

# NEWSLETTER

MOOREVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

VOLUME 3

## DEVOTIONAL



November 22, 2023

Thanksgiving Eve

As I sit here in the study, the mercury has finally fallen into temperatures that are adequate for the autumn season! As we prepare to move from 2023 into 2024, I find myself pondering what I am thankful for. I shall challenge each of you to do the same.

I am thankful for my bride and daughter, for they bring me an incredible amount of love, grace, stability and encouragement as we plod forward in this thing called life. I find myself being incredibly blessed and thankful for the many friends I have that answer when I call. You - the congregation - are an immeasurable blessing to me and my family. As we walk with you in now, our third year,

you pray for us, you encourage and love us, and you bring abundant joy into our lives. Some of you even show up at the parsonage unannounced with a warm pie! It is one of the greatest treasures to be called your pastor, and it is not something that I take lightly or for granted.

In reflecting upon this past year, I am reminded of the words of Jesus to the Apostle Paul in the second letter to the church at Corinth, the twelfth chapter: "My grace is sufficient for you; for power is perfected in weakness." Paul was given a thorn in the flesh and had implored three times for it to be removed, and the Lord said no, but to allow His grace to sustain and cover him. As I have sat with many over this past year, it seems that several have a thorn in the flesh that does not appear to be going away. In looking at the landscape across our small corner of God's Kingdom, I have seen His children hurting, grieving, suffering, wrestling, worrying and some just simply scared as to how to move forward. I have caught the tears and heard the cries of many who feel lost in the wilderness. The thorn in the flesh has taken on many, many different forms. As we are all responsible for our response in every situation, I pray that we would respond as our friend Paul did,

## DEVOTIONAL, PART 2

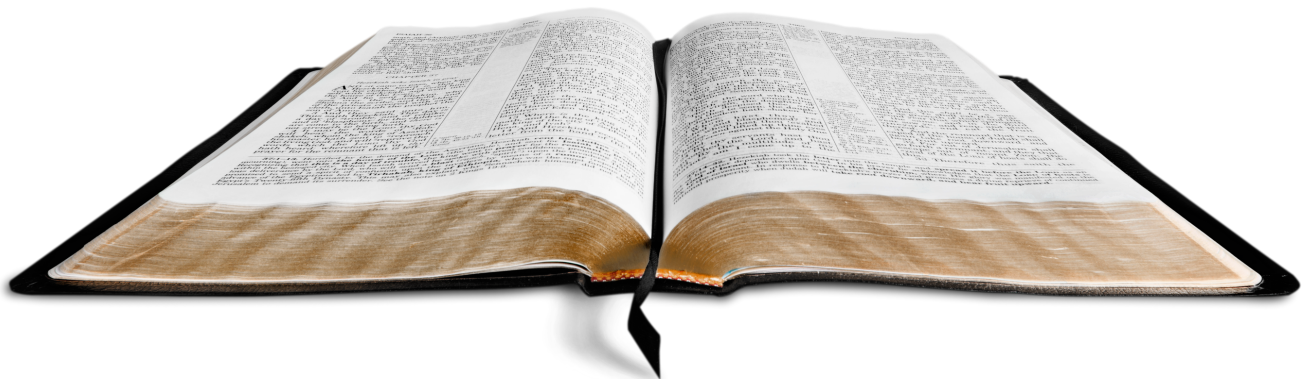
“Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast [c] about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with [d] insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.”

Our friend chose a response of praise and thanksgiving for his situation and circumstances. I truly pray we would respond in the same manner, and to allow the grace of Christ to completely engulf us as we move forward.

Please join us on the hilltop for breakfast at 9:00am (Bobby and Jeremy are making omelettes! Guys, if you’re reading this, I’d like to order mine with sausage and sharp cheddar cheese. The eggs, of course, must be fluffy!) Sunday school at 9:30am and worship at 10:30am. We have our children’s program during our regular worship time on Sunday, December 17th with a meal and pictures with Santa to follow, as well as our Candlelight service with communion at 5:30pm on Christmas Eve. I look forward to seeing each of you on the hilltop soon.

Ever Thankful,  
Diggs

(Scriptures taken from the nasb, 1995 version)



## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS



**SCOTT AND JENNY  
OVEROCKER**

## PRAYER LIST

DONNA ANDERSON  
CATHY DAVIS  
MARY ANNE HAYES  
DALE KIDD  
KIRK LAWRENCE  
WILLOW POLING  
KAREN KIDD SMITH

BOB DAVIS  
NICK GREGER  
JAN HUBER  
SANDRA KILLOUGH  
AMBREE MCCALL  
THIAGO PIMENTEL  
BILLY ENGELKE FAMILY



## MINISTRY MOMENTS

### Shoebox Ministry

On November 15th, after sharing a good meal of Thanksgiving, everyone participated in the shoebox ministry by placing the scarves that were made by the women's blanket ministry and all the donated items into 150 shoeboxes. This is up from the 110 that we did in 2022. Special thanks goes out to Lynn and Donna Anderson, Nita Wuebker, and Connie Easley for the premade boxes and organization of all the donated items. Of course, thanks to the congregation for the support of this ministry. Without your donations, we would not have been able to reach 150 children around the world with our shoeboxes!! Praise God.



### Feast of Sharing

On November 18th, Mooreville Methodist participated in another local ministry of Thanksgiving in Golinda along with the Golinda Fire Department and Golinda Baptist Church. We donated the paper goods for the event that feeds anyone in the community along with shut-ins in Falls County.

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

### COMMITTEE UPDATES

#### Financial Corner

The Finance Committee wishes to thank each one of you for your generous giving! It is a challenge and true honor to be charged with managing your gifts to the church. We pray for your continued support of God's Kingdom here on the hilltop and that in all things we are God directed.

The committee meets monthly and reviews the financial health of the church as part of responsible stewardship. We try to project revenue by analyzing historical performance and comparing current attendance and giving. Our general responsibilities include creating and reviewing the budget, tracking and reporting income and expenses, setting up and maintaining an emergency or contingency fund, paying expenses, safeguarding church assets and promoting responsible stewardship. All fundraising and direction of their proceeds are also under the committee's scope of duties.

#### Financial Summary

Giving has been slightly down in the 3rd Qtr, and thus for the year, but remains steady and within a normal range of expectations. Overall in 2023, the church's total assets have increased. This is mainly a result of designated donations and fundraising efforts.

- Total Assets as of 9/30/2023 were \$144,164
- Total Assets at the end of 2022 were \$ 129,727

#### Balance Sheet Information (reflected in the weekly bulletin, current as of 9/30/2023)

- Annual Budget: \$162,728
- Total Receipts: \$142,374
- Disbursements: \$129,852
- Gen Offering: \$ 91,696 (down \$2,841 over same period last year)
- Other Receipts \$ 50,678

The Finance committee will be setting our annual budget for 2024 soon. We expect it to be healthy and challenging and God directed. The Lord's plans are great and so are his expectations of each of us!

Written by Russell Easley, Finance Chairman

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

### Evangelism

In 2024, we will be scheduling some visits to neighborhoods to drop-off door knockers about visiting our church. We hope to help find the unchurched and plant seeds of faith.

We have Mooreville Methodist Church business cards you can use when inviting guests to church with service times and our address including a map. If you would like some cards, ask Jan or Dee Elliott.

If anyone would like to join the Evangelism Committee, we would love to have you. In addition to evangelizing the word of God, we try to increase discipleship working with the pastor. We also support the Children's Ministry with their activities.

### Committee on Nominations

Nominations for 2024 have been approved. Hard copies of the committees and members are available upon request.

### Committee on Staff Pastor/Parrish Relations

The SPRC committee has been busy over the past few months completing reviews for all church employees except the pastor and hiring a Marketing Director. We interviewed three well-qualified candidates and selected Madison Elliott for the new position. At our final meeting of the year, we will complete the pastor's evaluation and make recommendations for salary adjustments for 2024.

### Communications Team-

The Communications Team has been working hard to improve communication within and outside of the church! We have put out 3 (this is the third) newsletters, have been working on our online presence on social media, the website, and the many flyers and communications for our various events.

### Childrens Ministry Team-

Children, Youth, and Adults are invited to choose a role in this year's Christmas Pageant. Acting out the nativity is a beautiful learning experience that helps children focus on the birth of our Savior during the Advent season. We need a Narrator, Readers, Cast, Volunteers and costume donations.

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Committee on Trustees- No Updates

Worship Committee (Sunday/Wednesday)- No Updates

Worship Committee (Communion/Paraments)- No Updates

Education Committee- No Updates

Fundraising Committee- No Updates

Member Care Team- No Updates

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### DECEMBER 2023

- Tuesdays - Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 am
- Wednesdays - Ladies Blanket Ministry, 9:00 am
- Wednesday - 12/6 & 12/13 - Midweek Manna, 5:15 pm
  - 12/13 is the last Midweek Manna for 2023
- Sunday - 12/3 - Church Wide Meeting, After service
- Sunday - 12/3 - Covenant Church Conference @ Mart FMC 5:00 pm
  - All are invited - Dinner @ 5:00 pm - Worship & Conference at 6:30 pm.
- Sunday - 12/3 - Turquoise Table, 5:00 pm
- Sunday - 12/10 - Women's Night Out - Movie - "ELF", 5:00 pm
- Tuesday - 12/12 - Finance Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Thursday - 12/14 - Communications Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Saturday - 12/16 - Youth Fun Day with a Service Project, 8:30 am
- Sunday - 12/17 - Children's Christmas Program, 10:30 am
- Sunday - 12/24 - Christmas Eve Worship (NO SS), 10:30 am
- Sunday - 12/24 - Candlelight Service, 5:30 pm
- Sunday - 12/31 - New Year's Eve Worship (NO SS), 10:30 am
- Sunday - 12/31 - PEAS, LOVE, & CORNBREAD SALE, 12-2:00 pm
  - \$10.00 for your New Year's Traditional Meal

### JANUARY 2024

- Sunday - 01/07 - Turquoise Table, 5:00-7:00pm (NEW STUDY!!)
- Tuesday - 01/09 - Tuesday Ladies Bible Study, 10:00am
- Tuesday - 01/09 - Finance Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday - 01/10 - Midweek Manna Resumes, 5:15 pm

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Chase Your Shadow 5K and Fun Run
- Easter Events



# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Youth Service Project & Fun Day December 16, 2023

Youth from 5th-12th, join us for a service project and fun day!  
This is at no cost to you, but there is just one requirement...

**BRING A FRIEND!**

### Timeline

8:30 AM	10 AM	1 PM	2 PM	5:30 PM	6:30 PM
Breakfast & Bible Discussion	Service Project	Lunch	Fun	Dinner	Headed Home

Contact Jay, Kasi, or Megan for more information

# CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

17  
DECEMBER  
2023



10:30 AM

MOOREVILLE  
METHODIST CHURCH  
206 FM2643  
CHILTON, TX 76632

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**VOLUNTEERS AND CAST MEMBERS NEEDED!**  
**SEE JENNIFER GRUSENDORF FOR SIGN UP & REGISTRATION SHEETS!**





# CHURCH CALENDAR



START YOUR **NEW YEAR** WITH A **TRADITIONAL MEAL**

**PICK UP & TAKE OUT ONLY**

**\$10 DEC 31ST**  
**12-2 PM**

**ADVANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE**

- SAUSAGE
- CABBAGE
- PEAS
- CORNBREAD
- DESSERT

Get yours online or from a member of Mooreville Methodist Church!

[www.ticketsignup.com](http://www.ticketsignup.com)

Call Judy Davis with any questions at 254-883-7018

**THE TURQUOISE TABLE ON THE HILLTOP**

**SERVICE PROJECT: BOOK DRIVE!**

We are collecting paperback books to be donated to the Falls County Jail Library!

Please see your bulletin insert for more detailed information.

Have questions? Please see or text Heidi!

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# CHURCH LEADERSHIP

**Kevin Diggs**

Pastor,  
Member Care  
Team Chair,  
Worship

**Carroll Huber**

Lay Leader

**Jay Elliott**

Admin.  
Council Chair

**Jackie Rich**

Admin. Council  
Vice Chair,  
Fundraising  
Chair

**Jan Elliott**

Evangelism  
Chair

**Russell Easley**

Finance +  
Comm. + Long  
Range  
Planning Chair

**Mike Kleibrink**

SPRC Chair

**Ryan Ford**

Trustees Chair

**Mike Davis**

Building Chair

**Logan Moore**

Music Director

**Jennifer Grusendorf**

Childrens  
Director

**Madison Elliott**

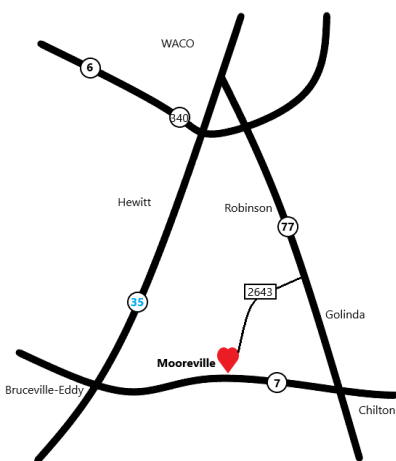
Marketing  
Director



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## ABOUT US!

Sunday School: 9:30 AM  
Sunday Service: 10:30 AM



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