

NEWSLETTER

MOOREVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

VOLUME 4



DEVOTIONAL



Dear Church,

I hope this finds each of you doing well! The temps have fallen to 19 degrees, and I have had to accept that I am not built for cold weather! However, we are told in ALL things to give thanks, so I have lifted my prayers of thanksgiving for the balmy 19-degree weather to the Throne Room. As I sit in silence and pray and search to see what the Lord is doing, I am reminded of what an incredible year we have had here on the hilltop. We have celebrated baptisms, new members joining and new ministries being formed. We have left our beloved hilltop and headed out into our community. We have prayed, evangelized, disciplined and loved one another as well as our community.

As we move and get settled in 2024, I wanted to highlight two new ministries that are kicking off. First, our commitment to our students in the 5th-12th grade. We have labored for a few years and prayed for the Lord to show us how to meet this incredible group where they are. Their Sunday School teacher had a novel idea, "Diggs, let me give them a survey and simply ask." A very simple solution. What was gleaned from the survey was two things that penetrated my heart. First, they said they wanted to get together to help people. They wanted to go into our community and help others. Secondly, they said they wanted to have fun. In December, we gathered this phenomenal group and they went shopping for nine children who needed Christmas items. We turned them loose and let them shop. Afterwards, we went and had a meal and played games at Main Event. When we returned to the church, we asked them where they saw God throughout the day. Their reply was simple: "We saw God as we shopped today for people that we would never meet." Friends - always remember that you may be the only Jesus others see, even if you never meet that individual physically. Please pray for our students as they move forward - walking together serving Christ and getting to know one another.

DEVOTIONAL, PART 2

The second group I want to highlight is our Men's Group. It has been on my heart since I arrived in July of 2021 to start a men's group. I have tried three times to no avail - so I backed off. In the summer of this past year, Benny Plett came to me and asked about his desire to start a Men's Ministry. We agreed to pray about it and to meet weekly. I'll be honest - meeting weekly was difficult as we lived into the fall and autumn. It was in the fall that I had two other men approach me, Jonathan Carter and Scott Overocker share they wanted to visit about a ministry for men. It was at that moment standing the sanctuary that I know the Holy Spirit was doing a work. Please pray for these three as they lead the men of our congregation!

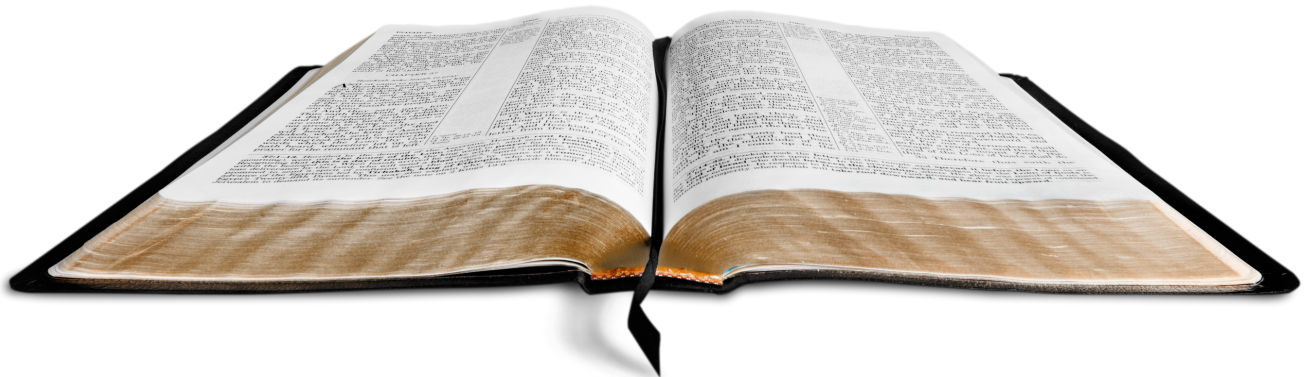
The Holy Spirit is definitely moving, and I pray that we will get out of the way and follow. As always, I invite you to join us Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings. Our prayer for 2024 is that we would build a community of faithful disciples who come to this hilltop to pour into one another so that when we depart, we are equipped to go into the world and pour out the love and grace of Jesus Christ wherever the Holy Spirit leads us. We would love to see you on the hilltop - and always remember to invite a friend!

Blessings!

Kevin Diggs

Pastor

Hebrews 13:1-3



TESTIMONIALS

MEET PAUL & LANA MILLS!



WHY MOOREVILLE?

My mom went to church here when she was a girl, she grew up in Mooreville, so that is what initially brought us here. Once we got here, we realized how friendly everyone was, everyone is just down to earth friendly- they make us feel so welcome. They are just good people.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN?

Amazing Grace- All of us are looking for salvation, and that song is a glimmer of hope for what we are looking for. How Great Thou art is has got to be one of the greatest-- to make us realize how much we are blessed by what He has given us.



PRAYER LIST

HERBERT "BUTCH" BUCK
 CATHY DAVIS
 MAX GARZA FAMILY
 GENE HOWARD
 BRADY JONES
 BILLY LAUGHLIN

JIM BUTLER
 LINDA DAVIS
 LONNIE HARGRAVE
 JAN HUBER
 DALE KIDD
 MARY MICKLER

AUBREY PANEK
 ROSALEE POLING
 CASEY WALKER
 ANDREW PIMENTEL
 LEROY VARGAS
 GARY WRIGHT



MINISTRY MOMENTS

TEEN CREEDS



WHAT IS TRUTH? WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE AND WHY? WHAT DOES THE APOSTLE'S CREED MEAN IN OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH? THIS ISSUE OF MINISTRY MOMENTS IS FOCUSING ON THE WORK GOD IS DOING IN OUR CHURCH AND SPECIFICALLY WITH OUR YOUTH.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN IN THE PEWS LATELY ON SUNDAY MORNING YOU ARE WITNESSING A TRUE TREAT WITH A GLIMPSE INTO THE MINDS AND HEARTS OF OUR YOUTH. THEY HAVE BEEN RECITING, FROM THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH, THEIR OWN VERSION OF THE APOSTEL'S CREED.

OUR YOUNG ADULTS HAVE BEEN EXPLORING AND ATTEMPTING TO ANSWER THESE VERY QUESTIONS OF TRUTH, BELIEF, AND CREED. WHAT THEY ARE LEARNING IN THEIR YOUNG CHRISTIAN LIVES ARE FOUNDATIONAL WE COULD ALL BENEFIT FROM THIS DEEP EXAMINATION OF OUR FAITH.

"THE LESSONS THEY ARE LEARNING IN CLASS ARE DRAWN FROM SCRIPTURE" SAYS NATHAN BARRIER, THEIR TEACHER. HE DETERMINED LAST YEAR THAT THE STUDENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF METHODIST LITURGY WAS VERY LITTLE. "THE FORMAL THINGS WE SAY AND DO HAD LITTLE OR NO MEANING TO MOST OF THEM BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T YET UNDERSTAND THE BASIC TENETS OF CHRISTIANITY." NATHAN BEGAN WITH THE WORDS: ADVENT, APOSTLE, ARCHANGEL, ATONEMENT, BELIEVE AND ON THROUGHOUT THE ALPHABET OF BIBLICAL WORDS IN HIS TEACHING OF THIS CLASS. NATHAN SAID THREE WORDS THAT KEPT COMING TO MIND WERE "TRUTH", "BELIEVE" AND "CREED", IN HIS QUEST TO TEACH THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT TRULY HE STRUGGLED GETTING TO THE WORD "BELIEVE".

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“THE APOSTLE’S CREED IS A TERRIFIC EXAMPLE OF THE WORD “BELIEVE” AND ONE NIGHT, IT CLEARLY AND SUDDENLY DAWNED ON ME TO HAVE MY STUDENTS WRITE THEIR OWN PERSONAL CREED IN THEIR OWN TEENAGE LANGUAGE.” “I HAD AN OVERWHELMING SENSE THAT THIS IS WHAT I MUST DO,” SAID NATHAN.

“THE STUDENT CREEDS I HAVE RECEIVED ARE REALLY GOOD. I HOPE OUR CONGREGATION CAN APPRECIATE HOW HARD AN ASSIGNMENT THIS IS FOR KIDS THIS YOUNG.” “ FOR SOME OF THEM, STANDING IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH AND SAYING ANYTHING IS MORE THAN THEY CAN BEAR,” HE SAYS. “BUT I HAVE A PLAN FOR THAT TOO.”

GOD IS DOING A WORK IN OUR YOUTH’S LIVES AND IN OUR CHURCH, THERE IS NO DOUBT. AS A PARENT AND GRANDPARENT, I AM PERSONALLY SO VERY PROUD TO HEAR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE BRAVE THE STAGE OF PUBLIC SPEAKING AND MOREOVER BEAR THEIR PERSONAL THOUGHTS OF TRUTH, BELIEF, AND CREED IN THEIR OWN WORDS TO THEIR CHURCH FAMILY. SOMETHING TELLS ME THESE STUDENTS AND THE TEACHER THEY HAVE IN MR. BARRIER, ARE SPECIAL



MINISTRY MOMENTS

HE STILL SPEAKS

Nathan Barrier



Until recently, I've never thought much about getting messages or even missing messages from God. That always seemed a little presumptuous. Not that I don't believe it happens; it is well established that God still speaks. It's just that He speaks to others. I've heard many times that "God told me to do this" or that "I have discerned what the Holy Spirit would have me do." I certainly do not doubt them; just figure they have a much closer relationship with the Almighty than me. Then everything changed.

Last year, my pastor nudged me to go back into the classroom after 20 years completely away from it. Retired from public education; he wanted me in a Sunday School classroom as an assistant (back-up). I very reluctantly agreed but argued that the age difference was an issue. A few months later I was asked to take over teaching that class of teenagers after a train wreck of teacher shuffling. I protested. I was 56 years older than the oldest kid in that class. These kids were the age of my grandchildren! I feared being so removed from the 21st century teen scene would be disastrous. It was not.

Rather than deciding on a curriculum to follow, I asked God to show me the way. My goal, as I saw it, was to teach them who we are as Christians and why we believe what we believe. Nearly all my lessons were designed between midnight and dawn at some point during the week prior. I had no firm idea of what to teach until then and I never knew when I would awaken and be unable to go back to sleep (because that triggered the planning).

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In the beginning, I certainly did not believe anything special was happening; only that I was going to teach what came to me. It was only when I began teaching the famous creeds of the church that I felt like I was being led. And for that whole time before the creeds unit (about 6 months) I thought I had been the one leading.

Last night, I began preparing the February 11, 2024 review of our unit on 'Creeds' when the strangest thing happened. In the midst of typing questions wrapping up the study (February 4 was the 'last' lesson), these words came to me: "the gift of the Father's unfailing grace." I knew I had heard this phrase before and kept repeating it in my mind, over and over, and kept trying to type review questions at the same time. I figured it was Scripture (sounded like Scripture) but I had no idea where in the Bible it came from.

But it kept repeating itself over and over: "the gift of the Father's unfailing grace." So, after a few minutes, I gave up typing on the review, went to an internet browser and Googled "the gift of the Father's unfailing grace." Boy, the result hit me like a ton of bricks.

Edwin Lewis (1881-1959) was a well-known and respected Methodist Theologian and Professor of Theology at Drew University in New Jersey who wrote 'A Modern Affirmation' in 1932. I recognized it immediately as a creed we sometimes used in my boyhood church in Daisetta, Tx. Our pastor at the time loved this particular creed. It has been well over 50 years since I've read it or heard it or even thought about it.



MINISTRY MOMENTS



Here it is:

“We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of

**God may come upon the earth.
Amen.**

I ask you this: What else can I believe but that God spoke to me?



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Committee on Trustees-

The new 2024 committee met on January 28, 2024. We welcomed new members and thanked old members for their service. A new chair, co-chair and secretary were elected. The committee reviewed old business and accepted the gift of land behind the fellowship hall.

Finance Committee- No Updates

Evangelism- No Updates

Committee on Nominations- No Updates

Committee on Staff Pastor/Parrish Relations- No Updates

Communications Team- No Updates

Childrens Ministry Team- No Update

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

FEBRUARY 2024

- Tuesdays - Ladies Bible Study - 10:00 am
 - 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27
- Wednesdays - Ladies Blanket Ministry - 9:00 am
 - 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28
- Wednesdays - Midweek Manna - 5:15 pm
 - 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28
- Turquoise Table - 5:00 PM
 - 2/4, 2/18
- Sunday - 2/11 - Youth Group Gathering - Following Church in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday - 2/13 - Finance Meeting - 6:30 pm
- Wednesday - 2/14 - Ash Wednesday
- Mens Fellowship Group - 3:00 - 5:00 pm
 - 2/25

MARCH 2024

- Sunday Turquoise Table - 5:00 pm
 - 3/3 & 3/17
- Tuesdays - Ladies Bible Study - 10:00 am
 - 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26
- Wednesdays - Ladies Blanket Ministry - 9:00 am
 - 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27
- Wednesdays - Midweek Manna - 5:15 pm
 - 3/13, 3/20, 3/27
 - Wednesday -3/6 - NO Midweek Manna - Spring Break
- Sunday - 3/24 - Palm Sunday
- Thursday - 3/28 - Maundy Thursday Service with Communion - 6:00 pm
- Good Friday- 3/29
- Sunday - 3/31 - Easter Sunrise Service - 7:30 am
- Sunday - 3/31 - Easter Breakfast - 8:30 am
- Sunday - 3/31 - Easter Worship Service - 10:30 am



WE ARE HIRING DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES

OVERVIEW

Your role is to develop and provide spiritual and administrative leadership, oversight, and doctrinal education and discipleship in our student ministries at Mooreville Methodist Church of Mooreville, Texas.



JOB DESCRIPTION

This great responsibility, in agreement with the Pastorate, relative councils and committees, and laity youth workers, includes leading and/or assisting current youth teachers and volunteers with the Youth Sunday School Program, Children's Message, Wiggle Worship, Sunday night activities, Wednesday night activities, and other special programs such as Vacation Bible School, Christmas programs, and other special events that may occur.

This is a part-time, paid position.

Please send your resume to sprc@moorevillemethodist.org by 2/29

ABOUT MOOREVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome to Mooreville Methodist Church, the little church on the hill with friendly people and a big heart! Because of the congregation's faithfulness to our two main tasks - proclaiming the Gospel and Making Disciples of Jesus Christ - we want to gather and celebrate these precious moments within the life of our church.

MORE INFORMATION

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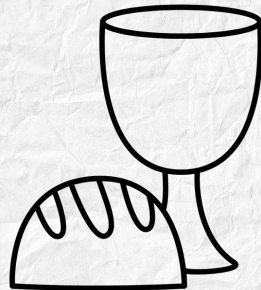


EASTER EVENTS



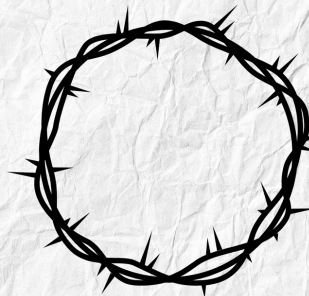
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MARCH 24



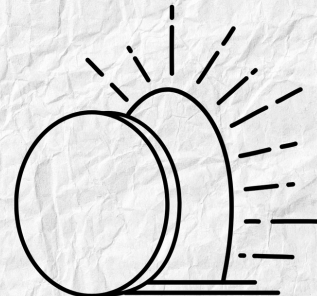
MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 28



GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 29



EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31



CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Kevin Diggs

Pastor +
Member Care
Team Chair +
Worship Chair +
Nominations

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Lay Leader

Jackie Rich

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Council Chair
+ Fundraising
Chair

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Evangelism
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Chair

Connie Easley

SPRC Chair

Mike Davis

Trustees Chair
+ Building
Chair

Lara Hunt

Education
Chair

Logan Moore

Music Director

Jennifer Grusendorf

Childrens
Director

Madison Elliott

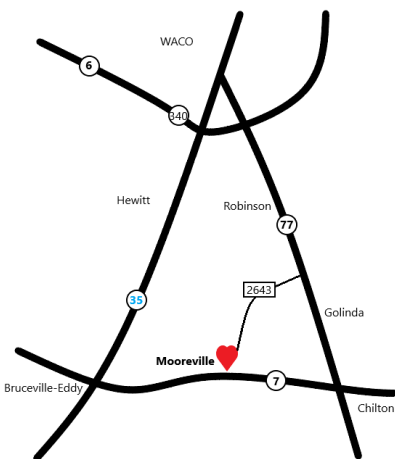
Marketing
Director



MOOREVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

ABOUT US!

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



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