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The Morse Church

Stand at the crossroads and look;

Ask for the ancient paths,

Ask where the good way is,

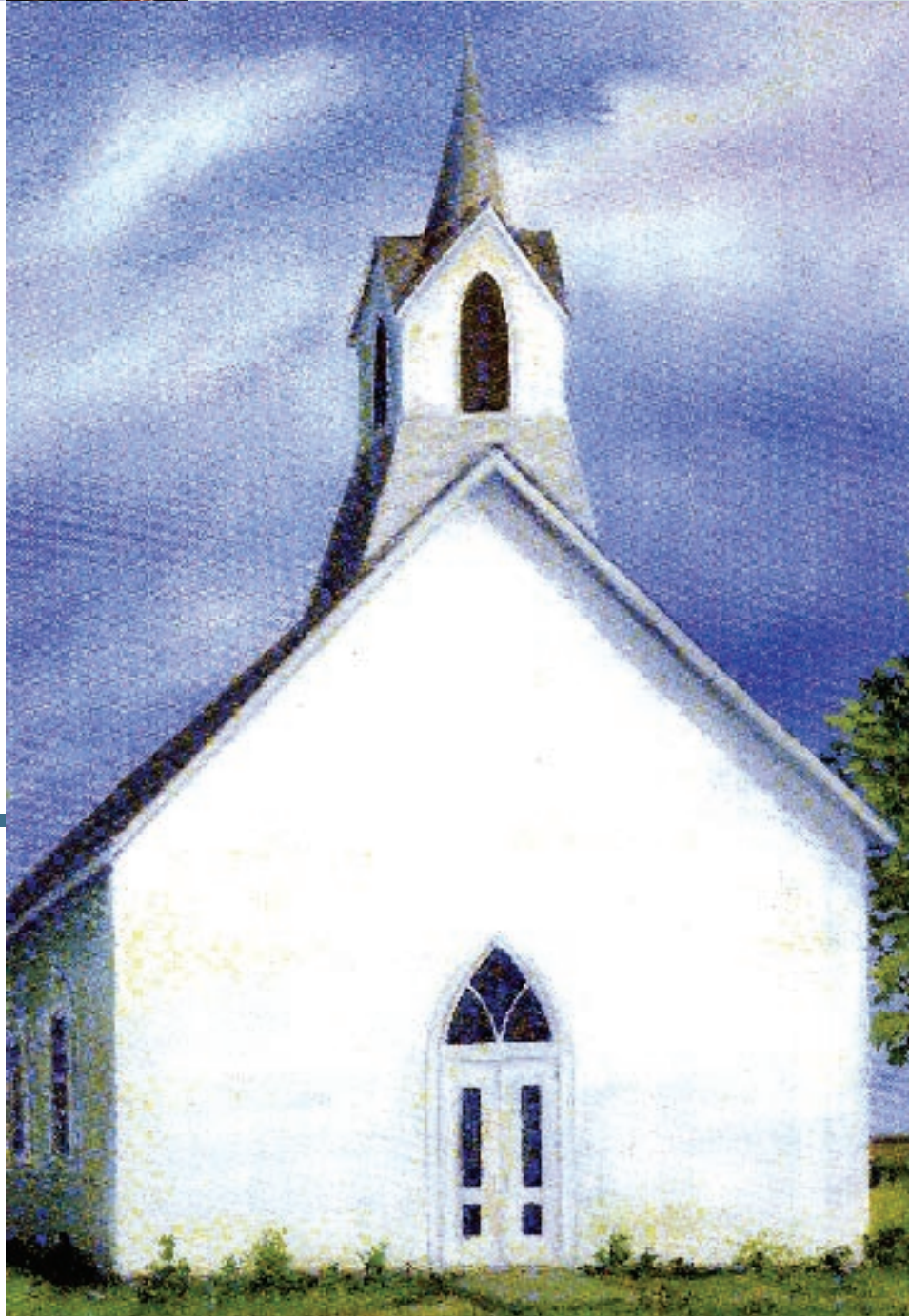
And walk in it,

And you will find

rest for your souls.

Jeremiah 6:16

rest



*A 21st century
expression of the
1st century church*

Please join us for the
Grand reOpening
Sunday, September 11th

Worship schedule:
8:00, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

The Morse Church

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WELCOME

We hope you find a home here.

A place of rest, calm, and peace.

A place to connect in meaningful ways with caring, authentic friends.

A place where you can talk to and hear from a God who loves you.

Step away. Enter, rest, and pray.

A safe place for you.

A safe place for your family.

The Morse Church is a gift to you. Teachers, sales managers, nurses, engineers, construction workers, realtors, homemakers, soldiers – people from all walks of life – have worked hard to restore the Morse Church building as an escape from hectic, frenetic Johnson County.

Join us for worship on Sundays beginning September 11, 2005.

THE MORSE CHURCH

1884-2005

In 1884, south central Johnson County, Kansas was rapidly growing. Workers in the high tech industries (railroads and grain elevators) were rapidly building houses, schools, and business...

A group of missionaries came to plant a church to serve this new population. The village was Morse. The church was named The Morse Church. This body of believers built a lovely, modern building in which to gather, to worship, and to pray...

But then the depression came. The railroad left. The grain elevator burned. The hearty townspeople found new work. The Morse Church continued...

But in 1984, after 100 years of faithful ministry, the Morse Church closed. And for 20 years, the ancient, sacred building slept...

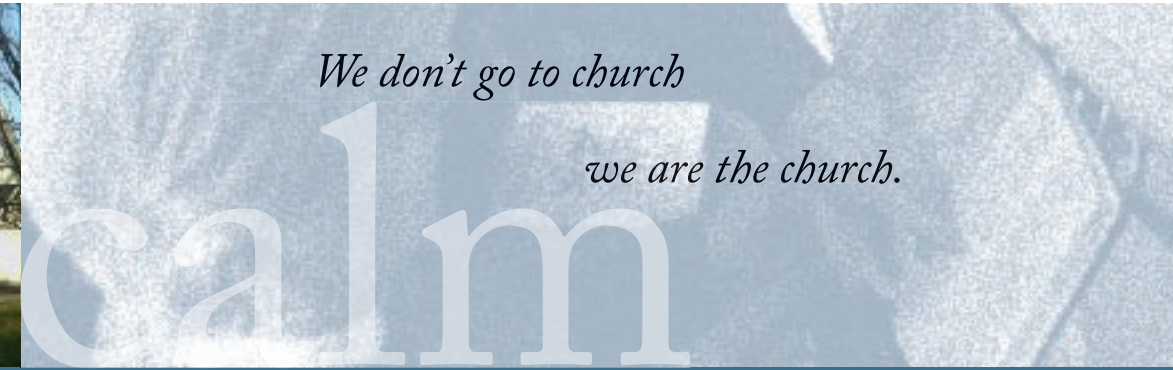
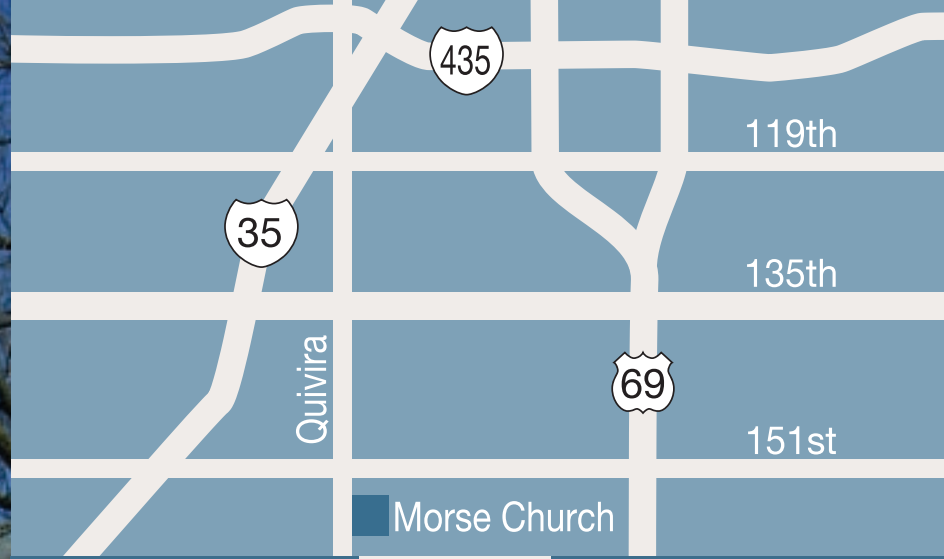
But scores of people from our area – people like you who get enough of modernity during every day – are restoring The Morse Church so it can be a “21st century expression of the 1st century church.” Ancient yet modern. Grounded in the past as we look to the future.

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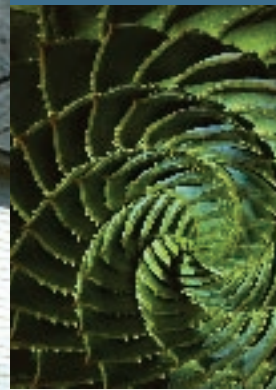
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The Morse Church

*We don't go to church
we are the church.*



connect

WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe in the 4 "al's"

Devotional

"You shall love the Lord with all of your heart, soul, and mind."

Human beings are created to worship God and to grow in a relationship with God.

Missional

"You shall love neighbor as yourself."

We exist as a church to be to a blessing to the entire world.

Connectional

"If one falls, his friend can help him up. But pity the person who has no one to help him."

Biblical

God speaks to us through the written Word and we want to listen.

OUR EXPECTATIONS

Worship.

Regularly participate in a weekly worship service.

"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy".

Grow.

Start with the **Alpha** Course and go on into a small group. We believe life in community is at the heart of the Christian faith.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor.

For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him.

And a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

Serve.

Appropriate to your giftedness.

"We each have different gifts according to the grace given us."

Give.

Proportional to your income.

"A portion of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord. "

WORSHIP AT THE MORSE CHURCH

How did the 1st century Christian Church worship? What would those practices look like 2000 years later? The Morse Church restoration team has researched historical documents from the 1st century, both secular and religious. We discovered these sources agree on the practices that were common to 1st century Christian worship.

- Gathering together for worship
- Reading the Bible
- Instructing and Encouraging
- Rising and Praying
- Sharing bread, wine, and water
- Receiving an offering for the poor

Therefore, all Morse Church services include the above practices.

8:00 a.m. – Brief, traditional Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion with traditional hymns
(care provided for young children)

10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion with songs, hymns, & spiritual songs
in contemporary arrangements
(care provided for young children)

7:00 p.m. – Evening Vespers with a mix of ancient and modern music

Like in the 1st century, all ages are welcome in all the main worship services. However, as a convenience, we offer safe, fun care for children up to kindergarten age at the 9:00 and 10:30 services.

The Lord has shown us what is good and what is required of us:

To act justly.

To love mercy.

And to walk humbly with God.