

Cornerstone Newsletter of

Manchester Christian Church

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This past month we have rejoice with the angels in heaven on two different occasions. Our first celebration was with Danielle Hillman on August 3rd as she came forward and accepted Christ as her personal Savior. Danielle was then baptized by Kelly Gowen. Danielle has been attending with her cousin, Jen Parsons. Danielle's address is 2122 12th Street SW, Akron, OH 44314. Our second celebration was with Abigail Grant on August 24th as she came forward and accepted Christ as her personal Savior. Abigail was then baptized by Kelly Gowen. Abigail lives with her parents, Brian and Tammy, at 135 Center Road, Akron, OH 44319. Congratulations to both of these young ladies and we welcome them into the family of believers.

Manchester Community Family Fun Day

September 6, 2007

Held at the Manchester Christian Church

3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Free except for minimal cost for concessions.

Games



Inflatables

Food



Exhibits

Many areas that need volunteer help sign up today in the main hallway at church.

MISSION: POSSIBLE

GOAL: \$6,000.00 in 12 weeks

This would be an average weekly giving of \$500.00 per week

As of right now our average weekly giving is \$292.07

Good morning! Your mission, should you choose to accept it, involves debt reduction for the Manchester Christian Church and supporting Missions

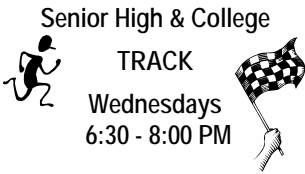
THANK YOU! For becoming an active part of this life changing experience!

First week's collection amount: \$820.63
 Third week's collection amount: \$478.15
 Fifth week's collection amount: \$221.02
 Seventh week's total: \$192.00
 Ninth Week's total: \$125.00
 Eleventh Week's total: \$91.10

Second week's collection amount: \$244.78
 Fourth week's collection amount: \$372.05
 Sixth week's collection amount: \$189.31
 Eighth week's total: \$341.35
 Tenth Week's Total: \$137.36
 TOTAL TO DATE: \$3,212.75



Senior Saints Monthly Luncheon
 Tuesday, September 16th, 12:00 p.m.
 Bring a covered dish and your own table service.



Senior High & College TRACK
 Wednesdays
 6:30 - 8:00 PM



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



This past month our deepest sympathy has gone out to the Taylor Family on the sudden passing of Jim's brother, William, on July 20th. Also to the Luli Family on the passing of Dave's mother, Florance, on August 16th. May the Lord continue to comfort these families during this time of sadness.

NEW ADDRESSES:

- Margie, Meghan & Ashley Ford**, 2803 Bryon Drive, N Canton, OH 44720 (330-734-8338)
- Britteny Ayres**, 3405 Warren Place Apt. #101, Virginia Beach, VA 23452
- Ben Barnes**, Pleasant Pointe, 220 Third Street SE #117, Barberton, OH 44203
- William & Kathryn Gregg**, Shady Lawn Health Care Community, 15028 E Lincoln Way, Dalton, OH 44618
- Leona Phelps**, 399 Portage Lakes Drive Apt #407, Akron, OH 44319 (330-645-6922)
- Art & Helen Wells**, Pleasant Pointe, 220 Third Street SE #123, Barberton, OH 44203



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. -2:00 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, (Altterra Barberton), JOSH (Arbors Nursing Home—cousin of Kathy Ayres), WILLIAM & KATHRYN GREGG (Shady Lawn)

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.



Haillie Paige was formed by God's own hands and placed in the care of Lou & Shannon Hogan on Friday, August 8, 2008. She weighed in at 8 lb. The proud grandparentst are Gene & Denise Dietz and the proud great grandmother is Vi Dickerhoof.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULES

NURSERY CAREGIVERS



- September 7th:** 8:50: Susan Garside
 9:50: Becky Taylor, Max Crowder
- September 14th:** 8:50: Lilabelle Mullenix
 9:50: Tammy Lair, Logan Gowen
- September 21st:** 8:50: Shelly Chappell
 9:50: Linda McGough, Seth Chappell
- September 28th:** 8:50: Joan Greenfelder
 9:50: Stefani Gardner, Jessie Chappell

SERVING SCHEDULE



Communion Meditation / Offering Prayer & Servers

September 7th: Rob Templeton & Jerry Justiss

Ray Broughton, Jack Brown, Fred Cornell, Seth Chappell, Kip Gardner, Butch Merrill

September 14th: Jerry Justiss & Don Wells

Randy Duncan, Timm Evans, Alan Garside, John Henderson, Terry Haddix, Ben Ream

September 21st: Don Wells & Fred Cornell

Josh Lair, Kevin Noble, Earl Kirkendall, Butch Merrill, Lewis Six, Ed Simon

September 28th: Fred Cornell & Kip Gardner

Tim Sponseller, Rob Templeton, Bill Wells, Don Wells, Jerry Justiss, Dale Jolly

OUTSIDE COMMUNION SERVERS

Kevin Noble (330-882-9324) Roger Chappell (330-882-3658)

DEACONESS:

September 7th & 14th: Linda McGough

September 21st & 28th: June Luli



GREETERS




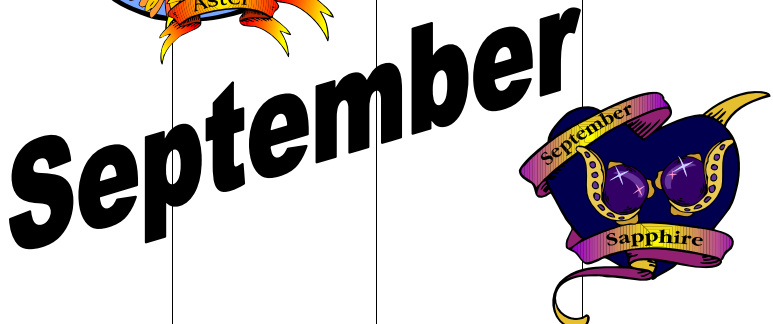
September 7th: Jim & Becky Taylor

September 14th: Don & Carol Croft

September 21st: Butch & Donna Merrill

September 28th: Terry & Mindi Haddix



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 LABOR DAY Mark Noble Tina Ward Office Closed	2 	3 Katie Croft 6:30 TRACK-Sr. Hi & College Age, 2XL-6th-8th grade—Open Gym & Games at church 7:00 Adult Bible Study Life Preservers	4	5 10:00 Community Day Set Up 6:00 Community Day Set Up 6:15-9:00 Fellowship Hall in use Hoffman	6 9:00 am Open Gym Men's Basketball 10:00 Community Day Set Up 2:00 Volunteers for Community Day meet at church 3:00 Community Family Fun Day
7	8 Francine Sanderson M/M Fred Cornell '62	9 Elizabeth Ward 9:00 M&M's Meeting 6:30 Ladies Salad Supper at Silver Creek Christian Church	10 M/M Roger Chappell '83 6:30 TRACK-Sr. Hi & College Age, 2XL-6th-8th grade—Open Gym & Games at church 7:00 Adult Bible Study Life Preservers	11 Pete Delaney	12	13 Nicole Mikulin Sherri Six M/M Bill Wells '64 9:00 am Open Gym Men's Basketball
14	15	16 Carol Croft 12:00 Senior Saints Luncheon 6:30 Fall Coed Volleyball League begins	17 Mark Hoffman 6:30 TRACK-Sr. Hi & College Age, 2XL-6th-8th grade—Open Gym & Games at church 7:00 Adult Bible Study Life Preservers	18 M/M Tim Sponseller '92	19 Jessie Chappell 6:30 Wedding Rehearsal Ashley/Collins 	20 Phil Patton No Open Gym Basketball 2:00 Ashley/Collins Wedding
21 Shelia Adams	22 Rick Bevington Tom Mikulin Autumn Begins	23 Charisse Gardner Nancy Templeton 6:30 Fall Coed Volleyball League	24 6:30 TRACK-Sr. Hi & College Age, 2XL-6th-8th grade—Open Gym & Games at church 7:00 Adult Bible Study Life Preservers 	25	26	27 Josh Stiles Russ Taylor, Sr. Becky Taylor 9:00 am Open Gym Men's Basketball
28	29 Megan Taylor	30 6:30 Fall Coed Volleyball League				

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There's a little game we like to play around our house; it's called, "Who Can Hold Out The Longest?" I bet you play the same game at your house, but you just don't call it that, perhaps. Actually, it's not an "official" game, and we don't get together to play it. There aren't any written rules, nor is there any system of scoring, so to speak. In fact, most times the game is being played subconsciously, without anyone really "intentionally" playing. So how is it played? And more importantly, how do you know who wins?

There are lots of things involved in playing this game. For example, we have a trash container in our kitchen. When it gets full, the game begins. Who can stuff more into it, without actually having to take it out? If you destroy the bag beyond its ability to hold the trash, you lose, and you have to take it out.

Another part of the game is to see how much stuff you can pile on your bedroom floor without getting to the point where you have to move it to get around it. When it becomes visibly obvious that it is an obstruction, you lose and you have to pick it up.

How many dishes can you pile in the sink, before the loser has to take one step to the left and put them in the dishwasher? How long can you leave your freshly laundered clothes lying in neat stacks in the living room before you actually run out of clothes in your closet and you have to bring them in and put them away?

Okay, you get the idea. Moms, you're the first to recognize that this game isn't really much fun, aren't you? And believe it or not, the game *really is* most often played subconsciously. Sure everybody knows that each part of the family should be either taking out trash, or cleaning the house, or washing dishes, or clothes or a hundred other things that have to be done on a regular basis to keep the house in order. And the house that is run the most efficiently is the one that has the most participation. Still, the game goes on.

What kind of game do we play when it comes to being a part of the family at MCC? Sure, we all know that there are many "jobs" to be filled in seeing this church run efficiently; teachers, nursery workers, children's church leaders, youth coaches, and other things like that. And there are other things, many of which don't require any special knowledge or ability to teach or lead groups.

Yes, we know that these things must be done, but are we playing the "Who Can Hold Out The Longest?" game? If we are, I'm certain that it's subconsciously done. So I challenge each of you to consciously choose to call the office this week. Ask what opportunities are available for your special talents. Here are a few of those "other things" I mentioned; almost anyone at MCC could do at least one of the following:

1. Coffee Area Host/Hostess: Arrive by 8:30 AM on Sundays to set up the pastry holder, and start two pots of coffee (regular and decaf).
 2. Coffee Area Cleanup: Stay for a few minutes after worship to clean the cappuccino machines, coffee pots and counter, and put pastries away.
 3. Pew Preparer: Come during the week and replenish pew supplies, including comment/prayer request cards, offering envelopes, and sharpening pencils that need it. Also checking attendance pads for replacements, and disposing of any old bulletins or other trash in and around the pews. Ray and Barb Broughton will train anyone willing to assume this much needed service.
- Baptistry cleaner: The baptistry needs to be maintained with chemicals, and cleaned on a regular basis (frequency of draining/cleaning dependent upon usage and time of year). Jack Brown will train anyone willing to assume this much needed service.

There are many other things which you could find to do to share in the service of MCC. Let's all get involved!

Glad to be serving with you,



Dear Brothers and Sisters at MCC:

It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve with you as your preacher and fellow servant for these last three years...check that—make it "first three years."

It has truly been a blessing, and one that I look forward to enjoying for years to come. I want to thank you, and the leadership, for the opportunity of serving alongside you in Christ's kingdom, I also wish to thank you for the generous gift certificate to commemorate my third anniversary here at MCC. May God bless you all richly, for your love for me and my family.

Serving Him by serving you,

