

## Brady's "Squared-Off-Edge-of-the-Paper"

### Winterfest Goers:

You must be at Waterbury CoC at 6:00 PM on Thursday. A caravan will be leaving from Manchester CoC at 5:00. Eat BEFORE you come. We will not be stopping for dinner.

### Caravan to/from Waterbury:

We need drivers for our caravan to/from Waterbury CoC for Winterfest. If you are available to drive to Waterbury CoC at 5:00 on Thursday and/or from Waterbury CoC at midnight on Sunday, please contact Brady Easter ASAP.

### Youth Service for Haiti:

Today is the last day to pledge a donation for the Youth's Haitian Relief Project. Table is in the foyer. If you have already decided on a donation, do not turn it in yet. Everything is still be organized/processed. Once we are ready to take your donations, an announcement will be made. Thanks!

### ACU Spring Break Mission:

We have a group of 11 students coming up from ACU during their Spring Break to work in the Manchester area. They will need housing for the week (mid-March). If interested, let Brady Easter know and keep your ears open for more information.

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Welcome to the Manchester Church of Christ. The congregation is made up of people who meet regularly to share in worship, study, prayer and fellowship. In Jesus Christ, we have found new direction for our lives. We are now seeking to follow the Lord's instructions in fulfilling the Great Commission (Matt 28:16-20 and the Greatest Commandment (Matt 22:34-40).

### Attendance and Contribution For 2/7/2010

Sunday Bible Classes	205
Sunday AM Worship	315
Wed. Bible Classes	Cancelled
Sunday Evening Worship	71
Offering to God	\$10,261.00
Weekly Budget	\$9,120.00

Year to Date	Budget	Offering	variance
2/7/2010	9,120.00	\$9,322.93	\$202.93

- ### Upcoming Events
- February 18: Area Preachers/Elders Mtg.
  - February 21: Fellowship Groups Mtg.
  - February 18-21: Teen Winterfest
  - February 27: Senior Saints Breakfast@ V.Diner
  - February 28: 4th Sunday Special Programs
  - March 7: Congregational Potluck/BYND
  - March 7: Conversation w/Shepherds
  - March 12-13: N.E. Church Growth Seminar
  - March 14: Jerry Tallman-Guest Speaker
  - March 14: Daylight Savings Time Begins
  - March 14: Ladies Small Group

**Sunday, February 14, 2010**  
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### Assembly Times

**Sunday:**  
 Bible Class: 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.\*  
**Wednesday:**  
 Bible Classes: 7:00 p.m.

\*Small groups at homes 3rd Sunday evening  
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# Arnie's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Manchester Church of Christ,

We are blessed to host the Third Annual New England Church Growth Conference the weekend of March 12-14th. Jerry Tallman from Rochester, Michigan will giving a workshop especially for our family beginning on Friday Evening at 7:00 pm. He will also speak twice on Saturday during the conference and Jerry will teach and preach Sunday Morning.

Monte Cox from Harding University is the Key Note Speaker Saturday. He will be speaking at 9:40 am and again at 3:30 pm. There will be additional workshops by Billie Williams from the Sunset Bible Institute and Gareth Flanary from West Springfield.

Registration and Coffee begins at 9:00 am. We hope that you will make it a point to be here. Nursery will be provided free of charge. This conference is for men, women, and the youth of our congregation.

Please notice the bulletin board for a complete schedule. Any questions see George Caruthers or Arnie Holmes

## News and Notes

- **Are you interested in a Spanish Bible class? This class will be conducted in Spanish.** It would be held here at our normal class time, 9:00am Sunday. Please see the sign up sheet on the information table for details.
- **Shannon McKay** is looking for volunteers to help with a play group with seniors at the Buckingham Estates in Glastonbury where she works. If you can spare some time on Saturday, Feb. 20th at 10:00 AM, please contact Shannon.
- **Mike McHugh** is looking for volunteers to help with the Shelter from 7-9Pm on March 4,5,6,&7. A sign up sheet is on the table in the foyer. Any questions see him.

## Anthony's Corner

*“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself” (John 12:32.)*

Isn't it amazing how Jesus could say so much by saying so little? What people like me might take 30 minutes to say, Jesus can say with just a few words. Though I have never timed it myself, I'll bet that to audibly read through the Sermon on the Mount at a normal speed would probably take much less time than the average Sunday morning sermon. Before you get too excited over the prospect of shorter sermons, let's consider the implications of what Jesus is saying in the above-quoted passage. Obviously, He is addressing the certainty of His crucifixion (verse 33). That being so, there are a couple of things we must understand here. The first thing is that His death, burial, & resurrection (the gospel) must be at the forefront of any communication to the world concerning Jesus (see I Corinthians 2:2). The power inherent in that gospel is sufficient to draw people to Jesus. Any method of drawing people to Jesus that is not grounded in the gospel is not worth using since it is not actually drawing people to the real Jesus, only a facsimile. Secondly, we find that since the real Jesus died as a sacrifice for us, our lives must likewise reflect such a spirit. Jesus said in John 15:20 that a slave is not greater than his master. In other words, the followers of Jesus can expect the same sort of treatment that He received. It is when we take Jesus off the cross, so to speak, and place Him (as well as ourselves) in a place of ease, a place of no sacrifice, that the world loves rather than hates us because we have become just like them. Yet it is only when the followers of Jesus act like Him, exhibiting a steadfast spirit of faithfulness, of refusing to desert Him even when staying true to Him might mean the loss of life, freedom, a job, wealth, or anything else near and dear to us, that the world notices. In other words, it is only when God's people exercise a sacrificial spirit that those of the world are drawn to Jesus. That image of the God-Man hanging on a cross says quite a bit to the world, doesn't it? How much of an impact does it have on our lives?

### Song Leader

Phil Stice

### Song

### Song

### Welcome

Arnie Holmes

### Prayer

Andre McMillian

### Song

### Song

### Communion Thought

Ed Main

### Lord's Table

### Song—1st Verse

### Offering

### Song con.t

### Song

### Scripture

Brady Easter

### Song

### Sermon

“Celebrating The Love Of Jesus Christ.”  
John 3:16,17

### Song

### Announcements

Arnie Holmes

### Closing Prayer

Russ Mosher

### Children's Bible Time

Gail Hannington/Megan B.

### Toddler's Bible Time

Emma St. Germain/ Shannon B.

### Evening Service

Significant Moments in the O.T.  
#3 “Abraham: His Call

### Remember in Prayer

- **Those having health issues:**
- **Cancer:** Agnes Wuorio, Trudy Wright, and Don Bennett.
- **Ongoing health problems:** Cora Marshall, Daniel Gipson, Sandy Hannington, Becky Todd, and Delia Renteria, Ingrid Martijn, Dan Cummings (recovering from gall bladder surgery),
- **Those looking for employment:** Richard Chang, Lillian Jones brother. John Bouffard has been offered a position.
- **Those Traveling:** Diana Carra, Charlie & Mary Brown, Berberian Family, Daley Family.

### Special request of all members:

Preparations are beginning for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Manchester Church of Christ which will take place on September 10, 2011. Photographs that have been taken of church members and church activities over the past 50 years are needed for a special presentation.

Please search through your old (and recent) photographs for any church related photographs. Place them in an envelope clearly labeled with your name, and then give them to **Phil or Janet Stice**. Phil will scan them and return them to you. If you have digital pictures, you may email them to Phil at [pcstice@cox.net](mailto:pcstice@cox.net). Contact Mary Brown with questions.

### VISUAL ENHANCEMENT MINISTRY

#### OPPORTUNITY

Do you want to be a part of the team to help enhance our worship time via Power Point?  
Email Ed Main @ [EDMAIN1@cox.net](mailto:EDMAIN1@cox.net)  
by Feb14th

### Missing Coat

Ladies-If you wear a black wool winter coat please check to see if you took the right one from the coat room on Sunday. There is a size 14 hanging up and someone took Sue Scanlon's LL Bean, size 12. Please let her know if you have it.

### Ministry Contacts

#### Education

Chris Costa-Elementary  
Jim Lietz-Adult  
Phil Stice-Adult

#### Worship Ministry

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#### Family Ministry

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#### Missions Ministry

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#### Seasonal Sharing

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#### Young Adults

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