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Communication



Communication is the activity of conveying meaningful information. Communication requires a sender, a message, and an intended recipient. We engage in communication all the time. Your family needs some milk and you communicate to your spouse to pick up some on the way home from work. If (and that's a big "if") your spouse receives the information, milk will be brought home.

However, communication does break down. What communication theorists call interference with the communication event is "noise." Noise can be literal noise, or misunderstanding of meaning, or absent mindedness, or anything that gets in the way of information being conveyed to the recipient.

I am deeply concerned about communicating news and events at MCC to everyone. It is not always very easy; noise happens. So, the church office has about ten different ways of communicating information to the rest of the congregation in hopes that at least one out of the ten will get through the noise.

We've included a survey at the back of this newsletter informing you of the ten ways the office communicates. But we need your help. If you can think of any additional ways that would be helpful for you to receive MCC communications, please let us know. Your input is important to us!

If you haven't checked it out already please click on www.MemorialChristianChurch.com to visit our website. It has been totally updated and renewed. Our goal is to keep it up to date with the latest information. Tell your friends and family about the web site. Email events and happenings to persons you know who could benefit from our ministries. Especially, share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those you know who don't know Him. Invite them to worship and have them click on our website for information and directions.

You can be a vital part of the communication process at MCC!

Blessings, Pastor Chuck

So What's a Person to Do?

If you're a member of a church under 500 in worship, this is a must read article for you!

Pastors and lay people in small churches are always asking me what they can do to grow their church. From their questions its clear most are looking for some magical formula or program when all the while they have everything they need to grow their church is right under their nose.

If you are in a church under 500 in worship the most important thing you can do to grow that church is to practice personal, one-on-one evangelism. In a church this size you can grow the church all by yourself. Just bring in fifty to seventy-five new Christians and/or new members and everything changes. You are the solution, not another program!

So What's a Person to Do?

Pastor and lay person, if you want to grow a small membership church spend most of your time out among the public meeting people, knocking on doors, doing whatever is necessary to come into contact with people who don't go to church or who aren't Christians. In a church your size growing the church is that simple. Even if worship isn't the best, if you lead someone to Christ they will worship with you no matter what.

So here are some tips. Spend time dreaming up ways for your congregation to interact with un-churched people. Start making a list and as the week goes by begin doing anything on the list that feels right. Make personal evangelism the highest priority on your "to do" list. Set aside time every day to interact with the public. The key is to find ways to be among people who don't go to church.

Keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities to share your faith. You never know where you will run into an opportunity to share your faith in a non-threatening way. Lay persons have natural networks with un-churched people. Use those networks to spread the Good News!

Remember – the higher the priority your church places on evangelism and makes personal time for it the larger your small church will grow.

So what are you waiting for? Get out and into the world!

(Adapted)

Thank You

To my church member family and to all for the use of the Worship Center
for my 100th Birthday Open House,
Thank You for a wonderful celebration.

Nellie E. Porter

FALL FLING



**JOIN US AT THE HOME OF PASTOR CHUCK & KIM DORSEY
FOR A COOKOUT, BONFIRE, AND HAYRACK RIDES.**

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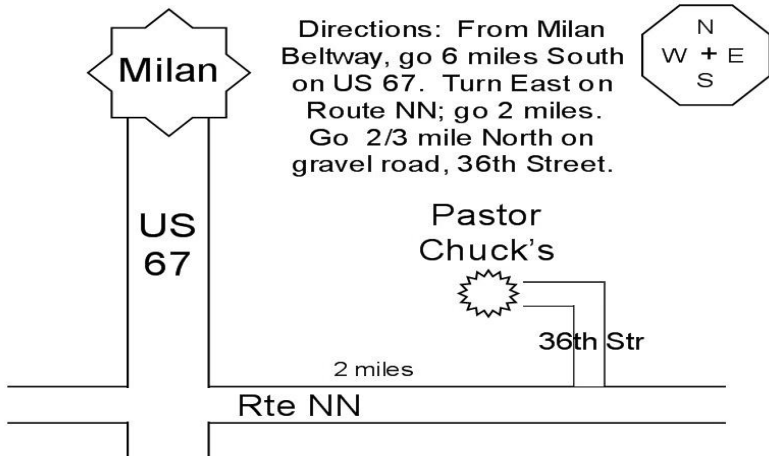
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BRING:

- **LAWN CHAIRS**
- **HAMBURGERS OR HOT DOGS WITH BUNS**
- **PLATES & SILVERWARE**
- **STICKS FOR COOKING OVER THE FIRE**
- **A DISH TO PASS**

PROVIDED:

- **CONDIMENTS**
- **CHIPS**
- **DRINKS (W/ CUPS)**
- **SMORES**



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

4 Richard Sheldon
5 Marcy Burnett
10 Jonathan Grant
10 Sylvia Larssen
12 Ray Wagner
14 Richard Mayne
15 Nick Karzin
16 Juanita Brown
20 Marguerite Roman
27 Gloria Fortin
27 Russell Reynolds
29 Vicki Allen
29 Sarah Tappendorf
31 Mick Kuehl



3 Dick & Debbie Sheldon
15 Ray & Nancy Wagner
19 Harold & Pat Baker
29 Brian & Lynn Baker

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Please remember these in your prayers:

Darlene Lovell, Helen Slavens, Darry & Colleen Kannenberg, Dan and Christine Koester, Nanette Walters, Joanne Kline, Harold Baker, Donna Wilkins, Helen Pitcher, Neal Bunce, Dorothy Cline, Leo Ford, Lynette Cameron, Peggy Walker, Bernice Hovey, Juanita Brown, Loretta Smith, Gordon Milligan, Caryl VanHyfte, Cyndee Browner, Charles Willey, Wade Rogers, Nellie Porter, Andy & Vickie Parker, Michael Worrick, Cecil Dorsey, Matt, Ava, Andy Simmons, Michael Grabbe, Jacque Brandom, Crystal Raun, the Wright family, Al Fortin, Shirley Rudd, Beverley Ducey, Sandy Kilcoin, Kimberly Delaney, Jan Smith, and to all of those that are not on our Prayer List that are in need of your prayers.

If you or anyone you know would like to be added to our Prayer List or those who would like a "Home Visit", please contact the Church office.

DISCOVERY LAND



Come enjoy conversation at the Connections Cafe' and Worship at the Gathering while your little one's learn more about God's awesome power.

Children may be checked-in to Discovery Land (Birth - 5 years old) children's ministries at any time between 10:00 and 10:30 AM each Sunday morning.

Your children will enjoy learning about God by participating in activities, children's praise and worship, games and crafts that help them to understand God at their age level.

When you arrive please see one of the check-in attendants to receive a name badge and number for your children.

KIDZ-A-BLAZE

Kidz-A-Blaze is for children 1st thru 5th grade. We want to help your child be on fire for God! MCC's Kidz-A-Blaze leaders are devoted to helping children grow closer to God and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible and Jesus' love through providing them with interactive activities, stories, games, music, and prayer. Your kids will enjoy their time at Kidz-A-Blaze and grow in their relationship with Christ as well.

When you arrive please see one of the check-in attendants to receive a name badge and number for your children.

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Wednesday evenings, 6:30 pm @ our Worship Center

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✚ Casual Dining

✚ & the lighter side

✚ Over 23 new places to enjoy

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Purchase one for you and one for a friend or family member.

They are available for immediate use and will expire

November 1, 2012.

Please contact the church office to purchase
one of these booklets.

October Serving Schedule

Worship Service

ELDERS

Meditation: Hugh Kuehl
Back Table: Madelyn Cox

DEACONS

Captain: Nancy Wagner
Ray Wagner
Amy Thomas
Richard Thomas

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Pastor Chuck Dorsey
Ray & Julie Guss

COMMUNION PREPARER

Madelyn Cox
Charlene Dreon

HOME-BOUND COMMUNION

Carol Hancock
Charlene Dreon

CONNECTIONS CAFÉ

Linda & Nicole Miller & Co.

EVANGELISM CALLER

Pastor Chuck

Children's / Kid's Ministry

DISCOVERY LAND

Sundays:

1st - Crystal Cutkomp
2nd - Nancy Wagner
3rd - Doree' Shewell
4th - Felicia Sevedge
5th - Sarah Tappendorf

KIDS A BLAZE

Sundays:

1st - 4th - Kim & Megan Dorsey
5th - Ashley Ricker

CHECK IN DESK

Sundays:

1st - Barb Stinocher
2nd - Felicia Sevedge
3rd - Tonya Weinrich
4th - Kelle Tappendorf
5th - Nancy Wagner

Communication Questionnaire

We are looking for ways to improve our communication from the Office. We are asking for your help by giving us some suggestions on how you think the communication can be improved upon.

Here are ten ways the office currently communicates with the congregation...

- 1) Newsletter
- 2) Newsletter calendar
- 3) Calendar placed on bulletin board at
Worship Center
- 4) Worship Bulletin
- 5) Announcements on screen before & during
worship
- 6) Public announcements during worship
- 7) Church web site
- 8) Flyers hung on office bulletin board &
window
- 9) Monday morning email of week's events
- 10) Flyers will now be hung in our restrooms
for your viewing pleasure.

Please call the office with your suggestions @
309-757-1300 or e-mail to: mccqc@mediacombb.net



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