

**A Message From**



**Pastor Jon**

**Thankful**

Stories are being told of God bringing healing in our church, and walls are coming down. Can you imagine what God has in store for us? Ministries that have been a dream or a call that God has placed on your life are now knocking on your hearts door. I know this from conversations I am having and testimonies that are being shared. How exciting.

The love our Father in heaven is pouring upon us can be carried to our family and our community. God changes things through Jesus Christ. I am praying that you are released to share this love in every setting in your lives, work, and recreation and among your friends.

As a Family here at MFCOG we have an opportunity to share this love during our Fall Festival being held Monday October 31, 6-8:30. On this special night I believe we will have the opportunity to share Christ's love with many who need Him. Let's give His love away.

In November we have a great family event happening.

On Wednesday nights we are going to combine our adult Bible Study with our Youth Ministry for a biblical study on *Hearing God*. We will have worship and activity to get to know each other. We might just have fun together.

Time 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 in the Youth Building. Bring a pen, your Bible and a notepad. As Christians it is so important to have a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, yes we know Him and what we think about Him. This relationship only goes so far, *Hearing God* will teach us to sit with our savior and to wait upon Him to hear what He wants to speak to us. We are quick to give him our wants and needs list, when in fact He wants to speak to our hearts.

We are combining adults/youth so that we can learn together and grow together as family. I believe all ages can hear from God. This will be a new adventure.

In Christ, Pastor Jon

Psalm 5...Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing. <sup>2</sup> Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. <sup>3</sup> In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

**NOVEMBER EVENTS**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday	– 10:00 a.m. – 8:15 p.m.	MOM's Business Meeting Finance Committee Meeting
4 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	– 8:00 a.m.	Men's Yard Sale in the Lower Level Ends at 2:00 p.m.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	– 8:00 a.m.	Men's Yard Sale in the Lower Level Ends at 2:00 p.m.
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	– 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Visitation Committee Meeting Christmas Cantata Practice Emergence Youth Rally @ MFCOG
7 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	– 10:00 a.m.	MOM's Music Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	– 8:15 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting
12 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	– 5:00 p.m.	WCG Chicken & Dumpling Supper Lower Level - ends at 7:00 p.m.
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	– 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Christmas Cantata Practice Youth Destination Unknown Thanksgiving w/Foothills Unity Choir @ Hickory FCOG
14 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	– 10:00 a.m.	MOM's Music Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	– 6:30 p.m.	WCG Meeting
18 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	–Time TBA	COG State Youth Convention @ The Great Wolf Lodge in Charlotte
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	– 5:00 p.m.	Christmas Cantata Practice
21 <sup>st</sup>	Monday	– 10:00 a.m.	MOM's Music Meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday	– 6:15 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	– 5:30 p.m.	Candles & Carols in the lower level

**From the Board of Trustees...**

We are very excited that the Ministry is growing here at Morganton First Church of God. Currently, we are meeting our financial obligations in operating expenses and our mortgage payment due to an excess of income during the months without the expense of a Senior Pastor and an excess balance in the building fund. However, our monthly offerings since the June business meeting have fallen short of the anticipated budgeted goal of \$27,200.00 per month. August 2011 was \$5,146.05 short and September was \$6,958.87 short. In the Building Fund, we have consistently been short an average of \$1250.00 per month to meet our monthly obligation of \$3554.66.

Again, this has not impacted our ability to pay our current bills, but will cause some complications when the finance committee has to work out our next year's budget, and we are working to anticipate and head off potential long-term shortfalls. We just wanted you to know where we stand so that we can work TOGETHER to meet our financial obligations. Please pray individually or as a family how you can participate in this vital aspect of the church family.

**Tithes & Offerings**

**SEPTEMBER TOTALS**

Regular Offerings:  
**\$20,304.70**

Actual Budget Expenses:  
**\$23,491.69**

Monthly Budget GOAL:  
**\$27,263.57**

Actual for September:  
**UNDER: \$ 3,186.99**

Budget GOAL  
**UNDER: \$ 6,958.87**

Building Fund Requirement:  
**\$3,554.66**

Building Fund Offerings:  
**\$2,108.00**

Building Fund:  
**UNDER: \$1,446.66**

Designated Projects:  
**\$ 200.00**

TOTAL GIVING:  
**\$22,612.70**

**ATTENDANCE**

October 2 <sup>nd</sup> .....	163
October 9 <sup>th</sup> .....	192
October 16 <sup>st</sup> .....	170
October 23 <sup>rd</sup> .....	185
October 30 <sup>th</sup> .....	TBA

**Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Regular Offering: **\$9,043.02**

Building Fund Offering: **\$1,145.00**

**Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

Regular Offering: **\$5,798.25**

Building Fund Offering: **\$629.00**

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

Regular Offering: **\$3,611.12**

Building Fund Offering: **\$105.00**

**Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Regular Offering: **\$5,461.20**

Building Fund Offering: **\$550.00**

**Month's Total thru the 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Regular.....**\$23,913.59**  
Building...**\$2,429.00**

**A Note From The Pastors**

If there is a concern or a need you know of in our church family, please call the church office. Pastor Jon and/or Pastor Kevin would like to pray with you about it.

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



3 .....	Emma Daves
4 .....	Derek Lowman
6 .....	Joseph Reece
8 .....	Jack Hester
9 .....	Sue Price
15 .....	Donald Horton
19 .....	Vickie Price
21 .....	Randy Powell
22 .....	Phil Brendel
23 .....	Brittainy Baker
24 .....	Leah King
26 .....	Kristen Horton
29 .....	Peggy Crotts
30 .....	Tracy Baker

**ANNIVERSARIES**

3 .....	Sam & Kathy Turner
8 .....	Carson & Carolyn Baker
10 .....	Ed & Caretta Gills
25 .....	Brian & Becky Brickman
26 .....	Curtis & Lauren King

**Ministry Schedule Nursery & Greeters**

**Schedule for Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday Morning:** Mike & Tracy Baker  
**Wednesday:** Carol & Molly Horton  
**Greeters:** Fred & Martha Cooke

**Schedule for Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday Morning:** Loann Kincaid, Soncha Rector  
**Wednesday:** Fran Sentner, Pam Bennett  
**Greeters:** Velair McKinney & Carolyn Baker

**Schedule for Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday Morning:** Brian Brickman & Julie Fender  
**Wednesday:** Velair McKinney & Vonda Mosteller  
**Greeters:** Ray Aikens & Ella Reece

**Schedule for Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday Morning:** Jackie & Sydney Welch  
**Wednesday:** Connie & Crystal Stilwell  
**Greeters:** Carol Powell & Soncha Rector

**NOVEMBER USHER SCHEDULE**

Steve Eller	<b>Rick Farris</b>
Sean Farris	Grayson Farris,
Jerry McKinney	Brandon Fender
Tom Hester	Bill Kline



Hello, everyone! Cantata practice is up and running for "God Speaking". But there is still time for you to join in! This year the cantata will be performed on Sunday, December 18 at 6:00 p.m. Cantata practice is on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in the choir room. We will practice for one hour on Sundays and we will practice one new song each Wednesday night, also.

Wednesday night practice begins at 6:15 and finishes promptly at 7:00 so that everyone can attend prayer meeting in the sanctuary. We also have prayer time during practice where we bring needs and prayer requests before the Throne. We are a singing AND praying group!

On another note (Get it?? Note?? Ha!), if time constraints or other issues keep you from joining the choir, but you love to sing and would be willing to sing a special song sometime, please let me know and I'll get you on the schedule. Or if you play an instrument and would like to play an offertory, you would be most welcome! We want to make very good use of all the talents of our church members!

One more thing....we have been discussing getting groups together to go caroling in neighborhoods or at nursing homes during December. If you would be interested in doing this, please let me or Kathy Turner know as soon as possible.

Please keep the music ministry of the church in your prayers and thoughts. And as always, please be in prayer for our Church and for ALL the ministries and their leaders.

With a song in my heart, Beth

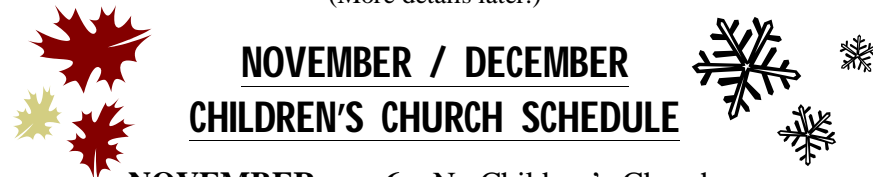
# KidsPlace Events

We have already started practicing for our children's Christmas musical, "The Case of the Reluctant Innkeeper". We are all so excited about it!!! It will be presented December 11, during Sunday morning worship service. If your child, grandchild, cousin, neighbor child, etc. is interested in participating, it is not too late to get involved. We would LOVE to have them be a part of this musical! Check the schedule below for the remaining practices. See me if you have any questions.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PRACTICE SCHEDULE

November 2, Wed. evening ~ 6:30  
 November 9, Wed. evening ~ 6:30  
 November 16, Wed. evening ~ 6:30  
 November 23, Wed. evening ~ NO SERVICES  
 November 30, Wed. evening ~ 6:30  
 December 7, Wed. evening ~ 6:30  
 (Dress rehearsal)

December 11, Sun. morning we will be performing musical.  
 (More details later.)



## NOVEMBER / DECEMBER CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

**NOVEMBER**  
 6 ~ No Children's Church  
 13 ~ Kathy T. / Sean F. / Dillon S.  
 (We will be filling shoeboxes this Sunday.)  
 20 ~ Brian & Becky Brickman  
 27 ~ Jackie & Patrick Welch

**DECEMBER**  
 4 ~ No Children's Church  
 11 ~ April Wyatt & Kristen Earwood  
 18 ~ Donna & Mary Kate Powell  
 25 ~ No Children's Church



The children will be filling OCC shoeboxes November 13 during Children's Church. If a child would like to put a picture of him or her in a shoebox, they need to bring their picture by November 13 (or sooner if possible). I would also like for each of the children to bring at least one item of their choosing to place in shoebox(es). This helps give them a sense of service to others. If anyone else has any items to donate, please place them in the basket in the narthex by this date, as well. Many blessings to those who have supported the children this past year with donations!!!

Working together for Christ,  
 Kathy Turner

# PowerHouse Youth

The North Carolina / South Carolina 2011-State Youth Convention is just a few short weeks away. Registrations have been paid, rooms have been booked, the State Planning Team has been hard at work, and the excitement is building for this event. I trust that you are praying ahead for the weekend and if you are interested in going or know of a student in the sixth grade through twelfth grade that would be interested please contact Kevin and let's get them to the Great Wolf Lodge and to the State Youth Convention.



**IYC 2011 Denver, Colorado July 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> is coming!!  
 Will You be There?**

The rooms for this event has already been put on hold. I am getting excited about being a part of this IYC coming up. How awesome will it be; to be in Denver, Colorado with you, your friends, fireworks, the Rocky Mountains, and worshipping the Lord together???

## November

1. Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> EMERGENCE Youth rally at MFCOG. This is a great event to invite other area youth groups and your friends to. Please plan to attend and come!! Time: 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
2. Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> Destination Unknown Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
3. Fri. 18<sup>th</sup>- Sun 20<sup>th</sup> NC /SC State Youth Convention  
 Great Wolf Lodge  
 Speaker: Chip Taylor  
 Worship: Robbin Hunt  
 Event: "Amazing Race"
4. Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> No PowerHouse Youth

Wednesday night PowerHouse Youth Ministry services began at 7:00 p.m. - with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. I look forward to seeing you and your friends at PowerHouse Youth Ministry!

Many Blessings, Kevin

*Thank You!* Dearest Church Family,  
 Bill & Gloria Gaither penned the words, "I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God". The expressions written into that song speak to what my church family means to me. You have shown love through encouragement, cards, phone calls, visits and above all prayers. I give you many, many "Thanks" for your many, many prayers. God honored those prayers and blessed me. May God bless you!  
 In God's Love, Peggy Lowman

November 2011

## News From Morganton First Church Of God



**Men's Fellowship Yard Sale**  
 Friday & Saturday  
 November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
 (Please leave donations in the lower level after the Fall Festival and not before Tuesday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.)

Sunday, November 6  
 Turn Your Clocks Back!



**Emergence Youth Rally**  
 Here at MFCOG Youth Building  
 Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

## WCG Chicken & Dumpling Supper

Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>  
 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
 Tickets are on sale now!  
 Menu: Chicken & Dumplings  
 Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cooked Apples  
 Dessert & Drink



## Youth Destination Unknown

Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>  
 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



**Youth State Convention**  
 At the Great Wolf Lodge  
 In Charlotte  
 Friday – Sunday ~ November 18 – 20<sup>th</sup>

## ~ First Advent ~ Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> Candles & Carols Celebration

5:30 p.m. – In the Lower Level  
 Please Bring Finger Foods!

