



Minnesota Messenger

CHURCHES OF GOD

Greetings from the President

Hope this finds you all doing well. A big thank you goes out to Viv and Paula Kirkpatrick for getting the “News Letter” going again. We have some catching up to do since Covid.

Both the Boys Dorm and Girls Dorm have been redone and updated, a huge improvement.

We have Fall Conference (Sept. 9-11) coming up real fast, and our speaker for the weekend will be J.J. Fletcher from Pine Grove church. He will be speaking on the Beatitudes.

And then we will be looking forward to spring Conference (June 2023) and our guest speaker will be Michael Cisler.

Hope to see you all real soon.
G a y e W o o d - R o l l i n s

Litchfield Church of God News

Not a lot to report. We have lost a few people and we have gained 2 new couples. Our Pastor Darrell Cardwell resigned, and his last Sunday will be July 31st. He lives in Mankato and will be starting a church there called “The Well”. So we will be on the hunt for someone to work with our church.

Fall Conference Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for Fall Con-



ference Sept 9-11, will be JJ Fletcher, pastor of Pine Grove Bible Church, Brooklyn Park, MN. The theme for the weekend will be Kingdom Manifesto—Looking at the Beatitudes.

JJ is a 2009 graduate of Atlanta Bible College. He grew up attending Happywoods Church of God in Hammond, LA and has been a part of Pine Grove Bible Church for the past 13 years, with a brief time away working with the Knightstown, IN church plant in 2010. He became an elder at Pine Grove in 2016, and then became the interim pastor in 2017. JJ was licensed as a pastor in 2018 when he took the position of lead pastor at Pine Grove Bible Church. JJ has been married to Hope (Kirkpatrick) for 14 years and they have 4 children.

Hutchinson Church of God

August 1, 2022

Spring and Summer activities have kept us busy here in Hutchinson! We had two high school seniors graduate this Spring. Sophia Becker graduated from GSL (Glencoe Silver Lake) and will be attending the Aveda Institute in St. Paul. Ben Karl graduated from BLHS (Buffalo Lake Hector Stewart) and will be attending the University of Northwestern in St. Paul. They each received a fleece blanket personalized with their name and a scripture verse, as a gift from their church family.

Several of our members were involved with Junior & Senior Camps held at the campground in June. It is always a special time of fun, fellowship, learning and growing in the Lord for both the campers and the staff.

On June 20th we rejoiced together when 4 of our young people, Sophia Becker, Luke Becker, Emily Messner and Ben Karl, were immersed in the waters of baptism on the shores of Long Lake Campground. Jason Becker performed the baptisms. May God bless each one as they grow in the wisdom and knowledge of their Lord and Savior, Jesus.

Jason also officiated at the beautiful wedding of Maddison Messner & Mitchell Reiner in Hutchinson on Saturday, July 30, 2022.

Our Berean youth group have been studying the end times on Wednesday nights. That seems to be a topic everyone is interested in studying.

Linda Sandifer, Reporter

House Light Ministries

July 2022

The extended Moore family spent the Memorial Day week at a Minnesota resort with family visiting from South Carolina and Ohio. There was fishing, swimming, shopping, games, food, and fun throughout the week.

Ed Moore recently recovered from a bout with pneumonia. Trena Hoemberg had her appendix removed in May and Shawn Hoemberg had his gall bladder removed in June. Both recovered nicely. Terri Moore had hip replacement surgery in mid-June and was mobile within a couple weeks. At the end of June Jeff and Terri Moore took a driving trip to Red Lake and Lake of the Woods where Terri was able to climb the steps of a fire tower.

Coach Jeff Moore took a 4x800 meter boys' relay team to State Track competition in early June. Once the track season ended, he spent quite a bit of June rebuilding and repairing what was damaged during the mid-May windstorm that struck the Moore homestead.

Samuel Moore spent a couple weeks with his parents in July, helping with farm work and other tasks. He currently lives in Mankato.

Jeff & Terri Moore hosted Family Fellowship at their home the weekend of July 22. The Bob & Cheryl Bormes family, Ione Vierzba, and Maya Janku attended for Bible discussion, making doughnuts, target shooting, visiting the cows, and other activities.

Terri Moore continues to lead a monthly women's Bible study in St. Cloud. Their recent study is about the armor of God, the Christian's identity in Christ, and renewing our thinking as believers.

Since using more technology for church meetings as a result of covid, the house church has been blessed with attendance from out-of-state people as well as those in Minnesota who can't attend in-per-

son due to distance or other factors.

Thank you to all who keep House Light Ministries in your prayers.

Pine Grove Bible Church News

There have been many special moments and activities at Pine Grove Bible Church this past year. First and foremost, four individuals were baptized and welcomed into the body of Christ. Philip Kirkpatrick was baptized in September, Adam and Adrienne Nelson were baptized in November, and Katie Mikulak was baptized in January. We rejoice with the angels for their decisions to follow Jesus.

We are also happy to share the births of several precious babies. Morgan and Matt Zamaites welcomed their daughter Lux on March 15th. Marcus William Landry, new son of Cameron and Makenna Landry, was born on May 6th. Adam and Adrienne Nelson welcomed Ames Adam Nelson who was born July 27th! Also, little Araya Blanchard's adoption was finalized on May 6th. She is the daughter of David and Amanda Blanchard. Such special blessings!

We congratulate Abby Beaver and Nathaniel Johnson who were united in marriage March 4th at Mendakota Country Club. May God richly bless their marriage.

Three of our youth are recent high school graduates. Kevin Shull and Trevor Shull graduated from St. Michael-Albertville High School on June 3rd. Kevin will attend the University of Minnesota and Trevor is attending the University of Northwestern-St. Paul. Skye Mikulak graduated from Osseo Senior High School on June 12th. She will be a student at North Hennepin College in the fall.

Isaiah and Hannah Bormes attended Minnesota Junior Youth Camp in June. Susan Johnson and Philip Kirkpatrick served on staff. In

July, Hannah Bormes, Philip Kirkpatrick, Kevin, Trevor, and Kyle Shull, Deborah Smead, Anya and Misha Zhykovich attended FUEL in North Manchester, IN. Adults on staff included Pastor JJ Fletcher, Joel and Stephanie Fletcher, Abby and Nathaniel Johnson, and Susan Johnson. We know these special weeks nurture friendships and growth in the Lord for our youth.

Activities at Pine Grove have included a Ladies New Year's Brunch hosted by Hope Fletcher, and recent wedding and baby showers. In March, the church sponsored a food drive for an area food shelf. Ten youth and one adult performed in the children's musical "Jailhouse Rock" on June 5th. It was a special evening for all in attendance, to see the children share the message that prayer and praise make a difference. We thank Sierra Hillsdale and Samantha Mikulak for directing the musical.

Monthly collections continue for Operation Christmas Child until the boxes are assembled in November. For August and September, we are collecting school supplies. Regular Red Cross blood drives are held at the church, remembering Bob Bormes, Jr, who established them at our location. Last, but certainly not least, on July 30th, 17 individuals packed almost 15 full boxes, 7560 meals, at Feed My Starving Children.

Minnesota Missionary Society

The MN Missionary Society meeting was held after the MN State Conference Annual Meeting on June 12, 2022 during the 2022 Spring Conference at the Church of God Campground.

Attendees: Gaye Wood-Rollins, Darrell & Laura Cardwell, Sarah & Bradley Johnson, Carolyn Smead, Amanda Forcier, Jon & Sue Lapp, Nathaniel Johnson, Ione Vierzba,

JJ. Fletcher, Anne Fischhaber, Paula & Vivian E. Kirkpatrick, Vivian Kirkpatrick, Tina & Brent Johnson, Russ Rankin, and Tracy Zhykhovich

President Sarah Johnson opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's report was read and JJ. Fletcher made a motion to accept, Nathaniel J. 2nd the motion. The group approved the Secretary's report.

Treasurer's report was given by Carolyn S. A motion to accept the treasure's report with corrections was made by Amanda F. and 2nd by Ione V. The group approved the report. Carolyn provided a new mailing address: 11317 Crooked Lake Blvd., Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Old business: Sarah reported how changes to the constitution should be made. New business: Sarah reported that she has become part of Lord's Harvest International Board as of April 2022. She provided the following information about the Church of God mission fields:

1. Africa- the trip being organized has been postponed until further notice. Joe & Rebecca suggested that if individuals are interested in going, they should prepare lessons and paperwork/documentation needed.

2. Uganda has a need for latrines in \$500-800. Some fund-raising ideas were suggested.

3. Haiti- Pastor Leslie checked in by email. He, his family, and orphanage are still in the mountains due to violence.

4. Peru- Pastor Edwin & his wife – have plans to go to the city of Andahuaylas and Ecuador in July to meet with Church of God contacts.

5. Pakistan- Pastor Vastor & Myram are sending their video and written beliefs to LHI so that support can continue. Tracy reported that about 16 women met for a Bible study with Myram. The couple have been reaching out to others using the tracts the MMS has sent to them.

7. Ethiopia- Russ Rankin has been in contact with a couple of men

from Ethiopia which have been baptized in the Abrahamic Faith. They have baptized another man. There is a need of Bibles in their language. Anne F. made a motion for the MMS send 50 Bibles for \$362 from the general fund, Tina J. 2nd the motion, and the group agreed to carry out the motion.

8. Philippians- Sarah was provided some names of believers which she passed on to Larry Rankin so he could contact them.

Carolyn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Anne 2nd the motion, and the meeting was ended with prayer by Nathaniel J.

–The next MN Missionary Society meeting will be held during the Fall Conference in Sept. 2022

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Forcier, Secretary

Minnesota State Conference Annual Meeting

June 12, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Gaye Rollins. Prayer was also lead by Gaye.

Secretary's Report given by Dana Varner. Motion to accept was made by Carolyn Smead, and seconded by Amanda Forcier.

Treasurer's Report handed out to all in attendance, and read individually due to absence of Treasurer, Dan Karl. It was decided that if there are any funds left after construction of the girl's dorm is completed, the board will meet to decide where these funds should be spent

Motion to accept made by Darrell Cardwell, and seconded by Sarah Johnson.

Departmental Reports

Camp Trustee, Jon Lapp gave an update on the progress of the construction that has been going on.

The girls dorm is nearly done. He also expressed a need for

re-siding the Rec.Hall. The kitchen/dining hall also needs re-siding. There is also a need for a new door leading into the dining hall line.

Youth Camp starts today, June 12.

Property development: the need for internet on the island was discussed. It was determined that the only viable option would be a satellite dish.

Old Business,

Election of officers. Positions open are Vice President and Treasurer. Motion made by Carolyn Smead that both positions be retained by current position holders; Monte Sandifer-Vice President, and Dan Karl-Treasurer. Motion seconded by Sue Lapp.

The Kim Johnson Endowment fund was discussed. After researching the stipulations, it will now be turned over to the Missions Board, where they will need 3 people to oversee how to invest the funds. Motion made to move the Kim Johnson Endowment Fund over to the Mission Board made by Vivian Kirkpatrick, and seconded by Sarah Johnson. Motion passed.

A Thank You was given to those who greatly upgraded the Conference sound system. Bradley Johnson has volunteered to be the tech committee.

The lack of having the state newsletter was brought up. Vivian and Paula Kirkpatrick have volunteered to do it.

Thanks was also given to Vivian P. Kirkpatrick for his work on the Conference website.

There was discussion on the need for a state Youth Director. The possibility of holding a Family Camp and/or a Woman's Retreat.

Carolyn Smead is to be the Delgate at General Conference.

Potential speakers for Fall Conference to be contacted by JJ Fletcher.

Motion to adjourn made by Nathaniel Johnson, and seconded by JJ Fletcher.

Closing prayer of-
ferred by Gaye Rollins

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Respectfully submitted
by, Dana Varner, Secretary

MN COG Conference Online

Our Minnesota Church of God Conference has a great website. <https://mncogconference.org/> Check it out! You can find information about our campground, churches, and events. There are also devotions, sermon series, and videos available. The online Systematic Bible Study course can be found here. It is a wonderful evangelistic tool. People from all over the world have registered to take it. Here is the link for the course. <https://mn-cogconference.org/introduction-orig>

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