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# Newsletter—October 2024

## Focus

By now you should have heard the vision statement MBC leadership has adopted for the coming ministry year - ***We exist to equip people to grow, praise, and serve Christ.*** It's called a vision statement because it helps us see where God is leading us. We believe that God desires us to use this as guidance for our planning and programing for the next several months, maybe longer.



What we ask you to do is to grow in the three areas identified by this vision statement. It may feel like we are adding more "to do" to your already busy life. Actually, it is an attempt to help us reduce the number of ministries we have, and the things we do within our ministries. This effort to "focus" what we do will be a growing experience, for our pattern has been to seize every opportunity and do as much ministry as we can. We believe that we will do ministry better, partly by doing less, but more importantly by focusing on what we know God says we should be doing.

We already know the purpose God has for every believer: make disciples (Matthew 28:19). Common sense tells us that a person has to be a disciple to make a disciple, which is why this vision statement emphasizes priorities for living as a disciple of Christ. We also know the purpose God has for those He gifted for leadership in his church. We see it in Ephesians four, "And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; (Ephesians 4:11-12, NASB95). Ministry leaders are to be equippers.

Let me briefly touch on each of the three areas (G.P.S.) highlighted in this vision statement. Each has to do with our personal relationship with Christ. The first is "g", to grow in our walk with Christ. The "Great Commandment" is to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30). 2 Peter 3:18, says, "but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." The word disciple means a follower or a learner. It's important for each of us to be living in such a way that our love for and knowledge of Christ, the grace we have in Him, and how to live out His grace, is increasing.

Notice in 2 Peter 3:18 above, the phrase "To Him be the glory." Praise is what the "p" stands for. Anyone who's following Christ and increasing in their knowledge of Him, cannot help but to be giving Him praise. It is the will of God that all creation give God praise. Ephesians 3:21 says, "to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen." Giving God glory is giving Him praise, "Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in holy array." (Psalm 29:2).

The "s" in our G.P.S. stands for serving. It's hard to imagine someone following Christ and not serving Him. He even gives spiritual gifts so that we can serve Him effectively. 1 Peter 4:10-11 says, "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. <sup>11</sup>Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." Did you notice that giving God glory (praise) is also in verse 11?

If we focus our time and efforts in these three areas, there's no doubt we'll be making disciples, both by helping one another grow, and by helping others see their way into His kingdom.

Leaders will be striving to plan and conduct ministry in ways that equip you to grow in these areas. We've asked each of our ministry leaders to focus their ministry on providing instruction and/or opportunity to experience growth in one or more of the three G.P.S.'s in our vision statement. We encourage you, before you commit to any ministry activity, to ask if it will help you and others to grow, praise, and serve Christ.

Focusing on Christ,  
Pastor Dan



# October Happenings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>MBC Office Hours:</b>  <b>Monday—Thursday 8 AM—4 PM</b>  <b>&amp; Fridays 8 AM—Noon</b></p>		1	2 Sr. Growth Group—1 pm, NC  Awana: Trek/Journey—5:15 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm	3 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC  No MBC Worship Practice	4 Homeschool Co-op—8:45 am-3:45 pm  Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	5 Celebration of Life for Joan Haight—2 pm, S  NC in use 11 am-4 pm Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC
6 Lord's Table Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am  Sunday School & Pipeline—9 am Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Ignite—4-6 pm, NC Fusion—6-8 pm, NC	7 Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102  Forest Lakes District Fall Conference, Wausau, WI	8 Missions Ministry Meeting—5 pm, LL #102	9 Sr. Growth Group—1 pm, NC  Awana: Trek/Journey—5:15 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm	10 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC  MBC Worship Practice—6:30 pm, S	11 Homeschool Co-op—8:45 am-3:45 pm  Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S  Spiritual Warfare 201 class—6:15 pm, NC	12 Harvest Weekend: Men's Breakfast 8 am, NC Ladies' Lunch Noon, NC  Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC
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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

18 Michael Rhoe

19 Colette Wyttenbach

20 Doug Larson

23 Pauline Wyss

24 Montana Henderson

Pam Young

25 Jeff McNett

28 Emily Hunsberger

29 Naomi Thoman

Darryl Wheeler

30 Linda Samson



1 Dan & Jennifer Krahenbuhl

3 Shane & Jennifer Eddy

4 Ed & Cindy Demianiuk

5 Tom & Brenda Rossing

8 Walter & Carol Botteron

Larry & Dawn Mathiot

11 Tyler & Crystal Hartwig

12 Chris & Elise Morris

14 Bailey & Gabrielle Gruber

15 Scott & Carol Larson

20 Ben & Melissa Borke

27 Nate & Shannon Ackerman

29 Dale & Lynne Kleven

## With Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to these families

Steven & LaRene Blunt family. Steven Blunt's mom, Dolores Weatherford, passed away Wednesday, August 21st.

Bill & Deb Westphal family. Bill Westphal's brother, Don Westphal, passed away Tuesday, September 17th.

Bob & Deb Hauri family. Deb Hauri's mom, Joan Haight, passed away Friday, September 20th.

May God comfort each of you and bless you with His peace.

## Wedding Congratulations!



Thomas Schultz & Anna Rhoe were married on Saturday, September 21, 2024

Daniel Skoumal & Marissa Hurlbert were married on Saturday, September 28, 2024

May God bless your marriages with joy!



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### MISSIONS

Harvest Weekend has arrived! Be sure to sign up for the Saturday men's breakfast or ladies' luncheon. Trevor is home on his first furlough since going to the Asia Pacific in 2022 and he is very eager to share his experiences as well as a special blessing that has come his way! Randy and Shirley Haglund also will be joining us as the newest missionary couple MBC supports. They are not new to the mission field however, and have much to share about their work in Africa and Eurasia. Not only is this a great way to get to know some of those we support in a more personal way, but we can be encouragers to them as they work hard to spread the Gospel. Randy will be preaching Sunday morning and Trevor will join the Sunday School and Pipeline classes. You will have an opportunity during the weekend to contribute to the Christmas gift offering so we can bless those we support all year with a little extra for the Christmas season. Please honor our guests by making Harvest Weekend a priority!

November is again MBC's turn to host the Pleasant View Birthday Party, so start gathering bingo prizes for the collection box. Elise Morris has volunteered to be the coordinator and will soon have more information for us. It is a simple thing to do, but brings so much joy to the residents who sometimes feel lonely and forgotten.

Recently the Glory Reins Ranch newsletter arrived, and right inside on page 2 was an article and pictures of an MBC family you would all recognize! They were being thanked for steadfast service for 15 years at Glory Reins! This is such a great reminder for us all not to wait for someone else to put together a mission trip or service project, but be like this family. If you have a talent that is needed or know you could be useful somewhere, go for it! Like the children's song "Be a Missionary Everyday", we can be serving Jesus doing just about anything, anywhere, anytime!

Crystal Zimmerman, Ministry Leader



I recently heard Erwin Lutzer talk about his new book "The Eclipse of God". You can listen to him in the archives of "In the Market". We're living in a world that is disregarding God. We as believers need to guard our hearts against chasing after

the things of the world and letting those things take priority over the things of God. What do you concentrate on each day? God's Word, politics, sports, etc.? Satan tries to keep us from praying and reading God's Word and good Christian books.

Do you realize what a privilege it is to be able to pray to God in Jesus' name and authority? We need to come to Him humbly. God's name is honored as He forgives our sin, allows His children to experience His rest, and as He gives us guidance. We can come to him with confidence. Let God use your life to display to the world how gracious and kind He is.

Share with other believers what God is doing in your life. Share what you are reading in God's Word. Are you reading through the Bible in a year? Share that with others. Share with other believers your prayer requests and answers to prayer. We need to witness Jesus to believers as well as unbelievers.

Pray for the upcoming election. Pray for God to give you wisdom on whom to vote for and check out the party platform of the candidates. Does the platform support or go against Biblical principles? Pray for our government leaders.

Dan Keen, Ministry Leader

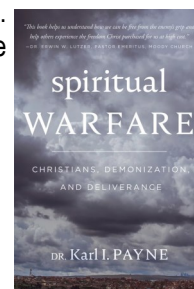
### Next Level Spiritual Warfare Study Spiritual Warfare 201

Last year we offered Spiritual Warfare 101 and 102. This year we are taking it up a notch. We will be studying the book *Spiritual Warfare* by Karl Payne. Karl Payne has been **working** the work of spiritual warfare for decades, and this book is seen as a foundational tool of freedom ministry practitioners.

Come join us as we learn how to distinguish between attacks from the world, the flesh, and the devil, and how to battle each of those pressures in our life. Learn the "rules of engagement" for demonic warfare, and learn how to navigate the subtleties of the battle.

This class will meet on Friday nights starting on October 11th, and continue until Friday the 20th of December (off for Thanksgiving). We will start at 6:15 pm in the Nehemiah Center.

Purchase your book from whichever source you prefer. Sign up at the Welcome Center or email Jim Kampa at [jrkampa44@gmail.com](mailto:jrkampa44@gmail.com)





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## Behold & Believe

ENCOUNTERING JESUS AS THE GREAT I AM

Oct 25 - Oct 26 | Monroe Bible Church  
4:30p-7:30p 8:30a-4:30p 2613 8th Ave, Monroe, WI 53566

### Keynote Speakers



Melissa Kruger



Jen Wilkin



Vanessa Hawkins



Courtney Doctor



Nancy Guthrie



Ruth Chou Simons



David Platt

Scan the QR code to register  
or sign up at the MBC Welcome Center



### Conference Schedule

#### Friday, October 25

Doors Open 4:00 pm

Conference Begins 4:30 pm

Supper 5:40-6:30 pm

Conference Ends 7:30 pm

#### Saturday, October 26

Doors Open 8:30 am

Conference Begins 9:00 am

Lunch 12:10-1:10 pm

Conference Ends 4:30 pm

Contact Amanda Ohlrich with questions  
719-339-5366 or [ohlrich316@gmail.com](mailto:ohlrich316@gmail.com)

October is

**PASTOR**

**APPRECIATION MONTH**

1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-13

A special offering will be  
taken for our pastors  
on October 20th  
at the end of each service.

A donation box will be on the table behind  
the Sanctuary on Oct. 20, 27, & Nov. 3

Presentation of the gifts  
to our pastors will be  
on Sunday, November 10th.

**\*Please Note: All monetary gifts must be given by November 3rd — NO LATER!**



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### What's In a Name?

What's the difference between a **Life Group** and a **Growth Group**? This is a great question, and one I have been asked several times recently. In short, Growth Groups are a lot like Life Groups. They meet weekly in homes (mostly) and are organized around the sermon-based questions from the previous Sunday. There are a few key differences that should be highlighted:

The purpose of Growth Groups is more specifically focused – to foster authentic Christ-centered relationships in the church. These are not Bible studies or prayer groups. The function of a Growth Group is to help people in the church grow together in their relationships in Christ.

The time commitment is shorter. Instead of a year-long commitment, Growth Groups run for only 10-week sessions. When a session is done, people are free to sign-up for the same Growth Group for the next 10 weeks, try out a different Growth Group or take a break for a session.

Growth Groups are not elder-led, because they are not Bible studies or teaching times. Instead, the groups are led by trained lay facilitators.

Growth Groups are closed and committed. Once a session starts, nobody else can join the group for the rest of the 10 weeks. In addition, the participants in each Growth Group are asked to seriously commit to being present each week.

Growth Groups intentionally include a time of support where participants can really live out the “One Anothers” together.

If you have any other questions about Growth Groups, please feel free to reach out to me.

In Christ,  
Pastor Kevin

### Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



Boxes and labels for Operation Christmas Child will be available the last two weeks in October, October 20th & 27th, 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 17<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.



**Pizza Hut Lunch**  
**Friday, October 18th**  
**11:30 AM**

**Monroe Pizza Hut**  
Contact Carol Hasselmann with



**Thursday,**  
**October 17th**  
**Noon-6:00 pm**  
**Nehemiah Center**



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## “I AM” THE BREAD OF LIFE

John 6:35

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”



**Family Devotional**



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