

Maywood Community Church

March 2024

“God is Present”

In all of the challenges of life, the Word of God communicates to us that God is ever-present with us in each and every situation we face.

He is present in the good times: the marriage of a daughter, the birth of a grandchild, the celebration of a retirement, and the celebration of a birthday or anniversary. God is also present when we fall ill, in times of disappointment, during personal challenges, in difficult decisions, and in grievous circumstances.

As a part of my devotional time, I am reading through a little book called “The Red Sea Rules” by Robert Morgan. Early in the book, he talks about a South African pastor by the name of Andrew Murray who was facing a crisis in his ministry. Pastor Murray was a prolific writer and journaled daily. In one of his journal entries, Pastor Murray wrote the following in the midst of his crisis:

“First, God brought me here, it is by His will that I am in this strait place: in that fact I will rest. Next, He will keep me here in His love, and give me grace to behave as His child. Then, He will make the trial a blessing, teaching me the lessons He intends me to learn, and working in me the grace He means to bestow. Last, in His good time He can bring me out again – how and when He knows” (Morgan, p. 12).

Isn't that what Scripture tells us?

“The steps (and the stops) of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the LORD upholds him with His hand.” Psalm 37:23-24

“For He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’ So we may boldly say: ‘The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?’” Hebrews 13:5b

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

God communicates to us four important things that we want to remember in the good and difficult times. I am here, right now, in this situation:

By God's appointment or by God's allowance,
I am always in His keeping,
God is always teaching and training me,
God will keep me here for His time...

We serve a God Who is trustworthy; a God in whom we can delight in; a God in whom we can commit our way; and a God who gives us rest through life's circumstances (Psalm 37).

~Pastor Alan



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March Events:

March 2nd: Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 a.m.

March 21st: Ladies Council Meeting 10 am

March 23rd: Easter Egg Hunt

March 24th: Fried Chicken Dinner after Church

March 28th: Helping Hands of Faith 6:30-8:00 pm

March 29th: Good Friday Service 5:30 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31st: Easter Breakfast 8:30 am

Every Tuesday:

Ladies Bible Study 10 am

Ladies Quilting 1 pm

Every Wednesday:

Prayer Meeting 6 pm

AWANA 6:30-8:00 pm

Every Sunday Night:

Bible Study 5:00 pm

Youth Group 6:30-8:00 pm

Future Events:

April 19th: Game Night (more details to come)

MISSIONS

Ronnie and Becky Moyer are serving the Lord through preaching and teaching at churches, camps, and conferences. They continue to perform musically with a unique sound which blends Old Time Cowboy Songs of the West with a gospel flare and message.



Maywood Community Church has partnered with Ronnie and Becky for over 20 years.

Ronnie's unique sense of humor and love for God and hurting people have made him a favorite speaker at events across the country. He and Becky preached and performed on the Rodeo circuit last year at the Wrangler National Finals, Miss Rodeo America, National Western Stock Show, A Rodeo in Houston, Texas, Cheyenne Frontier Days, and other venues.

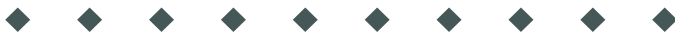
Ronnie and Becky have Horsemanship Clinics at their home in Washington, Kansas where a biblical view of relationships through horsemanship is presented.

Becky Loves serving the Lord with her own special mission and calling which includes her involvement with an orphanage in Guatemala and leading Ladies

Intensive Bible Retreats.

You may find out more about Moyer Ministries by going to their website ronniemoyer.org. If you are interested in seeing their preaching and music, do a search on Facebook. Usually you will be able to find one of their events. Ronnie also has a book which can be purchased online.

Greetings,



Easter is on March 31 and the Elders are asking for prayers for the events going on this month.

Please pray the events planned by the Church will glorify the Lord and bring in the community to worship and praise.

Please pray for Allyson Hodak and the volunteers who will be a part of the Easter Cantata! (Thank you, Allyson.) It is not too late to join, and more voices would be appreciated.

The Ladies Council will host a chicken dinner on Palm Sunday following the Church service.

Good Friday service will be held and includes Communion.

The Deacons and Elders will provide breakfast on Easter morning at 8:30 am in the kitchen.

Goal Update

Start and complete leadership training for the Elders and Deacons – Completed!

The Deacons and Elders will continue to build on this training. If you have a need please do not hesitate to reach out to your Deacon or Elder.

Church Business Updates

The insurance company received the report from the field adjuster with the claim split between the first and second claim. On February 27 the insurance company requested the field adjuster to revise the claim and return it to the insurance company. Once this is processed by the insurance company, they will give the Church their proposed settlement amount. Please pray the settlement amount matches what the adjuster and the Church agreed was a fair amount. If it does, we can begin to move forward on repairs.

Please be in prayer for the Church, the congregation, and following the direction the Lord leads you.

God Bless,

The Elders



February Financial Corner:

We were over budget on Expenses for February.

We were under budget on Giving for February.

Youth Group

During the month of February, we continued talking about Parables in the Bible.

We had the Youth read them, draw them, then explain what they thought they meant. We then had a discussion after to explain the meaning behind them if they needed a little help understanding the true meaning. We finished up the month talking about forgiveness (what it means) and the many times it is mentioned in the Bible.