



Minding the Gap – Moving Forward as a Church

Pastor's Note



This past week, I was attending a Leadership event that helps us as Pastors to develop a vision for our Church and our "GO Be the Church" to our Mingo Community around us.

This week, we have been looking at a "Vision" for our Church. A fundamental Vision that we – as a church together – can see as a focus for our ministry. We explored "Closing the Gap."

When Jesus spoke of the Kingdom of God, he was speaking of the world as it should be. Jesus's driving passion was to close the gap between what is and what should be in our lives, our community and our world.

Several weeks ago, I invited persons from our Church to join me in exploring a Vision towards the future and a focus that can keep us connected with God's leading us in the immediate future as we prepare for growth as a Church for persons already connected and for connecting new persons in joining us as we "GO Be the Church."

Closing the Gap – Moving Forward as a Church

What is God calling us to do to close the gap between the world as it is and the world as it should be?

When Jesus spoke of the Kingdom of God, he was speaking of the world not as it is, but as it should be. Jesus lived out that "Closing the Gap" in his ministry WITH HIS DISCIPLES by doing things that helped bring around in a fuller way "Thy Kingdom Come!"

You and I have a Mission. We are to be the light of the world... by letting our light shine before others that they may see our good works and give glory to our Father who is in Heaven. Matthew 5:14, 16

I believe God calling us to "Come Alive" and to get serious in actively close the gaps that exist between the world as it is today and the way it should be in our lives, across our community, and around the world (like last year when we sent dollars to help the United Methodist Church in Uvalde, Texas by underwriting the cost of their community- wide Vacation Bible School.

We are a great Church. We have been through the challenge of covid and splintering. But now is the time to move forward in faith to see ways to strengthen Our Church and Growing by:

- (1) Spiritual Growth and closing our personal SPIRITUAL GAP and growing closer to God.,
- (2) to connect (and keep making new connections with a Younger Generational Gap with Kids,
- (3) to continue being Loving and Kind by closing that Gap by intentionally bridging relationally to persons in our Mingo community, and
- (4) to create a Variety of Missional Opportunities to meet needs of any persons in our Mingo Community (and beyond) as we "GO Be the Church." So what is God calling you to join in doing now?

- God's not done with us.
- God is not done with you.
- Step up and build on the past by following God into a renewed Vision as we "GO Be the Church.

JOIN US!

Worship:
9:45 - 10:30 am

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515-418-0807

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Sunday Services
YouTube
LIVE: <https://youtu.be/72wd0grSGo>
9:45 am (In-person & YouTube LIVE)

Sunday Book Study
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81818489865>
Meeting ID: 818 1848 9865
4:00 pm (In-person & Zoom)

Board Meetings
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85195854464>
Meeting ID: 851 9585 4464

• **Facebook: Mingo UMC** (Like our page!)

• **Website:** www.mingoumc.org

• **YouTube channel:**
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT15MA9CTPjIoOARv8upE_Q (Or click "Videos" on our website homepage – past sermons are posted to our video library)

Administrative Board Meeting Minutes September 2023.

The Administrative Board met via Zoom Meeting at 6pm on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Bill & Theresa Berriman, Janice Gregerson, Bob Pease, Rodney Altes, Bob and Barbara Leonard, Pastor Phil and Nichole French were present.

Bob opened the meeting by leading the group in prayer.

Bob motioned for acceptance of the August meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by Janice and 2nd by Theresa. Bob requested if anyone had concerns to address. All present were favor. Bob moved on to the treasure's report Janice made motion to approve the treasures report. Bob requested what the payment to P&K Concrete was for, Rodney advised that was for in front of the garage at the parsonage as a section needed to be fixed. Theresa advised she had no comments on the report. Rodney 2nd the motion to approve the treasures report, all present were in favor.

Bob moved on to new business, Theresa mentioned a thank you note was received from the Colfax UMC for the July Mission for Vacation Bible School as well as a thank you note from Families Forward for the mission from August. Rodney states they met with Auto for next steps on the sale of the parsonage.

Pastor advised the would be preaching on Sunday on sowing seeds before we lose some people to harvest season. He wants to talk what we do at the church and how t=you reap the harvest from the seeds you sow and if you don't like your harvest you need to change the seeds. He continued on ways we can taking next steps on where we want to go and what we want to be within the church. He wants to start by taking a step back and talk about how we sow seeds. He is looking forward to joining in Kids Club and will be welcoming some folks from Colfax to see if they would want to start something like that at the Colfax Church.

Pastor discussed how last year there was a meeting at the quarry and they came to him to have the people of Mingo to join again this year. They will be having a pot luck on 10-8 and are wanting to do a worship this year and want the Mingo group to join and have service combined at 10:45. The kids will be there and could do some music from VBS for a fun outdoor service if weather is good or the indoor area if not. He is wanting to let them now IF that is something the Mingo group would be interested in. It would be in place of the normal service. If all agree we could start advertising and enjoy the outdoors and all the quarry has to offer afterwards.

Janice made motioned for the Mingo church to join in the planning and participate. This was 2nd by Bob Pease. All present were in favor. Bob Pease stated Farrar to be invited as well to get everyone together. Pastor advised to extend invitations to anyone as all are welcome to come.

Theresa advised the missions for the remainder of the year will be Salvation Army for October, the food pantry for November and for December it will be Hope Ministries.

Janice made motion to adjourn this was 2nd by Bill, all present agreed. The group recited the Lord's Prayer.

Nichole French
Recording Secretary



Prayer Chain Ministry
We are a Praying Church



We will gladly honor your prayer requests, whether they are specific or unspoken. Prayer requests may be initiated by contacting our Pastor, Warren Nielsen or Theresa Berriman.

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515-707-4967

Prayersformingo@gmail.com
515-249-0698 text or voicemail



Kids Club News



Kids club will be held on Thursday,
September 19th at 4 PM.

MINGO CARING CORNER



FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHES CLOSET

Located at the Mingo City Library

Anyone in Mingo, Colfax, or the surrounding rural area is eligible to benefit from the Mingo Caring Corner. Stop by to check out the Caring Corner, especially when a little help is needed!

ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF:

- Non-perishable food items
- Health & beauty items
- Gently used winter coats, hats, gloves, mittens & scarves

PLEASE DELIVER YOUR DONATIONS DOWNSTAIRS

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday 3 pm - 5 pm
Tuesday 9 am - 12 noon
Wednesday 1 pm - 5 pm
Thursday 9 am - 12 noon
Friday - Closed
Saturday - 9 am - 11 am
Sunday - Closed



Come out and enjoy our Trunk or Treat Halloween Event.

- Date: 10/28/2023
- Location: Town Hall Parking Lot, 102 N Station St
- Time: 5-7 pm
- Volunteers: If you can volunteer to bring your car and decorate the trunk.
- Decorated car trunks for the kiddos to trick or treat
- Prizes for best decorated trunk.

Inquiries: Contact Bill Berriman, wberriman32@gmail.com, (515)238-1169

BEGGARS NIGHT – CITY OF MINGO

Beggars' night will be held concurrently with Trunk or Treat from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

If you would like to participate, please leave your porch light on so kids know where to stop and pick up goodies!!

The City of Mingo asks everyone to be extra cautious while driving through town during the events. Thank you and HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!

October

2023

Mingo United Methodist Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Joint Service with Colfax UMC 10:45	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Food Pantry Sunday Grandparent's Day	16	17	18	Kid's Club 19	20	21
22 Citizenship Day	23	24	25	26	27	28 Trunk or Treat
29	30	31				