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Titus 2:11-13

“For the grace of God has appeared with salvation. For all people, instructing us to deny godlessness and worldly lusts and to live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age, while we wait for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ”

Upcoming Events / Announcements:

Elder's Meeting - Tuesday, October 8th at 5:30pm

Pastor Appreciation - Sunday, October 13th

Christian Ed Training - Sunday, October 27th at 4:00pm

Harvest Potluck - Sunday, November 3rd right after the morning service

Deacons/Finance Meeting - Monday, November 4th at 6:00pm

Christian Ed Meeting - Wednesday, November 6th at 5:30pm

Elder's Meeting - Tuesday, November 12th at 5:30pm

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes - Collection week November 18th - 24th.

Missions Meeting - Thursday, November 21st at 6:00pm

Deacons/Finance Meeting - Monday, December 3rd at 6:30pm

Christian Ed Meeting - Wednesday, December 4th at 5:30pm

Elder's Meeting - Tuesday, December 10th at 5:30pm

Christmas Caroling - Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30pm

Christmas Concert - Saturday, December 14th

A Word From The Pastor:

On the first Sunday of each month, we include in our morning worship service the observation of the Lord's Supper. It was a command of Jesus given to His disciples to partake of until His return. Therefore we, who are also believers of the resurrected Lord, come to the table of the unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine because our risen Lord is yet to gloriously return.

I have spoken about the 2 "**p's**" of communion, God's **plan** and God's **purpose**.

It was God's plan, represented by the bread, to physically send His one and only begotten Son, Jesus, to be with us.

It was God's purpose, represented by the fruit of the vine, to offer Jesus' blood as the sufficient sacrifice for our sins. The purpose was that sinners could be saved. By His blood we are spiritually healed and justified before God to escape His wrath.

Let me give you another exercise to remember when you approach the Lord's Table in the coming months. This is from an article written by a pastor named Erik Raymond.

First, **look up**. Who has made it possible for you to come to this table? God Himself.

Second, **look in**. After we look up at God who has invited, we have a better view of ourselves. 1 Corinthians 11:27, 28 instructs us,

*Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy way will be guilty of sin against the body and blood of the Lord. So a man should **examine himself**; in this way he should eat the bread and drink from the cup.*

Third, **look back**. What is the action that made your justification possible? The cross. Take in what was required for you to be a part of the new covenant.

Fourth, **look around**. We usually don't take this ceremonial meal alone. Look up and down your pew at others of the body of Christ whom you will share eternity with. Is all well between you and all those you see? 1 Corinthians 11:29 go on to instruct us,

*For whoever eats and drinks without **recognizing the body**, eats and drinks judgment on himself.*

Lastly, **look ahead**. Look ahead to another meal that you will have. Jesus says He will not drink this cup again until He does in the coming kingdom with His people. We should anticipate the great marriage feast of Revelation 19.

Look Up – God has prepared the feast

Look In – self-examination

Look Back – at the cross

Look Around – at your fellow church members

Look Ahead – to the marriage feast

I pray this may be a help as you again come to the table of the Lord here at MVBC.
Pastor Adam

A Word From The Elders:

Quick update of where we are in our IPM 5 stages. We have just completed stage 2 the survey called Natural Church Development. We just received the results back and will now begin stage 3 & 4 with a Transition Team. The transition team will be made up of your elders and 6 other members along with Pastor Adam as the moderator. After the transition team completes their task than a search team will be assembled (stage 5). Please be praying for this team.

A Word From The Deacons / Trustees:

We have been renovating the Front Porch Steps, which have been in great need of repairs/replacement for some time now. Demo started on August 26th by removing the steps and deck but saved the columns. Footings were poured, decking and steps built. Columns were scraped, sanded and repainted. The new porch will look like the original porch.

The parsonage house at 305 Chases Mills Rd in under contract.

Christian Ed Committee: Sunday School Classes, Honey Bees, Jr Church,

John Sprague's Sunday School Class - From 9:30-10:10am in the Sanctuary.

Ladies' Sunday School Class - Starting Sunday, September 29th from 9:30-10:10am. Taught by Wanda Locke. Studying "A Woman After God's Own Heart" by Elizabeth George.

Men's Sunday School Class - Starting Sunday, October 6th from 9:30-10:10am. Taught by Pastor Adam. Studying "Stepping Up" by Dennis Rainey of Family Talk.

Honey Bees (ages 3 through K5) - Taught by Sherry Radeka. Studying Gospel Project Curriculum. We are in need of substitute workers/teachers; please see Terry Bellows.

Jr. Church (1st through 4th grade) - Taught by Terry Bellows and Carol Duncanson. Studying Gospel Project Curriculum. We are in need of substitute workers/teachers; please see Terry Bellows.

Missions Committee:

We meet every other month on Thursdays. Our next meeting will be November 21st at 6:00pm.

We are in need of a Missions Chair Person and other committee members. Please see Jennifer Smith.

We were able to send one-time gifts to CEF of \$1,500 to help them with their payroll and office supplies and Camp Living Waters of \$1,200 to help with their maintenance and repairs at the camp.

Social Committee:

Harvest Potluck on Sunday, November 3rd right after the morning service.

Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 14th at 6:00pm. There will be a time of fellowship and refreshments in the gym. Practice starts Sunday, November 3rd at 4:00pm.

Youth Group:

Sunday evenings 5:00pm - 7:00pm in Auditorium 1 for grades 6-12.

We started off Youth Group with a Scavenger Hunt around town on Sunday, September 15th at 3:00pm. We came back to the church for food and activities.

Our first regular youth group started Sunday, September 22nd .

Nursery Schedule:

Oct 6th - Heather Vose
Rachel Vose
Oct 13th - Donna Parker
Katy MacLeod
Oct 20th - Brenda Fickett
Sierra Colbeth
Oct 27th - Colleen wood
Kristina Wood

Nov 3rd - Andrea Lyford
Chloe & Kara Lyford
Nov 10th - Shannon Currier
Katy MacLeod
Nov 17th - Krisy Currier
Anderson Currier
Nov 24th - Heather Vose
Rachel Vose

Dec 1st - Donna Parker
Shannon Currier
Dec 8th - Brenda Fickett
Sierra Colbeth
Dec 15th - Colleen Wood
Kristina Wood
Dec 22nd - Andrea Lyford
Chloe & Kara Lyford
Dec 29th - Shannon Currier
Katy MacLeod

Coffee Station Schedule:

Oct 6th - Kristina Wood

Oct 13th - June Ashmore

Oct 20th - Judy Hanscom

Oct 27th - Yvonne Hopkins

Nov 3rd - Ashley Maker

Nov 10th - Tammi Colbeth

Nov 17th - Brenda Fickett

Nov 24th - Carol Ann Sprague

Dec 1st - Colleen Wood

Dec 8th - Maureen Smith

Dec 15th - Stephanie Wood

Dec 22nd - Kristina Wood

Dec 29th - June Ashmore

Prayer Request:

- Jean Carter has pneumonia.
- Lorraine Dean pray for her health.
- Larry DeBoer pray for strength and healing
- Beverly Randall pry for strength and healing
- Mary DeBoer has leukemia cancer.
- Barbara Morrison has lung cancer.
- Pray for the shut-ins: Betty & Bud Holmes, Jean Carter, Lorraine Dean, Maryellen Johnson, Flo Bishop, Sonja Richards, Barbara Smith and Ordway & Rebecca Snowdeal.
- Pray for MVCS teacher, staff, students, finances and school board.
- Pray for new families in the church. That we would serve them well and welcome them into our fellowship.
- Pray for our Youth Group teens and leaders.
- Pray for the Leadership and for one another as we walk in this transition and search for a new Pastor.