



# Motley Free Methodist Church

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## A Few Words from Pastor Jim:

Psalm 18:1-3 (NKJV) *"I will love you O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength in whom I trust. My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies".*

When you look at and read these words the Psalmist uses here to describe God, we are reminded all over again of God's goodness. Aren't we?

Now let me say this too. We all have troubles, trials, tribulations, pain, hurt and suffering to some degree....do you know what I am saying friends? We

all do. We all have bad days, and bad weeks and bad memories and bad experiences. Sometimes those are even in the church.

**BUT GOD!** Look at those words again. "Fortress, rock, deliverer, strength, stronghold, horn of my salvation, shield"

These are all words used to describe how good God is. So the next time you are under attack, hurting, tired, lonely, distraught and every other thing that is bothering you....try to remember Psalm 18. Try to remember these words and be reminded of who God is and of who He is to you. And then say, like this Psalm writer, **"I will love you O Lord, my strength"**.

May God be glorified in our weaknesses and troubles. May God be glorified always.

This is the August newsletter, which means summer is fleeting fast. Kind of like life when you think about it. There are several things that I want to mention once more if I may.

Next Sunday (August 7) Pastor Salik will be here to speak at Sunday morning services, and then he will speak again on Sunday evening and answer questions and give updates as to their ministry there in Pakistan. These gatherings will NOT be broadcast via Facebook Live, due to safety concerns for his church and family. Please plan to join us and hear from our brother in Christ that day. Please pray for Pastor Salik.

August will be the last full month that Linda Beebe is with us, as our church treasurer and administrative assistant. We will miss Linda but Thank God for her and the new chapter that will begin for her soon. Thank you, Linda, for being part of our family and fulfilling these positions for several years.

What does this mean? It means we need a new treasurer and a new administrative assistant asap.

We have received some resumes for the positions and will finalize these positions very soon. IF you are still interested in being considered for either position, please see Linda or Jim before Thursday of this week. Applications will close that day.

Please join the BOA and I in prayer as we consider who will be our next treasurer and our next administrative assistant. Once the BOA has arrived at the potential treasurer, we will ask for approval from the entire church membership. So, if you are a current member, you will be voting on that soon.

Once again, I will also mention this; if you are interested in becoming a "member" at MFMC please see Jim soon so I can schedule a Membership Class again.

The last announcement I want to reiterate is this; I want to give a HUGE Thank You to every one of you who help in any way with children, kids or youth. We need you and we appreciate you all.

With that said, once again we will need to do mandatory Child Safety Training, for all of us who work with children in any capacity. These training sessions are now scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) at 5pm and August 27<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) at 9am. Please put one of these dates on your calendar and plan to be trained again. Thanks again so much for working with our children and youth.

Pray for our future friends. Pray for the next assistant pastor as well as those positions already mentioned. Pray for souls in our communities to come to Jesus Christ as Lord. Pray that we continue to train up Disciple Makers and that we make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Pray for the upcoming AWANA season which will start in September also.

It is a very busy time. BUT God is good all the time. May we seek HIM together and trust Him for it all.

Serving Jesus and serving you, Jim

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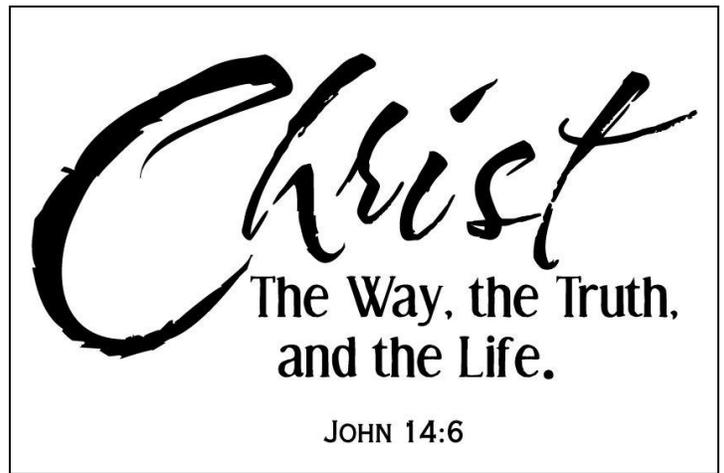
## Upcoming Event

### Small Group Information:

- \*Aug. 7-Pastor Salik Here
- \*Aug. 8-BOA Meeting at 6:30 pm
- \*Aug. 10-Community Picnic at 5 pm Converse Park
- \*Aug. 14-AWANA Sunday
- \*Aug. 17- Child Protection Training at 5:00 pm
- \*Aug. 24-Youth Cookout at Judd's
- \*Aug. 27- Child Protection Training at 9:00 am

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.

- Sunday morning 9:00 Children's Church
- Sunday morning 10:30 Adult Sunday School
- Sunday morning 10:30 Youth Sunday School
- Sunday morning 10:30 Children's Church/Sunday School
- Sunday evening 6:00 Men's Discipleship Class
- Tuesday evening 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday morning 9:30 in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday afternoon 12:00 pm prayer time
- Wednesday evening 6:00 pm Youth Group
- Thursday evening 6:00 Youth Bible Study at the Judd's house
- Thursday evening 6:30 Men's Group
- Thursday evening 6:30 Women's Bible Study
- Saturday evening 6:00 prayer group at the church



### FREE Community event:

When: September 14 at 5:00 pm

Please join us for a free meal, games, treats, cotton candy, popcorn, hayrides, bounce house, and lots of great FUN!

## Women's Ministry News:

The women's ministry group met Saturday, July 9 at 9 am. The women have a time of devotions and prayer and looking ahead as to how we can continue to reach out to others in love.

This month's project included hosting a bridal shower for Tatum Scull, who will soon be married to Sye Reynolds here at the church. Please continue to pray for this couple!

The women's group could use more prayer shawls as we have had many to send out lately. Thank you again to Karen Seaberg for sending out the prayer shawls! It is an important ministry!

Thank you to those who continue to send cards to those in the care centers!  
The women's ministry group will meet again on Saturday, Aug. 13 at 9 am discussing our upcoming projects!

Please consider joining us!

## Youth News:

July 13<sup>th</sup> was the second community picnic at Ernie Converse Park. Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> the youth led both services, they did the whole service from the music, announcements, testimonies, greeting, scripture reading and a skit. July 20<sup>th</sup> the youth group participated in the Brainerd Youth for Christ fund raiser at Pirates Cove North of Brainerd. We had 23 youth and 3 adults attend the fund raiser. July 24<sup>th</sup> was Baptism Sunday, we had 6 youth get baptized. In July one youth asked the Jesus into their life. July was an absolutely, awesome month! August starts off a guest speaker, Chloe Kramer a 19-year-old college student will talk for about 15 minutes on the sanctity of life. Jess is starting a lesson on the book of John. August 10 is the last Community picnic at Ernie Converse Park. August 24<sup>th</sup> the youth group will be at the Judd's for our end of summer cook out. Cassidy Radueg will do the devotions. The cookout is usually the day we say goodbye to our graduated seniors as they head off to college.

Looking ahead. September 9-10 Kingdom Youth Conference. September 14<sup>th</sup> Fall Festival and July 2023 youth mission trip.

If anyone is interested in becoming a mentor for one of our youths, please let us know. We will try and make a good match between an adult and youth.

If we can be of any help to any of the youth, please text, call or message any of the Youth Leaders and we will be glad to pray, talk or just listen to any of you!

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)

## Nursery Schedule- First Service/Second Service

### August

8/7- Melaine & Mistalove/Jane C. & Janet S.

8/14- Jennifer K. & Clara J./Brandi & Clara N.

8/21- Brenda R. & Clara J./Marisela & Clara J.

8/28- Diane J. & Clara J./Pat B. & Clara N.



If you would like to help in the Nursery this coming year, please see Jennifer Kloss.



## In Children's Ministry News:

### Mandatory Child Protection Training:

Wed., August 17 @ 5:00 pm *OR* Sat., August 27 @ 9:00 am.

If you work with children in any area, please plan on attending one of these trainings!



Even though club does not start until September 21<sup>st</sup>, we have a lot of important meetings and information to cover before then. First, if you are **interested in helping** in any way please speak with Brandi Neal, Jess Judd, Traci Birkholtz to find out where you are needed. We still are in need of a large group leader/s, and adult women to disciple the 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grade girls.

Second, all leaders and helpers **need to go through Child Safety training** and have an updated background check. There are two scheduled days for this training to occur, Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00, or Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. You must attend one of these.

Third, church family, please be in **prayer** for our club, leaders, and children. Our children need Jesus, and they need loving, caring adults to disciple them. Please be **inviting children** to club. Finally, we hope to see everyone at August 10<sup>th</sup> picnic, as we enjoy the last bit of summer before fall activities pick up.

**Schedule:** August 10<sup>th</sup> Community Picnic, 5:00; August 17<sup>th</sup>- Child Safety Training, 5:00 pm; August 27<sup>th</sup>- Child Safety Training, 9:00AM; September 7<sup>th</sup>- Awana Leader Orientation at the Church, 5:00 pm.  
September 14<sup>th</sup> – Fall Festival, 5:00; September 21<sup>st</sup> – Awana Starts

## **Christian Education Meeting- July 26, 2022**

Discussion Held:

Opening Scripture and prayer-Psalm 127:3 and Proverbs 22:6

\*Child Safety Training will take place on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 5 pm and Saturday, August 27 at 9 am. All people working with our children will need to attend this training.

\*Children's church is held during the first service, which is led by Sheri Johnson and Marisela Vasquez-all is going well. They continue to tell the children Bible stories weekly and could use some more paper and newer crayons!

\*Sunday School classes are during our second service: Preschool/Elementary class is led by Jason Caldwell and Jared Leehy. They continue to use the Bible in Life curriculum. Early Elementary class is led by Barb Hirschev and she is still in need of a second to sit in on her class. She also uses the Bible in Life curriculum. She would like the work packet and access to a computer for her curriculum. She also has asked for a new whiteboard, as hers no longer comes clean! Traci Birkholtz has taken on our upper elementary students, and she is currently using the Hands On Bible curriculum. She will stick with that for now! She is in need of a CD player, which we will get for her. Her and Chris Neal may switch sides in the basement for their classrooms as Chris and Jon will be trying the TrueU curriculum and need a TV and DVD player for the youth class.

\*This year's children's Christmas program will be held Sunday, December 18, 2022, at 10:30 am. Sarah Bendson has graciously agreed to take on the task of heading up the program this year! She will begin practices on Sunday, October 23, 2022, at 10:30 am. We appreciate her taking this on!

\*VBS 2022 went very well! Praise be to God! There were 98 different children involved, 22 youth and 45 Adults! The children raised \$336.87 for Operation Kid to Kid project. Next year's VBS will be June 19-23, 2022, from 4:30-7:30 pm We are looking at Stellar or Babylon! We pray the children are still looking for God sightings and remembering to "Trust Jesus!"

\*AWANA 2022-2023-Calendar of events was passed out for 2022. Brandi will be having an AWANA Sunday on August 14 to promote this year's AWANA clubs! On Wednesday, September 7 at 5 pm there will be an AWANA meeting. There are many early releases this year. Brandi is in need of large group time leader(s) Looking for Sparks leaders, 2 boys' groups and 3 girl TNT groups at least! AWANA will have another Derby night in April 2023! Also, looking to host a Christmas Event like last year's Easter event on December 21! Looking to have kids bussed from Staples again. Please promote to children and families you know!!

\*Fall Festival will be held Wednesday, September 14 at 5 pm. We will need many hands to run games and head up the meal! It was also discussed to have another Homemade ice cream making contest! Possibly checking for live music outdoors this year, games, AWANA registration, also looking for a few new games and picture board to be made. Donation signup sheet is already on the back table! Looking to do a walking Taco meal!

\*Nursery Care-Jennifer Kloss has agreed to head up the nursery as Linda Beebe will be getting married and moving away. Jennifer will help oversee the nursery care and keeping the nursery and toys cleaned. We are very thankful for Linda's years of service and are grateful for Jennifer's willing heart and experience to step in and fill this spot, to help love and care for our babies! Thank you, Linda and Thank you Jennifer!

\*Youth Group update! This past week was a blessing as 6 youth decided to get baptized, 1 made a commitment to Christ. The youth led service went fabulous! Craig and Jess take turns leading youth lessons. There are monthly activities to encourage our youth to invite their friends. Craig is looking into 2 different mission trip possibilities for next July. One is through youthworks again, the other is with a company called Group work camps. Both Trips are in South Dakota. A \$50.00 deposit will need to be made for the missions trip by October. Also, it was asked if we would be doing another box city event, which Craig and Jess will ask the youth about. This is a fundraising event and sleeping in a box to raise awareness for homelessness!

\*There is one community picnic event left on Wednesday, August 10 at 5 pm. This year we have brought the bounce house and some yard games to try and help encourage younger families to attend! We are thankful for Alex Griffith and Kevin Swecker heading these events up and the many hands that work the kitchen!

\*\*We are also striving to find ways to get younger families and children involved in the church and coming to Jesus Christ! Some ideas to think about include sledding day, swimming day-thank you to Kevin and Melaine for encouraging young families to come and swim after the baptisms! It was a beautiful day! Family movie night? Other ideas?

Thank you to all who serve our children and families! We love you. We need you. We are raising up the next generation to love, follow and serve Jesus Christ!

\*Train a child up in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it! -Proverbs 22:6

**BOA Motley Free Methodist Church**  
**BOA Meeting Minutes**  
**July 18, 2022**

**Devotional/Prayer**—Pastor Jim read scripture 1 John 3:2-3. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. The devotional reflection came from Tozer, titled, Another Day of Preparation. We have a pure God—with a stainless person, a fullness of purity, more than we can fathom. We know God is always right. We must be grateful to our God who keeps us in His plan. Within the framework of, “Spiritual preparation”, God challenges us to go and make disciples. The harvest field is ripe. We exist to prepare others to come to know Christ as Savior—to both within the church and the un-churched.

**Secretary Report**—Motion to accept made by Tim Judd, 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Craig Weigel. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report**—Report completed thru June 30<sup>th</sup>. The church added \$1670.25.00 to the MNTC Sunday offerings to total the gift of \$7,500.00. The church provided financial help of \$601.19 to one individual with support for vehicle repair and electric bill. Motion to accept made by Craig Weigel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carla Leehy. Motion carried.

**Old Business—**

**Prayer**—Board had an open prayer seeking the Lord Jesus for clear direction.

**New Business—**

- **Pastor Salik** will be visiting from August 6<sup>th</sup> thru August 8<sup>th</sup>. Board discussed a donation that would go to Pastor Salik. Tim Judd motioned that we give Salik the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of July offering. Traci Birkholtz 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- **Hartley Concert**—July 31<sup>st</sup> will be a freewill offering. Chris Neal will be introducing them that evening.
- Minnesota Christian Broadcasting (MCBI)—Craig Weigel motioned to sponsor the Weather broadcasting for three months. Chris Neal 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- **Future Staff for MFMC**—Board discussed the job descriptions for the following positions: 1) Treasurer. The person applying must be a member. After Pastor Jim confirms from the conference guidelines, he will put together a one-page job description and present it to the Board. 2) Administrative Assistant. An update will be made to reflect changes suggested by Linda Beebe. New copies will be sent to the BOA, and then handed out to those who want to apply. 3) Assistant Pastor. Pastor Jim will make changes to the current application and send a copy to BOA for approval.
- **FMCUSA Vision frame/Mission sheet**—Board reviewed a handout and discussed the criteria under Spiritual aliveness section which aim is to ignite a Spirit-fueled movement within the FMCUSA. The board was asked to grade our church based on the criteria of this handout.
- **Pastor Jim Vacation**—Pastor Jim will be on vacation the week of August 29<sup>th</sup> thru September 4<sup>th</sup>. Matt Urspringer will be preaching on September 4<sup>th</sup> and Casey Reynolds will be preaching on October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Other**—we all recognize and praise the wonderful job that the youth did in last week's Youth Lead Service

**Closing Prayer**—Prayer offered by Casey Reynolds.

**Next Meeting**—August 8, 2022, at 6:30

**Present**—Pastor Jim Johnson, Chris Neal, Brandi Neal, Matt Urspringer, Kevin Swecker, Traci Birkholtz, Carla Leehy, Casey Reynolds, Kim Reynolds, Craig Weigel, Tim Judd, Jessica Judd, Linda Beebe, Barbara Hirschey

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
		6:30pm - Bible	9:30am - Bible 12pm - AA 12pm - Prayer 6pm - Youth Group	6pm - Young 6:30pm - Men's 6:30pm - Women's	10:30am - Ladies' 12pm - AA 4pm - Wedding	<b>Sye &amp; Tatum</b> 6pm - Prayer
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>Pastor Salik Here!</b> 9am - First 10:30am - Second	6:30pm - BOA	6:30pm - Bible	<b>Community Picnic</b> 9:30am - Bible 12pm - AA 12pm - Prayer	6pm - Young 6:30pm - Men's 6:30pm - Women's	10:30am - Ladies' 12pm - AA	<b>Bob Lovelace</b> 9am - Women's 6pm - Prayer
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>AWANA Sunday</b> 9am - First 10:30am - Second		6:30pm - Bible	<b>Child Safety</b> 9:30am - Bible 12pm - AA 12pm - Prayer 6pm - Youth Group	<b>Carpets Cleaned</b> 6pm - Young 6:30pm - Men's 6:30pm - Women's	10:30am - Ladies' 12pm - AA	<b>Pastor's Meeting</b> 6pm - Prayer
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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