



# MORIAH MINISTRIES

## ... ANCHORED IN LOVE SERVING STUDENTS

### From the E.D.

We started 2024 welcoming Moriah staff and board to Camp Geneva for a spiritual and work retreat. It was led by retired RCA Pastor and Navy Chaplain Paul Burmeister who is the incoming Chair Elect. We identified areas of improvement and structure, and the board went to work. "It was both refreshing and encouraging" said Michael Waldschlager, Treasure.

We were graciously reminded of WHOSE we are and what can be accomplished for the Kingdom of God when we work from a place of being loved instead of for love. Themes of being CHOSEN by God, TRUSTING His paths, and DWELLING in His PRESENCE were abundantly illuminated.

We continue to see God work on the campus of GV. Students, athletes, and coaches continue to be encouraged and uplifted by our efforts as a ministry. Watching students join local churches, get baptized, and dig deeper into their faith through prayer and Bible study is extremely rewarding. Watching them face the "trials" of life equipped with faith is an incredible experience.

These experiences are in part to the "Moriah Team" working together to accomplish all God has for us to do. **THANK YOU** for faithfully giving, praying, volunteering, and supporting the work we accomplish on the ground as we serve meals, minister, mentor, and lead students to be committed followers of Jesus. I appreciate your efforts in this endeavor.

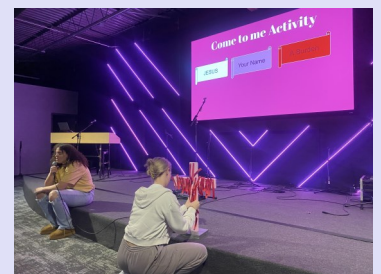


Finally, I wish to honor the work of my predecessor and founder of *Moriah Ministries*, affectionately known as "Chap Andy" (Andy McDaniel). Andy was called to be with Jesus after a short battle with a genetic disease. We ask that you pray for Valerie and their precious family at this time. You are invited to a Celebration of Life on Friday April 5th, 2024 @ 1pm @ Fellowship Church in Hudsonville, MI. Andy always brought a smile and the love of Jesus with him to GV. It will be my honor to continue to do so as well. I think Andy would want us to remember that *"to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord!"* And we know that He is enjoying the presence of Jesus.

For HIS Glory, *John Modderman, Executive Director*

### Chaplain's Corner:

Amy is meeting with MaCayla, a student ministry leader and sports photographer at GV. In one of their recent meetings MaCayla was seeking a way to call her peers to surrender to Jesus at a talk she was giving to the group. She invited Amy for support. It was evident that prayers were answered as Amy witnessed the power of the Holy Spirit move through MaCayla as she challenged her "sisters" to write their burdens down on a red ribbon and pin it to the cross. The response was 100% participation. She then gave them two other ribbons - a white on which they wrote the name JESUS, and a pink on which they wrote their name - and tied the two together. The message was "leave your burden at the cross for the blood of Jesus to cover and tie yourself tightly to Jesus." It was a great night of ministry.



Coming back from a track team meet Tony was listening to a conversation of a spiritual nature. Later Tony was invited into the conversation where questions were being raised about God. Tony was able to join the conversation and lead students to the truth that is found in scripture about current cultural topics. These opportunities occur on a bus, after a practice, or at a meet. Glory to God for Tony's willingness to point others to the truth of God's word and His redeeming Son Jesus.

John recently met with a player from one of the teams who was struggling with a major health challenge. He will not be named to protect his personal information. Trainers had requested that John meet with him and pray for him as he faced this illness. This athlete is now on the mend and John was able to be an encouraging and supporting voice in a disappointing season. John pointed him to God's sovereign plans - that are both good and effective - in the life of the believer even when circumstances are not. This young man is now looking forward to next year with hope and confidence in Christ.

## Giving to Moriah:

### 1. By Check

Make your check payable to *Moriah Ministries* and mail to P.O. Box 333, Allendale, MI 49401.

### 2. Event Sponsorships

You, your church or your business can team up financially with *Moriah Ministries* for our Golf Classic, SERVE missions or other event underwriting.

### 3. PayPal or Debit/Credit Card

Make a secure online donation with PayPal. You will also have the option to use a Debit or Credit Card rather than a PayPal account to donate.

### 4. Call Us

Call Peg Pyper for assistance with making a donation. Her contact information is listed below.

If you have additional questions, send us an email - [moriah.gvsu@gmail.com](mailto:moriah.gvsu@gmail.com) or give Peg Pyper a call. (616) 217-7807.

**Click here** or go to [www.moriahministries.com/blog/giving/](http://www.moriahministries.com/blog/giving/)

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## Volunteer Spotlight:

**THANK YOU** to the following volunteers who prepare meals and support Moriah Ministries as we served our teams!

Krista Allers  
Kathy Hanes  
Rence and Sandy Meredith  
Carol Modderman  
Carolyn Modderman  
Lynda Modderman

Levi and Leslie Rost  
Jim and Chris Scott  
Cory and Kristina Stickney  
Nick and Barb VanderVeen  
Jason and Mary Vos

We also would like to **THANK** the following businesses who are supplying meals for our programs:

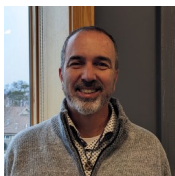
Chick Fila  
Arby's  
The Meat Market in Allendale

## Welcome incoming Board Members for 2024!



Paul Burmeister, Vice Chair

Paul is a retired Pastor (36 years) and Navy Reserve Chaplain (27 years). He and his wife Nancy live in West Michigan and have two children.



Jim Maness, Trustee

Jim owns an insurance agency with Farm Bureau Insurance. He previously worked in the pastoral ministry for 30 years. Jim and his wife Terri live in West Michigan. They have 4 children.



Greg Zost, Secretary

Greg is construction manager for Fleis and VandenBrink. He lives in West Michigan. Greg has 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

## Mark your calendars for our 2024 Fund Raising Events

### • **White Caps Games: April 24, June 16, August 8**

*Whitecaps Concessions for a Cause.* Moriah board, staff, and volunteers will work the concession stands during these games to raise funds for Moriah. Come see the game and visit us for your snacks!

### • **CareLinc Classic Golf Outing: June 11**

@ The Meadows, Grand Valley State University. Visit our website for more information [www.moriahministries.com/blog](http://www.moriahministries.com/blog)

### • **Culvers Night: date to be determined (October)**

We had a successful night in 2023, we are doing it again in 2024!

### • **Russ' Restaurants: dates to be determined (June)**

Moriah will partner with multiple Russ' Restaurants for one week. Obtain your ticket from us and hand to the cashier with your bill. 20% of sales for a whole week will be donated to Moriah! Dine in or take out!

### • **GivingTuesday: Dec 3**

After a very successful GivingTuesday 2023, Moriah Ministries will participate in GivingTuesday again this year. We will keep you informed as details are confirmed.

Please call any one of us with any questions or to volunteer - John 616.633.4137; Amy 616.893.1577; Peg 616.217.7807

