

Missionary Messenger

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Homecoming!

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying:

"Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man, and He will dwell with them.

They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the former things have passed away." ⁵And the One seated on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Then He said,

"Write this down, for these words are faithful and true." ~Revelation 22:3-5 (BSB)

We are preparing to have our first annual Homecoming celebration. It will be Sunday September 11th. We have been in the process of inviting former attenders who have served on our worship team to come back up on stage with our current worship team members to lead us in worship. We are so excited about this. We are also asking all who read this to invite former attenders to come back and join us for this very special day. We have also been busy painting, cleaning, and we are even tearing down the dilapidated garage so that it is no longer an eyesore. All of this is a part of our celebration.

I have been working on a special Homecoming message for this day. It will be a little different from my usual messages. I cannot reveal more than this. After the Sunday morning service, we will have a carry in meal complete with a hog-roast. Also, after our meal we are having a concert led by Rebekah Pyle. She is from North Manchester and will be bringing a musical group with her. This will be a very special day and we want to pack the place out. The sermon will be low key and, hopefully, entertaining. The meal will be delicious and the entertainment will be very well done and uplifting. What more could we do?

We still have flyers available if you want to get a handful to mail out or to just pass out. Also, if there is a place to post announcement flyers like this please do.

In Christ, Pastor Ken





Saturday, Sept. 3 @ 9 AM



PRAYER

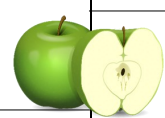
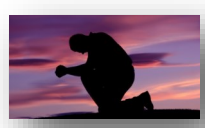
FOCUS

A little over a month ago I felt God speaking to me. I knew what he was saying was what I wanted to do because I had been playing with the idea for quite awhile, but at the same time I knew I could not hold two leadership positions in the church and give it 100%. So, I decided that I would step down as the Mission Director and become the new Prayer Coordinator. I feel very good about this decision. With this being said, I am so excited to announce that on September 21 at 6:30 pm we will be starting our prayer and praise meetings. Then we will continue on the first and third Wednesdays of each month thereafter.

These meetings will give everyone the opportunity to share a prayer request either spoken or unspoken. I am a firm believer in Matthew 18:19-20. I also feel it is a time to give God praise for what he has done for us (Luke 19:40}. What a wonderful way to lift one another up and help us through the rest of the week until our next worship service.

Again I am so excited to get this started. I can't wait to see everyone there and hear your praises of how God is working in your life.

Debby



Tearing down the garage and some painting.



Memory Verse of the Month!

(This is for September and October)

1 Corinthians 4:5-6 (BSB)

⁵Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.

⁶Brothers, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us not to go beyond what is written. Then you will not take pride in one man over another." ~ 1 Corinthians 4:5-6 (BSB)

Whatcha Reading?
Check out our library!



September 11th Homecoming Sunday

NMMC was dedicated on September 12, 1954. We are going to have a Homecoming!

10:00 AM: Worship service including a combined worship team.

11:45 AM: Hog Roast. Bring a side dish to share. Drinks, plates, etc will be provided.

12:30 PM: Music by Rebekah Pyles.

We want to invite all the former members/attenders to join us that Sunday. You can help us spread the word.

Who Are We?

Pastor: Ken Sistrunk 260-229-5949 (cell)

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Elders: Dave Jackson (vice-chairman),

Tim Baker, Jon Gnagy

Directors:

Education: Denise Baldacci

Outreach: Sue Howard

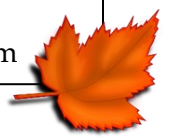
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Stewardship: Tim Baker

Worship: Jon Gnagy

Secretary: Joanne Sistrunk

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CONNECTION NOTES:

"FAT COW" Syndrome

"Listen to me you fat cows in Samaria..."
Amos 4:1a.

I was reading in the book of Amos and was surprised and a little amused at the audacity of this statement. I wasn't amused at the warning, but at the bluntness of the words. As I grew up, I was a larger version of the others in my school class—both in height and bone structure/weight. I was taunted with words related to cow. Cow, brown cow, moo—all with a nod and my name Howard/coward. And for scripture to call someone a fat cow, well...WOW!

HOWEVER, If I consider it, I am a fat cow. Cows get fat when they are healthy, feed well and have plenty of nourishing food and water, and disease is not prevalent. In other words when "the grass is green" in a good pasture.

I have been blessed. I have a solid roof over my head, food in my fridge, and water to drink. Even more than that, I have heard of the love of God. I know God exists. I accepted a free gift of salvation from my sins. And I am changed, daily by the Word of Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit. Yes, I am a fat cow!

But not everyone is a fortunate as I. I live, work, and walk among people who are madly searching for meaning and fulfillment. Who long for peace and love but can't find it. Who are seeking nourishment only to find muddy water and bitter weeds. Who are searching for what I have. So, today I admit I am a fat cow in a pasture of green grass. And I choose to take steps to open the pasture gate for those searching: to pray for those searching, to offer my encouragement and my testimony (my story), and to actively work to offer opportunities to share Christ and his love.

Won't you join me?

Sue



CONNECTION ACTIVITIES:

Outreach Boxes: N Manchester Food Pantry & Wabash County Life Center
Please consider contributing to our Outreach boxes this month!

September 24th 10:30 to Noon
Christmas Craft Day:



Amanda Burns will be helping us paint a Bethlehem scene on a glass Christmas ball. Please sign the list on the Outreach and Connection board if you plan to attend. We want to make sure we have plenty of

supplies. We will have a light lunch to follow. Please join us for our pre-Christmas fun!

Heads up! We will be having our annual Chili Cook-off coming on October 23. Make sure to start checking out your recipes! Who's will be the best???? It's coming!



Bible Studies
Tuesday @ 6:30p.

Bible Studies are starting up again on September 13th. Note the earlier time.

- * The men are studying the book of Acts led by Pastor Ken.
- * The ladies are studying "The Longing in Me" by Sheila Walsh which studies the life of David.

