



The Midweek Visitor

First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers

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By the time you get this newsletter January will be just about over. It seems like only yesterday that we were saying "Happy New Year" or asking, How was your Christmas? It really is true that "time marches on." January was a blur for me and for many of you. What about February? February will see some special events, among them we will be having a meeting to discuss safety issues and concerns surrounding the church. We will also have our Ash Wednesday service on Ash Wednesday which is Feb. 14. Movie night is Feb. 25th at 5:30 featuring, "The Shack"

See you Sunday,

Brother Randy



A Note from Dana:

I am excited that our church is partnering again this year with the Trinity Baptist Church to prepare and present a seasonal Easter Pageant. This year's musical is entitled "Amazing Love-How Can It Be?" arranged by Russell Mauldin. Rehearsals for the musical begin this coming Sunday, February 4, 4:30-5:30 PM in the sanctuary of Trinity Baptist Church, 1513 McArthur Drive here in Manchester. I am pleased to co-direct the music with my friend and Trinity's worship leader, Matt Gluck. Performance dates are Thursday, March 22 and Friday, March 23. Each performance is at 7:00 PM.

You don't have to be a choir member to join the community choir! If you're interested, please see me for music and practice tracks. And please pray for this effort!

Grace and Peace,
Dana

Applying Bible Principles

When he was president of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Gordon MacDonald said, "One of the greatest missing teachings in the American church today is the reminder to men and women that nothing we have belongs to us."

We own nothing. We have been given material means to use, but not to own. All that we have belongs to God. God is our Source according to Psalm 62:5. We are only managers and stewards of what God has entrusted to us.

Because all that we have belongs to God, and because he gives us the ability to obtain wealth, every spending decision is in reality a spiritual decision. According to First Corinthians 10:31, our constant goal must be to glorify God in all of life, including how we use his resources.

Stephen Olford wrote this: "... man's chief end is 'to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.' We are to glorify God by our worshipful praise (Psalm 50:23). We are to glorify him by our consistent fruitbearing (John 15:8). We are to glorify him by our spiritual unity (Rom. 15:6). We are to glorify him by our entire dedication (1 Cor. 6:20). And we are to glorify him by our good works (Matt. 5:16). In this last category is included the matter of giving. Only in this way can we provide for 'honest things in the sight of the Lord.' The glory of God should motivate us to give and to give our best."

If our goals and ambitions are truly set on spiritual things, if our emphasis in life is to glorify God, we will use the funds he has "loaned" to us on a temporary basis to glorify him. We will put his money and possessions to good use by giving to his work and by storing up "treasures in heaven" (Matt. 6:19-21).

There are two key questions to be asked concerning money and possessions: First, are you glorifying God in how you are using the money and possessions God has entrusted to you? And second, are you viewing these things as yours or as God's?

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As we wrap up talking about commitment this week,

our key question is: **Who can you talk with about God?** Talking about what God is doing in your life is an important part of growing in faith. But not every child knows the best person to talk to about their faith. We hope kids figure out the trusted people who can be a sounding board to listen to their faith stories.

In **Matthew 16:13-20**, Jesus asks His disciples about who people think He is. Then, Jesus turns the question on them. After everything they'd seen Jesus do and heard Jesus say, who did they think He was? This gave Peter the perfect moment for him to declare what he believed about Jesus - that Jesus truly is the Son of God.

Bottom Line: **Practice talking about God.** We can know God better by talking about Him yet there's also another important element of talking about God. As kids process their growing faith, they will have questions and doubts. We want kids to practice the faith skill, TALK, and learn how to talk through their questions about God with others who believe in Jesus.

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Because all that we have belongs to God, our goal in using that which belongs to him is to glorify God.

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31).

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I hope this finds you happy and well. NEXT SUNDAY the youth will be hosting a baked potato bar fundraiser. We will have plates ready starting

at 11. We will have to go plates as well. There is no set price per plate, donations will be accepted. Make plans now to attend.

I am still in need of several prayer partners for warmth in winter. If you would like to be a prayer partner please let me know. If you have already agreed to be one thank you so much. I will get you the name of your partner this week.

We need your help. We have the following dates still open for youth dinner:

February 25	April 22
March 11	April 29
April 8	May 20
April 15	

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your teenager's journey.

In the grip of HIS grace,
Randa



2/25 Movie: “The Shack”
5:30 p.m. – Open to everyone

3/14 Kingdom Kidz Production of “I Can Only Imagine” 6:00 p.m. Call the

church office to make reservations for the spaghetti dinner at 5 then enjoy the show at 6. The cost for dinner is \$6 for adults, \$4 for youth and \$3 for children. The show is just the icing on the cake!!

3/24 Easter Egg Hunt – the rain date will be 3/31 if needed.

7/13-14 Vacation Bible School – *Polar Blast: Where Jesus' Love Is Cool*, where kids chill with new friends and warm up to Jesus – the coolest friend of all.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sanctuary Choir will meet for rehearsal on Wednesday evening at 7:15 p.m. I the choir room.

The DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY is changing their meeting time on Sunday afternoons from 4:30 PM to **3:00 PM**. We will still meet in Room 219. Members please take note of this time change!

Just about ANYTHING you need to know about the mission and ministry of Manchester First UMC can be found at our website, www.manchesterfirst.org! Download the "Mid-Week Visitor," audio and video of sermons and children's sermons, link to other important web sites and even find help for those who need it. Check out our website today!

And don't forget about our church APP which is available for your smart phone on Google Play Store or Apple App Store! (Mobile MFUMC).

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The New Life Sunday School Class and Sallie O'Neal Anniversary Fellowship would like to share a project with you. Over the next 3 weeks we will be collecting items to shower Manchester Extended Health Care Facility. There will be a box at the Welcome Center for items. The last day to bring your items will be Sunday, February 18th. The following is a list of suggested items needed:

Adult diapers, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, **men's disposable razors, baby wipes, wash cloths** and towels.

Thank you for helping us with this project!



Wednesday Night Menus

Jan 31: Beef tacos, shredded lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, black beans, fruit salad & strawberry cake

Feb. 7: Homemade baked ziti, french bread, tossed salad/dressings & banana pudding.



A gift was given to the General Budget in memory of Mrs. Doris Rynd by Mr. & Mrs. Earl Eaton.



It's time to start planning for the annual Community-wide Easter Cantata! This year's cantata is entitled: *Amazing Love, How Can It Be* written and arranged by Russell Mauldin. Rehearsals for the musical will be starting soon at Trinity Baptist Church, 1513 McArthur Drive here in Manchester. Tentative performance dates are Thursday, March 22 and Friday March 23. Both performances are at 7:00 p.m. See Dana for more details!

Friendly Reminders

Disciple Bible Study will start meeting at 3:00 p.m. beginning Sunday, February 4.



SPRC is advertising for two positions for our Church staff, the Church Office Secretary and the Financial Secretary. Susan Yother has been

serving in these positions and has notified us of her plans to resign from both positions. If you know of anyone interested or you are interested in either please contact the Church office or Jim Thorington, SPRC Chair.



If you ever drive the church van or bus you need to stop by the office and sign a paper for a criminal records verification and fingerprint. Signed forms need to be in by February 9, 2018.

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Top 5 Christian Apps you are REALLY going to want:

- 5. OnePlace-Christian Audio: Streaming Christian audio application which gives you free access to the most popular Christian broadcast ministries on radio.
- 4. Abide-Christian Meditation: Abide is the #1 Christian meditation app to bring more peace and less stress into your daily life.
- 3. She Reads Truth: an online community of women in the Word of God every day.
- 2. iDisciple: conveniently delivers sermons, exclusive growth plans, devotionals, and music from hundreds of top Christian authors, speakers, ministers, and artists to you – any time, any place, on any device.
- #1 Manchester First UMC: Listen to some of the best sermons, children (& adults) can listen to awesome children’s sermons AND listen to music to get you in the worship mode!

I Will Support My Church With My Presence

Attendance:	Jan 21
Sunday School	62
8:25 Service	50
10:55 Service	78

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	Jan 28
Sunday School	130.00
Missions	230.00
Good Samaritan	50.00
Coffee Time	21.00
Youth Fund	10.00
Music	383.00
Required weekly	9,726.44
Budget Contribution	5,790.00
Year-to-date offering	34,635.27
Offering needed to date	48,632.20
(+/-) Difference	-13,996.93

I Will Support My Church With My Service

Acolytes

Feb 4	8:25	Natalie Fibelkorn	10:55	Daniel Hawkins
Feb 11		Megan Fibelkorn		Madison Miller

Building Checkers

Week of Feb 4	Mike Giffin
Week of Feb 11	Vernon Sherrill

Coffee Time

Feb. 4 & 11	Pam Riddle
Feb. 18 & 25	John & Shandra Richardson

Altar Guild

February	Lois Thormaehlen
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Counters

Feb.	Mike Giffin
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Greeters

Feb 4 & 11	8:25	Tina & Butch Niederhauser
	10:55	Patricia & Mike Anderson
Feb 18 & 25	8:25	Deborah Blanton & Teri Christian
	10:55	Nicole, Addison & Chandler Carter

Kitchen Monitor

Feb.	Mary Rounds
March	Sue Reid

Welcome Center

Feb 4	8:25	Ed Holland
	10:45	Ann & Ben Spaulding

Bakers/Visitors

Feb 4	Karla Childs
Feb 11	Bobby & Topsy Layne/Anita Turner

Thank you for your service to Manchester FUMC

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