

# Cornerstone Newsletter of

# Manchester Christian Church

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**SENIOR SAINTS LUNCHEON**  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 12:00 P.M.  
Bring a side dish and table service

2009 OFFERING ENVELOPES WILL BE  
AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE



Church Cookbooks  
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Dear Church Family, Thank you for all that was done for Nichole and baby, Jacob David. All the cards, gifts and calls were sure appreciated.

In His Love, Dave & Shelia Adams

We look at Washington today and all we can do is shake our heads and say, "What a mess." It is no secret that this country is in a time of crisis (not unlike many other times in our history), and we look to the leaders of our country to fix the problems. Sadly, though, it seems that there are differing opinions as to what must be done to fix the problems. The new "stimulus" that we've heard so much about has been shown to contain far too much that has nothing at all to do with stimulating our economy, yet it became part of this package because those in charge were able to make it happen. We will have to wait and see what effects, either good or bad, that this package will have on our country.

What would you do if you were in charge? What things would you change? What things would you implement? What things would you stop? Even though almost all of us have our opinions as to what should be done, we must also admit that we truly don't know the full impact of what would happen if we had things "our" way.

But let's leave the thoughts of our government behind for awhile. What about the church? Not just the church in general, but Manchester Christian Church: what would you do if you were in charge? What things would you change? What things would you implement? What things would you stop?

Each of us would probably have our own opinions as to how things should be and how they should not be. But let's try this for a moment: take a piece of paper and write down all the changes you'd make in order to "improve" MCC and see this congregation grow. Go ahead...make your list—and don't read any further until you've completed your list (give it a try, anyway).

Have you finished your list? Great! Now take a look at your list and carefully examine each element. Beside each item on your list I want you to make one of three marks: a (cross), an X, or a ?. Here's how you decide which to use:

If this change is based on scripture, use a

If this change is based on your preference, use an X

If you're not sure which, or it could be both, use a ?

Now comes the hard part; recognizing when we try to make our preferences as important as scripture. Not that we would do so intentionally, but sometimes when we think things should be a certain way, we forget that not everyone thinks the same way we do. And sometimes we may be guilty of trying to use scripture to support our view, even when it is not that clear cut.

When it comes down to it, scripture should always be our preference. But when there is no clear cut scriptural directive, our preferences should be balanced with the preferences of others.

*Philippians 2:1-4 (NIV) = If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

Remember **J**OY...**J**esus first, **O**thers next, then **Y**ou.

Serving Him by serving you,

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



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



Our Family at MCC, Thanks to all who contributed to the White Gift Offering. We sent \$450.00 to Christian Children's Home of Ohio. Also, we sent money to 5 different missions from money given to regular missions.  
Lilabelle Mullenix, Missions Ministry

Jack Brown, Kelly Gowen & MCC, We want to thank you for all the prayers and support. We want to thank you for the beautiful flowers and also the dinner, it was deeply appreciated.

With Sincere Thanks,  
Kenneth Kennedy & Leona Phelps  
(family of Todd Kennedy)

Congratulations to Samantha Lair who will be representing Manchester at the Summit Co. Spelling Bee on February 21st at the Akron-Summit County Library.



Congratulations to Chelsea Chappell and Samantha Lair on their basketball team winning the championship game!



It's a Boy!  
Jacob David was formed by God's own hands and placed in the care of Jacob & Nichole Grant on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 11:43 a.m. He weighed in at 7 lb. 14 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches in length. The proud grandparents are Dave & Shelia Adams.



### 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.

Open Gym Volleyball for age 14 and up  
Mondays at 8:00 p.m.



### FLC OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

for age 18 and up Thursday 8:30 p.m. & Saturdays at 8 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, (Maison Aine, Stow), CAROL KOEBERLE (Essex Health Care - sister of Rose Brown), JERILYN DELAUDER (at home), NELLIE SMITH (Sycamore Run, Millersburg), WILLIAM & KATHRYN GREGG (Shady Lawn), ANN HAGELBARGER (at home), FERNE WILLIAMS (Rose Lane) HELEN WELLS, (Pleasant View & Pointe )



It saddens our hearts to say goodbye to a long time friends, Dan zerbe, who went home to be with the Lord. Dan served may years at MCC as our church treasurer. He and his wife, Judy and children, Danny and Lori, were very active while members here at MCC. May the Lord comfort the family and friends during this time of separation.



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

Until the position is filled - S.O.L.E. will not be meeting.  
Contact the office if you would like to take on this ministry.

## MARCH SCHEDULES

### NURSERY CAREGIVERS



- March 1st:** 8:50: Lilabelle Mullenix  
9:50: Susan Garside & Tanner Crowder
- March 8th:** 8:50: Jinger Hoffman  
9:50: June Luli & Gabby Sanderson
- March 15th:** 8:50: Shelly Chappell  
9:50: Mindi Haddix & Chelsea Chappell
- March 22nd:** 8:50: Joan Greenfelder  
9:50: Becky Taylor & DJ Lair
- March 29th:** 8:50: Sue Justiss  
9:50: Kathy & William Patton

### SERVING SCHEDULE

Communion Meditation / Offering Prayer & Servers

**March 1st: Roger Chappell & Jerry Justiss**

Ray Broughton, Jack Brown, Fred Cornell,  
Ben Ream, Timm Evans, Terry Haddix



**March 8th: Jerry Justiss & Don Wells**

Randy Duncan, Jack Brown, Alan Garside,  
Jerry Justiss, Jim Baston, Bill Wells

**March 15th: Don Wells & Fred Cornell**

John Henderson, Alan Garside, Jerry Justiss  
Randy Dunca, Jim Baston, Kip Gardner

**March 22nd: Fred Cornell & Ben Ream**

Russ Taylor, Ben Ream, Kevin Noble  
John Henderson, Randy Duncan, Earl Kirkendall

**March 29th: Ben Ream & Richard Brandon**

Alan Garside, Ben Ream, Kevin Noble,  
Don Wells, Bill Wells, Lewis Six

### OUTSIDE COMMUNION SERVERS

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

### DEACONESS:





- March 1st & 8th:** Maryellen Taylor  
**March 15th & 22nd:** Sandy Henderson  
**March 29th:** Mitzi Waidmann



### GREETERS

- March 1:** Roger & Shelly Chappell  
**March 8th:** Jinger Hoffman & Wendy Ling  
**March 15th:** Ben & Anna Ream  
**March 22nd:** Alan & Susan Garside  
**March 29th:** Joan Greenfelder & Lois Eberhardt



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Vergie Moyer 8:00 Open Gym Volleyball age 14+	3 6:00 Volleyball League	4 6:30 TRACK-Sr. Hi & College Age, 2XL-6th-8th grade 7:00 Adult Bible Study Life Preservers	5 Nellie Smith	6 Paige Thomas 6:00 Volleyball League	7 8:00 Open Gym Men's Basket
						
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins 	9 Tammy Ashley 8:00 Open Gym Volleyball age 14+	10 Victoria Duncan 6:00 Volleyball League	11 6:30 TRACK-Sr. Hi & College Age, 2XL-6th-8th grade 7:00 Adult Bible Study Life Preservers	12	13 6:00 Volleyball League	14 Michelle Noble Sue Sinley 8:00 Open Gym Men's Basket
15	16 Dave Croft M/M Kenny Facemire '91 8:00 Open Gym Volleyball age 14+	17 Rebekah Jolly 12:00 Sr. Saints Luncheon 6:00 Volleyball League	18 Cory Hale 6:30 TRACK-Sr. Hi & College Age, 2XL-6th-8th grade 7:00 Adult Bible Study Life Preservers	19 Michael Lewis	20 Joan Greenfelder 6:00 Volleyball League	21 Amanda Collins 8:00 Open Gym Men's Basket  Fellowship Hall in use by the Nobles
						
22 M/M Richard Brandon '53	23 8:00 Open Gym Volleyball age 14+	24 M/M Ray Wagner '75 6:00 Volleyball League	25 Landen Trayer 6:30 TRACK-Sr. Hi & College Age, 2XL-6th-8th grade 7:00 Adult Bible Study Life Preservers	26 Craig Goliath Danielle McGough M/M Kip Gardner '83	27 Eulalia Stalnaker Rachel Harr 6:00 Volleyball League	28 Jacob Brown 8:00 Open Gym Men's Basket
29 Tanner Crowder Richard Sanderson	30 8:00 Open Gym Volleyball age 14+	31 Jake Myers M/M Dave Croft '90 M/M Mark Crosier '90 6:00 Volleyball League	