



# Motley Free Methodist Church "In His Grip"

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## A Few Words from Pastor Jim:

II Chronicles 20: 15 & 17 (NIV) *"He said, listen King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the Lord says to you; Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's ..... You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions, stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you"*

I say, hallelujah!

What seemingly insurmountable battle are you facing today dear friends? God is with you. God loves you. God will show up! Stand strong and wait upon and trust the Living God. May He be praised as He walks with us through these battles, may He receive glory as He takes control of your situation. Hallelujah!

The calendar says September this week. Wow!

September means it is time for AWANA. Thank you, leaders and volunteers, it will be a good year. Praise God! If you can or would like to help out this season in some capacity, please see one of the leaders (Traci Birkholtz, Brandi Neal, Susie Nundahl) sometime soon to see how you might be able to help somewhere, sometime.

September means school. May we be in prayer for all of our students, both those locally, home schooled and those in post-secondary places.

September is one of our months to conduct Sunday morning services at the Staples Care Center. Thank you, Ron Stokes, Traci Birkholtz, Charles and Jennifer Mallory and others who help and have helped with this ministry. If you want to be a part of those Sunday morning services, please see Ron or Traci or Pastor Charles. We will conduct those morning services for them again in November.

Your BOA, Charles and I are working with our Superintendent and among ourselves as to how to do a more intentional job of making disciples. We are praying, we are strategizing and we will have some new opportunities for discipleship and discipleship making in the very near future, please keep an eye out for that. We would love for you to be a part of that.

Thank you again to our current BOA, our ministry leaders, our teachers and volunteers of many kinds. God bless you all, as we serve our communities and our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you would like to "serve" in some capacity; whether that is to those elderly that are in care facilities or at home, or widows, or children, or funerals or something else, please let Charles, Linda or I know and we will help you get involved. Thank you in advance for your commitment to serve and make disciples, who make disciples.

Thank you to all of you for being a part of our family. God bless you, God has blessed us. May we strive to serve Jesus in our communities and around the world however God may ask us to.

I will mention this in the next Newsletter too, but allow me to say it here. Thank you, BOA and Charles and ministry leaders for allowing me the time off next month for surgery and recovery, as medical leave. Thank you. We were planning for a sabbatical for me during October but now we are planning for a medical leave to deal with health issues.

I will be out from September 30<sup>th</sup> through November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please refer all concerns and questions to Pastor Charles, Pastor Marie Rose and the BOA, they will take care of you.

Maybe we will talk about sabbatical at another time.

God bless you.

Serving Jesus and serving you. Pastor Jim

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## Upcoming Event

- \*Sept. 4-AWANA Staff Meeting at 4:30 pm
- \*Sept. 7-Women's Meeting at 10 am with
- \*Sept. 7-Baby Shower for Michaela Jenkins at 11 am
- \*Sept. 11-Fall Festival Kick off for AWANA and Youth Group!
- \*Sept. 22- BOA Meeting
- \*Sept. 25-Youth BAY RALLY

## 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!*

## Young Adult Ministries

This month, I'll get right to the point...*we need help!* We need you, your gifts, abilities and time. **Consider this an open invitation:** WE NEED YOU! We have openings and need in many of the opportunities here at the Church to minister to others. We need help with AWANA, Discipleship Groups, and in Sunday School...especially for male role-models to help with the Childrens classes. Maybe consider being a "male presence" in the class to assist the Teacher or to start a "Young Men's class" for our younger boys. The possibilities are endless!!

We need to come together as a team...after all, "T.E.A.M." stands for, "Together Everyone Achieves More. *Will you take the initiative and find a place where you can dig-in, excel and be a blessing to someone? Not sure? Let's get together....talk about it...and see where you can be of service to God's glory!*

Our "Social Media" ministry outreach remains steady and statistics a little lower as I was on vacation for two weeks and didn't post or interact on social-media very often. First, our **Twitter** page holds steady with 56 "followers." We had 3,700 views in August with an average of 115 people interacting with our Church Twitter page each day. We saw 329 people access two of our Sunday worship services and Pastor's sermons (audio and video). Secondly, our Church **blog-page** published 2 new articles with 465 checking in to read.

Many things happening...very good things! Will you join in and become a part of it? *Looking forward to seeing you!*

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## Women's Ministry News:

The women's ministry group met at 9 am Saturday, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>. The women's group gave a wedding devotional to Ashley and Brandon Woods, married here at the church by pastor Jim on Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>. The women also put together 10 second grade kits for the CARE committee in Staples, plus several other donations of school supplies came in to give out to our own children in the church! Thank you all for your support. The Women's group continues to give out prayer shawls. We are down to just a few left, if you are gifted in crocheting and have time to put a few together to give to those sick, hospitalized, having surgeries, that would be greatly appreciated. The Women also discussed sewing circle and/or sewing pillow cases with Connie Nelson. If you are interested in a sewing circle or sewing pillow cases please see Connie Nelson about the pillow cases or Sheri Johnson regarding some quilting. The women's group also sent a baby afghan with Valerie Johnson for baby Melody, and we will be hosting a baby shower for Michaela Jenkins on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. Please join us for the fun and celebrating the birth of their new baby boy, Immanuel Vasquez. Our next women's meeting will be on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> followed by the shower. This is a change from Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> due to a wedding here at the church. The shower will be a pot-luck brunch with breakfast items if you are able to join us! Michaela and Christian are registered at Target. Looking ahead, in September the women will host the baby shower, and discuss the up coming project from October to December which get busy with pastor appreciation, Angel Tree Project, Thanksgiving boxes and Christmas goodie bags, besides the poinsettia ministry. We would be happy to have you all join us for any or all of these meetings. We continue to meet the second Saturday of the month at 10 am! If you have questions regarding the women's ministry please see Jessica Judd 😊

## Youth News:

August was busy, on the 14<sup>th</sup> the youth participated in the last Community Picnic at Ernie Converse Park. The 21<sup>st</sup> we had a great time at the Judd's for our Youth Group Cookout. At the cookout we ate, had devotions, played games and just hung out. A big thanks to Tim and Jess for hosting the cookout. Jess did the lesson on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> John.

September is always hectic with school starting and fall activities. September 11<sup>th</sup> is the Fall Festival and registration night for AWANA. The Fall Festival will have food, games and fun for all, everyone is welcome to attend. September 25<sup>th</sup> will be a busy day; the day starts out with See You at the Pole. See You at the Pole is a student lead prayer around their school's flag pole. Later that day we will have pizza and go to the first B.A.Y. Rally of the year. Craig will be doing the lessons this month.

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

### September

9/1- Dayton & Samantha/ Tammy & Cassidy  
9/8- Diane J. & Deb C./ Lisa M. & Natalie S.  
9/15- Melaine S. & Margaret F./ Marisela & Ashley  
9/22- Nick & Lonna D./ Traci & Bel B.  
9/29- Dale & Carla/ Brandi N. & Pat B.

### October

10/6- Linda B. & Grace J/ Mary N. & Lilly N.  
10/13- Dayton & Samantha/ Lonny & Cathi D  
10/20- Diane J. & Deb C./ Sandy K. & Morgan S.  
10/27- Melaine S. & Margaret F./Tammy & Cassidy

### November

11/3- Nick & Lonna D./ Lisa M. & Natalie S.  
11/10- Dale & Carla/ Marisela & Ashley  
11/17- Linda B. & Grace J/ Traci & Bel B.  
11/24- Dayton & Samantha/ Brandi N. & Pat B.



## In Children's Ministry News:

As we head into September, we hit the new school year and begin new Sunday school classes. The first service children's programming will remain the same, children's church during the sermon led by Sheri Johnson and Marisela Vasquez. Tim Judd also has a youth Sunday school class during that time frame from 9:15-10:00 am. They will be looking at Debunking Evolution. During the second service our Sunday school classes will continue with Jason Caldwell and Michaela Fisher continuing to lead our preschool/Kindergarten age children. Jennifer Mallory will be teaching the 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders and Mary Duberowski will begin teaching our 4-6<sup>th</sup> graders. In addition, Chris Neal along with Traci Birkholtz will continue leading our youth class during our second service. The preschool through elementary age children will continue using the Bible in Life Curriculum. Nursery care is still available during both services for children aged 0-3 years old. If you have any questions regarding the nursery or would like to help with the nursery in future, please see Linda Beebe! Our Fall Festival this year will be on Sept. 11, 2019 5:30-7:30 pm. We will have pot-luck soup, chili and sandwich meal, with fall desserts. If you are able to help with food please sign up on the back table. We will also need help with games. There will be games, hay rides, and a bounce house, along with cotton candy and popcorn! Come join us for a fun evening and register your kids for AWANA or youth group if they have not joined us yet!



This year back to school also means back to AWANA! We have been busy planning and are looking forward to a year full of hiding God's Word in our hearts, learning how to apply it to lives and having fun! AWANA is for kids pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, beginning after school until 5:30 pm. We will provide supper for the kids at 3:30 pm.

We will have our final AWANA leader training on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 5:30. We need ALL helpers to attend, as we will be running through what the night will look like. On September 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30, as a part of Fall Festival, we will have a sign-up night for AWANA. Then on September 18<sup>th</sup> we will have our first night of club.

It takes the whole church to successfully disciple our kids in God's truth. Please consider how YOU can be using your unique talents and abilities in raising up the next generation. See Traci Birkholtz or Brandi Neal if you have any questions.

### Schedule:

**Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>**- Leader training at 4:30 pm, **Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>** - Fall Festival 5:30-7:30, **Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>** - Regular club, **Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>** -Backwards Night

## BOA MINUTES – 8/19/2019

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

**Guests:** Jessica Judd

**Devotional / Prayer:** Titus 2:11-12

**Sec. Report** Chris made a motion to accept the July 15, 2019 Minutes, Susie seconded that motion. No discussion, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The beginning balance in the checking account was \$82,526.21 with deposits of \$33,956.64. Expenses were \$37,591.62 leaving a balance in checking as of July 31, 2019, of \$78,891.23. Our Motley Savings Account balance is \$11,816.14. Dan made a motion to accept the June Treasurer's Report and Wayne seconded that motion. All agreed, motion carried.

### Old Business:

**Kids Club for 2019/20 & Awana Registration:** A volunteer training is set for September 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00, we will do answer questions and do a "walk-through" of the night. Registration night and the Fall Festival is scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30. The first night of Awana officially begins on September 18<sup>th</sup> and runs from 3:30 (after school) until 5:30. There are two busses scheduled to come from Staples. We will need volunteers at the Staples schools to help assist kids getting on the correct busses.

**Youth Group Motley Missions Project:** A check has been written out to the City of Motley.

**Disciples Who Make Disciples:** The board discussed ways we can reach out and help others to see what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

**Video Capabilities Upstairs:** We have the needed cords, however Gary or an electrician will be contacted at this time.

**Pastor Salik Here on August 25:** Marie and Dan Rose will be hosting a potluck on August 25, following the second service. Dan made a motion to give him the offering from August 25<sup>th</sup> service, while the September 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Kingdom Offering) will go into the church general operating fund (essentially swapping out the offerings of August 25<sup>th</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in September). Susie seconded the motion. All agreed, motion carried.

### New Business:

**Sabbatical for Pastor Jim:** Pastor Jim's current duties have been (or will be) assigned to others for the period of time that he is expected to be out. Depending on when the surgery is scheduled, the sabbatical may be postponed to a later date while sick time is utilized.

**Church planting / satellite church / daughter church:** Our church is healthy enough to be able to help others. Are there opportunities where we can help others? We need to pray for God's will and leading.

**Supt. Mike here Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>:** He is trying to sit in on board meetings during his travels. We can accommodate him during his September visit here. We will have our next BOA meeting September 22<sup>nd</sup> after the second service.

**Other:** Should we consider putting money from our checking account into a savings account for requests outside of or in excess of our normal budget. A two month operating budget is recommended to keep in checking. A savings account doesn't offer much in interest, however it is a good disciplinary habit to keep the operating budget separate from the checking account. No action was taken at this time.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting is September 22, 2019