

This Week

Today

Sunday School	9:30 AM
Morning Worship Service	10:45 AM

Tuesday

MCN Board Meeting	6:30 PM
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Wednesday

Wednesday Night Refresh	7:00 PM
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Thursday

Women Connecting After Five (Flynn's Grill, South Glastonbury)	6:00 PM
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Friday

MCN Student Ministries	5:00 PM
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Saturday

Men's Prayer Breakfast	8:00 AM
Saturation Prayer	7:00 PM

Looking Ahead

Oct 18	Homecoming Sunday
Oct 27	CCS Board Meeting
Nov 1	All Saints' Day
Nov 7	Connecting with Cookies
Nov 10	MCN Board Meeting
Nov 13-15	Faith Promise
Nov 29	Advent Begins
Nov 29	Hanging of the Greens
Dec 1	CCS Board Meeting
Dec 2	Wednesdays with the Wise
Dec 5	Advent Banquet
Dec 13	Children's Program
Dec 15	MCN Board Dinner
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Game Night



Sermon Text: James 3

Sermon Questions

1. What is the central topic of discussion in Chapter 3 of James?
2. Why is a teacher powerful?
3. Why is the tongue powerful?
4. Why is the tongue so hard to control?
5. What does it mean to deny the truth about the existence of bitter envy or selfish envy within you?
6. Should Christians seek to exert power? When and how?

Additional Scriptures

Psalm 15

Here is a description of the person who pleases God. What affinity do you find between these verses and James 3?

Psalm 34:8-14

What promises are made here by the Psalmist? How does speech enter into the conditions of the promise?

Jeremiah 9:3-16

The judgment of God falls on Israel because of their lying and deceit. What kind of picture does God paint concerning speech and the fruit of lying and deceit?

1 Peter 3:8-12

What is the main point of this passage? Where is it quoted from?

Small Group Discussion

1. Do you remember any examples of people who have tried to convince you of something that was completely wrong? What was that like?
2. Why does James advise people to avoid trying to be teachers?
3. What is the relationship between our use of the tongue and the use of or pursuit of power?
4. If both cursing and blessing come through the same tongue, what does that reveal about us?
5. No one controls the tongue perfectly, James says. He says that if you do, you are perfect. How can he say that; what does he mean by saying that?
6. What are the hallmarks of wisdom?

Going Deeper

1. Are you harboring bitter envy or selfish ambition in your heart? What about? What for? What will you do about this?
2. How well do you control your tongue?
3. How well would others say you control your tongue? Do you have the courage to ask someone you love how well you do at this?



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Welcome to Manchester Church of the Nazarene! We are delighted to have you with us today, as we seek to worship God, pray for one another and our world, and listen intently to whatever the Holy Spirit might say to us. Relax! Consider yourself among friends!

Sunday, October 11, 2015

Welcome Song and Welcome

Praise and Worship

Prayer

Announcements

Worship Through Giving

(Children are Dismissed to Children's Church)

Investigating God's Word: James 3

Response to God's Word

Opportunity to Reach Out in Our Neighborhood

The Family Resource Center (FRC) at Waddell School in Manchester is experiencing a large influx of students who need snacks during the day. The FRC keeps a pantry containing granola bars, pretzels, and dried fruit for the students in the program, but due to the influx, their supplies are becoming low. We have an opportunity to partner with them to provide these snacks. If you are willing to purchase these specific items in bulk (with packages that are easily distributed individually) at places like BJ's or Sam's Club, it would be greatly appreciated. You may drop off these items at the church office for Pastor Garry to deliver to FRC.

Activity Highlights

Women Connecting After Five—October 15

Women Connecting After Five is a non-denominational outreach ministry of stonecroft.org and is a time to invite other women to a place where they can hear the Gospel in a comfortable, non-threatening atmosphere. After an interesting activity and a delicious dinner, the speaker will tell her story of what her life was like before she learned about Jesus and how her life has been changed by Him. Invitations with specific information are on the welcome tables in the Lobby.

Men's Prayer Breakfast—October 17 at 8:00 AM

Join us for a breakfast, devotional time and time of prayer together. After the breakfast, we will knock off about an hour's worth of chores around the church, so bring along a few generic tools. We will be finished long before 11 AM! We are looking to clean out the lower level of the barn in preparation for the winter season.

Homecoming Service Planned for October 18!

Rev. Ken Stanford, Superintendent of the New England District Church of the Nazarene will be our special guest on October 18! As many of you know, Kenny was the pastor here from 2001 to 2005. We'd like to ask you to invite your friends to this special service, especially those who haven't been here for a while.

Adult Sunday School classes will end early that day (10:00 AM) to give time for an extended coffee reception before the service. After the service, there will be a finger foods reception in the Lobby (think sandwiches, veggies, cheese/crackers, etc.). The goal of this is to allow us extra time to greet our visitors and have extended conversations. Please don't make plans to rush away from church that day! Plan to loiter and engage in conversation after the service!

We will need some extra help that day:

1. I need several people to fill sandwiches with salads the caterer will provide. (9:00 AM)
2. I need several people to help set out the "after service reception food" (during the end of the service).
3. I need a clean up crew of about 2-3 people.

To volunteer, send an email to office@mcnaz.com. Many thanks!

CCS PTFA Vendor and Craft Fair—November 7 from 10 AM—3 PM

The Cornerstone Christian School PTFA is hosting a Vendor and Craft Fair at the school on Saturday, November 7 from 10 AM to 3 PM. You are invited to stop by and kick off your holiday shopping.

Connecting with Cookies—Saturday, November 7 from 1-4 PM

Women's Ministries invites ladies to bring in 2 dozen cookies each, we'll package them up, and then after a talk by Sue Donnelly about visiting folks in nursing homes, shut-ins, hospitals, etc., we will team up and make visits to deliver the cookies. Please sign up in the Lobby for this fun opportunity to connect with members of our congregation who have difficulty making it to church. Your children are welcome to join us!



Announcements

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

We love our pastors and are grateful for all they do. Take time this month to reflect on how we are blessed by their ministry and be sure to let the Whitneys (Dan & Nancy) and the Lights (Garry, Tonia, Malachi & Addison) know how much they are loved and appreciated!

"We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves." 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Thank you!

Thanks so very much for all the calls, cards, visits and food that were brought to me during my convalescence. It has been a difficult time, but all the love from all of you has made it easier to bear. God's provision has always been right on time. God bless you all. Gratefully, Fran Blaney

Snow Removal Team Meeting

For anyone interested in being part of the snow removal team this year, Scott Paterson will be holding a short meeting on October 25 right after the morning service. This brief meeting will help us determine the number of volunteers for the winter season and each volunteer's availability for removing snow.

Facilitators Needed

Celebrate Recovery is in need of two women to facilitate a small group. If you have experience in the 12 step process such as CR or AA, NA – or any other support group ending in A – and the desire to give back or continue recovery in a Christ centered program please see Dave Heughins. He will be in the Lobby today after the morning service.

Out of Sight, Not Out of Mind!

Each week we list the name of a member of our church that can't be present in our services. We encourage you to use this prompt to send cards, make a call, and to pray for that individual. Your interaction makes a big difference!

Assistive Listening Devices

Assistive Listening Devices are now available for those who are having difficulty clearly hearing the Sunday morning services. If you are interested in receiving an assisted listening device each Sunday morning, feel free to contact the church office (860-646-8599 or office@mcnaz.com), or you may speak with Tonia Light.

Church Directories

Church directories are available in the Lobby today; feel free to take one home with you. Please notify the church office of any corrections or omissions.

Nursery and Toddler Room Assistance

The nursery and preschool rooms are in need of additional helpers. Specific times when help is needed is as follows:

Nursery Room:

1st Sunday of the Month
Sunday School and Worship Service

5th Sunday of the Month
Sunday School and Worship Service

Preschool Room:

3rd Sunday of the Month
Sunday School

4th Sunday of the Month
Worship Service

If you are committing to a specific day each month is not feasible, but you would still like to help with this ministry, substitute helpers are always welcome. Please see Cindy to volunteer.

Financials		
	Tithes & Offerings	Missions
Received	18,064	511
Needed	9,600	767
Received Year to Date	254,245	16,882
Needed Year to Date	259,200	20,709
Surplus/Deficit	(4,955)	(3,827)

Weekly Meetings

Wednesday Night Refresh—7:00 PM

For this session of Wednesday Night Refresh we will be changing our format to a round table reading of Ezra. Come and be a part of what is sure to be a rich time in prayer, in the Word, and in discussion. We will purposefully take time to examine how we can apply the Word in our daily lives. Come be refreshed!

Saturation Prayer—Saturdays at 7:00 PM

Have you ever suddenly realized that your prayer life is non-existent? Are you uncomfortable praying out loud? Saturday night *Saturation Prayer* is the place where that can change; and let me tell you, it will change your life. As you pray silently along with others, you will learn and be encouraged how to pray.

We pray as it says in Ephesians 6, that we may grow to discern the schemes of the enemy, that we learn to pray against the spiritual forces of darkness dressed in the armor of God. Come and praise our God because He is our strength and our deliverance, and not only will your life change, but our homes, church, schools and communities can be changed to!

Join us on Saturday nights at 7 PM in the Sanctuary.

Sunday School Class Highlights

Discipleship Ministries—Segment One Understanding the Bible and Growing in Christ

In this class, we will learn about the composition and origin of the Bible, including the differences between the kinds of books that are included in it. We will discuss what it means when we say the Bible is inspired, and we will begin the process of studying it. We will also talk about the methods that Christians have commonly used to remain present to God so that they can mature and grow closer to God throughout their lives.

This class will be taught on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM and will meet in the CCS Library. It will begin today and end December 6 (10 weeks), but it is not too late to join us. Pastor Light will be the teacher.