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Newsletter—July 2024

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Clarity



James L. Synder put together a series of messages by A.W. Tozer in his book *Lead Like Christ*. It was interesting to “hear” Tozer say that he was more vulnerable to sin when he wasn’t doing what God called him to do. If he’s correct, it’s important that we all know and do what God has called us to do! Does God really have a calling for each of us? Speaking of Christ the Apostle Paul writes, “who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.” (Titus 2:14, *NASB*). Ephesians 2:10 says, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.” Good works and good deeds are God’s general calling for all Christ-followers. The Lord has even given each of us at least one spiritual gift to use, “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. ⁶ There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. ⁷ But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” (1 Corinthians 12:4–7).

Unfortunately, too many Christians don’t know what their gifting is, and where or how to use it (i.e. their calling). Equally unfortunate is the lack of understanding that serving in our gifting is largely something to be done in community. Churches form mission and vision statements to help, but often people struggle to connect themselves to those statements, and to others in the church, and to know how to apply them. We are one of those churches. We have formed mission and vision statements, more than once. The current vision is to build families by joining people to Christ to transform communities. We haven’t done well in communicating, implementing, or in helping people find their part in this vision. This is an area in which our leadership lacks understanding and experience.

A fair and legitimate question is, “Why is this important?” Jesus said, “If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.” (Mark 3:24–25). We might think, “We aren’t working against each other!” We may not be intentionally working against each other, but it’s no secret that there are multiple different priority preferences among the people of every church. If a team of horses are not pulling in the same direction what will the result be? Even if the leadership somehow manages to hold the “team” together, where will it end up other than being very exhausted?

The power of a shared vision is that it unifies many to “pull” in the same direction. Such uniting harnesses the strength of each into a powerful whole. In John 17:22–23 Jesus said, “The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; ²³ I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.” The church that is united in its vision gives powerful testimony to the gospel of Christ in its community.

The importance of our mission, and having a shared vision, and our unsuccessful track record, helped the Elders make the decision last month to utilize the services of Clarity House. Clarity House is a Christian consulting firm that specializes in helping churches clarify, develop, and implement their unique vision to make disciples. Our five-person team, which includes Pastor Dan and Pastor Kevin, is being formed right now. They will do some preliminary preparation then begin the eight-month process which includes two face-to-face meetings and eight online zoom meetings with a few other churches which will begin in September.

There’s an old adage that says, aim for nothing and you’ll hit it every time. Whether it’s bowling, archery, baseball, tennis, or horseshoes, if the target is not in focus a miss is a sure thing. We want to see clearly and aim together, that we might experience God’s grand purpose for us as individuals and a church body. Please pray for MBC, this team, and this process in the next several months.

For the Team,
Pastor Dan





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102	2 No Primetimers Games or Lunch	3 No Sr. Life Group Discovering Daniel study—6-7:30 pm, NC	4 (Office Closed) 	5 N/K in use, 4:30-7 pm Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S Softball at Twining Park (Pastor Esau throws 1st Pitch)	6 Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC
7 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Iglesia Biblica & MBC Baptismal Service & Picnic— 2 pm, Clarno Forestry Center	8 Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102 Elder Board Meeting—6 pm, LL #106 Deacon Board Meeting— 6 pm, NC	9 Missions Meeting—5 pm, LL #102	10 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Discovering Daniel study—6-7:30 pm, NC	11 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC MBC Worship Prac- tice—7 pm, S	12 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S Softball at Twining Park (Pastor Kevin throws 1st Pitch)	13 Women's Brunch: 10 am-1 pm, NC/K VBS workday—1-6 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC
14 The Lord's Table Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S	15 VBS Workday—Noon-9 pm, NC Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102 Youth serving at Lydia Home	16 Youth serving at Lydia Home	17 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Discovering Daniel study—6-7:30 pm, NC Youth serving at Lydia Home	18 Adoption Celebration— Noon-4 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC MBC Worship Prac- tice—7 pm, S Youth serving at Lydia Home	19 Primetimers Pizza Hut Lunch—11:30 am, Pizza Hut, Monroe All church in use: Wedding Decorating & Rehearsal Softball at Twining Park	20 All church in use: Wedding
21 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am All-Church Potluck with Missionary Guests—Noon, NC Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S	22 VBS Workday—Noon-9 pm, NC Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102	23 VBS Workday—Noon- 9 pm, NC	24 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Discovering Daniel study—6-7:30 pm, NC	25 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC MBC Worship Prac- tice—6:30 pm, S	26 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S Softball at Twining Park (Pastor Troy throws 1st Pitch)	27 All church in use—VBS Decorating
28 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting—12:30 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S VBS Decorating—2 pm in NC/ LL, & 4 pm in S	29 VBS—9 am-Noon, All Church in use Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102	30 VBS—9 am-Noon, All Church in use	31 VBS—9 am-Noon, All Church in use No Sr. Life Group Discovering Daniel study—6-7:30 pm, NC or S	MBC Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8 AM—4 PM & Fridays 8 AM—Noon		



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Happy Birthday



1 Todd IIs
Kyle Ohlrich

Holly Rhoe

2 Paul Brunner
Annabelle Hancock
Wendy Westcomb

3 Seth Anderson
Ellie Thoman

4 Rich Peach
Paul Ritschard

5 Nicole Bartelt
Shirley Reed

6 Jennifer Eddy
Madeline Kuenzi

9 Evan Brunner
Dawn Jordan

Joel Miller

13 Kyler Covert

14 Whitaker Holverson
Benson Miller

15 Liz Meyer

16 Cory Bruehlman

17 Jeff Meyer

19 Kevin Samson

20 Zo Anne Lester
Corrine Webber

22 Ron Faith
Tony Kitchell

23 Randy Ringhand
Athleen Schenk

24 Eliza Rhoe
Nicole Wilcox

25 Kristi Bruehlman

26 Shane Eddy

Beth Roidt

29 Kara Schulte



With Sympathy

*We offer our sympathy
to these families who
have lost loved ones:*

Dave & Jackie Covert & their family.

*Dave's mom, Violet Truman,
passed away on Monday, May 27th.*

Ray & Pauline Wyss & their family.

*Pauline's mom, Viola Schlapbach,
passed away on Wednesday, June 12th.*

*May our God of all comfort bless you and
keep each of you in His perfect peace.*



3 Craig & Laura Roth

Gene & Neva Schultz

7 Josh & Chelsea Hardacre

9 Mike & Sue Newberg

12 Jeff & Deb Meyer

15 Mike & Wendy Westcomb

23 Loren & Kristi Bruehlman

26 Don & Darlene Bartelt

30 Curt & Colette Wyttenbach

31 Steve & Victoria Fowler



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Child Protection Training

It's Summer—Your Child Protection Certification has Expired!

If you plan to work with youth in any capacity at MBC, you need to complete Annual Child Protection Training. Summer months are the best time to do this! Training consists of online video certification for everyone 11 years old and up, and background checks on all adults every two years. Contact the church office today, *don't wait!*

I recently listened to a program on “In the Market” with Janet Parshall. It was titled “The Role of the Holy Spirit in Prayer Life”. The speaker was Dr. Bill Thrasher who is head of the Master’s Program at Moody called Spiritual Discipleship and Spiritual Formation. He had written “A Journey to Victorious Praying” and “How to Resurrect a Dead Prayer Life”. These books would be worth reading.



The following are some of his insights about prayer: Many people don’t understand prayer. Prayer is God’s idea. He wants us to communicate with Him. Is God putting a prayer burden on your heart? The Holy Spirit plays a vital part in any believer’s prayer life. Walk in the Spirit, don’t quench the Spirit, don’t come to God with your own expectations. Come seeking what God wants to do in regards to your prayer request. Remember prayer involves spiritual warfare. Satan doesn’t want you to pray. “Ye have not, because you ask not.” Submit to God—James 4:7. It gives you freedom and confidence. Spend much time in God’s Word, not just five minutes a day. Spend much time in prayer, too. Let God set the agenda for your prayer life. God will help you know what to pray. D.L. Moody said “I would rather teach a person to pray, than teach ten people how to preach.”

You can listen to this program in the “In the Market” archives. The date of the program was June 5th. I highly recommend that you listen to it.

Dan Keen, Prayer Ministry Leader

Annual Congregational Meeting

Monroe Bible Church holds its annual congregational meeting on the 4th Sunday of July each year. We will meet **Sunday, July 28th** after 2nd service in the Nehemiah Center. Feel free to bring a lunch. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! All members in good standing will be asked to affirm the Elders and Deacons serving for fiscal year 2024-25, approve the Minutes from last year’s meeting, and approve the proposed Budget for the new fiscal year. The Agenda, Minutes, Treasurer’s Report and proposed Budget, and Ministry Leader reports will be available to review and ask questions about. It is the responsibility of the congregation to know and oversee our church. Please take that responsibility seriously and as an honor.

ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM **Outdoor Worship Service, Baptism, & Picnic with Iglesia Bíblica**

The Worship Service will be at 2:00 PM on Sunday, July 7th at Clarno Forestry Center. Baptisms will follow the service in the mighty Richland Creek with a picnic potluck after the baptisms. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on and bring a dish to share. Keep in mind that there is no refrigeration and minimal electricity at the Center for food. Bring a cooler with ice to keep your food adequately chilled. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you would like to be baptized.

(Maps available at the Welcome Center to Clarno and Richland Creek)



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All-Church Potluck—July 21st!

There will be an all-church potluck following the 2nd service in the Nehemiah Center at Noon on **Sunday, July 21st**. Join us as we get to know the missionary family we support that is back in the U.S. for a summer visit!

- ◆ **Each family should bring a main dish to share.**
- ◆ **Families with the last name beginning A – M should also bring a dessert**
- ◆ **Families with the last name beginning N – Z should also bring a salad**



Whew! What a flurry of missions related activity in June! July is more relaxed, but there is one very special event coming up on **Sunday, July 21st**. A young family that is supported by MBC will be here to meet you and tell about their call to serve the Lord in a place that is hostile to the Gospel. For their well-being we won't disclose their name or country in this article, but you will be blessed to learn about their obedience and trust in our mighty God while living in a country that persecutes Christians. They left a secure profession, home, friends, family, and American lifestyle to live in a foreign culture so an unreached people might know Jesus. MBC started supporting this family, who lived not very far from Monroe, shortly before they left the U.S. for the mission field. This is your first opportunity to hear about their ministry as they present the message Sunday morning. Be aware the sermon will NOT be recorded or on YouTube for their safety, so you must come to church. There will be a potluck after second service so that we can get to know them personally. They are thankful for the support MBC gives them and are eager to get acquainted. Let's show them, through our hospitality, how much we appreciate them!

Occasionally the missions ministry is asked how one can suggest a mission or missionary for support by MBC. If you know of someone seeking support, let one of people on the Missions Ministry know. They will be added to our list and when one of the missionaries we currently support leaves the field, we prayerfully consider who we might add. We try to keep a balance between overseas and in country missions as we are aware of the need for evangelism here at home as well as abroad. We consider whose statement of faith fits best with MBC and is Bible based. It is also important that we take good care of those currently supported. When special needs arise, we need to be able to help. Of course we would love to support everyone, but it is not possible financially. We are very thankful for those of you who are able to individually support mission work financially. Remember to pray for missionaries even if you are unable to help financially. And let us all remember to be emissaries for Jesus every day wherever we are.

Crystal Zimmerman, Ministry Leader



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VBS
JULY 29–AUGUST 2
9AM–NOON
FOR KIDS
4 YR OLD –5TH GRADE
 AT MONROE BIBLE CHURCH
 2613 8TH AVE
 MONROE, WI 53566

IN A WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS, COME EXPLORE GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH! REGISTER FOR BREAKER ROCK BEACH TODAY!

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bit.ly/monroevbs24

Women's Brunch

Women of all ages—join us on **Saturday, July 13th** from 10:00 AM–1:00 PM in the Nehemiah Center. Sign up for the brunch at the Welcome Center!

Adoption Celebration!

Everyone is welcome to come celebrate with us at church as we officially adopt Bella into our family!

We will have a potluck lunch from Noon–4:00 PM on Thursday, July 18th in the Nehemiah Center.

Scan the QR code which links to the website the Olmstead family is using to organize her party. Anyone wanting to join us will find all the details and the RSVP there.



Pizza Hut Lunch:
Friday, July 19th
 11:30 AM at Monroe Pizza Hut
 Contact Carol Hasselmann
 with questions at 815-505-3324
 (No 1st Tuesday Games & Lunch)



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July Church Softball Schedule

July 5th

East	Team 1	Team 2	Ump
7:30	Faith Baptist*	MBC C	Zion Community
8:30	MBC B	Zion Community	MBC C
9:30	MBC A	Grace Lutheran	MBC B

West	Team 1	Team 2	Ump
7:30	Family Faith	1st Baptist	Monroe UMC
8:30	Faith Baptist*	Monroe UMC*	Family Faith
9:30	Zion Community	Monroe UMC*	Faith Baptist

July 12th

East	Team 1	Team 2	Ump
7:30	MBC B	Family Faith	Potter's H
8:30	MBC C*	Potter's H*	Grace Lutheran
9:30	Faith Baptist	Potter's H*	MBC B

West	Team 1	Team 2	Ump
7:30	Grace Lutheran	Monroe UMC	Zion Community
8:30	Zion Community*	1st Baptist	Monroe UMC
9:30	MBC C*	Zion Community*	1st Baptist

Bye: MBC A

July 19th

East	Team 1	Team 2	Ump
7:30	Family Faith*	Monroe UMC*	MBC C
8:30	MBC C	Family Faith*	1st Baptist
9:30	MBC B*	1st Baptist	Family Faith

West	Team 1	Team 2	Ump
7:30	MBC A	Potter's H*	MBC B
8:30	MBC B*	Monroe UMC*	Potter's H
9:30	Grace Lutheran	Potter's H*	Monroe UMC

Bye: Faith Baptist & Zion Community

July 26th

East	Team 1	Team 2	Ump
7:30	MBC A	Monroe UMC	Potter's H
8:30	Potter's H*	1st Baptist	MBC A
9:30	MBC B*	Potter's H*	1st Baptist

West	Team 1	Team 2	Ump
7:30	MBC C	Zion Community	MBC B
8:30	Grace Lutheran	MBC B*	Family Faith
9:30	Faith Baptist	Family Faith	Grace Lutheran

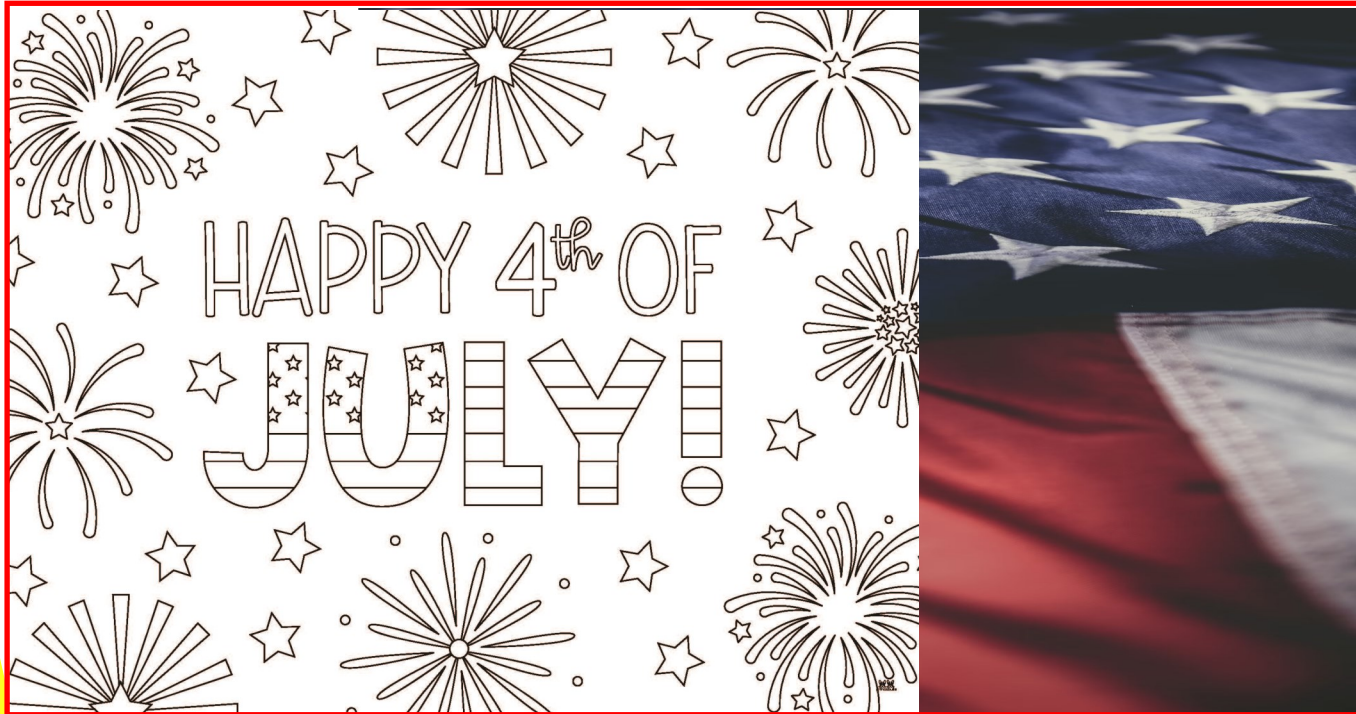
Come and cheer on our teams every Friday night at Twining Park!

Throwing the 1st Pitch in July:

Pastor Esau—July 5th

Pastor Kevin—July 12th

Pastor Troy—July 26th

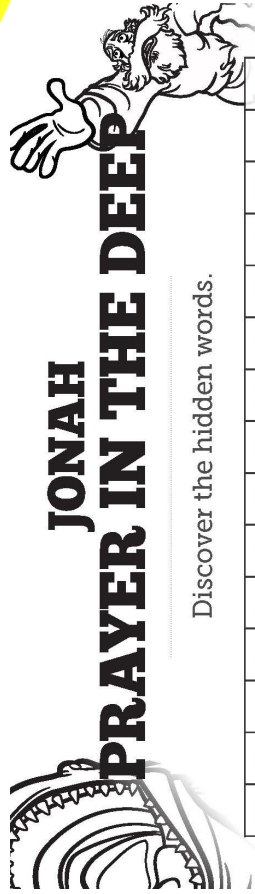
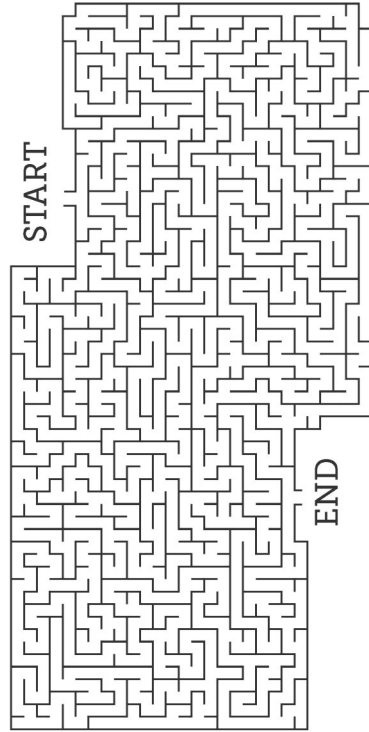


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FISHERS OF MEN

Help Simon become a fisher of men.



JONAH PRAYER IN THE DEEP

Discover the hidden words.

B	E	E	Z	L	O	R	D	P	S	S	U	V	T	K	W
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Word Bank

- BELLY
- JONAH
- WATER
- SEAWEED
- OCEAN
- PRAYER
- TEMPLE
- LOVE
- NINEVAH
- LORD
- IDOLS
- SALVATION

