

THE CROSSLINK...

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From the Pastor . . .

MIGHTY MEN

King David had an army that beat up everybody. And in 2 Samuel 23 we learn that he had 3 special mighty warriors. Mighty men* of valor. And a fourth, maybe even better. Oh, and 33 more mighty men in his army. These Mighty Men were amazing, almost superhuman. They were the kind of warriors every army needs to be victorious. What these mighty men had in common was their willingness to stand their ground, their strength and skill used to overcome great odds, and their love and loyalty to their king.

I think God could use some people like this today. A lot of people just give up when faced with great opposition and odds against them. Of course it's easier to quit. It even sometimes seems wiser. Two of the mighty men, Shammah and Eleazar, were abandoned by all the rest of the army. They stood all alone against the Philistines. But they didn't quit. They stood their ground even though they were alone. Have you ever felt all alone in the fight? The mighty man fights anyway.

Mighty men overcome great odds. Some were all alone against armies and some faced enemies considered unbeatable. Like when their commander, David, faced the giant Goliath. God has created each one of us with a particular skills, personality, and disposition and expects us to be all we can for His glory. With His guidance and help we can overcome any odd victoriously. Monee Free Methodist Church can be significant in our community and in the life of those we are in relationship with. Lesser people give up when the odds are against them. Mighty people overcome the odds.

Mighty men love their king. And just so we understand, *I'm* not the king, Jesus is. They will face great odds for victory. They will stand firm when everyone else runs away. They will sacrifice their very lives if need be to serve the one they love.

One day King David had a taste for some water from a certain well in Jerusalem. They were trapped in a cave surrounded by the enemy. When the 3 Mighty Men of Valor heard about this they broke through the enemy lines, fought their way to Jerusalem, got the water and fought their way back. David was overcome by their demonstration of love and sacrifice for him. He knew that this was a spirit that belonged to God, rare and precious.

There were 1,300,000 soldiers in David's army and 37 Mighty Men we know by name. We hear some stories of 5. It's a day and the time for some more. We are at a place at MFMC where we need folks who won't run scared from the enemy. Who will use their skills and resource to overcome the odds. And who are not afraid to sacrifice to please the King.

*please note: anytime in this article you see a reference to men we include women and boys and girls. Mightiness is for everyone!

Pastor Patrick Coakley



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Our Worship Schedule



Worship Service	10:30 am
Family Night Wednesday	6:30 pm
Sunday School ~all ages	9:30 am

Watch for
more info~
SAVE the
DATE!
Adult
Mystery
Dinner April
24th

**APRIL 3RD IS
OUR ANNUAL
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&
EGG HUNT
@ 10:30AM
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&/OR SMALL
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COAKLEY**

Financial Ministry

Thank you to all for your faithful giving during these challenging economical times. I want to take this opportunity to outline the information that was presented at the Society Meeting held on 02/28/2010. As presented the total budget for 2010 is \$140,094.00 and breaks down as follows:

Church/ Parsonage/Grounds	\$38,514.00
Pastors/Employees	\$78,730.00
Programs CE/Youth/Stewards	\$5,550.00
Conference Missions/Tithes	\$15,700.00
Admin/Office/Misc	\$1,600.00
Total	\$140,094.00

With a budget of \$140,094.00 the average monthly need will be \$11,674.50. Currently our giving for the month of January and February has not met our financial needs. Our expenses and giving to date are as follows:

2010 Monthly Expenditure	Offering Recived + Last Month Carry Over	Over/Under
\$12,264.84	\$12,130.55	-\$134.29
\$11,594.23	\$10,192.22	-\$1,402.01

As indicated we are currently running a deficit of \$1536.30. The Finance committee is discussing our alternatives for the month to assure that the highest priority disbursements are met. We will continually monitor our financial status and update you monthly in this format.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact me.
Don Schirmer, Treasurer



Help Haiti Heal 5K Run/Fun Walk
APRIL 18th, 2010 3pm (2pm registration)

After the devastating earthquake in Haiti this past January, there is an urgent need to send care and funds to the victims and those providing aid. Free Methodist World Missions has responded with a method for giving directly to our teams of missionaries and volunteers in Haiti through www.helphaitiheal.org. In an effort to both raise awareness about the effects of the earthquake, and also raise funds to give to "Help Haiti Heal," our church will be hosting a 5K Run/Fun Walk through our community. This event will be for runners, walkers, families, individuals, all else who desire to raise funds for Haiti. The Monee Free Methodist Church building will be both the starting and ending points for the race and will serve refreshments as runners and walkers return. We are looking for volunteers in many areas to make this event a huge success: indoor and outdoor set up, registration attendants, timers/finish line workers, route directors, food/kitchen (distribution of donated food), and anyone with a willing heart and helpful attitude. Contact Event Directors: Tiffany Alf and/or Kaiti Bierdeman with questions and go to www.moneefmc.org to download registration information for the Help Haiti Heal 5K.

On April 18th Would you join in with us to HELP HAITI HEAL?

VOLUNTEER, and run or walk with us to support this organization and be a part of the healing process in Haiti.

TREASURER'S REPORT

exciting times!

We now offer the option of online giving www.moneefmc.org for your convenience. The budget for the month of March is \$12,264.84.

The generous man will be prosperous, And he who waters will himself be watered. Proverbs 11:25

If you have questions about the budget you may contact Treasurer Don Schirmer or Pastor Pat.

This last month has been exciting times in the youth ministry. We have seen new kids come to many of our special events and we also had an old familiar face come back to church after not seeing him for several months. The exciting thing for me is knowing that many of these kids that have come in our youth ministry are not church kids. This last weekend, we saw 6 new people come to our Rock-in as we all had many laughs and a lot of fun. Pray as we continue to reach out to our friends, school, and community; this is why we exist, this is why we are here.

The other exciting thing we had this month was the opportunity to go and see the movie To Save A Life. We joined with Calvary Bible Church as they rented out a movie theater and gave away free tickets to youth and parents to see this movie. Fifteen people went from our church, and all 15 seemed to love the movie. Also all the teens said they were amazed at how realistic the movie was to the problems teens have to face today. The movie challenged us to allow God to change us and save us. This movie is a must see movie for teens and parents.

This month should continue to be exciting times for our youth ministry. This weekend I am hoping to bring a good handful of junior highers to "Thaw", which is a jr. high retreat for our conference. The biggest thing we are going to is at the end of the month where I am hoping to bring 10 of us to Dare 2 Share. This event will be the biggest event we go to this year. At Dare 2 Share, we will be challenged and equipped to share our faith with people in our school. I have heard many stories of youth who lives were changed at a Dare 2 Share conference. Please don't let your youth miss out on this event. Pray that God will break us, shake us, and make us at this event.

Pastor Paul

BIRTHDAYS!

Conrad Lapa	3-3
Zach Edwards	3-9
Hunter Mann	3-12
Edith Lapa	3-15
Kaiti Bierdeman	3-15
Cheryl Addleman	3-16
Dana Johnson	3-18
Richard Keys	3-22
Jonelle Eck	3-24
Cheri Coakley	3-25
Don Eck	3-26
Kathy Taylor	3-28
Claude Dasch	3-30

***If someone has been left off this list or you notice a mistake please contact church office @ 708.534.LOVE



THIS 'EVERY SUNDAY -ALL AGES' PROGRAM IS RUNNING SUNDAYS @ 9:30am.

THIS MONTH'S THEME IS FOUND IN LUKE!

&

IN THE MONTH OF MARCH THE CHILDREN'S CHURCH CLASS WILL ALSO REINFORCE THOSE VERBS BY LEARNING FROM THE BOOK OF LUKE.

EACH WEEK OFFERING A UNIQUE VERB: 'GOD IS LOVING AND FORGIVING, 'JESUS TAUGHT US TO SERVE OTHERS, 'JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE AS A GIFT', & 'JESUS IS POWERFUL'.

PLEASE LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO REINFORCE THIS LEARNING ABOUT GOD'S VERB, IT IS A TREASURE.



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To Know Christ, Exalt Christ,
and Share Christ

Who We Are

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our church. At Monee Free Methodist you will learn to build a relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are a Bible-believing church that seeks to know Christ and have a desire to teach others to know Him the same way.

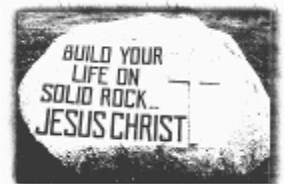
You will enjoy and feel refreshed in our casual family environment. "Come as you are" is what we say and practice. We offer Sunday School learning from God's word for all ages, a midweek family activities night, and our Christian Education/Outreach Committee plans events each month that are safe, fun, and encourage faith. To make everyone feel comfortable, our worship service is relaxed and versatile. The music is a wonderful blend of contemporary and traditional favorites.

Pastor Pat has a way of teaching the Word that is understood and enjoyed by all. His personal touch and humor will keep you involved every step of the way week after week. Most Sundays it feels as if he is speaking right to you personally.

We offer our Younger Worshipers a Children's Church Program (3 years through 2nd grade) dismissed right before the morning message. We also offer a Nursery for children 3 years and younger.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Church Office at 708-534-5683.

We hope to see you soon!



MARCH HAPPENINGS

Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30-7:30pm. Dinner available beforehand for \$2.00 ~ starts serving at 5:30.

Regional Quiz – March 13@ Greenville.

Children's Church – The children will be studying from the book of Luke which correlates directly with L.I.O Sunday School. Topics include 'God is loving and forgiving', 'Jesus is a servant', 'Jesus died for our sins', & 'Jesus has power over death'.

Living Inside Out – An All Ages ~ every Sunday morning program at 9:30am. This month's theme pulled from the book of Luke will focus on learning about God's provision. God tells us the Truth about showing His love and serving Him. Please remember to bring your friends along! If you are interested in volunteering, please see Sandi Dasch. Thank you!

Communion Sunday – March 28th.

THAW (Previously Winterama) – Jr. High Retreat March 5th & 6th. @ Janesville.

Adopt-A-Highway - (Community Outreach Opportunity) We clean-up route 50 through Monee four times a year. Plan for helping in the Spring. Watch for more info!

**See calendar for additional events, dates and times!

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Laugh Your Way To A Better Marriage– Every Sunday night 6:30pm starting March 7th.

Pathos Youth Ministries – Every Sunday Night 6:30-8:30pm at the church. Includes Service Opportunities, large group activity, and small group interaction. Everyone also meeting Wednesday nights at MFMC for bible study @ 6:30-7:30pm. Be sure to check calendar for specifics!

Quizzers – Please see Jim Setty if you are interested in joining the Monee FM Quiz Team & get prepared for the next season!

Women's Bible Study – Beth Moore's 'Believing God' being lead by Jennifer Keith will be meeting 7pm the first and third Tuesdays @ MFMC.

Men's Group – Meets at PJ's Ice Cream Parlor in Manteno on Thursday's at 6:30 p.m. The 1st Thursday meets at Manteno Springs Senior Home (600 N. Birch). For more information, please contact the church 708.534.LOVE

MARCH 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Young Women's Small Group 6:30pm	2 Women's Bible study 7pm to 9pm	3 BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM SERVING \$2 DINNER @5:30	4 CE BOARD MEETING AT 6 MEN'S SMALL GROUP 7PM Praise YOGA 7pm	5 'THAW' BEGINS @ Janesville	6 'THAW' Ends @ Janesville
7 LIVING INSIDE OUT 9:30AM Lifeline Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm ADULT SMALL GROUP 6:30PM	8 Young Women's Small Group 6:30pm	9	10 BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM SERVING \$2 DINNER @5:30	11 MEN'S SMALL GROUP NURSING HOME VISIT 7PM Praise YOGA 7pm	12	13 QUIZ
14 LIVING INSIDE OUT 9:30AM Lifeline Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm ADULT SMALL GROUP 6:30PM DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	15 Young Women's Small Group 6:30pm	16 Women's Bible study 7pm to 9pm	17 BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM SERVING \$2 DINNER @5:30	18 MEN'S SMALL GROUP 7PM Praise YOGA 7pm	19 Dove to Shore @ Sears Center begins	20 Dove to Shore ends
21 LIVING INSIDE OUT 9:30AM Lifeline Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm ADULT SMALL GROUP 6:30PM	22 Young Women's Small Group 6:30pm	23	24 BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM SERVING \$2 DINNER @5:30	25 MEN'S SMALL GROUP 7PM Praise YOGA 7pm	26	27
28 LIVING INSIDE OUT 9:30AM <i>Communion Sunday</i> YOUTH DODGE BALL 6:30-8:30PM ADULT SMALL GROUP 6:30PM	29 Young Women's Small Group 6:30pm	30	31			

Dates are subject to change. Please contact church office at 708-534-5683 if you have any questions.