

FALL | 2023

FOR WE WALK BY
FAITH
NOT BY SIGHT



MONTHLY

- BSF
- Giving
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UPDATE

- Update from
Conference

SUNDAYS

- Goodbye Bro.
David Moseley
- Sundays

MISSIONS

- Backpack Program
- Feed the Football
Team

BIRTHDAYS

- Oct. Nov. & Dec.
Birthdays

MMC

Marion Methodist Church



Giving

Total financial gifts for Aug/Sept

Budget (General)
\$19,899.00

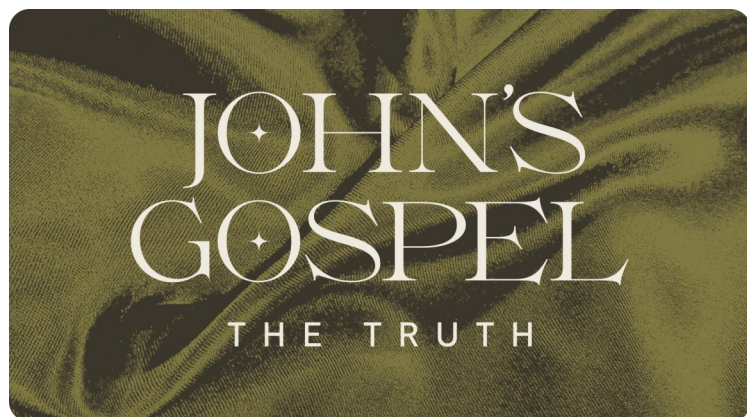
Cap. Improvement
\$10,919.00

Discretionary
\$10.00

Missions
\$1,025.00

Joyful Noise
\$10.00

Thank you for your generous support for the ministries of our church.



Bible Study Fellowship

The ladies Bible Study Fellowship will start back this Tuesday, September 12th at 6:20 pm upstairs in the education building. Please enter the church through the doors under the portico on the parking lot off of Hwy. 77.

Prayer Concerns:

Laurie Adams; Rod Alexander; Sue Bonds; Ann Carpenter; Scott Clairday; Bill Hartley; Careita Hightower; Cindy Hudson; Kathryn Perkins; Billie Williams and Our Church Family.



LOVING

Marion Methodist Preschool

CALL US FOR DETAILS
870-739-3434



We have availability in our 4 yr. old preschool. Call for details.



Dear Fellow Church Members,

Last week, the Trustees of the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church approved the resolution for our congregation to separate from the United Methodist Conference. The process to separate has been long and difficult. Every member of our congregation has been affected. Thankfully, we are now in a position to begin moving forward.

Over the next few weeks, the Leadership team that was put in place on August 27th will work to create a structure to allow this congregation to operate as an independent Methodist Church. The membership will be included in every step as this church rebuilds and refocuses on our service to God and our community. Pray for the Leadership to humbly follow the will of Christ as they complete their work, including efforts to reconnect our entire Church family.

This congregation is the second oldest Methodist Church in Arkansas. We have a long history of serving God in this community and, with God's grace, we will continue that service indefinitely. Please continue to pray for our congregation to heal, renew our faith, and celebrate in the love and compassion God has shown our church.

Sincerely,

Leadership Team

Tracy Brick
Frank Fogleman
Franklin Fogleman
Lannie Lancaster
David Rikard
Jeff Schwartz
Mitch Shidler
Steve Sutton



Aug. 27th Vote



Sunday Service



Bro. David Moseley's last service on Sunday, August 27th.



CHANGE IS COMING

Can you feel it yet? Fall is almost here.

Soon the fields will lie dormant, leaves will change from green to gold and orange, the mornings will turn crisp. Children enter and exit school buses with backpacks in tow. College students have been delivered to their dorms or apartments. The first signs of Halloween are in every store, with a smattering of Thanksgiving and Christmas-too-early also to be found.

So how was your summer? Was it graced with periods of rest? Did you spend time on the road or at the beach with family and friends? Did you catch God's voice when you heard the birds singing you awake in the morning? Did you see the beauty of God's creation in the sunset and the fireflies dancing in the approaching darkness?

Every season brings its own adventure of the world in which we live. Every season comes with its own sense of grace and wonder. Every season tells its own unique story of the God who created all things and called them good.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge" (Psalm 19:1-2)

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease" (Genesis 8:22)

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23).

The anonymous preacher (traditionally thought to be Solomon) who wrote the book of Ecclesiastes reminds us that the changes in the weather are not the only seasons we experience in life. In fact, he reminds us that "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Solomon gives several examples of the constantly turning seasons of life: times of weeping and rejoicing, times of war and peace, times of building and tearing down, times of giving and times of saving.

At the end of his list of seasons in Ecclesiastes 3, Solomon says that God makes everything beautiful in its own time. Because of that, the preacher recommends that the best thing for humankind in whatever we do in any season is to be joyful, "do good" as long as we live, and take pleasure in our toil or work, whatever it is. He says that this is God's gift to

man. In other words, God is in control so enjoy yourselves! Isn't that kind of a fun thought?!

Sometimes changes in our life don't seem so fun. By nature, we don't always like change. If that's you, remember that God is in control, no matter the season. He's good to you, and He'll take care of you, so enjoy whatever God has in store for your next season of life!



MISSIONS: The MSD Backpack Program is well underway this school year.

The office staff along with Dana Robbins are shopping for the needed food items. We have volunteers to help stock the shelves, fill the bags and deliver to all Marion School District schools. We are delivering bags weekly to HCGC, MST, VPA and the Jr. High School. The bags delivered each week total 80 between the schools.

In addition, we stocked a pantry at the 7th grade building and one at the Sr. high school.

Items stocked were duplicates of items as provided in the weekly backpacks, but also includes canned vegetables, etc., at the high school. The 7th grade and Sr. High pantry program began last year and was a success. The pantries allow food to be distributed on an individual, as needed, basis. This allows more discretion for the older students. The counselors monitor the supplies and contact the church office when food is needed. So far, we have stocked both schools three times as of the end of September.



Food items that are included in the weekly bag are: pop tarts, nutrigrain bars, cereal, canned pasta, Mac and cheese, Vienna sausages, ramen noodles, and a variety of snacks.

Thank you to all the volunteers who help stock, bag and deliver items each week. This program provides a much needed outreach to the children in our community. If you would like to make a donation towards purchasing of food items, please note so on your check, and the funds will go towards future purchases. Great Job MMC!!!





MISSIONS:

Over the last two months, MMC has fed the Marion Patriots Football Team. We hosted the high school athletes and their coaches for a pre-game meal on August 27th. We filled them with prayer, well-wishes, and lots of lasagna. On September 22nd we fed them tenderloin, mashed potatoes, green beans and mac-n-cheese just before their homecoming game. This is a mission we continue each year. What a blessing it is to serve our local athletes.



Happy Birthday



OCTOBER (2) Robert Allison, Payne Bius, Shannon Busby, Kathy Fowler, Grover Shannon, Cathy Horton (3) Misty Kennedy (5) Gail Harlow, Paula Pace (7) Averie Ward (8) Ramer Sutton, Debi Williams (10) Fred Wesberry Sandy Webb (12) Paul Allen, Ginger Gibbs (13) Barbara Barnett Michael Charlton, Wally Fowler, Conner Allison, Cooper Allison, Erica Archer East, Mandy Hinze (16) Jessica Croom, Witt Kennedy (19) Billy McNeely (21) Drew Landry, Elizabeth Williams (22) Kristi Doyle (23) Shelbi Cole (25) Tracy McDonald, Austin Rawls (26) Rich Busby, Katherine Carpenter, Alex Webb, Joel Hollis Werner, (27) Julie O'Quin, Blake Owen (28) Linda Cosgrove, Don Hanks, Chloe Harrison, Lake Laughter (29) Bill Bernard (30) Lynn Murray (31) Ross Letner, Brandi Rosado

NOVEMBER (1) Ginger Barber, Olivia Coopwood (3) Madelyn Allison, John Whittington (4) Teresa Gardner (5) Preston Barber, Cindy Benton, Case Fesmire, Bart Turner (6) Austin Cates (7) Cindy French (9) Kevin Bellis, Whit Keasler, (10) Banks Barber, Joseph Hale, Garrett Sargent, David Tittle (11) Ripp Inman (12) Brynna Claire Fogleman, Tom French, Pamela Rosado (13) Holly Lancaster (15) Ann Harness, Jeremy Roeder, Jonythan Tribble (17) Allie Altemus, William S. Jonas, Emily Lugar (18) Sheila Henderson, Sheryl Tabor (20) Donovan Doyle, Sam Gibbs, Heath Jackson, Grace Sells (21) Anne Hurst (22) Dana Robbins (23) Blake Vaughn (24) Brandon Moore, Jennifer Wallace (26) Lindley Abrams, Jeff Altemus, Laura Rikard (27) Mary C. Fogleman, James Mason Coe (29) Sarah Traugh (30) Kristin Allison, Jase Boney, Julie Heath, Jan Long

DECEMBER (1) Megan Bius, Collin Wade Knych (2) Les Callan (3) Beth Sutton (4) Anna Caroline Fesmire, Chasity Johnston, David Wallace, Glen Whitmarsh (5) Waverly Kate Gray, Mary-Ann Ford, Taylor Fowler, Mary Inman, James O'Beirne (6) John Griffie, James Williams (7) Wyatt Entrekin, Sallie Streeter (8) Matt Entrekin, Robin Fesmire, Destiny Henderson, Jenny Knych, (9) Chase Chafin (10) Pat Crase, Elizabeth Hardke (11) Bill Barnett (12) Lauren Catt, Marty Cooper, Wilson Henderson (13) Brenda Melton (14) Josh Doyle, Lauren Miller, Karen Nelson (15) Lannie Lancaster, Layton Scarbrough, Brooklyn Sims (16) Rachel Vaughn (19) Lucas Peyton, Claire Wallace (20) Ryce Smith, Allison Wehrum (22) Jane Hartley, Miller Owen (23) Nathan Castle, Jimmy Williams (24) Vernon Luedke, Samatha McAnally (25) Anna Elizabeth Entrekin (26) Mario Baratti (28) Rachel Coe, Sean Gray, Rick Preslar, Jackson Rawls, Jason Sells (29) Gary Wehrum (30) Stoy Long, Wayne Nelson

MMC

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Joanna Chafin and Jennifer Morgan, Preschool Teachers

Pam Scarbrough, PDO Director/Teacher

Kristie Stotts, PDO Director/Teacher

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday (9:00-3:00); Friday (9:00-12:00)