



## Coming up at MLCC:

**MLCC Office closed  
Monday February 16th**

**Grief Share  
POSTPONED UNTIL FALL**

**Youth Ministry Auction  
February 21st 5pm**

**MLCC Next Steps Classes  
Feb 22, March 1st & 8th  
11am**

**Seniors Ministry  
Coffee Klatch Feb 23rd 10am**

**Women's Retreat  
March 13-15th**

**Women's Bible Study  
Beginning March 19th**

**Men's Bible Study  
Tuesdays 6:30pm**

**Women's Fitness  
Mondays & Thursdays 10am**

**Youth Ministry  
Junior High Youth  
Wednesdays 6-8pm  
(Doors open at 5:30)  
High School Youth  
Sundays 6-8pm  
(Doors open at 5:30)**

# Sermon Notes - February 15, 2026

## Abide in Jesus

**Speaker: Austin Payne**

**Text: John 1:1-8**

### Abide In Proximity

Abiding in Jesus doesn't start with "do this" It starts with "come be with me".

Consistency grows where presence is prioritized.

### Abide With the Source

Abiding as our source of:

JOY (John 15:11)

*I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.*

DIRECTION (John 15:7, Romans 12:1-2)

*If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*

WISDOM (John 15:7, James 1:5)

*If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you*

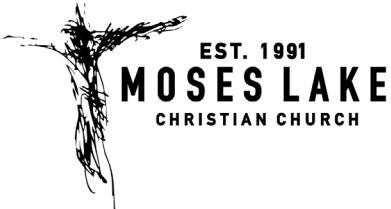
HOW WE SEE THE WORLD (John 15:5)

*I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*

### Abide as Overflow, Not Obligation

What Jesus does IN you always comes before what He does THROUGH you. "Apart from me you can do nothing." — John 15:5

Abiding always moves outward — but **only after it moves inward**.



## Notes

## How to Abide in Jesus:

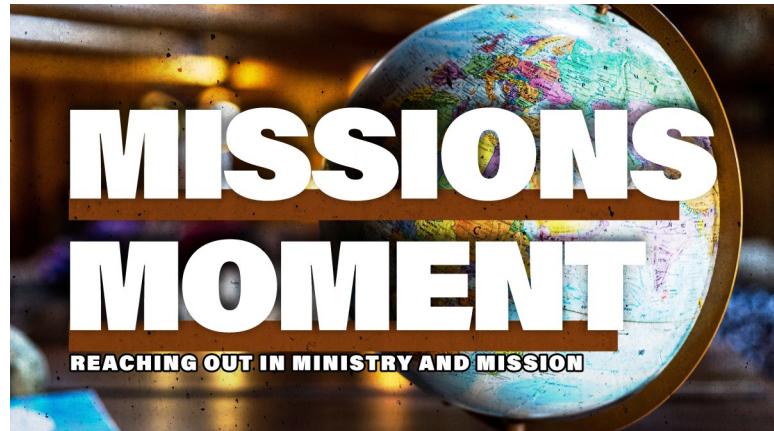
Abiding fruit comes from abiding in Jesus.

**Remember Your Identity** “Can I decide today to stay with JESUS for life?” (John 15:4)

***Be Aware of Your Environments*** “Where am I actually spending time with JESUS?” (John 15:7)

**Seek Connection** “Who am I walking with toward JESUS?”  
(John 15:12-13)

**Pursue Small Consistencies** “When I drift from JESUS, I RETURN.<sup>1</sup> (John 15:4-5)



**Gerhard (Git) and Mignon Duvenhage and family are in the house!  
We will be hearing from them next Sunday during the service.**

**Kairos Outside:** Kairos Outside is a Christian faith-based ministry that addresses the spiritual & emotional needs of women who have been impacted by incarceration of themselves or a loved one. By sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, Kairos Outside hopes to change hearts and transform lives. Women are invited to a no-cost weekend from April 24-26, 2026. Hazel Hagy, our church's liaison, will be in the lobby with more information, guest, volunteer, and donation opportunities are available to help support this ministry.



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