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# The Lifeline

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## Pastor's Corner



It begins about now in the town of Morehead, Minnesota. An empty building is rented where a huge mosaic painting—measuring one hundred feet by thirty feet—is begun. Only this is not the work of a renowned artist. Instead, thousands of people, from junior high schoolers to senior adults, paint the mosaic. They simply drop by and select a spot on the paint-by-number canvas. Then they add the appropriate color.

Day by day, month by month, one little painted piece at a time, the great mosaic takes shape. When everyone is finished painting (generally this takes about six months), an artist goes over the entire creation, perfecting the final work of art.

Why do the citizens of Morehead do this every year? Because at Christmas time, Concordia College gives a grand musical performance in their concert hall in town. It is an event that the locals look forward too as a break from the bleak winter. They time the completion of the mosaic to this magnificent vocal and orchestral presentation. The completed picture is placed behind the Concordia choir, where it resembles an enormous stained-glass window.

Every year in the middle of the summer in Morehead, Minnesota, thousands of unknown, ordinary people paint a tiny tile, giving time and energy to something that seems insignificant. But six months later, the result is a spectacularly beautiful masterpiece.

During the month of July, we are going to explore the special gifts and abilities that God has given each of us for the good of His Body. Each of us is assigned a part of this great canvas called the Church. When we contribute our talents, work in our giftedness, and sacrifice our time, something wonderful is added to the overall picture. Come see how *you* fit into this wonderful process all during this month!

## July Up-Coming Events

- ▶ **July 4**  
No Men's Lunchbox Bible Study  
Church Office Closed
- ▶ **July 5 -**  
Church Council Meeting - 4:30 p.m.
- ▶ **July 7-8 -**  
Centri-Kid @ Shocco Springs
- ▶ **July 8 -**  
Brotherhood Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- ▶ **July 11, 18, 25 -**  
Men's Lunchbox Bible Study - NOON
- ▶ **July 13 -**  
PrimeTimers - 10:30 a.m.
- ▶ **July 16 - 22**  
Youth - Centrifuge
- ▶ **July 19 -**  
Finance Committee Meeting - 4:30 p.m.
- ▶ **July 26 -**  
We Care Ministries Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

## Ministry Opportunities

### WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

8:30 A.M.	Early Worship Service
9:30 A.M.	Bible Study for All Ages
10:45 A.M.	Morning Worship Service
5:00 P.M.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
5:00 P.M.	Spanish Class
6:00 P.M.	Veggie Connection
6:00 P.M.	Children's Ministry Activities
6:00 P.M.	Evening Worship Service
6:00 P.M.	Youth Ministry Activities

### WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS

6:00 P.M.	Bible Study/Prayer Time
6:00 P.M.	Children's Ministry Activities
6:00 P.M.	Jr. and Sr. High <b>BREAKPOINT</b>
6:45 P.M.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8:00 P.M.	AA/Al-Anon Meeting



### July 16-22

Please pray for our students as they travel to Ridgecrest, NC for summer camp. This is always a life-changing week for our students. God has a way of getting their attention when they are away from all other distractions. We will be leaving after the morning service on July 16<sup>th</sup> and returning late Saturday Night on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Theme: **Thrill Ride!**

Theme verse: **John 10:10,**  
**"I have that they may have life and have it in abundance"**

**Bro. Bobby**

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JULY 4<sup>th</sup> IS ALWAYS A GREAT time to celebrate the freedom we have in our country to worship as we please without persecution.

Join us in our worship service Sunday morning, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, for some flag-waving music as we thank God for our country and our Lord.

The Handbell Choir will play a medley of songs about our country. The Adult Choir will sing "Pray for America" celebrating our freedom in Christ.

We will hear the themes of our Armed Forces which Randall Holman has arranged. You certainly do not want to miss this special service!

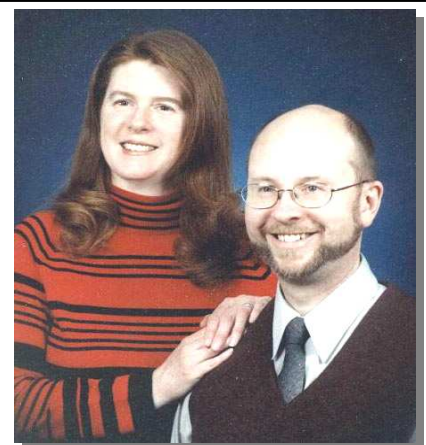
Leaders are needed in Preschool and Children's Choirs. If you love children and music and can carry a tune, we have an opportunity for you to serve. We have openings in our children's choirs for you. If you are interested, there is a FREE overnight training opportunity in mid-July for all music leaders. This will be held at Shocco Springs in Talladega, AL.

Whether you feel the Lord leading you to this area or not, please pray for the Lord to provide the needed leaders in our music ministry.

Bro. Craig <><



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Welcome to our new Minister of Children. Rev. Jeff Elliott and his family, Debra, Laurie, and Rebekah. You may contact Jeff at [fbcchildren@gulftel.com](mailto:fbcchildren@gulftel.com)