

Missionary Highlight

Megan Herrly – Timber Bay

I hope this update finds you well. We had an event-filled summer!

In May we moved out of our Timber Bay house and became mobile. Our Junior and Senior High groups were meeting at different parks, beaches and fast food diners each week. Recently we found a temporary meeting place – a two-story finished barn – until June 2023.

When I went to high school the first day of school, I had kids texting me left and right with “Where are you? I want to sit with you at lunch!”

As I have talked with teachers, office staff, resource officers and counselors, a few of them thanked Timber Bay for having a presence in the school. This is because Timber Bay is a lighthouse in what can be a very dark place for some teenagers.

I want to share a story that made my heart weep and rejoice. One of our girls was showing a specific form of abuse, but when I met with her, she assured me that was not the situation. Rather she opened up about her background and shared the message that she wants and needs a mentor: She feels like a lost kid that no one cares to find.

I pondered her words for the rest of the day. We minister to kids who believe that they are unworthy of love and that no one cares for them. Trusting us may be a slow, difficult process, but often they recognize as a life line. Praise the Lord!

Prayer Requests:

1. For the needs of the students at Monticello High School.
2. For my time with teenagers and their problems; that it is productive and fruitful.
3. For my financial support to increase.



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Weekly Events & Opportunities

- A Parent's Room (back of the sanctuary) and Nursery (downstairs) are available for **families with young children**.

- **Communion Sunday** – Today is Communion Sunday and all who have accepted Christ as their Savior are welcome to participate. The bread that is being served is gluten-free for the convenience of all participants.

- **Name Tag Sunday** – Please grab a name tag, write your name on it, and tag yourself! We have gained many new faces & the name tags will allow us to become better acquainted with one another.

- **Sunday School class** – “Reading Moses, Finding Jesus” began today but you can join next week at 9:30am in Room 200. The class will meet for 12 weeks with a break over Christmas.

• Upcoming Community Opportunities

- **Christmas Day Dinner** on Sunday, December 25. Free meal is available from 12-2pm at the Elks Lodge. If you would like to volunteer please call Lee Grim at 218.240.5125 or by email at ravenlhg@gmail.com

- **Northern Options for Women** is in need of a board treasurer and a part-time office staff trained in QuickBooks. Please contact NOFW at 285.7673 if interested.

- **Salvation Army Bell Ringers** • Call 218.282.5147 to choose a time to ring the bell at the grocery store. They always receive more money when there is a person ringing.

- **Christmas Eve in the Barn** – December 24 at 4:30pm

- Assist with parking
- Decorating the barn
- Pouring hot chocolate & sweet treats

If you would like a ride to & from your home to the event, please call the church office.

Contact Lynn Peterson at 324.0508 if you are interested.

Knowing the Light

John 1.1-5

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. **4** In him was life, ^[a] and the life was the light of men. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.