

This Week

Today

Sunday School	9:30 AM
Coffee & Conversation	10:00 AM
Morning Worship Service	10:45 AM
Light Luncheon	12:00 PM

Pre-teens and Teens Outing Foster Farm	5:30 PM
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Wednesday

Wednesday Night Refresh	7:00 PM
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Friday

MCN Student Ministries	5:00 PM
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Saturday

Saturation Prayer	7:00 PM
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Looking Ahead

Oct 27	CCS Board Meeting
Nov 1	All Saints' Day
Nov 7	Connecting with Cookies
Nov 10	MCN Board Meeting
Nov 10	Celebrate Recovery
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: 1 Peter 2:1-10

Sermon Questions

1. What are we being built into, according to 1Peter 2?
2. Who is doing the building?
3. What is our assigned role within this family?
4. What does it mean to offer spiritual sacrifices?
5. What commitments are implied when we take on the role of priest?

Additional Scriptures

Ephesians 4:1-6

What tasks are assigned to us in this passage?

John 17:22-24

What is revealed to the world by our unity?

Small Group Discussion

1. What feelings come to your mind when you think of home?
2. How do you talk about the goal of creating a home with someone who didn't have a positive experience?
3. What is necessary in order to feel "at home?"
4. How is the church fellowship like a home?
5. How do family members resolve conflicts? How should the church fellowship work to resolve conflicts
6. Are conflicts the sign of an unhealthy family? Explain.
7. What spiritual sacrifices have you seen made on behalf of others?

Going Deeper

1. Are there spiritual sacrifices you need to make in order to help a brother or sister in Christ? What might they be?
2. Are there points of unresolved tension in your life that still call for forgiveness?
3. Does this fellowship feel like home to you? Why or why not? What should be done to turn a corner on that?



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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 18, 2015

Welcome Song and Welcome

Praise and Worship

Prayer

Announcements

Worship Through Giving

(Children are Dismissed to Children's Church)

Investigating God's Word: 1 Peter 2:1-10

Response to God's Word

Thanks for joining us today on Homecoming Sunday! We have been eagerly looking forward to this celebration of all the ways God has blessed this church over the past 118 years. Our plan for the day is simple: we want to have a relaxing time speaking, listening and sharing! We hope you will enjoy the stories you hear, the pictures you see and the conversation around all the delicious food. Please stay for lunch in the lobby; there is plenty for everyone. Take time to remember, or create a new memory. We are delighted that you are here!

Activity Highlights

All Saints' Day—November 1

All Saints' Day has been a neglected holiday in some protestant churches due to confusion regarding various church's teachings regarding the veneration of the saints. While some traditions specifically identify only the "Cream of the Crop" as "saints," we believe that every person who embraces Jesus Christ as Lord is already a saint, and is in the process of being transformed into the image of Christ.

On All Saints' Day, we remember two important things; both are critically important. The first is that we are not alone in the Kingdom of God. Membership in the Kingdom is comprised of all the saints who ever lived, are living or will ever live. We are one family! God has given us to one another!

The second truth we celebrate is that God has blessed us with incredible examples of Christian living and witness. Some we know only by their writings, some we know by reputation, some we have actually walked with and spoken to. On All Saints' Day, we thank God for the heritage we have in the Saints of God, and we remember those who led us into the Kingdom. Of course, when we remember how we have been blessed, we are reminded that we should also be considering how we are blessing those who follow us.

To prepare for All Saints' Day this year, I invite you to bring a picture of a person who enriched your spiritual life, and be prepared to offer a word of thanks to God for their influence and godly example.

Party Time! - November 1

Evelyn Banning's Family invites you to join them in the Fellowship Hall shortly after the service on November 1 to enjoy cupcakes and to celebrate Evelyn's 90th birthday.

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!

Opportunity to Reach Out to 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.

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

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.

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.

Financials		
	Tithes & Offerings	Missions
Received	6,224	503
Needed	9,600	767
Received Year to Date	260,469	17,385
Needed Year to Date	268,800	21,476
Surplus/Deficit	(8,331)	(4,091)

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.

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

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!

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.

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.