

Cornerstone Newsletter of

Manchester Christian Church

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This past month we have rejoice with the angels in heaven as Mat Adams came forward on Sunday, August 31st to confess Christ as his personal Savior. Then on Monday, September 1st Mat and his younger sister, Stephanie came to the church to be baptized into Christ. Mat and Stephanie have attended MCC since birth and we look forward to working with them. Mat was deployed to Hungary, then Germany and then Afghanistan. Stephanie lives at home with her parents at 643 West Comet Road, Clinton, Ohio 44216. May God continue to bless you in your walk with Him.



MARY & MARTHA MINISTRY A NEW BEGINNING!

All ladies of all ages are invited to this special new beginning of this ministry. We will meet on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH AT 6:30-8:00 P.M. We will be viewing part of the video from Chonda Pierce called "Stayin' Alive.....Laughing". The meeting will also be a time to discuss the future of this ministry and how often it will be meeting. Discussion will also take place concerning the All Church Christmas Project. So come for an evening of fellowship, prayer, laughter and planning!



Ladies you are invited to a baby shower for Rebekah Jolly on Sunday, October 19th. The Shower will be held in the Church Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m.



Rebekah has registered at Burlington and Babies R Us. Come share in this special day of celebration!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR ALL CHURCH CHILI SUPPER

AND BONFIRE WITH SMORES



SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 4TH
6:00 P.M.



Sign the list in the main hallway with the number coming and what you will be bringing.

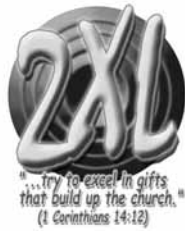
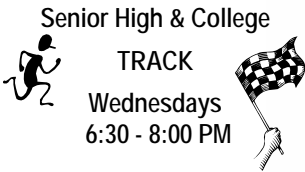




OCTOBER 22ND NO COST

6:30 Meet at the church
TRACK-Sr. Hi & College Age
2XL-6th-8th grade
Bring \$\$ for Concession Stand
available with munchies and t-shirt.





2XL
Wednesdays
6:30-8:00 PM
Grades 6th-8th



It is with sad hearts that we say farewell to our dear friend, Ben Barnes. Ben made his final journey home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 16th. Ben was baptized into Christ on November 14, 1065 and became a member of MCC at that time. Ben will long be remembered for his love of golf. Ben had many partners throughout the years of the church golf league and those memories will live on. Ben will be missed deeply by those he touched, but his memory and stories will live on in our hearts forever. May the Lord comfort his family and all those missing him at this time.



Best wishes to Tony & Amanda (Ashley) Collins who were united in the bond of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, September 20, 2008. The beautiful ceremony and reception were held here at MCC.

May the Lord bless this new union with much love and happiness.



Engagement congratulations go out to Britteny Ayres and Roy Brown who announced their engagement this passed week. The couple is planning an October 17, 2009 wedding.

Children's Worship Teachers Needed

A sign up sheet is posted in the main hallway for Teacher Teams to sign up for one month of teaching. If you have any questions contact Jerry/Sue Justiss or Jack Brown.



COFFEE SHOP REMINDER

There is no charge for the regular or decaf coffees, nor for the teas, however there is a \$.50 *per cup* charge for all the cappuccino/hot chocolate type drinks. There is also a request that donations be made for the pastries provided (muffins, doughnuts, honey buns etc.)

PARENTS: we really appreciate your help in seeing that your children are supervised in the coffee shop area.



Family Life Center Open for Walkers/Joggers Monday through Friday the FLC is open at 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.



FLC OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

for age 18 and up Thursday 8 p.m. & Saturdays at 9 a.m.

If you would like to add someone to our prayer list, please write the name down and place it in the top tray on Jinger's desk. Names will be listed for 3 weeks unless we are notified otherwise.

Contact Vi Dickerhoof (330-882-3742) with emergency prayer chain request.

Our Shut-Ins: ALMA DOZMATI, (Stow), CAROL KOEBERLE (Essex Health Care - sister of Rose Brown), JERILYN DELAUDER (at home), NELLIE SMITH, (Alterra Barberton), JOSH (Arbors Nursing Home—cousin of Kathy Ayres), WILLIAM & KATHRYN GREGG (Shady Lawn)



Senior Saints Monthly Luncheon

Mapleside Farms in Brunswick, Ohio

Tuesday, October 21st

Leave church at 11:00 a.m. by caravan, view fall leaves on way to and from lunch.

Return to church 3:00/3:30 p.m.

Menu posted on the large bulletin board in the main hallway of the church.



A new teacher for S.O.L.E. is needed!!!!

(Serving Our Lord Everyday)

Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 p.m. For grades K-5th

We would like to thank Kayla Jolly for her willingness to serve in this ministry. Due to a change in work schedule Kayla must step down. If you would like to take over this position of ministry please call the church office as soon as possible.

Until the position is filled - S.O.L.E. will not be meeting.

OCTOBER SCHEDULES

NURSERY CAREGIVERS



- October 5th: 8:50: Sue Justiss
9:50: Jinger & Shawn Hoffman
- October 12th: 8:50: Maryellen Taylor
9:50: June Luli & William Patton
- October 19th: 8:50: Susan Garside
9:50: Charisse Gardner & Michelle Noble
- October 26th: 8:50: Lilabelle Mullenix
9:50: Paule' Sponseller & Samantha Lair

SERVING SCHEDULE



Communion Meditation / Offering Prayer & Servers

- October 5th: Kip Gardner & Ben Ream
Ray Broughton, Jack Brown, Fred Cornell, Seth Chappell, Kip Gardner, Butch Merrill
- October 12th: Ben Ream & Tim Sponseller
Randy Duncan, Timm Evans, Alan Garside, John Henderson, Terry Haddix, Jerry Justiss
- October 19th: Tim Sponseller & Dale Jolly
Josh Lair, Kevin Noble, Earl Kirkendall, Butch Merrill, Lewis Six, Ed Simon
- October 26th: Dale Jolly & Russ Taylor
Tim Sponseller, Rob Templeton, Bill Wells, Don Wells, Ben Ream, Dale Jolly

OUTSIDE COMMUNION SERVERS

Jack Brown (330-882-2174) Jerry Justiss (330-745-6250)

DEACONESS:

- October 5th & 12th: Mindi Haddix
- October 19th & 26th: Lois Eberhardt



GREETERS



- October 5th: Roger & Shelly Chappell
- October 12th: Jinger Hoffman & Jessie Chappell
- October 19th: Dale & Rebekah Jolly
- October 26th: Alan & Susan Garside

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



1
6:30 TRACK-Sr. Hi & College Age, 2XL-6th-8th grade
7:00 Adult Bible Study
Life Preservers

2
Richard Hagelbarger
8:00 pm Open Gym Men's Basketball

3

4
9:00 am Open Gym Men's Basketball
6:00 All Church Chili Supper and Bonfire

5
M/M Terry Haddix '96
6:30 M&M's New Beginning Meeting

6
Terri Ashley

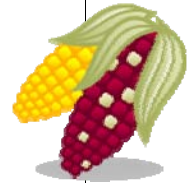
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7:00 Fall Coed Volleyball League

8
6:30 TRACK-Sr. Hi & College Age, 2XL-6th-8th grade
7:00 Adult Bible Study
Life Preservers

9
8:00 pm Open Gym Men's Basketball

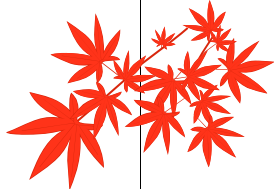
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Vanessa James Tabitha Sponseller

11
Kathy Noble
9:00 am Open Gym Men's Basketball



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14
June Luli M/M Russ Taylor '78
7:00 Fall Coed Volleyball League

15
William Patton Barbie Trippett
6:30 TRACK-Sr. Hi & College Age, 2XL-6th-8th grade
7:00 Adult Bible Study
Life Preservers

16
Jerry Justiss M/M Rick Waidmann '93
8:00 pm Open Gym Men's Basketball

17

18
9:00 am Open Gym Men's Basketball

19
2:00 Baby Shower for Rebekah Jolly

20
Tim Sponseller Colin Wells

21
11:00 Sr. Saints Luncheon at Mapleside Farms meet at church
7:00 Fall Coed Volleyball League

22
Heather Sponseller
6:30 TRACK-Sr. Hi & College Age, 2XL-6th-8th grade—
JUDGEMENT HOUSE
7:00 Adult Bible Study
Life Preservers

23
8:00 pm Open Gym Men's Basketball

24
Jenny Croft Betty Mullenix

25
Michelle Mikulin
9:00 am Open Gym Men's Basketball

26

27
Kati Ashley

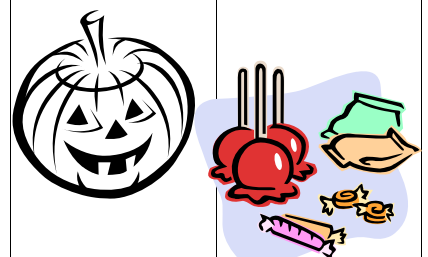


28
Earl Kirkendall M/M Mark Headley '89
7:00 Fall Coed Volleyball League

29
Kyleigh Taylor
6:30 TRACK-Sr. Hi & College Age, 2XL-6th-8th grade
7:00 Adult Bible Study
Life Preservers

30
8:00 pm Open Gym Men's Basketball

31
Jodie Canale



Manchester Christian Church

There are certain rules when it comes to dealing with religion and politics, both written and unwritten. In order for a church to protect its tax-exempt status, it must comply with certain guidelines when it comes to political discussion. Even these lines are often either crossed or blurred. The basic line that cannot be crossed is openly and blatantly endorsing or campaigning for a particular candidate or party as an official stance of the church. For example, as your preacher, I cannot stand in the pulpit and say, "Everyone at MCC should vote for

Candidate X, or Party X." Nor can I use church forums, such as this newsletter to try to sway you to vote for the candidate of my choice.

However, to think that a church should not, or cannot remind its membership of God's instructions in choosing leaders, is totally ludicrous. God still wants His children to choose wisely in selecting those who would govern the land. God knew that His children, Israel, would come to the point of wanting to have a king over them, like the nations around them, so He gave them instructions regarding this, in Deuteronomy 17.

Deuteronomy 17:14-20 (NIV) = When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, "Let us set a king over us like all the nations around us," be sure to appoint over you the king the LORD your God chooses. He must be from among your own brothers. Do not place a foreigner over you, one who is not a brother Israelite. The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for the LORD has told you, "You are not to go back that way again." He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold. When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the priests, who are Levites. It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the LORD his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees and not consider himself better than his brothers and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel.

Notice the five main points of consideration when choosing the right person or persons:

1. It must be a person of God's choosing
2. He/she must not be a "foreigner"
3. He/she must not use his place of leadership to amass great riches for himself
4. He/she must be a person who keeps God's word close to his/her heart and follows it steadfastly
5. He/she must not consider himself/herself above those he/she leads, or above the law

This election is going to be one of extreme importance; the outcome will determine many potential victories or defeats for the nature of the family unit and the institution of marriage. If we choose poorly we will not only be likely to see the legalization of homosexual and transgender marriages, but we will also likely see increasing restriction on the church's ability to denounce sin for what it is. Even now there are bills trying to make their way through congress to make any speaking out against homosexuality or anything preached against it, become considered a "hate crime."

Which candidates will be more likely to promote such nonsense? It is your responsibility and obligation as a Christian to choose those whom God would have lead, and vote to see that they are placed in these important offices. Be informed, be obedient to God, be a voter.

Following the true leader,

