

Memorial Methodist Church

MCCOOK NE
 105 East E St

WORSHIP

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:45 AM CONTEMPORARY
10:45 AM TRADITIONAL

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:50-10:40 AM | PK - 12th

ADULT MINISTRY

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS | 9AM

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 AM
SATURDAYS | 7 PM

YOUTH MINISTRY

3SIXTEENS
SUNDAYS 6 PM | 6 - 12th

W.O.W.
WEDNESDAYS 6 PM | PK - 8th

W.O.R.D.
WEDNESDAYS 7 PM | 9 - 12th



More Than Peace: Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit

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!"

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.

Upcoming Events

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:45 Contemporary
10:45 Traditional

FIRST DAY of PRESCHOOL

September
2nd & 3rd

PRESCHOOL PHOTOS

September 24th

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

September 30th

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.



A Message from Debra

My heart truly was, and continues to be, overflowing with gratitude for the love you showered me with on my birthday. Your presence, the cards, expressions of encouragement, support....the word that sums it all up is love.

I am so grateful for you—my church family, my husband, and all his helpers—you know who you are!

I leave you with Numbers 6:24–26, please look it up.

In His Love,

Debra

Little Blessings Preschool

We are so excited to start our school year on September 2nd! We met our students last night for an open house, and they are eager to come back and learn! It will be a fun month getting back into our routine, getting to know our new friends, and starting our journey through the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, sorting, cutting, writing, and most importantly, knowing more about our Savior, Jesus Christ! Pastor Jeremy will be in our classroom to teach us about Jesus, Patty Keene will be back to help us learn Spanish, Diane Lyons will come from the library to read to us each month, and the health department will be checking our teeth. We also have people helping us with our van this year, thank you! Also, a big thank you to our financial sponsors. We are thankful for your generosity! Please pray that our students will adjust easily and be comfortable in our classroom and that God will lead Mrs. Bryn and I as we teach our students.

Blessings,

Traci Wiemers

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Well, here we go again! We are so excited to kick off another year of fun, fellowship, and, of course, food! We've had the summer "off," but now it's time to get back to our regularly scheduled children and youth meetings here at the church. So, what are the regularly scheduled meetings we have for kids of all ages at the church? I'm so glad you asked!

Let's start with the children's ministry, headed up by our Children's Minister Julie Cuellar. W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesday) starts Wednesday, September 3rd, 6 pm-7:30 pm, located at the church for preschool through 8th-grade. There are also adult studies available at various times throughout the year, coordinated by Outreach Coordinator Kelli Jensen. A typical night at W.O.W., everyone starts in the chapel to sing songs, recite scripture, and briefly discuss what the kids will be learning that evening. Then, we break out into each child's respective classes. Some kids go down to the fellowship hall to eat supper, coordinated by Chelsey Benes, and others go out to play games. By 6:45 pm, everyone is in their classrooms learning about the God in heaven who loves each and every one of them. Throughout the year, the kids are challenged to memorize children's songs, scripture, and creeds such as the Apostles and the Nicene Creed that are foundational to what we profess as believers. Pastor Jeff teaches the 8th graders, confirmation class, as they dive deeper into Christian theology and discuss topics such as who is God? They also discuss Methodist doctrines such as the Ordo Salutis (the way of salvation), the meaning of the sacraments (baptism and communion), and define the means of grace. There are over 20 volunteers who make W.O.W. possible every Wednesday evening, and we are so thankful for them and the time they take out of their busy schedules to come and share the love of Christ with our kids!

W.O.R.D. (Workers of the Righteous Dude) meets every Wednesday at 7 pm during the school year. These high schoolers, 9th-12th, meet off-site at Dirk and Sandra Gray's shop located just North of Kinship Pointe. Dirk and Sandra Gray, Robb and Mary Jo Overton, and I all lead W.O.R.D. It is a joy to see these kids bring new friends every week to hear about the gospel of Jesus Christ. At W.O.R.D. we discuss relevant topics that high schoolers face every day and relate them to the Word of God. We believe that scripture is alive and active and has the power to change the hearts of each person who hears it (Hebrews 4:12). Throughout the year, we have several opportunities for the youth to go out into the community and serve. We also take the W.O.R.D. group on a ski trip to Wyoming for four days, where they get to spend time with other area youth groups and worship together at Table in the Wilderness Camp, located in Centennial, Wyoming. And every year, we take our seniors to Bear Trap Ranch, located just outside of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Sunday School, during the school year, is held between Sunday services and is for preschool through 12th-grade. The preschool through 5th-grade kids meet upstairs in the youth center and are led by Sara LaBrie. The 6th-12th-grade meet in the library and are led by Joe and Julie Gillespie. The last Sunday of each month, during the school year, the 6th-12th-grade kids prepare and serve youth breakfast between services for the congregation down in the fellowship hall. On those Sundays, there is no Sunday School meeting, as it is a chance for all the kids to fellowship during breakfast.

Sunday evenings at 6 pm, the 3sixteens group meets. This is for 6th-12th-graders. We meet up in the youth center, unless otherwise posted, spending an hour together doing various activities. We also go to nursing homes at least once a month and do service projects throughout the year for shut-ins around the community. The 3sixteens group is a great opportunity for young people to come and have fun, meet new people, invite friends, and be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. The last Sunday of each month during the school year, the 3Sixteens group leads Youth Service held in the chapel from 6 pm-7 pm. This youth-led service has music, scripture reading, and messages shared by and for our youth. Everyone is welcome to attend these monthly Youth Services!

Last year, we started offering discipleship groups for our high schoolers called D3. These discipleship covenant groups consist of 3 to 5 youth who want to dive deeper into their faith. These groups meet weekly with an adult leader who guides them in how to become a disciple of Jesus Christ. The main purpose of these groups is to encourage young people in their faith, hold one another accountable, and hold one another up in prayer.

Last, but not least, the Prayer Partner Program is offered to all the young people connected to our church, preschool through 12th-grade. Each young person is paired with a willing adult. Every day at 3:16 pm, during the school year, the adult stops to pray for the children matched with them. These prayers have had such a huge impact on our youth over the last few years! This year, we have over 200 kids that we will be holding up in prayer daily! If you are interested in becoming a Prayer Partner, please call the church office at 345-2445 or sign up online at mccookmmc.com.

What a blessing it is to be a part of a church that invests in the lives of young people. Thank you all for supporting the various youth ministries of the church. It is so exciting to witness these young people trusting Jesus, watching them become disciples of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Jeremy

Children's Ministries: Fall Semester

We are so excited to kick off the semester in Children's Ministry! Lots of things have been happening behind the scenes to prepare for children being back in classrooms.

We have a fantastic group of teachers and helpers who have committed to sharing the love of Jesus and the Word of God through song, scripture, activities, and building positive relationships.

Our curriculum will begin with Jesus' teachings, and we will spend the semester diving into Jesus' ministry and the truths it holds for us.

Julie Cuellar

Wednesday Evening Meals

We will again be preparing a meal on Wednesday evenings. Not only is this a great opportunity to fill tummies, but sharing a meal with a group of children can really fill up the hearts of all at the table.

If you'd like to come share in the meal, help with drinks, and converse with the kids, we have a spot for you!

Chelsey Benes will be heading up the kitchen for us, and the menu items look delicious. We will still be needing 2-3 volunteers each Wednesday night to help in the kitchen and serve.

Want to Get Involved?

If it has been on your heart to get involved on either Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings, please reach out.

Upcoming Events

SUNDAYS

Worship Services | 8:45 & 10:45 AM

Nursery | 8:30 AM- 12 PM

3Sixteens | 6- 12th | 6 PM

WEDNESDAYS

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SEPTEMBER 2nd & 3rd

First Day of Preschool

SEPTEMBER 24th

Preschool Photos

SEPTEMBER 28th

Youth Breakfast between Services

Youth Service 6 PM: All are welcome

SEPTEMBER 30th

Family Fun Night

Thank you for reading!

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