



Motley Free Methodist Church "In His Grip"

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A Word from the Pastor:

Joshua 24:15 (NIV) *But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are now living. But as for me and my household we will serve the Lord.*

I have come to conclude that serving the Lord God is much more than words. I have also come to conclude, that it is time for His church to not just say "we will serve the Lord" but live it too. God has been so faithful to us here at Motley FMC. God is ministering to our communities through you. Did you know that God wants to use you to glorify Him, right where you are.....not just on Sunday mornings, but right where you are? God wants to glorify Himself through you. I hope that is our desire for this New Year; to bring glory to God on a daily basis.

My heart's desire and prayer is that we, in the Motley FMC, do just that this whole year. My heart's desire and prayer for Motley and Leader and our surrounding communities is that they would be saved. Can we make that our churches desire too. "To know HIM and to glorify HIM by making Him known" February will see some exciting events. On February 13th we will have our first "Sweet Heart Banquet" here at the church. This is an opportunity for couples to get out and have a fun evening together. Please see Kathy Broberg for additional information about this. February is also the time we have our annual meeting. On February 21st we will have pot-luck dinner together at noon and immediately following, we will have our annual meeting. I will give a state of the church address and we will elect two people for the Board of Administration and our delegate again. I hope that you can plan to be with us that day. February also brings a new event to our area, which is FMSC (feed my starving children). I am so thankful to you who are going to be part of this event at the Staples college campus on the 6th and 7th. The FMSC volunteers will pack 100,000 meals for hungry children around the world, including Haiti. The other big event for this month, that many of you are involved in, is at the First Baptist Church in Pillager from the 14th-28th. The Baptist church will be housing some homeless families again this year and many of you have offered to feed and be there with them this year. Thank you so much, for all of you volunteers, in all of these events. God bless you for this. It is only February, but it is already time to start thinking about camping this summer. Our church has already received material from 3 camps and we want to encourage young people to be a part of camping. If you want to go to camp this summer and cannot afford it, the church will again have some scholarships to help you get to a camp. Some of our teens are also going on a short-term mission's trip to help at Cass Lake, Minnesota. I am really proud of our young people. They are trying to earn some money to go on this trip. I am especially proud of them for the fact that this is not a glamorous trip to some faraway place, but a trip to help needy people right here in northern Minnesota. Remember what Jesus said; "in as much as you have done it unto the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto Me". Thank you to these young people for being willing to serve and Tim Judd and Marisela Vasquez for chaperoning this event. AWANA is rolling along quite well; we have 40 + students each Wednesday night. Thank you AWANA staff volunteers. Sunday morning children's church and nursery are going along very well too. Thank you to all who are helping make that happen each week. Thank you Sunday school teachers, and small group Bible study leaders. If you have not been in a small group Bible study yet, or lately; please consider one of those offered during the week. You can see them all listed in this newsletter. Finally, thank you to all of you who are humbly seeking the face of God for this church, for our nation, for me, for the sick, for the lost, and for our communities. If we do not seek God in all that we do, we are just spinning our wheels. Thank you for praying. God Bless you all!

In His service

Pastor Jim

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Upcoming Events:

- *Wednesday, February 3-AWANAS Awards night
- *February 5 & 6, 2010-Acquire the Fire Youth Event, Minneapolis, MN.
- *February 6 & 7, 2010-Food My Starving Children Event
- *February 13, 2010-Ladies Group Meeting-9:00 a.m.
- *February 13, 2010-Sweet Hearts Banquet-5:30 p.m.
- *February 21, 2010-Fellowship Dinner and Annual Meeting

There is a time for
everything,
and a season for
every activity under
heaven
-Ecclesiastes 3:1

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 seven small groups meeting...

- Sunday morning at 9:45 in the basement of the church an adult group meets.
- Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m., there is another small group meeting in the church studying from Wesley Materials.
- Tuesday morning study called Character Building for Families at 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement, studying the book of John.
- Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., a group meets in the sanctuary of the church studying Holy inside, Holy outside.
- Please prayerfully consider being apart of the Thursday afternoon intercessory prayer team at the church in 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
- Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Rose's-The Truth Project
- *Please pray about which group you can be apart of or if you have an idea for/or would be willing to lead a different group please see Pastor Jim.*



Ladies Group News:

* The ladies group met Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement. The ladies had devotions, and discussed up-coming projects. The ladies group decided to volunteer at Heart and Hands during the month of January, as they are always in need of volunteers. They also decided to do a "Sweet Hearts Banquet" on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. The meal will be provided by the ladies group, but the couples are asked to sign up for a salad or dessert buffet to be enjoyed by all! We look forward to this fun event for our adults! If you are available to come to any of our meetings, please join us the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Board of Administration Minutes:

* Secretary's Report-Ken motioned to approve as read, Marie seconded, all agreed motion carried.

*Treasurer's Report-beginning balance for 2009- \$3,320.41 in the checking, offerings taken in during 2009 was \$122,653.61 plus a misc. income of \$530.00 totaling \$126,504.02 we spent \$115,077.94 leaving \$11,426.08 in the checking. Neil said that Marie and Neil audited the books for the church in November. Building funds sit at... in Mid-Minnesota is \$16,148.55 plus \$25,000.00 in American National Bank CD. Pastor asked the board to be in prayer for the building, he will promote the 5th Sunday offering this month to add to the building fund. Treasurer's report approved as read.

*The new sanctuary chair's cloth will come in around the 4th of February then they will begin to make them.

*Nominating Committee met today-looking for two board positions and delegate. Dan Rydbom and Richard Broberg will be asked to be on the ballet for buildings and grounds lead. Kathy Broberg and Kandy Magnan will be asked to be on the ballet for small groups lead. Sue Rydbom, Marisela Vasquez, Bob Brown, and Samuel Duberowski will be asked to be on the ballet for delegate. Discussion held.

*Towel Dispensers Etc... Hillyard in Staples, will supply us with all the dispensers we want as long as we buy products from them. Discussion held, Marie motioned to go with Hillyard's, Jessica seconded, all agreed. Motion carried.

*20 people signed up to help with "Feed my Starving Children." The goal is 100,000 meals to feed children. The church raised \$186.00 today to go toward that as well.

*New Pathways project with helping the homeless at the Pillager Baptist church-we have around 15 people volunteering to help with this project.

*Men's Prayer Breakfast-Dan Rydbom stated he would like the men to have a prayer breakfast meeting with the CMA church in Staples and switching between the two churches every other month. (8:00-9:00 a.m. the fourth Saturday of each month.)

*Haiti-the Free Methodist Church houses some people in Port-a-prince Haiti, the last Pastor heard was, 3 people were still missing. There are tremendous needs in Haiti, the bishops fund has already sent some money, Pastor Jim thought we should think of sending some more money to the bishops fund to go to help Haiti (question arose as to where it comes from in the budget-mission aid) Marie would like to send \$500.00-\$1000.00 to the Free Methodist Bishops fund to go to Haiti, Neil motioned to send \$750.00 to send to the Bishops Fund/Haiti, Marie seconded, all agreed, motion carried.

* Marie will be attending the CARE meeting this week, Pastor Jim is suggesting that we possibly help Heart and Hands Ministry here in Motley -they are trying to get a 5013C. How can we be of assistance to a social justice outreach in our community? Pastor Jim asked the board to each take a Monday to help or a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday as they are open to go see them and support them.

*Sign Information-Sue Rydbom gave Pastor Jim some city codes for signs, she also tried to get some information about cost. The Pillager sign cost around \$24,000.00 the new LED sign for Long Prairie was \$20,000.00-\$25,000.00. Pastor Jim stated he thinks we should continue to wait on the Lord in this matter.

*Background checks need to be done for the Marisela Vasquez and Tim Judd, as chaperones for the Missions Trip this summer, Marie motioned to get them done, Marisela seconded, all agreed motion carried. Youth garage sale will be with the city wide garage sale, which will be held April 30-May 1, 2010.

*The annual Meeting will be held Sunday, February 21, 2010.

*Closed in prayer

Children's Programming News:



The Sunday morning children's programming continues with the Wesley curriculum by David C Cook. They continue with three classes including preschool with Richard and Kathy Broberg, early elementary with Sue Rydbom and upper elementary with Dan Rydbom. These classes begin at 10:45 every Sunday morning. There is also Nursery available during this time! Please see revised schedule below! If you would like to help with the nursery, please talk to Angie Niemi!



AWANA clubs had another great month for the Lord in January, as they averaged 42 children and 25 adults in attendance! Thank you again to all of you volunteers that are here leading this wonderful program every week! February 3 is awards night, February 10 is fruit night, February 17 is mission's night, and February 24, there is no children's AWANA clubs, just leadership night as it is the 4th Wednesday of the month!! To view our children's information on our webpage type in... www.motleyfreemethodistchurch.com/children.html

2010 Nursery Schedule:

Feb. 7-Lori & Tayah

Feb. 14-Diane B. & Darian

Feb 21-Debbie & Ariel

Feb. 28-Samantha & Dayton

Mar. 7-Mary & Don

Mar. 14-Sandy K. & Dennis

Mar. 21-Marisela & Christian

Mar. 28-Jennifer V. & Lonna

Apr. 4-John & Julie S.

Apr. 11- Jason & Jennell

Apr. 18- Tammy & Tessa

Apr. 25- Brandi & Chris

May 2- John & Angie

May 9-Lori & Tayah

May 16-Diane & Darian

May 23-Debbie & Ariel

May 30-Samantha & Dayton B.

YOUTH NEWS:

In January the youth have been selling 2010 calendars, which we are trying to bring to a close. If there are any interested individuals who would like to purchase a calendar to support our missions trip please see one of the youth, Tim or Jess, as we have a lot left! The youth also attended the BAY Rally on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, with a wonderful speaker. The youth will be attending "Acquire the Fire" Event in Minneapolis on February 5 & 6th. We will leave the church at 2:00 pm to attend the youth event in the cities. We would ask for your prayers for safety and a drawing of individuals closer to Christ! The youth will also be holding a garage sale along with the Motley city wide garage sales being held Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1, 2010. If you have any items you would like to donate toward this fundraising sale, please bring them to the church or to Tim & Jess' house to the shed, where we will have the sale! We continue to meet Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 and Sunday mornings 9:45-10:30 a.m. and we encourage any and all youth who would like to worship, to join us! The youth's next mission's trip payment is due Monday, March 29, 2010 (half of the total payment) for those of you going to Cass Lake in July!

CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLES ASSOCIATION UPDATE:

An update from the Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA). The month of January is when we start getting ready for the upcoming riding season. We would like to thank you for allowing us to use the church Saturday the January 30th for our northern area leadership training. We had chapters from Cloquet (Aurora Knights), Grand Rapids (Wilderness Witnesses), International Falls (Frozen Chozen), Wadena (Damascus Way), and forming chapters from Fergus Falls, and Bemidji/Blackduck.

In the month of February, we have the International motorcycle Show the 5th through the 7th, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. We are responsible for the Sunday morning service for the show that will be at 9:00 am. On February 26th & 27th we are having our "Season of Refreshing." This where we have our national evangelist speak and get us prepped and ready for evangelism for the upcoming riding season. This will be held in Eden Prairie at an ASG church.

At this time we are also starting our Run For The Sun fund raiser. The ride will be held the first Saturday of May.

We will be going to ElRoy, WI in July to do a rally where we will be doing the Sunday Service.

We ask that you pray for us and the events that we have coming up; that we would touch lives for God.

Thank you for your time and prayers!

Damascus Way

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST:

For any interested men, the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Staples would like to combine with the Motley Free Methodist Church in holding monthly men's breakfast. The Alliance Church will have their regularly scheduled breakfast in February on the third Saturday of the month (February 20, 2010) at 8:00 a.m. Then, beginning in March, the Motley Free Methodist Church will host the breakfast at our church the fourth Saturday of the month (Saturday, March 27, 2010) Following March, the Christian Missionary Alliance and Motley Free Methodist Church will switch hosting every other month on the fourth Saturday of the month! Again, the breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. if you have any questions regarding the breakfasts please see Dan Rydbom. Dan is interested in going with a group from our church to the February breakfast at the CMA Church in Staples, so if you would like to join him please feel free to do so or talk to Dan for further information!

February 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Bible study @ 7:00 pm	2 Bible study @ 9:30	3 39:30 am Bible study 11:00 am women's AA meeting 6:00-AWANAS 7:30 pm Bible study and youth group	4 Prayer Group-3:00 p.m. @ Church *The Truth Project-7:00 @ The Rose's	5 Youth-ATF Trip	6 Youth ATF Trip
7 *Communion Sunday *The Truth Project @ 6:00 p.m. @ the church	8 Boy Scouts at 6:00 pm Bible study @ 7:00 pm	9 Bible study @ 9:30	10 9:30 am Bible study 11:00 am women's AA meeting 6:00-AWANAS 7:30 pm Bible study and youth group	11 Prayer Group-3:00 p.m. @ Church *The Truth Project-7:00 @ The Rose's	12	13 9:00-Ladies Group Mtg 10:00 -Worship Practice 5:30-Sweet Hearts Banquet
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21 *Fellowship Dinner & Annual Meeting-12:15 *The Truth Project @ 6:00 p.m. @ the church	22 Bible study @ 7:00 pm	23 Bible study @ 9:30	24 9:30 am Bible study 11:00 am women's AA meeting 6:00-AWANAS Leadership 7:30 pm Bible study and youth group	25 Prayer Group-3:00 p.m. @ Church *The Truth Project-7:00 @ The Rose's	26	27 *10:00 -worship practice
28 *The Truth Project @ 6:00 p.m. @ the church						