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Newsletter—November 2022

It is November and that makes most Americans think of Thanksgiving (or deer hunting ☹️). Certainly, there is much to be thankful for and I hope you will thank God frequently this month. November is also election time. Anyone tired of the mail, radio, and TV adds? Elections and the freedom to vote is a great privilege we have, and that many people around the world do not have. We should be thankful and exercise this freedom, for, as is often stated, elections have consequences, and this is our opportunity to weigh in on our future.



Unfortunately, election time becomes anxiety time for too many people. Post-election becomes either relief, if the “right” (their) candidates win, or distress if the “wrong” (the other) candidates win. When our well-being is tied so closely to the results of an election that there are physical and emotional effects in our lives, an election has gained an inappropriate place in our lives as Christ-followers.

I would define a god (small “g”) as something other than the one true living God that we first and primarily look to for help. It might be help with a fear, a physical or material need, finding meaning and purpose, relief from stress, or for something as simple as joy. Recreation, hobbies, work, children, people, material possessions, achievements, and even political parties are other things that can become gods. When we give large amounts of our time, money, emotion, service, adoration, or any other resource, first to something other than the Lord, expecting to get what we want in return, it has become our god. Those actions then can be called idolatry!

We need to make sure that the Lord is our God and nothing else. God made this clear when He gave His law to Moses. The first of the Ten Commandments says, “You shall have no other gods before Me.” (Exodus 20:3, *NASB95*). Joshua understood, and after Moses died said, “If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” (Joshua 24:15). This does not mean that it is wrong to look to doctors, family and friends, or the church for help, or that we shouldn’t speak up (in a God-honoring way) about current issues, but it does mean there is a fine line that we can easily cross.

For example, when I am so wound up about a candidate or party’s win or loss that it affects my inner joy, peace, or hope, it has taken God’s place in my life. It has stolen my identity, purpose, and trust in God’s goodness and sovereignty. I am concerned that many Christians are giving more allegiance to other gods than to Christ. Here is a simple test: Do the things I say and do reflect that someone or something is more important to me than the Lord? Do the things I say in discussions about current issues (including elections), reflect that I trust a person, or for example, a political party, more than God to bring about what is best? Ouch, I fail that test too often.

God gave the Israelites incredible revelation about Himself when He brought them out of Egypt. About 800 or so years later, and centuries of putting their trust in human kings, God spoke through the prophet Isaiah about who was to be their God. “Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me,” (Isaiah 46:9). Six times in Isaiah 45 (verses 5, 6, 14, 18, 21, 22) God makes it known that He is God and there is no other.

I fear the church in America is too often throwing away the opportunity to point people to Christ, and be heard, because our allegiances have moved to other gods, and that it is apparent in our lives. If people see more of the world’s critical spirit than Christ’s compassion in us, why would they listen? The apostle Paul wrote to the church in ancient Corinth, “For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, ⁶ yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him. (1 Corinthians 8:5–6). In chapter 10 he warned them to learn from Israel’s example, then he wrote, “Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.” (1 Corinthians 10:14). Let’s be careful in our freedom and prosperity to strengthen our allegiance to Christ and not to fall into idolatry instead!

Thankful Christ is Lord,
Pastor Dan





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Primetimers Games & Lunch 10 am-1 pm, NC/K	2 No Sr. Life Group Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm	3 Get Outdoors Fall Photo Contest Ends Today! Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC MBC Worship Practice—7pm, S	4 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	5 Harvest Weekend Men's Breakfast—8 am, NC/K Ladies Lunch—12:30 pm, NC/K Iglesia Biblica Women's Study—4 pm, LL #102 Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC Open AA Mtg.—6 pm, 18 & 8th
6 Harvest Weekend Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School & Pipeline 9 am Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Ignite—4-6 pm Fusion—6-8 pm	7 Prayer Meeting—5:30 pm, LL #102 Revealing Revelation Study—6:30 pm, NC	8 Pleasant View Birthday Party Missions Ministry Meeting—5 pm, LL #106 Worship Circle Practice—6-8 pm, S	9 Sr. Life Group Celebration & Giving Thanks Lunch—Noon, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm	10 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC MBC Worship Practice—7pm, S	11 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	12 Funeral Service—10 am-3 pm, S/NC/K All Church Congregational Worship Circle—7:00 pm, S Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC
13 Lord's Table Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am → <u>Shoebbox Deadline!</u> Sunday School & Pipeline 9 am Next Steps-Step 3—9 am, LL #100 (1 s.) Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Ignite—4-6 pm Fusion—6-8 pm	14 Prayer Meeting—5:30 pm, LL #102 Revealing Revelation Study—6:30 pm, NC Elder Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #106	15 Deacon Meeting—6:00 pm, LL #106 Care Net Pregnancy Center Banquet	16 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm	17 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC MBC Worship Practice—7pm, S	18 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	19 Iglesia Biblica Districts Service—10 am—2 pm, All Church Iglesia Biblica Vigil—7 pm—Midnight, All Church
20 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School & Pipeline 9 am Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Ignite—4-6 pm Fusion—6-8 pm	21 Prayer Meeting—5:30 pm, LL #102 Revealing Revelation Study—6:30 pm, NC	22	23 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC No Awana	24 (Office Closed) 	25 (Kitchen in use today) Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	26 Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC
27 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School & Pipeline 9 am Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S No Ignite or Fusion	28 Prayer Meeting—5:30 pm, LL #102 Revealing Revelation Study—6:30 pm, NC	29	30 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm	<p>MBC Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8:00 AM—4:00 PM, & Fridays 8:00 AM—Noon</p>		



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2 Oliver Brunner

4 Jora Reed

6 Primrose Rische

7 Patricia Harder

Coleen Soddy

Josh Swenson

8 Eric Reed

Emma Richardson

9 Craig Roth

10 Ellis Holverson

12 Isabella Olmstead

13 Kate Haworth

Molly Swenson

14 Lynne Hardy

15 Kim Markham

16 Celia Keen

Colleen Ostenson

19 Katie Elgin

Declan Geiwitz

19 Drake Geiwitz

20 Aella Stichter

21 Emily Chiquito

Mia Kelley

Connor Nafzger

24 Kim Wheeler

30 Keith Geisler

Clara Kuenzi

Carol Larson



Congratulations!

Dale Scott Kleven and Lynne Ann Hardy

Were married on Saturday, October 29, 2022.

May God bless your marriage!

2 Tony & Cynthia Kitchell

6 Randy & Gloria Ringhand

7 Jacob & Karen Brunner

7 Craig & Tracy Signer

10 Mark & Flaimide McNett

12 CJ & Tasha Erdmann

17 Eric & Tonya Reed

22 Josh & April Kuenzi

29 Reuben & Margarite Kawinzi



Primetimers:

Wednesday, November 9th

Celebration!

Giving Thanks Luncheon

At Noon in the Nehemiah Center



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With Our Sympathy

We would like to offer our sympathy to the following families:

Bernie and Beth Roidt. Beth's mom, Dorothy St. Clair, passed away Monday, October 10th.

Rick and Cheryl Hartwig. Rick's dad, Frederick Hartwig, passed away Sunday, October 16th.

Mark and Nikki Leverton. Mark's mom, Betty Leverton, passed away Monday, October 17th.

May God bless each of you with His comfort and peace.



MBC "Get Outdoors" Fall Photo Contest!

Don't Delay!

**Contest ends on
 Thursday,
 November 3rd**

Send your digital photos to:
pastortroy@monroebiblechurch.org

Mark in the subject line:
"Get Outdoors Photo Contest".
Three prizes for top entries

Next Steps at MBC

Next Steps are ways to learn more about and become involved at Monroe Bible Church.



Next Steps-Step 3 (1s.) "Our Commitments"

Sunday, November 13th at 9:00 AM, lower level #100.

We'll address the topics of eternal life, spiritual growth, baptism, and church membership.

***This step is required for membership.**

Sign up for all Next Steps classes on our website, contact the office, or use the Chromebook at the Welcome Center.

Join your church family for a special evening of music, prayer, testimony, and scripture reading as we celebrate God's faithfulness at our Congregational Worship Circle on Saturday, November 12 at 7pm. All are invited to attend. Music for the evening will include an assortment of worship music in a variety of styles including traditional classics and new favorites. Nursery will be available - please contact Patricia Harder and Joshua Schwenk for more information. Presented by the Worship and A/V Ministries.

Congregational Worship Circle

All Church
 Worship Night
 Saturday,
 November 12th
 7:00-8:00 PM
 in the Sanctuary
 Everyone is
 Invited
 Join Us!



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Mission Cry received over 50 boxes of Bibles, study materials, and various other Christian books for children through adults from MBC! Thank you for sharing with our Christian brothers and sisters around the world who are hungering for the Word. Because the shipping of these materials worldwide is expensive, we sent a gift of \$500 to Mission Cry from the Missions budget. It is also very exciting that the Iglesia Bíblica Evangélica congregation joined with us in the drive by donating \$1,000 to Mission Cry for new Spanish language New Testaments. May God be glorified as His Word goes out throughout the world!

The Missions Ministry hosted a vendor tent on the Saturday of Cheese Days as a fundraiser for our Kids Around The World OneMeal Food Packing event which we hope to hold in 2023. We need to raise \$8,600 to hold an event and through the Cheese Days water tent we raised \$1,467 toward that goal. We had materials available promoting KATW, AWANA, MBC, and Iglesia Bíblica for anyone interested in more than a bottle of water. Thank you to all who worked a shift and helped with set-up/tear-down. Only \$7,133 to go before we can send physical and spiritual food to those starving for it.

Harvest Weekend is planned for November 5th and 6th with guests Brad Reardon of ReachGlobal/Pathways and Devin and Shannon Long of Decision Point (formerly National School Project). If you haven't signed up for the Men's Breakfast or Ladies' Luncheon on Saturday, please do so immediately. Pastor Reardon will preach on Sunday and the Longs will share during the Sunday School hour. You don't want to miss this opportunity to meet in person some of those supported by MBC. Decision Point will be of particular interest to our young people. Harvest Weekend is also a time when we accept donations for monetary Christmas gifts for each missionary MBC supports. Ask God what He would have you share and don't forget to encourage your children to consider giving a small gift. It's an opportunity to teach them about giving as well as receiving gifts at Christmas. There is no gift so small that God can't use it to bless a missionary.

November 8th is our turn to host the monthly birthday party at Pleasant View Nursing Home. Please consider donating BINGO prizes, cupcakes, or volunteering a few hours of your time at the party. Birthday cards with a short message can also be placed in the donation box to give to those with November birthdays. This party is a real blessing to the residents each month. Sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Center with details. Please bring all donations of cupcakes and BINGO prizes to MBC by 4:00 PM Monday, November 7th PM.

Crystal Zimmerman, Missions Ministry Leader

I recently read a devotion that used the acronym W.I.N. (What's Important Now). God has given us guidelines to help us: 1. Honor God and keep His commandments; 2. Remember your Creator; 3. Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, Romans 12:2; 4. Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind; 5. Love others as you love yourself.



We are entering a busy time of year. An election is coming soon, then Thanksgiving and Christmas. Set your priorities now for each day.

I recently received the October edition of the Decision magazine. It provided helpful information on the upcoming election. No candidates are endorsed. You can get a copy of "A Biblical Perspective on Elections" by going to BillyGraham.org/elections. It has a 30-day prayer guide included. Pray for God to give you wisdom in this important election.

Remember W.I.N. each day. Put God first. Read His Word daily and pray continually. It will help you through each day.

Dan Keen, Prayer Ministry Leader

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SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Discover the hidden words.



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E	U	U	B	I	A	R	Y	A	V	A	S	G	O	E	N
C	Y	V	R	W	N	X	A	A	I	N	A	Z	C	H	K
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Word Bank

- LIGHT
- REJECTION
- DARKNESS
- DELIVERANCE
- GOD
- THANKSGIVING
- PROUD
- NOMADS
- DEATH
- ARROGANT
- SWAMP

