in a bible study. Starting with Sunday morning at 10:30 am, there are a lot of different studies and opportunities to grow and learn. Thank you, teachers and leaders, for providing all of these learning opportunities.

Can you believe that it is almost Labor Day already? Where did the summer go? Wasn't it just last week it was late April and still snowing like crazy? Life is like that, it can go by so quickly and then it is gone. Have you made plans for eternity friends? We plan for vacation, we plan for going to work, we plan for winter, we plan for fun.... have we planned for eternity by surrendering our lives completely to Jesus the Christ?

If Pastor Charles or I can help you with that please let us know.

Labor Day and September means, it is time again for school and Kids club and all kinds of fall events.

Friends, please hear my plea here. We have this unique and beautiful opportunity to minister to this communities' children through Kids Club. We have a great new curriculum this fall called Pioneer Clubs. This organization has been around teaching children the words of God for 80 years, it is good stuff. BUT we need some more staff.

We have been mentioning this for some weeks on Sunday morning and we still do not have adequate staffing. Even if you could be a "fill-in" and be on a subs list that would be helpful. Please let Val Johnson or I know soon if you can help with this year's Kids Club.

Everyone who works with our children in any capacity does need to go through Child Safety training if you have not done that yet. So, time is of the essence here. Please prayerfully consider this important ministry this year.

Thank you again for making the community meals this summer a huge success. Now coming in early October, we will provide a Fall Festival again for the community and children. Keep an eye out for those details. That will be a big event and a big deal for us and the community too.

May I say, in closing, we (MFMFC) have lost a lot of good people this last year to death, moving away from the area and changing churches. I thank God for all of you. You are an important part of this "body" of believers. May we rise up and work together, pray together, worship together and advance the Kingdom of God together in this community and around the globe.

Serving Jesus and serving you,

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Pastor Jim

Upcoming Events:

- *Sept. 2-Potluck at Rose's
- *Sept. 4-Grief Share Starting
- *Sept. 8-Women's Meeting at 10 and Baby Shower at 11 am
- *Sept 12-All-In Kick Off
- *Sept. 17-BOA Meeting at 6:30 pm
- *Sept. 19-First Regular All-In Night
- *Sept. 26-See You at the Pole
- *Sept. 30- Set Free Sunday (guest speaker)

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



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Tuesdays 6:30-7:00pm
September 4 - November 27
Motley Free Methodist Church
33 Wellwood St E
Motley MN 56466 (218) 352-6888

GRIEF SHARE

- 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!



Women's Ministry News:

In August the women's ministry collected school supplies for 2nd graders in the Motley/Staples school system through the CARE committee, held at the Faith Lutheran Church. Our church collected 16 kits! Thank you for your support of our local school children. In addition, we had several donations of other school supplies that we gave to our own church children who may need a little additional support! Val gave an update of needs for the new All-In Kids club year, and we discussed up-coming weddings and babies due in the body! Following our September meeting, we will hold a baby shower for Jen & Ben Goldsmith! All are encouraged to welcome and support this young couple and the birth of their first baby! The shower will be held at 11 am, Saturday, Sept. 8th!! The women's group has been giving marriage devotionals to those getting married in our body. Linda Beebe and Sheri Johnson will be starting a Grief Share group at the church on Tuesday, Sept. 4th running 13 weeks from 6:00-7:30 pm! There are brochures on the back tables of the church for more information. Lastly, we briefly touched on the Bountiful Harvest Festival coming Saturday, October 6th from 12:00-3:00 pm! If you are interested in helping, please also see clip boards on the back table of the church. We would like to invite and encourage any woman to please consider joining us, as we strive be the hands and feet of Jesus to this body and beyond! Our next meeting is Saturday, Sept. 8th at 10 am. If you have any questions regarding the women's ministry please contact Jessica Judd 218-296-2441 or jessleejohnson@yahoo.com ☺

Youth News:

August started out with our lock-in on the 3rd. We had a good turnout and a great time despite the rainy weather. The rain stopped just in time for us to go to the fireworks at the Scandia Valley town hall. The 8th the youth participated at the community picnic. Jess is finishing up a lesson on "friends".

September starts with our youth heading back to school. Please remember to keep our youth, the teachers and our schools in your prayers. See You at the Pole is September 26th. See you at the Pole is student led prayer at the flag pole of schools across the nation on the same day. In September Craig will be starting a lesson on "family".

Looking ahead, the first B.A.Y Rally is October 10th.

For any questions please feel free to contact Jessica Judd (218)296-2441 or Craig Weigel (218)839-0007.

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

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



In Children's Ministry News:

The children's ministry will see a few changes as we head into September!

Nursery Care will remain the same during both services for children 0-3 years of age, but we are still in need of more volunteers who are interested in helping with our little ones. If you are interested please talk with Linda Beebe!

Children's Church is during our first service each week. The children dismiss during the sermon to go have their own Bible story lesson with Sheri Johnson and help.

The biggest changes are taking place in our Sunday school classes. It is September and children are changing grades and we are going back to having four Sunday School classes starting Sept. 2, 2018. The preschool-Kindergarten teacher will remain the same with Jason Caldwell and Logan Michalson but they will be moving classrooms to the back room. The 1st-2nd grade class will be taught by Jennifer Mallory, who is still in need of an assistant, if any one is interested please see Jessica Judd. This class will meet in the current pre-K room. The 3rd-4th Grade class will be led by Grace Johnson and Brenda Romig. They will meet in the big area. 5th-6th grade will temporarily meet in the back-corner room, until our new basement accordion door divider arrives at which time they will meet on one end of the basement and the 3rd and 4th graders will meet on the opposite end. When this happens our youth class will begin to meet during the second service in the back-corner room as well. This will allow for all our children/youth Sunday school classes to be held at the same time!! All of our children are using the Bible In-Life curriculum this fall for Sunday School. If you have questions please see Jessica Judd



We are 2 weeks away from kick-off night! And we are looking to fill in some volunteer roles!

- Do like to help organize kick-ball or other large group games to teach kids skills like teamwork and looking for a short time commitment each Wednesday- We are looking for **1-2 people** who would like to help organize our **Game Activities** each week from 4:05 to 4:25
- Another short time commitment from approx. 4:30-4:50- **Facilitating the Large Group Lesson**- each week the lesson is laid out, with what to talk about and how.... If you have the ability to speak to kids in a way that gets their attention and the desire to help them understand God's Word, this could be the spot for you—we could use 2-3 people willing to rotate to do this 1x every 3-4 weeks.
- **Our 1st and 2nd grade group is looking for more help**- we are looking for **1-2 people** that would be willing to **facilitate small group time**, again what discussion and activities required are provided in plan book. We are also looking for **several people** that would be willing to **help/mentor 1-2 kids in this group** to follow along with the facilitator (i.e., find Bible Scripture in Bible, help complete activities in Handbook, spend time each week with assigned children praying and just having conversation) This is a bigger time commitment, 3:30ish to 5:30

What do we do each week???? Every week the kids come after school, if they are at the Middle School they walk over with 2 volunteers, Staples Elementary kids ride a bus, along with a volunteer from church, and are dropped off at the door of the church, Pillager students are picked up by 2 volunteers in our church van. *(If you would be willing to be on a sub list to help fill in when help is needed for these areas, let us know)*. After they arrive here at the church, we feed them a light supper (another opportunity for you to be involved!), then we open our time up with Songs and Prayer, dismiss for Game Time where kids play upstairs (loud and active) or downstairs (board games and quieter). After Game time our 1st-6th graders come back together for Large Group time, learn the weekly lesson and then dismiss to Small Group time, where Grade Levels split up around the building to discuss more about the weekly lesson and learn application and memory verse. We then close out our night with joining up in the sanctuary with a song and prayer!

There really are many opportunities to use your gifts and talents with the kids in our community and to show them the LOVE OF JESUS through this ministry! Sign up today to help!

Upcoming Events ---

Sept 5th) Kitchen Team Meeting @11 a.m.; **Sept 12th)** Open House Registration Night 6-7 p.m.; **Sept 19th)** 1st regular night 3:30-5:30- Creation Night; **Sept 26th)** School Spirit; **Oct 3)** Sport Night

-Valerie Johnson, Kidz Club Director, 218-296-1706

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN AREA TO HELP OR GET INVOLVED IN THE MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH? LOOK NO FURTHER:

The Motley Free Methodist Church has a hand in a lot of areas, some are areas of your gifts and talents and we could sure use YOU!! Please see the list below and talk to Linda Beebe if you are interested in getting involved!!

- Widow Ministry-visiting a widow in our church
- Church Library-Organization and up keep
- Mentorship-Mentoring a new Christian or youth
- Cleaning Help-after funerals or other events
- Making Meals for those who are sick or had surgeries
- Being a part of a kitchen crew to help make food for funerals/assist at them or pot-luck dinners
- Facilitating a new Bible Study
- Making baby blankets for the women's ministry (we give to all new babies in the church)
- Children's Ministry:
 - *Nursery Care (Linda Beebe)
 - *Children's Church first Service (Sheri Johnson)
 - *Sunday School Classes Teachers/Assistants and Subs (Jessica Judd)
 - *All-In Kids Club Leaders, Assistants, Subs (Val Johnson)
 - *Youth Group helpers (Craig Weigel or Jessica Judd)
 - *Vacation Bible School (Jessica Judd)
- Prayer Groups (Saturday nights or Wednesday Afternoons)
- Visitation-Visiting the sick or elderly
- Baking-Helping provide snacks for our fellowship time between services (see Susie Horstmann)
- Helping with the Homeless (Through New Pathways twice a year-spring and fall)-See Linda B.
- Donating: (This body helps annually with...)

*L.A.P.S

*MN Teen Challenge (collect in Feb.)

*Operation Christmas Child (Oct.-Nov.)

*Back to School Kits (Aug.)

*Thanksgiving Baskets (Nov.)

*Christmas Goodie Bags (Dec.)

*Great Coat Give Away (Oct.)

*Angel Tree in our Church (Nov.-Dec)

*First Babies-Baby Showers for families in body

*Other ministries: Gideons, Run for the Son, etc...

- Musicians to play special music periodically or consider filling in on the praise team when needed

- Outreach Activities:

Community Picnics

Yearly Parade/Float

Bountiful Harvest Festival

Christmas Eve Service

Thanksgiving Service

Vacation Bible School

All-In Kids Clubs

Youth Group

Good Friday Service

- Wood Working abilities building or helping with items in the church or needs of those in the church, set building, etc...
- Getting and cutting wood for those in the body
- Arts/Crafts: for decorating, activities for adults or kids, etc...
- Painting (decorative or painting walls for the church if needed)
- If you have another talent you feel the Lord is calling you to use but just may not be sure how, please tell us maybe we know of a good fit for you!!

Thank you for all you do for the kingdom of God!

BOA MINUTES – 08/20/2018

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

Guests: Val Johnson, Jessica Judd and Marilyn O'Regan

Devotional/Prayer

Heb 11:1 – Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

The voice of the unbeliever says “Yes, I am a believer. I believe in the bible, I believe in God and I believe He will bless some other people, some other place, some other time”. By thinking this unbelief, we are bringing the work of God to a halt in these people, in these places, at this time. At what level is our faith, what level do we really trust in Him? Chronic unbelief does not know what faith really means.

Lord, we claim these three words: **now, here, and us**. We pray we have true belief. Amen.

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

Treasurer's Report - The beginning balance in checking account of \$62,161.66 with deposits of \$227,263.74 for a total of \$289,425.40. Year to date expenses were \$209,236.19, leaving a balance in checking as of July 31, 2018, of \$80,189.21. Free Methodist Loan Fund is \$51,098.16 and the local Savings Account balance is \$11,810.23. Traci made a motion to accept the July Treasurer's Report and Mary seconded that motion. No discussion, motion carried.

Old Business:

Van Use Policy – This policy is already in place. We will implement a log book for mileage and oil changes. Pastoral Group will decide if any requests made to use the van are church events or they will bring the request to the board if they feel necessary.

New Business:

Letter of Resignation – Charlie Poulton submitted his letter of resignation tendering his and Estelle's duties within the church. Their absence will be a huge loss to the church and the many ministries they serve here at MFMC. We wish them many blessings in finding a new church family as they relocate to North Carolina.

Classroom Dividers – The order for classroom dividers have already been placed and Tim Judd will be in charge of installing/setting in place.

Potluck Picnic at The Rose Ranch – On September 2nd after the second service, Marie and Dan Rose will host a “Pigroast” Potluck to welcome the Mallorys' to our church family.

Set Free Movement – Ashley will speak here on Sept 30 to discuss Set Free Sunday and tell us her story. We will plan a potluck that day after the second service.

Badge Sunday – We will not have a Badge Sunday this year, but will consider this event again next year.

Pastor Salik – On October 28 Pastor Salik will be here to speak. We currently send \$1000.00 monthly to support his ministry.

Henriette Free Methodist Church – Our sister church near Hinckley did not have flood insurance. They have currently received \$5,000 in donations towards the 30K – 40K needed to rebuild/replace their belongings. After much discussion the board made a motion to donate \$10,000. First motion made by Tim, seconded by Dan. All agreed, motion carried.

Bible Study for 19-30 Year Olds – Pastor Charles discussed starting a new bible study geared towards millennials. The curriculum (Soul Detox) discusses ways to “detox” from worldly thinking and socialization. Different ideas were discussed to promote this upcoming bible study along with various ways/locations to reach this age group.

Seal Coat the Parking Lot – The board agrees to get an estimate to seal coat, fill in cracks and re-stripe the parking lot.

Tent City – There is not a local event this year for our youth to attend Tent City. Jess would like to put one on here at MFMC or (depending on number of attendees) at the Motley Fairgrounds. She would like to hold this during MEA weekend. Jess will be in contact with the City of Motley for their approval, possible sponsorship and security. The youth would have to raise participation money to donate towards New Pathways. Updates and more discussion will take place at the September board meeting.

Next Meeting: September 17, 2018, at 6:30 pm.

September 2018

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6:00 Prayer
Time

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9:00 First Serv.
10:30 Second
5:30 Young
Married Couples
***Potluck at
Rose's**

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4:00 Worship
Practice

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10:00 Bible
Study
6:30 Bible Study
***6:00
GriefShare**

05

9:30 Bible Study
12:00 Prayer Time
12:00 AA Meeting
5:30 Youth Group

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6:30 Men's
Group
6:30 Women's
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12:00 AA
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***10:00 Women's
Ministry Meeting**
***11:00 Baby
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6:00 Prayer
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Married Couples

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4:00 Worship
Practice

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6:00 GriefShare

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***7:30 See You at
the Pole**
9:30 Bible Study
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6:30 Women's
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12:00 AA
Meeting

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6:00 Prayer
Time

30

***Set Free
Sunday**
5:30 Young
Married Couples