

Missionary Messenger

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Koinonia Meals

⁴⁶With one accord they continued to meet daily in the temple courts and to break bread from house to house, sharing their meals with gladness and sincerity of heart, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

~ Acts 2:46-47 (BSB)

We are about to kick off our Koinonia Meals ministry of meeting in our homes with one another and sharing a meal together. I am so excited about this because of the past times that I have been a part of a church who did this regularly. The concept for this ministry is based upon the early church who had a regular practice of sharing meals together. The format that we will use is that we are still in the process of asking for volunteers who will agree to host a meal. So far, we have three hosts who have agreed to have this meal in their homes. These hosts will be given a list of regular attenders and to organize the get together based upon when everyone can meet.

My memories of doing this in past churches are great ones. I got a chance to get to know people who I have just seen on Sunday mornings but never got an opportunity to spend any time with. Some of these people are still good friends of mine even decades later. The food was great, the fellowship was great, and I made new friends.

Covid has changed so many churches. Before the pandemic we did a lot of social meetings. I think that it is important that we rediscover the joy of meeting in peoples homes. Please consider joining one of these groups or even hosting one yourself.

In Christ, Pastor Ken



Koinonia



CONNECTION NOTES:

Placed for a Purpose

We often hear that we, like Esther, are "here for such a time as this". I have heard this. I was even told this right before I resigned a position. I heard it, but I did not believe it applied to that situation or me. As far as my thoughts went, it was not my responsibility.

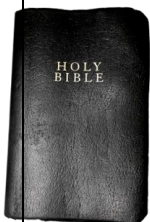
Yet, what if I was wrong? Did I walk away when I had the power to change the outcome? In all honesty, I am not sure. But I do know one thing, God gives power, strength and wisdom. When He calls us into a situation, his Holy Spirit goes with us. And He does call each of us into ministry.

I truly believe we each have an area of ministry in North Manchester. A ministry to love God with all our hearts, our mind, our spirit and our strength. A ministry to love others as well. To love others as much and to the level that we love ourselves; to the level that we elevate ourselves.

So... As we enter this month, I ask each of us to pray and determine what our ministry is. Where have we been placed? Whom do we associate with? Where do we spend our time? And what activities do we participate in? Loving God and loving others somewhere in the our "places" IS our purpose and is our ministry.

Let's get on with it. If you need help with your ministry, please reach out. God is calling us to a commonality of purpose among His people. After all, we have been placed for a purpose.

In love and grace, *Sue*



Memory Verse of the Month!

Deuteronomy 8:11

Be careful not to forget the LORD your God by failing to keep His commandments and ordinances and statutes, which I am giving you this day. (BSB)

CONNECTION ACTIVITIES:

October 1st: Farkle Tournament @ 5:30p. We are playing to see who reigns as the Farkle Champion. Bring a snack and a friend or two and have some fun.

October 29th: Chili Cook-off @ 5:30p. Who has the best Chili. Bring a pot of your favorite Chili and see how it measures up. Or come and let us know your favorite. Sides and desert will be provided. Who will take home the golden "Spoon"???



Birthday Blessings:

Ladies, I wanted to share some information and an opportunity with you. There are several of us that have gotten together to share birthday meals. We go out to a local restaurant and just enjoy being together. We would like to open this up to all of you. Being together is a gift that we like to share with one another.

Here's what we need to know. Would you like to be included? If so, let Joanne or myself (Sue) know.

The Telling Room:

Ladies, we have decided to discontinue this ministry. However, a plan for connecting time during the summer months will be presented at a later date.

Who Are We?

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