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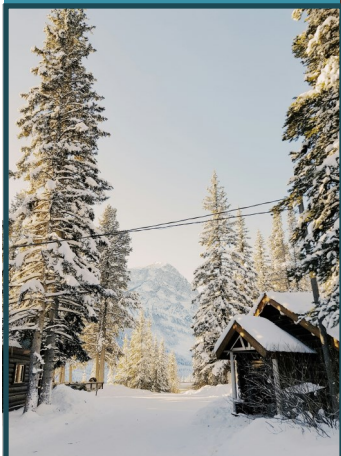
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NEWSLETTER-JANUARY 2025

Do You Have Vision?



It's entirely possible to have vision, but not have vision. Obviously, this is a play on words. With the work going on right now at MBC related to our vision, this verse stuck out to me this morning. "Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is he who keeps the law." (Proverbs 29:18, NASB95). Perhaps you're familiar with the King James version, "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." The word vision strikes a chord at two different levels for me. I'm using the word in the sense of seeing God's purpose.

First, a personal vision. God's big overall purpose is that we each bring Him glory, that our lives show others His greatness. Romans 11:36 says, "For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen." Ephesians 3:21 says, "to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen." I like the phrase, "represent Him well." We tried to capture it in our vision statement for this ministry year, which is really directed more toward personal spiritual development than our corporate whole-church mission. It says, "*We exist to equip people to grow, praise, and serve Christ.*" (G.P.S.). We want our ministries to help each of us grow in our personal relationship with the Lord. We want to be more consistent in giving Him the praise and the service that are due to Him for who He is and what He has done. As growing, praising, and serving begin to characterize our lives, we'll be better prepared to step out into more missional living.

Secondly, corporate vision is important for each local church. It's important for us to be united and working together in the mission God has for His body of believers that meets at 2613 8th Avenue, Monroe, Wisconsin. We have a team that is now working with a consulting firm to help us discern what that vision is. There are also a couple of very experienced people in this area who have personally offered to give us some help. I'm excited to see our church move forward in this area.

I know of no greater priority for this kind of spiritual development to take place than to have daily intake of God's Word. We're foolish to think that we know well enough what God wants us to do, that we don't need to daily hear from Him and gain His correction. The Christian that "goes off the rails" isn't one who suddenly just makes the decision to walk away. It's one who has been on a course for a while that started just a degree or two off "true north." We all need daily intake for correction and instruction, a few close brothers or sisters of the faith to encourage us and hold us accountable, and church "body life" to challenge, to inspire, and to test us. I like the way the New Living Translations translates Proverbs 29:18, "When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is joyful."

"Unrestrained", "perish", "run wild", none of those words describes something any of us would consider acceptable for our lives or for our church. Will you commit to daily intake of God's Word with willingness to be directed, corrected, or instructed? There's a new Bible reading plan at the Welcome Center and on our website to help. Whether you would like to keep track of where you have or haven't read, read the New Testament, or read the whole Bible this year, it's a tool to help you. Our "G.P.S." is also a tool, please use it. And keep those in prayer who are working to discern God's leading for us in the coming months.

Trusting God to Lead,
Pastor Dan



January

2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MBC Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8 AM—4 PM & Fridays 8 AM—Noon			1 OFFICE CLOSED No Sr. Growth Group No Awana No Women's Study 	2 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6:00 pm, NC MBC Worship Practice—7:00 pm, S	3 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S Iglesia Biblica Women's Study—6-8 pm, LL# 101/102	4 Men's Breakfast—8-10 am, NC/K
5 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School & Pipeline—9 am Directory Photos—10:15 am-1:05 pm, NC Growth Committee—11:45 am, LL #106 Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Ignite—4-6pm, NC Fusion—6-8pm, NC	6 Prayer Meeting—6:00 pm, LL #102 Iglesia Biblica Men's Grp.—7:00 pm, S	7	8 No Sr. Growth Group Awana: Trek/Journey—5:15 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm Women's Study—6:15 pm, LL #106	9 Missions Ministry Meeting—5:00 pm, LL #102 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6:00 pm, NC MBC Worship Practice—6:30 pm, S	Fusion Youth at Districts 2025 in Green Bay through Sunday	
12 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School & Pipeline—9 am Directory Photos—10:15 am-1:05 pm, LL #104 Growth Group Leader Training—noon-3:30pm, NC Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S No Ignite/Fusion—returning home from Districts 2025	13 Prayer Meeting—6:00 pm, LL #102 Elder Meeting—6:00 pm, LL #106 Deacon Meeting—6:00 pm, NC	14	15 No Sr. Growth Group Awana: Trek/Journey—5:15 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm Women's Study—6:15 pm, LL #106	16 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6:00 pm, NC MBC Worship Practice—7:00 pm, S	17 Homeschool Co-op—8:45 am-3:30 pm, all church Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S Iglesia Biblica Women's Study—6-8 pm, LL# 101/102	18 Wounded Heart study begins—8:30-10am, LL #106
19 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School & Pipeline—9 am Next Steps-Step 1—Noon, NC Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Ignite—4-6pm, NC Fusion—6-8pm, NC	20 Prayer Meeting—6:00 pm, LL #102 Iglesia Biblica Men's Grp.—7:00 pm, NC	21	22 No Sr. Growth Group Awana: Trek/Journey—5:15 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm Women's Study—6:15 pm, LL #106	23 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6:00 pm, NC MBC Worship Practice—6:30pm, S	24 Homeschool Co-op—8:45 am-3:30 pm, all church Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	25 Wounded Heart study—8:30-10am, LL #106 Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—5:00-7:00 pm, NC
26 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School & Pipeline—9 am Next Steps-Step 2 (s.1)—9:00 am, Library Biblical Leadership Class—12:30-2:30 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Ignite—4-6pm, NC Fusion—6-8pm, NC	27 Prayer Meeting—6:00 pm, LL #102	28	29 No Sr. Growth Group Awana: Trek/Journey—5:15 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm Women's Study—6:15 pm, LL #106	30 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6:00 pm, NC MBC Worship Practice—6:30pm, S	31 Homeschool Co-op—8:45 am-3:30 pm, all church Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30pm, S Iglesia Biblica Women's Study—6-8 pm, LL# 101/102	



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HAPPY *Birthday*



- 1 Dorothy McNett
Victor Paske
Bernie Roidt
- 2 Jonathan Rhoe
Jeff Wunschel
Crystal Zimmerman
- 3 George Ohlrich
- 4 Ari Peterson
Charlie Simler
- 5 Shannon Ackerman
Cheryl Hartwig
- 6 Katelyn Schmitz
- 8 Hunter Hancock
Margie Johnson
- 9 CJ Erdmann
- 10 Kevin Geiwitz

- 11 Deb Meyer
- 12 Ron Bernhagen
- 14 Carson Montgomery
Curt Wyttenbach
- 15 Cynthia Kitchell
- 17 Connie Henderson
- 20 Julia Figi
Amy Haworth
Joram Hurlbert
Erich Krahenbuhl
- 21 Richard Thoman
Larry Young
- 23 Judy Marsh
Gene Schultz

- 24 Ben Borke
Oscar Chiquito
Lynn Klitzke
Brinley Roidt
- 25 Angie Geiwitz
- 26 Deb Hendrickson
- 27 Avery Bartelt
Isla Borke
Samuel Clark
- 28 Tyler Hartwig
- 31 Kay Bloom



HAPPY *Anniversary*

- 4 Austin & Hannah Kramer
- 6 Tom & Jill Skoumal
- 17 John & Nicole Bartelt
- 18 Kevin & Linda Samson
- 22 Oscar & Karla Chiquito
- 29 Duane & Crystal Zimmerman

With Our Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Jim & Laurie Petrie Kampa & their family. Laurie's brother, Richard Petrie, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, December 9, 2024. May God bless you & keep you in His perfect peace.



Each Monday evening as the prayer group gathers, we are continuing to discuss each chapter in Dr. Bill Thrasher's book *A Journey to Victorious Praying*. his book has great insights concerning prayer.

The Holy Spirit motivates our prayers and empowers them. The Holy Spirit also empowers us to submit to Jesus, resist Satan, to persevere, and to believe God. Faith is a prime target in the spiritual battle in every believer's life. Ephesians 6:10 tells us "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might". We need to depend on the Holy Spirit to strengthen us to believe Him as we seek Him. Believers can lean on the Holy Spirit for His motivation, enablement, and guidance.

God places prayer burdens on our heart. Not every person may have the same prayer burden. If God gives you a prayer burden, be sure to pray concerning that burden. The Spirit of God desires to guide you in praying your heart. Ask God to deliver you from anything that is hindering you from praying your heart to God.

Prayer is an important part of every believer's life. Make sure you take time to pray throughout your day. Make it a priority.





Marriage Ministry Mentor Couple of the Month

Ed and Cindy Demianiuk

We will be married for 38 years in October 2024. Ed is from the Chicago area, and Cindy is from North Carolina. We met while we were in our twenties. We've lived in Monroe for over 34 years, and have 3 grown children. Lauren (35) is married with 2 children, Michael (33), and Katie (26) is recently married. We cherish time with each other and with our families.

The biggest area of conflict arose around our parenting decisions. We had the same expectations for our children, but our paths to getting there were different. We were exposed to different parenting styles growing up, which ultimately played a role in our parenting skills. Also, our communication was not always what it should have been.

We thank God for His help, patience and guidance as He used Bible studies and other marriages to encourage us and to make our marriage stronger and more God honoring. Monroe Bible Church has been a valuable and integral resource in grounding our marriage. We were both blessed to have parents who were committed to their marriages, which was a wonderful example to us.



Understanding the Wounded Heart:

The world, and the people in it, can wound our hearts. The good news of the Gospel is that Jesus came to “heal the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds” (Ps 147:3). Dr. Marcus Warner’s book, *Understanding the Wounded Heart* is a biblically balanced practical guide to understanding how our hearts get wounded, and more importantly, how to see them made whole again.

Jim Kampa will be leading this 10-week “deeper dive” into the inner workings of the book. This class is open to anyone, but it is specifically designed for people who want to grow in their understanding of emotional healing, are looking for more tools to help others deal with root-level issues in their lives, are looking for ways to tear down strongholds that hamper people’s walk with the Lord (both ourselves and others), and enjoy interacting in a relational learning environment with other like-minded people.

By taking this course you can expect to gain a stronger understanding of the core causes of emotional wounding; learn practical tools you can put to work in your own life, and in those you minister to, to gain freedom from wounds; get better at “tearing down strongholds” in your life, and in the lives of others; be encouraged and strengthened as you apply what you are learning to your life.

**This study will meet Saturday Mornings, from January 18th to March 22nd, from 8:30 to 10 AM.
Class will meet in the lower level room #106. Please note - we will not meet on March 1st.**

You will need to purchase the book prior to the class from whichever source you prefer.

You can contact Jim Kampa with questions at 920-757-9551.

Sign up today at the Welcome Center or by emailing Jim at jrkampa44@gmail.com



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

NEHEMIAH CENTER



January finds us hanging a fresh new calendar (if you still use such a thing), starting anew with the reading through the Bible in a year plan, and for some of us, New Year's resolutions that may not last as long as the month! For the

Missions Ministry, January starts the second half of the fiscal year and an opportunity to evaluate how well the missionaries we support are being cared for and if we can help them. We rejoice in the generosity and concern the Body here at MBC shows toward those we support and like to keep you informed so that you can pray for them. That is what they all ask for—our prayers. Here are a few things you might like to know:

The Ackerman family arrived safely in their new country. God faithfully met all their needs including housing, school, finances, and more. A one-time gift above their monthly support was given to help with their move. Nate starts language class this month and Eloise starts kindergarten.

Charles and Julie Champlin have many praises for multiple opportunities to share God's Word and help many in need. Charles and his team have finished translating 16 books of the Bible into Wai Wai. If you were in church when Charles explained all that is involved in translation, you know this is a huge victory, especially considering the health challenges Charles has had this past year! God also provided a small pick-up truck for them so they can carry passengers and a wheelchair to doctor appointments or can travel to Wai Wai communities in the interior.

Our AWANA missionaries, Tim and Cheryl Gilley, have retired after serving with AWANA since fall of 2011. MBC supported them starting in 2021 after the retirement of our previous AWANA missionary couple. We await the announcement of who will next step into the role the Gilleys filled.

And finally, Hunter and Brittany Hancock were in need of several thousand dollars to finish 2024 without a deficit. A one-time gift was sent to help them. They need some new monthly partners in order to continue their faithful work on college campuses with the Navigators. If God has blessed you with a little extra at the end of your month, you might consider supporting their work. You can give online at navigators.org/staff/23833785. They would be so appreciative. Satan is working overtime on our college campuses, making it essential that Christians fight back through solid campus ministries like the Navigators.

Crystal Zimmerman, Missions Ministry Leader



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MEN'S Breakfast



SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH

8:00-10:00 AM

NEHEMIAH CENTER

ALL MEN & THEIR SONS ARE INVITED!

GROWTH GROUP LEADER TRAINING

Sunday, January 12

Noon-3:30 pm

Nehemiah Center



IT'S TIME TO UPDATE OUR

CHURCH DIRECTORY

ONLY 2 REMAINING PHOTO DATES!

January 5 in the Nehemiah Center
or
January 12, in LL#104

Sign up at the Welcome Center!

Backpack Buddies

Backpack Buddies is currently providing 119 Monroe School District students with food for the weekend. These students are experiencing food insecurity at home and we are able to send them home each Friday with meal and snack foods. If you would like to donate, there are totes by the coat racks for donations. Needed items include: fruit cups, applesauce cups, soft and chewy granola bars, oatmeal packets, tuna pouches, peanut butter crackers, graham crackers, and easy mac packets.



Thank you for your support!

NEXT STEPS

Are you looking to be more involved?
Would you like to be better equipped?

Following the Next Steps at the Bible Church is not only a way to enable you to become more involved, but will also be valuable to your personal growth. Each session is 1 hour long, and designed to be completed in order.

- Step 1: Our Mission & Vision
- Step 2: Our Core Beliefs
- Step 3: Our Commitments
- Step 4: Our Equipping
- Step 5: On Mission

Upcoming Sessions:

- Step 1: January 19
- Step 2: January 26, February 2
- Step 3: February 9
- Step 4: March 2, March 9
- Step 5: April 6, April 13 (required for mission trips)

Please Note:
Steps 1, 2, & 3
are required for
church membership.

Please sign up for all Next Steps classes at the Welcome Center, or on our website under Events. Pick up a 2025 Next Steps brochure at the Welcome Center for a listing of all classes for the 2025 calendar year.

HE WILL COVER YOU WITH HIS FEATHERS AND UNDER HIS WINGS YOU WILL FIND REFUGE,
HIS FAITHFULNESS WILL BE YOUR SHIELD AND RAMPART. PSALM 91:5 (NIV)

