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Memorial Methodist Church

McCook NE



105 East E St



Faith?

When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, he introduced them to the idea of addressing God as “Our Heavenly Father.” This must have amazed their first-century Jewish minds. Jesus went on to describe the type of Father He had in mind. In Luke 11:11-13, Jesus describes the generous heart of God:

“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

SUNDAY SERVICES
Contemporary | 8:45am
Traditional | 10:45am



Jeff Kelley
Lead Pastor



Jesus depicts His heavenly Father as generous, longing to give good gifts and giving the Holy Spirit. The problem is not on God's side. He's on the edge of His seat, ready, willing, and able to bless us, just waiting for us to ask.

Have you ever been excited to give a gift to someone? Perhaps a birthday gift for a family member that you spent time researching, saving for, and carefully wrapping. Maybe it was an engagement ring, a present for your first grandchild, or your first boyfriend or girlfriend. Can you remember how exciting it was to think about giving the gift? Maybe you couldn't sleep the night before. God is far more excited to give you the gifts of the Holy Spirit than you are to give your gift to your friend or family member. The problem is not that He doesn't want to produce the Holy Spirit's gifts through us; the problem is that we often don't know how to receive them.

I understand this frustration. I think this is especially challenging for those of us who have grown up in America. Over the last two hundred years, many Americans have denied the reality of a supernatural world. Our upbringing leads us to conclude that if we cannot see, feel, touch, taste, or smell something, then it's not real. Or, if we do believe in a supernatural world, we don't regard it as quite as important or influential as the physical world we can far more easily explain.

A big part of the problem in the church is that people often act as if they have somehow been given a watered-down version of the Holy Spirit. In Romans 8:11, Paul wrote that we have been given the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead. That's astonishing. The same Spirit that brought a dead man back to life, the same Spirit that opened graves on resurrection morning, and the same Spirit that tore a colossal temple curtain in two from top to bottom lives in us. God wants us to live our lives armed and dangerous, ready to take on evil wherever it shows itself in the name of Jesus. Sadly, we often settle for a tame religion where all we expect from the Holy Spirit is to give us peace.

I wish you Jesus.

Little Blessings Preschool

- TRACI WIEMERS

WE ARE SO EXCITED

TO HAVE OUR PRESCHOOLERS BACK IN SCHOOL!

We are having fun with our afternoon class, pictured on the steps of the church from back left to right: Jack Ruppert, Ty Dixon, Crew Rippen, Leddy Kobza, Declan Lines, and Madden Wagner. Front row left to right: Theo Hegwood, Oakley Stang, Oliver Wagner, Emma Paz, Owen Wagner, Nora McConnell, and Riggs Hartzler.

We caught some of our morning students painting apple prints at the table for letter Aa. From left to right, Carson Sailors, Shane Hilker, Kropper Cuellar, Dean Halstead, and Kenzlee Messinger.

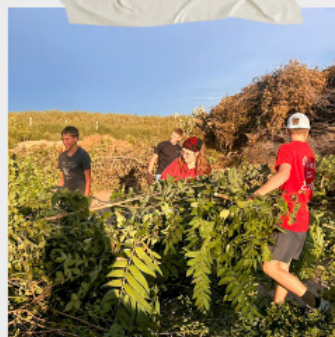
Our classes are learning everyone's name and making friends; they have also spent time tracing and writing their names. On letter Aa week, we learned about apples, colors, shapes, and creation. Letter Bb week, we made binoculars and went on a bear hunt, learned numbers, and how sin entered the world, but God still loves us enough to save us from our sins.

We are looking forward to hosting a family night out for our preschool families to meet, have supper, and play games together.



Little Blessings Preschool

Youth Ministry



Community
Service Project

Learning, Worshiping, and Growing in God's Word

- JULIE CUELLAR

The fall semester is off to a great start! We have had a great turn out so far, and the joy to be back together learning about Jesus is contagious. We are serving over 80 kids Pk-8th grade each Wednesday throughout our classes. On October 8th, we will welcome the kids and their families to gather together in worship.

As the children are learning about Jesus, singing, and memorizing verses each week, continue to pray that the Word of God is written on their hearts and they continue to grow in relationships with the Lord. If you'd like to join us in writing the Word on your heart, the upcoming memory verse in October is

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him." Deuteronomy 18:15

We are seeing more and more kids each week, our teachers and volunteers are phenomenal, and the meals are delicious. Thank you to all who signed up to bring cookies, help in the kitchen, or serve refreshments and converse with the kids. We couldn't do this without all of you!

Due to the large volume of food needed, we are going to continue to purchase items in bulk to be good stewards of yours and our finances. To cover each week this semester we have a goal of \$3,500. If you'd like to donate to the fund to purchase food, you can do so online at mccookmmc.com. Under the fund select children's ministry. Your donation can also be dropped off at the church office. Thank you for helping us "Feed the Lambs"!

Trunk or Treat

Friday October 31st we will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot from 5pm-7pm! Everyone is invited to join the fun! For those that are new and haven't been involved with this event before, we invite church members to decorate the trunk of their vehicle, hand out candy and enjoy fellowship with the community!

SIGN UP USING THIS LINK

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094AAAAC2DABFE3-58760713-trunk#/>

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED? WE WILL NEED HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Soup ingredient donations

Preparing the Soup

Serving the Soup - There are two different shifts so come early or stay after.

Trunks - We encourage Biblical themes! If you need help coming up with ideas, reach out!

Candy Donations - Sometimes the youth will have trunks and we use the candy donations for them to hand out.

Clean-up Crew - Help wash dishes and clean up.



Donations

On November 19th we will be packing shoeboxes and Operation Christmas Child Donations are needed! With the seasons changing, this is a great time to find items on the clearance racks. Remember that all items have to be individually packaged and unused. Donations can be brought to Kelli's office or the Friendship Room.

Girl Shoe Box Gift Suggestions

A "WOW" ITEM

- Small backpack or purse
- Doll
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Jewelry making or hobby kit
- Large toy

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Costume jewelry
- Hair accessories
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens

Boy Shoe Box Gift Suggestions

A "WOW" ITEM

- Small backpack
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Hobby kit
- Large toy truck or car
- Other large toy

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens

Bible Study for Parents

This 5 week parenting study will be Wednesdays at 6:15pm starting October 15 and will finish November 12. In this study we will reflect on the busy toddler years, challenging teenage years, and everything in between. Whether you're just starting your parenting journey or about to be empty nesters, this course offers insight and encouragement for staying united as you parent together.

Don't let the title of the course push you away from attending; we understand that schedules might not allow both parents to attend and that there are single parent households. Everyone is encouraged to come learn from this group regardless of your family structure!

PARENTING TOGETHER



PRACTICAL LESSONS
FROM PRESCHOOL TO PROM

PRESENTED BY GREG & KAREN STUBBS
Birds on a Wire



5 WEEK PARENTING STUDY
WEDNESDAYS AT 6:15PM
OCT 15-NOV 12
LED BY JUSTIN & KELLI JENSEN

SCAN THE CODE TO REGISTER OR CONTACT KELLI

Mission Spotlight

Passing The Torch

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Open House Event -
Please join us in thanking
Luke & Corina and in welcoming
Jon Dunn as the new Director of
Miriam's Hope!

Official "Passing of the Torch" will
happen at 11:00am.

We would love to see you at the MH
Ranch!

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**Miriam's
Hope**

Upcoming Events



SUNDAYS

Worship Services | 8:45 & 10:45 am
Sunday School | PK-Adult | 9:50-10:40 am
Nursery | 8:30 am-12 pm
3Sixteens | 6-12th | 6-7 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Men's Bible Study | 6:30 am
Women's Bible Study | 9:00 am
W.O.W. | PK-8th | 6-7:30 pm
W.O.R.D. | 9-12th | 7-8:30 pm

SATURDAYS

Men's Bible Study | 7 am

DATES

October 4
Passing the Torch | *Miriam's Hope*

October 5
Life Chain | 2:15-3:30 pm
Carpenter Breland Funeral Home

October 8
W.O.W. Family Night | 6 pm

October 15
November Newsletter Articles Due

October 15 - November 12
Parent Bible Study | *Wednesdays 6:15 pm*

October 19
Pastor Appreciation & Potluck | *After 10:45 Service*

October 26
Lord's Acre | *Garden Prairie | 6 pm*

October 31
Trunk or Treat | 5-7 pm

Thank you for reading!

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