

This Week

Today

Sunday School	9:30 AM
Coffee & Conversation	10:30 AM
Morning Worship	10:45 AM

Tuesday

Men's and Women's Step Studies 6:30 PM

Wednesday

MCN Student Ministries	6:30 PM
Wednesday Night Prayer	7:00 PM

Thursday

Celebrate Recovery	6:30 PM
(Please see Weekly Meetings for specific information.)	

Looking Ahead

Feb 3	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Feb 4	Community Prayer (SA)
Feb 7	Wednesdays with the Wise
Feb 14	A Sacred Assembly— Ash Wednesday Service
Feb 17-18	GO Conference
Mar 3	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Mar 4	Community Prayer
Mar 7	Wednesdays with the Wise
Apr 1	Easter

Financials		
	Tithes & Offerings	Missions
Received Last Week	\$24,218	\$1,794
Needed Weekly	\$9,000	\$525
Received Year to Date	\$342,320	\$22,676
Needed Year to Date	\$360,000	\$21,000
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$17,680)	\$1,676

Weekly Meetings

Step Studies—Tuesday Night

Step Studies for men and women are held in the McLain Building from 6:30—8:00 PM on Tuesdays. Men will meet in the basement, women on the main floor. **STILL OPEN—Call Dave at (860) 423-8251.**

Wednesday Night Prayer

In place of a traditional Bible study, we will give Wednesday nights to prayer this winter. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for prayer at 7:00 PM each Wednesday.

Celebrate Recovery Thursday Night!

Stop struggling alone! Come find a safe place. Experience the healing love of Jesus! Lower Level, McLain Building (Sterling Place entrance).

6:30 PM	Food and Fellowship
7:00 PM	Teaching Meeting—Action!
7:45 PM	Cross Talk Café—Coffee & Snacks
8:00 PM	Open Share Groups
More information in the lobby.	

Mission Corner



It is official—we are going to Puerto Rico the second week of April!

And, all of you can join us—join us by praying, join us by supporting us financially, and join us by actually choosing to go. I believe a Work and Witness trip is only as effective as the sending church body. We do not go on our own and the group "on the ground" in Puerto Rico are not the only called ones. Each part of the body is among the called. You will start to see reminders all around over the next few weeks inviting you to be involved. Don't ignore the invitation—this one comes from our Lord and Savior.

Activity Highlights

We are delighted to have Dr. Jerry Porter with us this morning. Dr. Porter recently retired from the General Superintendency of the Church of the Nazarene after serving five terms in leadership. He and his wife have great ambitions for retirement, which we expect he will share with us while he is here. We know you will enjoy his ministry among us and we pray that the Holy Spirit will use his words to spark us into a greater sense of mission and purpose in the Kingdom of God.

Tithes and Offerings

We are at the beginning of a new year, and it is a great time to establish new habits and practices. One of the practices of many folks at MCN is the practice of tithing. If you aren't familiar with the concept of tithing, you will discover that it is described in the Old Testament as God's plan for providing for the upkeep and maintenance of temple worship and for the support of the priesthood. (Start with Malachi 3:10.) There is another biblical concept woven into our understanding of tithing. In ancient days, the Ark of the Covenant was always carried by those designated by God – borne by human hands, if you will. There is a symbolism here that says, when the Kingdom of God comes, it is borne by us. Certainly, the Kingdom only comes by the movement of God's Spirit. But we are always the bearers, by the word of our testimony, by the fruit of our labor, by the light of our example, by the work of our hands.

There are many ways to give: in public offering, through the church giving app, or by setting up online giving.

Regardless of how you give, the act of giving is a primary Spiritual Discipline. Giving helps us develop generosity of spirit, keeps us relying on the Father, and shapes our Kingdom priorities. Giving forces us to consider the needs of others in real time, as we trust God to provide all that we need. God knew that in order for us to develop properly, we needed to give. In order to value the Kingdom appropriately, we need to be bearers of the Kingdom. Embrace the discipline of tithing and giving as an act of worship. It will change your life!

Announcements

Thank You!

We (the Lights and the Whitneys) want to express our extreme gratitude for your kind gifts to us at Christmastime. You are an incredible encouragement to us and we are so grateful to be able to serve along with you! Thank you!

Snow Removal Team Volunteers Needed

Are you able to help us remove snow this winter? Please volunteer to Garry Light with available times / days according to your schedule. Of course, I am praying for a white Christmas and very little other snow, but you never know what will come.

Please see back page for additional announcements.