

# **NOVEMBER**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Surviving the Holidays GriefShare 6:30-7:30 E206	2	3	4
Daylight Saving Time Ends Set Clocks back 1hr.	6	7	8 Seniors on the Go Lunch 11am-12pm   Atrium	9 Equip Leader Lunch 12-1pm   WLC	Student Fall Retreat	
Singles Sunday Lunch   12-1pm Fellowship Center	13	14	15	16	17 Singles - Dinner and a Movie 6:30pm Fellowship Center	18
19 Finance Mt. 12-1:30pm - WLC Missions Banquet 5:30-7pm Atrium	20	21	Thanksgiving Break No Wednesday Night Activities	23 Offices Closed Thanksgiving Break	Offices Closed Thanksgiving Break	25
26	27	28	29	30		

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

8:30am-5:00pm Monday-Thursday

#### **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

9:00am- Life Groups and Worship Gathering (Atrium)
Preschool LGs, Kids LGs, Student LGs
10:30am- Life Groups and Worship Gathering (Atrium)
Preschool Ministry, ARK Worship & Kids Worship

## **MONDAYS**

10:00am-1:00pm Care Center-Food Pantry 5:30pm-7:00pm Care Center-Food Pantry

#### **TUESDAYS**

9:30am-11:30am Women's Bible Study

## **WEDNESDAYS**

10:00am - Midweek Bible Study 5:30-6:15pm: Dinner 6:30pm - Next Gen Ministry Choir & Adult Ministries



# A WORD FROM PASTOR CHARLIE

We are going to break away from our normal mode of studying books of the Bible and take 5 weeks to address some topics that are very much at the forefront of our culture. I am doing this partly because I think it is important to address what we believe the Bible says about these things, which is where we, as a church, stand. Along with that, some of these topics came up in our study of Luke and Malachi, and I didn't want to stop midstream and answer them, so I thought this was a more cohesive way for us to do it.

The topic of sexuality is at the forefront of our world. If there is a word or words that would define our current state regarding this topic, I think it would be confused or broken. We are a world that is completely confused regarding sexuality, which has led us to unfathomable levels of brokenness. Fortunately, as the body of Christ, we do not have to be confused because the Lord has given us clarity on these things in the Bible. Believers will be my audience in the coming weeks, as it is most weeks. It is not that unbelievers couldn't benefit, but I don't expect lost people to either understand or agree with the Bible. I do, however, expect that we, as the body of Christ, seek out what God says about all things and adhere to it. Personally, I am not surprised that the world is confused on these issues, but what often troubles me more than anything is that the church seems to be confused over topics that the Bible is clear on, and the church has historically been commonly united on for thousands of years. Sadly, too many churches have given into the cultural view of sexuality and/or refuse to speak to it at all. My hope is to help us understand what the Bible says about things like sexuality, marriage, divorce, homosexuality, and singleness.

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# **UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES**

# November - Missions Month International Prayer Stations

Did you know we have six different prayer stations around our church building? These stations represent other regions around the world. We encourage you to take some time over the next month to pray for these people worldwide!

#### **Lottie Moon Escape Room**

Gather some friends, preferably 2-7, and put your skills to the test as you find clues and solve puzzles to break out of the Lottie Moon Missions Escape Room. In this free, immersive escape room, you will explore the life and impact of Lottie Moon! The escape room will be open until November 30.

#### **Surviving the Holidays - GriefShare**

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? Our Surviving the Holidays Night is mainly for people who are grieving a loved one's death. Join this group on Wednesday, November 1, at 6:30pm in room E206/207.

#### **Daylight Saving Time Ends - Nov. 5**

It's time to turn our clocks back one hour on the night of Saturday, November 4.

#### **Equip Leader Lunch**

All leaders in the church are invited to meet on campus for lunch on November 9 from 12-1pm. Join us for training about leading life groups and making disciples! Register each month to get your free lunch at <a href="firstmoore.com/equiptraining">firstmoore.com/equiptraining</a>

## For the Future: Fill the Floor

Join us as we seek to raise \$347,115.00 by the end of 2023. We believe we can reach this ambitious goal when we all reach deep and consider donating the cost of one chair, \$365. Some may do more, and others may do less, but when we all do something, anything is possible. To learn more and give, visit firstmoore.com/fillthefloor

#### **Student Fall Retreat**

On the weekend of November 10, 7th to 12th grade students will spend time in worship and small groups as they learn how to seek God in a busy and chaotic world. In addition, there will be several fun activities to enjoy and free time where students can explore the Falls Creek campgrounds.

## **Missions Banquet | Thanksgiving Dinner**

On November 19, we will enjoy a church-wide meal together. Gather with us as we focus on how our church strives to reach the unreached with the gospel. In gratitude, we will share a Thanksgiving meal and focus on ways to take the gospel to those who have never heard it. Register for the dinner online at <a href="firstmoore.com/missionsbanquet">firstmoore.com/missionsbanquet</a>

## Thanksgiving Break

The offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday beginning at noon on Wednesday, November 22, and will be closed on the 23 and 24.

## "For the Future" Campaign

Thank you for your above-and-beyond sacrificial giving to our "For the Future" campaign. We have been able to raise \$990,718.06. If you want to learn more and join us, visit firstmoore.com/forthefuture.

## **Serving Opportunity - Wednesday Dinner Teams**

We have developed rotating teams to help serve and clean up after our Wednesday Night Meals. There is still an opportunity for you to join a team. If you are interested in serving on a team, please contact Stephanie at <a href="mailto:stephanie.gaches@firstmoore.com">stephanie.gaches@firstmoore.com</a>.

## Save the Date!

Dec. 1 - Christmas Spectacular Dec. 8 - Parents' Night Out

Dec. 17 - Christmas Gathering

Dec. 24 - Two normal Worship Gatherings at 9 & 10:30am

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



# SUNDAY MORNING STATS

	OCT 1	OCT 8	OCT 15	OCT 22	OCT 29	YTD
Life Groups	731	700	713	671	674	704
Worship Attendance	823	783	778	750	795	799
Offering/Tithe	\$72,009.37	\$73,559.57	\$51,208.49	\$74,707.29	\$41,686.05	
For the Future	\$4,640.00	\$11,687.00	\$10,343.50	\$10,305.00	\$8,530.00	



# A WORD FROM PASTOR CHARLIE

# (Continued from the front page)

I want to be clear on a few things as we begin this series. First, I am not at all an expert regarding the many forms and ways of how the world speaks in terms of gender identity, sexual identity, and so forth. Because of that, I am not going to try and explain all of it or speak to all of it. I am going to simply speak to what is revealed in God's Word in these areas as it is the only truth I can stand on.

I am not going to make light of anyone's "identity" or "struggle" in any of these areas and ask that no one else does either. We are speaking of real people, made in the image of God, that we should care for and aid to help. Because of that, I ask that we refrain from any "amens" or "that's right" to things I say if you agree, and ask that you refrain from any negative comments or sounds to things you may not agree with. I am simply going to try to speak with grace and truth and ask that you receive it that way.

I have no desire to speak provocatively on these topics and will do my best to be mindful of our audience, but we also want parents to have the right to pick the time and way their children hear about some of these things. Because of that, we will be extending Kid's Church to sixth grade for the duration of this series.

I look forward to us being able to dive into these important topics and ask that you prayerfully come ready to hear from the Word of God. As always, my heart is for us to be a church that Knows Jesus, Follows Jesus, and Becomes like Jesus, and we will only do this when we surrender to His Word in its entirety.

For His glory and your joy,





# WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

Join us for Wednesday night dinner from 5:30pm-6:15pm. Cost is \$5 per person with a family max of \$20. You can sign up and pay for the meal each week online or through the Realm Connect App.

November 1	November 8	November 15	November 29
Eggs, Sausage, Hash Browns, Biscuits, Gravy, Orange Juice	Hamburgers Waffle Fries Brownies	Chicken Tenders Potatoes & Gravy Salad Cobbler / Assorted Desserts	Coney Hot Dogs Tator Tots Salad Bar Ice Cream Bars



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

# **OCTOBER 2023**

Lyne Berry (Baptism)
Sharon Berry (Baptism)
Janeth Rivera (Baptism)
Daniel Vanegas (Baptism)
Troy Garcia (Baptism)
Shara Fleming (Statement)

John Cozart (Statement)
Sharon Cozart (Statement)

# INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of First Moore, contact our Director of Connections, Stephanie Gaches, to begin the conversation.

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