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# Newsletter October 2023



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### Find Your Community



"FIND YOUR COMMUNITY" will soon be the new sign on our church billboard by the highway. Of course, MBC and service times will also be on the sign. I like the word "community" for two reasons: 1) Community is a value that resonates with the current younger generation, and 2) Being in community is an important part of the Christian life.

Why does "community" resonate with young adults? Perhaps it's because of the cultural changes they have experienced growing up. Social media has become a large part of what would normally be face-to-face, or at least voice-to-voice, social interaction with others. Social media interaction doesn't replace what takes place in that kind of personal communication. God made us to function in community. Someone said even God is "in community," (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). Isolation is used in the prison system for punishment, and it is one of the most effective tools interrogators and torturers use!

Meriam-Webster online dictionary defines community as, "a unified body of individuals: such as a: the people with common interests living in a particular area; b: the area itself; c: a group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society," it goes on to include groups of people that have a common profession, history, are linked by a common policy, etc. The theme is "in common" and "together." Even introverts value time spent with those they have things in common (just not as much time ☹).

Secondly, community is important not just because we are human beings, but because of what it means to live the Christian life. The first Christians understood this. "They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." (Acts 2:42, NASB). Fellowship is a Bible-word for community. Paul wrote to Philemon, "and I pray that the *fellowship* of your faith may become effective through the knowledge of every good thing which is in you for Christ's sake." (Philemon 1:6, italics added). The apostle John opened his first letter with, "what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have *fellowship* with us; and indeed, our *fellowship* is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ." (1 John 1:3, italics added). Learning, encouragement, support, and so much more come from being together as Christ-followers.

Obviously, Christians share a lot in common. Ephesians 4:4-6, says, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all."

What does it mean to live "in community"? All the New Testament "one another" exhortations: to love, accept, tolerate, admonish, forgive, build up, serve, be subject to, and bear one another's burdens, to name a few, is a good start. The "one another's" all require having something in common and being together.

A larger aspect of being in community at MBC is being in the Sunday morning worship service. There the common experience is the worship of our Lord. Another more personal community is serving in a ministry, where the common experience is the work of ministry. The concepts of partnership, sharing, and belonging are in the Greek word for fellowship. Another even more personal level of community is to be in a small group in which God's Word is opened and application gained and sharing and prayer for one another takes place. Are you experiencing these kinds of community? We provide opportunities for you to be in community in each of these levels through the various ministries at MBC. Our ministries are not the only place you can find faith-growing community; the important thing is that you have it, and that you welcome others to join you, especially those seeking community.

I think the hope of finding an authentic community is one of the reasons some people are finding their way into, or back to, the church today. Let's give them an opportunity!

Grateful for the MBC Community,  
 Pastor Dan





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# October Happenings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <b>Worship Services:</b>                      The Gathering 9:00 am &amp; Café 10:30 am</p> <p>Sunday School &amp; Pipeline—9 am</p> <p>Next Steps-Step 4 (s.1)                      —9:00 am, LL #100</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica—2:00 pm, S</p> <p>Ignite—4-6 pm                      Fusion—6-8 pm</p>	<p>2 Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Men's Study—7 pm, S</p>	<p>3 Primitimers Lunch &amp; Games—10 am-1 pm, NC/K</p>	<p>4 No Sr. Life Group</p> <p>Awana:                      Trek/Journey—5:30 pm                      Cubbies-T&amp;T—6:15 pm</p>	<p>5 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC</p> <p>MBC Worship Practice—7 pm, S</p>	<p>6 Homeschool Co-op—8:45 am-3:30 pm, LL/ K/NC</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S</p> <p>Women's Campfire Conversations Night—5:30 pm, Elise Morris' home (6019 Spring Brook Rd, South</p>	<p>7 NC/K in use—10 am-5 pm</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, N</p>
<p>8 <b>Worship Services:</b>                      The Gathering 9:00 am &amp; Café 10:30 am</p> <p>Sunday School &amp; Pipeline—9 am</p> <p>Next Steps-Step 4 (s.2)                      —9:00 am, LL #100</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica—2:00 pm, S</p> <p>Ignite—4-6 pm                      Fusion—6-8 pm</p>	<p>9 Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102</p> <p>Elder Meeting—6 pm, LL #106</p> <p>Deacon Meeting—6 pm, NC</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC</p> <p>Awana:                      Trek/Journey—5:30 pm                      Cubbies-T&amp;T—6:15 pm</p>	<p>12 Missions Ministry Mtg. —5 pm, LL #106</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #101</p> <p>MBC Worship Practice—6:30 pm, S</p> <p>Wedding decorating—noon, upper level of church</p>	<p>13 No Homeschool Co-op</p> <p>All church in use for wedding</p>	<p>14 All church in use for wedding</p>
<p>15 <b>The Lord's Table</b>  <b>Worship Services:</b>                      The Gathering 9:00 am &amp; Café 10:30 am</p> <p>Sunday School &amp; Pipeline—9 am</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica—2:00 pm, S</p> <p>Ignite—4-6 pm                      Fusion—6-8 pm</p>	<p>16 Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Men's Study—7 pm, S</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC</p> <p>Awana:                      Trek/Journey—5:30 pm                      Cubbies-T&amp;T—6:15 pm</p>	<p>19 Blood Drive—Noon-6 pm, NC</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #101</p> <p>MBC Worship Practice—7 pm, S</p>	<p>20 Homeschool Co-op—8:45 am-3:30 pm, LL/ K/NC</p> <p>Primitimers—11:30 am, Monroe Pizza Hut</p> <p>Women's Conference—5-9 pm, all church in use</p>	<p>21 Women's Conference—9 am-6 pm, all church in use</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6:30-8 pm, NC</p>
<p>22 <b>Worship Services:</b>                      The Gathering 9:00 am &amp; Café 10:30 am</p> <p>Sunday School—9 am                      No Pipeline Today</p> <p>Next Steps-Step 1—Noon, LL #106</p> <p>Ignite—Noon lunch, NC &amp; 1:30 leave for corn maze</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica—2:00 pm, S</p> <p>Fusion—6-8 pm</p>	<p>23 Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC</p> <p>Awana:                      Trek/Journey—5:30 pm                      Cubbies-T&amp;T—6:15 pm</p>	<p>26 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC</p> <p>MBC Worship Practice—7 pm, S</p>	<p>27 Homeschool Co-op—8:45 am-3:30 pm, LL/ K/NC</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S</p>	<p>28 Homeschool Craft Fair—9 am-3 pm, 18 &amp; 8th</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Women's Study—4-6 pm, LL #102</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC</p>
<p>29 <b>Worship Services:</b>                      The Gathering 9:00 am &amp; Café 10:30 am</p> <p>Sunday School &amp; Pipeline—9 am</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica—2:00 pm, S</p> <p>Ignite—4-6 pm                      Fusion—6-8 pm</p>	<p>30 Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Men's Study—7 pm, S</p>	<p>31</p>				

**MBC Office Hours:**  
**Monday—Thursday 8:00 AM—4:00 PM,**  
**& Fridays 8:00 AM—Noon**



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- 1 Josh Hardacre  
Rhys Witt
- 2 Case Simler
- 3 Mary Ann Stauffacher
- 4 Tim Gilley
- 6 Barbara Bernhagen  
Kai Schadewaldt
- 9 Luba Dechtiarenko
- 13 Anna Skoumal  
Chloe Wilcox

- 14 Jacob Harder
- 19 Colette Wyttenbach
- 20 Doug Larson
- 21 Aleigh Zettle
- 23 Pauline Wyss
- 24 Pam Young
- 25 Jeff McNett
- 28 Emily Hunsberger
- 29 Darryl Wheeler
- 30 Linda Samson



- 1 Dan & Jennifer Krahenbuhl
- 3 Shane & Jennifer Eddy
- 4 Ed & Cindy Demianiuk
- 4 Keith & Roxanne Geisler
- 5 Tom & Brenda Rossing
- 8 Walt & Carol Botteron
- 11 Tyler & Crystal Hartwig
- 12 Chris & Elise Morris
- 15 Scott & Carol Larson
- 16 Shane & Karena Figi
- 27 Nate & Shannon Ackerman
- 29 Dale & Lynne Kleven



Do you have a friend? If you are married, your spouse is a friend. If you have accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord, He is your best friend.

Recently I asked a friend to help me install a new toilet. My friend said he would help me. Now that is a true friend. Better than that is a friend who will pray for you and with you for your various prayer concerns. The body of Christ, the Church, should be the best example of sharing one another's burdens.

My wife and I recently listened to a message on Philippians 4:4-9. Prayer is an important component in the passage. Paul tells us to rejoice, not to be anxious about anything, and pray about everything with thanksgiving. Doing this gives us true peace. Paul also admonishes us to think about what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and whatever is worthy of praise.

I have seen many good examples of bearing one another's burdens at the Monroe Bible Church. Many times this is shown by praying for each other. Prayer is a powerful weapon. Don't neglect praying about everything.

Dan Keen, Prayer Ministry Leader



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As we settle back into our fall ministries here at MBC, others are doing the same elsewhere. Daniel Jezowski will soon be on his way back to Papua New Guinea while Charles and Julie Champlin are already in Brazil. A number of those we support, including Hunter and Brittany Hancock, are involved with campus ministries and very busy with the return of students for the fall semester. What a blessing to have all of them here over the last couple months, to get to know them personally, and to learn about their ministries. Let's remember to pray for them and their work.

You may remember a couple years ago MBC helped fund nasal polyp surgery for Joseph Malumbi, an alumnus of Action Pastors College in Zambia where Tracy Singleton taught and served as a missionary. The surgery was successful but later Joseph was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer in his throat. Since retirement, Tracy has stayed in close contact with him via Messenger and texts to be an encouragement and now is focused on helping Joseph die with a strong hope in the Lord. One of Joseph's concerns is a house for his wife Bridget and their 3 children. For \$2,000 a two-room cinder block house can be built on land they own. There will be no electricity or plumbing which is not uncommon for Zambia. Tracy also hopes to provide money for them to live on during this transitional time, and for a scholarship for theological training for the young man pastoring the church Joseph has planted. Tracy recently wrote, "It has been a great privilege to be Joseph's friend and mentor. He's such an exceptional man." If you feel compassion for Joseph and his family during this very difficult time, you can help by writing a check to ACTION International and write Acct # 43039M or Joseph Malumbi on the memo line or in a note with the check. Checks can be left in the Missions mailbox or in the office so they can all be mailed together. Tracy will oversee the administration of these funds. If you can contribute before November it would be helpful. Tracy and Karen plan to return to Zambia in November where he will teach a class and they will attend the annual graduation ceremony of Baptist Theological Seminar, which credentials Action Pastors College as part of its nonresidential Bible school program. Not all can give financially, but we all can pray for these needs.

For those who like to plan ahead, the Pleasant View birthday party has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center and a collection box for bingo prizes later in October. We will honor PV policy that all volunteers having contact with residents must be 12 years or older. Younger children will be allowed to participate by singing or playing an instrument during the program but will not be allowed to push wheelchairs or have direct contact with residents. Thank you for understanding their need for such a policy.

Crystal Zimmerman,  
 Missions Ministry Leader



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Let's show our pastors & their families our support for all they do! A Pastor Appreciation Card Box will be available on the table behind the Sanctuary **Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> through Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

If you would like to give a monetary gift, please write "Pastor Appreciation" in the memo line or on the envelope with your gift. The Deacons will present our pastors with the monetary gift on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> during services.

Thank you for being a blessing!



## Ignite Corn Maze

**Sutter's Ridge, Mt. Horeb**

**Sunday, October 22nd**

**Noon—lunch at MBC**

**1:30 PM leave for Corn Maze**

### Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Boxes and labels for Operation Christmas Child will be available the first couple of weeks in October at the table in the foyer. Pack your shoebox, make your payment online or include **\$10** with each shoebox to cover project and shipping costs (checks payable to Samaritans Purse), and return your shoebox to MBC by **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**!

If you want to track your shoebox, you need to make the \$10 payment online, not in the shoebox.

Affix the QR coded label to your shoebox, make the payment online by scanning the code on your label with your smart phone, or by manually entering the 9 to 15-digit code from the label to track your shoebox.

**Easter Worship Choir Sign-ups:** Sign-ups have started to gauge interest and participation in having a worship choir participate with the worship team for our Easter services next year! In order to participate, choir members must be able to (1) carry a tune, (2) be 16+ years of age, and (3) be able to attend most practices and participate in the Easter services on March 31, 2024. A minimum number of people are needed to ensure we have a successful choir, and sign-ups will close in late October. If you're interested, sign up starting today at the Welcome Center or online through the church's website. If we are able to reach our minimum, more information will be communicated later this fall about practice dates and rehearsal times, and our first tentative practices would be in December. For more information, please reach out to Joshua Schwenk via email:

**WORSHIP CHOIR**

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## NEXT STEPS

### Next Steps at MBC

**Step 4 Re-Scheduled—Our Equipping**  
 Ever wonder what spiritual gifts are and how they work in the church? In these two sessions you will learn about serving together in the church, spiritual gifts, and explore how God has gifted you to serve! **2 sessions: Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**, at 9 am, lower level room #100.

### **Step 1—Our Mission & Vision** *(This Step is required for membership)*

Jesus made the mission of the church clear in Matthew 28:9-20. We also know that our purpose is to bring glory to God. Each church is unique according to its location and the people in it. The vision defines how the local church goes about bringing glory to God and making disciples. In this session learn what our vision is and how you can become a part of it.

Sign up for all Next Steps classes on our Website, contact the church office, or use the Chromebook at the Welcome Center.



**Games & Lunch:**  
 (1st Tuesday of the month)  
**Tuesday, October 3rd**  
**10 AM—1 PM, Nehemiah Center**

**Pizza Hut Lunch:**  
 (3rd Friday of the month)  
**Friday, October 20th**  
**11:30 AM at Monroe Pizza Hut**

Contact Carol Hasselmann  
 with questions at 815-505-3324

## Pipeline Class

**October 1st - Nov 5th** – “Ephesians - Truly Harnessing the Whole Armor of God.”

There is much talk about putting on the whole armor of God. We all have heard many talks and teachings on Ephesians Chapter 6, but did you know that your capacity to *effectively* utilize the “whole armor” is built by understanding the precepts in chapters 1 - 5? Come join us in Pipeline as we increase our capacity to truly wear the Armor of God, and wield the Sword of the Spirit through this 6-week journey through the precepts of the (whole) book of Ephesians. This tour will be guided by Pastor Troy and Jim Kampa.

Note: #1 - Ignite Middle School will also be studying Ephesians on Sunday Nights. Allow this study to help your discussions around the table!

Note: #2 - No Pipeline class Oct 22nd.



**Blood Drive**  
**Thursday, October 19th**  
**Noon—6:00 PM**  
**Nehemiah Center**



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# Women's Conference

## Conference Schedule

### Friday, October 20:

5pm - Supper

6pm - Welcome and Worship

6:20pm - Putting On the Full Armor of God: Equipping the Next Generation to Stand Firm in the Faith

7:10 pm - Ideas Have Consequences: Worldview Implications for Everyday Living

8pm - Rejecting Counterfeits, Restoring Truth

9pm - Close

### Saturday, October 21:

9am - Welcome and Worship

9:20am - You Must Contend with This: The Anomaly of the Bible

10:05am - A Correct View of Heaven

11:15am - Do All Paths Lead to God? Discovering Truth in a Pluralistic World

12:10pm - Lunch

1:10pm - How to Apply Hermeneutics & Exegesis: It's Not "Just Your Interpretation"

2pm - Pursuing Unity Amid Diverse Opinions Within Christian Orthodoxy

2:55pm - Speaking Truth Boldly in a Secular Culture

3:40pm - Preventing "Lie-ability": Recognizing Cultic Counterfeit Teachings

4:35pm - Q&A Panel

5:03pm - Biblical Sexuality: It's Not a Talk, It's a Worldview

6pm - Close

## Monroe Bible Church

Sign up at the Welcome Center, online at [wiamonroe.squarespace.com](http://wiamonroe.squarespace.com) or scan the QR code to register.

Registration Deadline: **October 12th**

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2023 CONFERENCE

# WOMEN IN APOLOGETICS

wiamonroe.squarespace.com  
for more information

20-21 OCT 2023

FRI 5P-9P  
SAT 9A-6P

\* Friday supper and Saturday lunch provided

## Orthodoxy

DISPELLING COUNTERFEITS

11 VIDEO SESSIONS

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The conference theme, Orthodoxy: Dispelling Counterfeits, was inspired by 1 Corinthians 15. Through extensive sessions, our speakers focused on identifying the core tenets of orthodoxy (historic Christianity), how the orthodox worldview compares to others, why correctly understanding the Bible is essential, and the character and nature of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



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**SATURDAY | 28 OCTOBER**

## Homeschool Craft Fair

**FROM 9AM-3PM**

Come support your local youth as they sell their homemade wares. Selling a variety; from glass etched cups, baked goods, earrings, keychains, potholders, notecards, bracelets, headbands, homemade paper, and more! Come away with great holiday gifts and tasty treats!

The event will be held at  
18&8th | 1802 8th Street, Monroe, WI  
on Saturday, October 28th from 9-3

# Spot the Differences

Color the Pictures

## THE ARMOR OF GOD

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.

