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My Anniversary Month

Be my rock of refuge, where I can always go. Give the command to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress. ⁴Deliver me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and ruthless.

⁵For You are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence from my youth. ⁶I have leaned on You since birth; You pulled me from my mother's womb. My praise is always for You. ⁷I have become a portent to many, but You are my strong refuge. ⁸My mouth is filled with Your praise and with Your splendor all day long.

~ Psalm 71:3-8 (BSB)

June is an important month for me. One of the reasons for its importance is that I was married in June. On June 10th, 1989, Joanne and I were married. This year will mark our 35 year anniversary. It has been an amazing 35 years. We raised three children who are all now adults who are solid believers in Jesus Christ. We also have two adorable grandkids. Yes, June is an important month for me.

Another reason for June being an important month for me is that June 2024 will mark seven full years that I have been your pastor. Joanne and I began our ministry here on the first Sunday in June of 2017. It has been a rewarding seven years. We have seen many baptisms, new memberships, and a few weddings. This church has been so kind and supportive.

We also love living in a quiet town. Most of my adult years have been spent in large cities with traffic jams and high crime. It has been refreshing to live in Manchester. We have good neighbors who look after our home when we are not home. Also, due to my visibility in our local schools I am often greeted by kids and parents around town. The sense of belonging is strong here for my whole family.

Yes, June is anniversary month. I live in an amazing town, and I have an awesome church family. I am indeed blessed!

In Christ, Pastor Ken



Memory Verse of the Month!

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 6:20 (BSB)





CONNECTION NOTES:

"Remove the IM and Make it Possible!"

This last year has been very difficult for me. I have really struggled with my position as Outreach Director. I have reviewed our activities, our direction, and the visual results. I believed I should resign. I felt that I was too old, too physically challenged, too limited in ideas to continue. I really must say, not doing something well **really** causes me to struggle!

I read a devotional that God used to help me. It was about the scripture Luke 5:4. "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." I have heard this account before but had really not thought too much about it. Here is Peter, a seasoned fisherman. He was doing things as he normally did. He had a very bad day at his "job"! All day and not one fish was caught. NONE. So he hung it up for the day. He left his boat and started cleaning up. His nets had to be washed. BUT JESUS...

Jesus asked him to set out into the sea a little bit so he could speak and the crowd could hear. The whole time the crowd is listening, so is Peter! After Jesus was done speaking, he told Peter to set out into the deep to catch fish. Yea, right! That is in effect what Peter said. Peter knew better. He knew the school of fish was somewhere else that day. Yet, at Jesus insistence, and after just hearing the words of Jesus, Peter took a chance. The catch was almost enough to sink the boats!!! Praise God!

See, it doesn't matter how much you are sure there is no catch, it doesn't matter how old or limited you are, all that matters is God. Christ makes the difference. He has said he will never leave us, he has said when we are weak we are strong in his power, he has said we can do all things through him.

So, here is what I am asking those to do who believe in reaching out for Christ. I am asking you to pray daily for our outreach

ministry during the month of June. I currently pray every evening at 8:00 for outreach and our pastor. I, and another, are praying at the same time even though we are not together. I have a reminder on my phone to tell me it is time to pray. I am not asking you to let me know you are praying. This is between you and God. Please, consider doing this. Please consider setting out into the deep in order that we might have a "catch". I know God will be attentive to our prayers.

Believing in the prayers and in the power of God,

Sue

CONNECTION ACTIVITIES:

Gather@the Fire (at the east side of the church).

Come, bring a friend, bring a chair and plan on relaxing.



June 2 @ 5:30p

We will kick the season off with brats warmed over the fire.

June 23 @ 5:30p

Not sure of the menu yet except it's "bring a snack night".

Father's Day Breakfast

June 16, 9:00 - 9:45

For all the guys in our lives...so you can be sure there will be breakfast sandwiches, meat, and coffee! Invite one of your favorite guys to come.

Ladies, please check the sign up sheet to volunteer to bring something.

Who Are We?

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

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Elders: Dave Jackson (vice-chairman),

Tim Baker, Jon Gnagy

Directors:

Outreach: Sue Howard

Stewardship: Tim Baker

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Secretary: Joanne Sistrunk

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**Manchester Community Schools Teacher Staff
Appreciation Breakfast**

Manchester Missionary along with First Baptist
hosted an end of year appreciation breakfast
for the schools on May 24th.

