

PRAYER LIST

Our Manchester Family

- Beverly Bouffard-Vernon Manor
- Becky Todd (waiting for heart transplant).

Our Family & Friends

- Trudy Wright-Marsha's mother
- Don Bennett -Northside Minister
- Cora Marshall-Dorothy's mother
- Daniel Gipson-Don's son
- Delia Renteria-Becky C.'s sister
- Ennis Walker-JoelAnne's father
- Mother & father of Susie Williams

Sympathy

- Vinda Smith-brother died suddenly in Jamaica
- Rae's mother passed away, the funeral was Thursday in Mass,

Those Traveling

- Diana Carra
- Dorothy Marshall
- Vinda Smith
- The Jarvis'
- The Dick Courtneys

All those looking for employment!

Ladies, don't miss "The Streets of Eden", Saturday morning March 27th from 9 to 11 here at the building. Come, ... walk with

God, encourage your Sisters, renew your Spirit, and please your palate. You truly don't want to miss this annual ladies prayer breakfast devotional. If you'd like to help with this event, contact Jodi Dean.



Got an announcement you would like to place in the bulletin? Email your information to Manchester@aol.com or call the office by Thursday noon to get you information in the Sunday bulletin.



WEEKLY RECORD 2/28/2010

Bible Class	202
Morning Worship	292
Evening Worship	101
Wednesday Evening	99
Offering to God	\$10,031.12

Mike Chase needs help at the end of the month to move Michelle and her children

To Waterbury. If you can help, please let him know.



Special request of all members:

If you have photos of church members or church activities over the last 48 years, please bring them to Janet or Phil Stice at church, or send them electronically to pcstice@cox.net. They will be scanned and returned to you, and then later used for a 50th anniversary presentation.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Song Leader—Phil Stice

Elder's Prayer—Scott Stafford

Communion Scripture—Isaiah 9: 1-7

Lord's Table

Offering

Scripture—John Bouffard

Sermon "Do You Have The Right Credentials?" Luke 3:21ff.

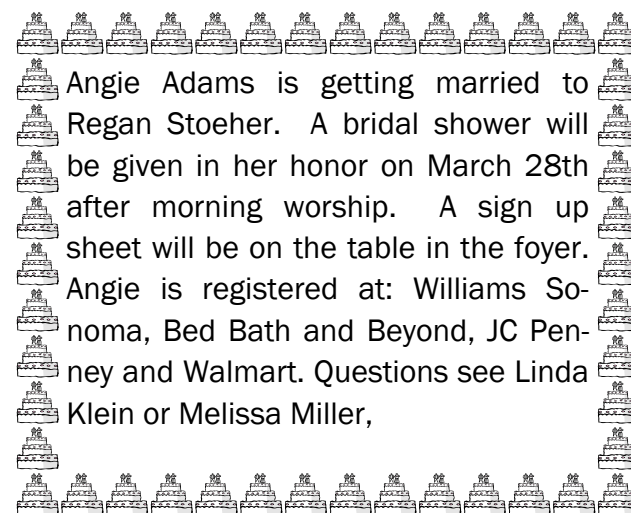
Announcements-Arnie Holmes

Closing Prayer Gary Yeats

Children's Bible Time Becky C/Becky S.

Toddler's Bible Time Emma St. G/ Shannon B.

Evening Lesson: Anthony Melakian



Angie Adams is getting married to Regan Stoeher. A bridal shower will be given in her honor on March 28th after morning worship. A sign up sheet will be on the table in the foyer. Angie is registered at: Williams Sonoma, Bed Bath and Beyond, JC Penney and Walmart. Questions see Linda Klein or Melissa Miller,

NEWS AND NOTES

* Del Conroy will be the guest of honor at a dinner at the VFW on May 2nd. He has been the Post Commander of the VFW in South Windsor for many years. Congratulations Del.

* Families be saving the dates of April 19-21st for our "Family Fest." You don't want your children to miss this.

ANTHONY'S CORNER

Up until now, I had always regarded Peter's warning concerning the devil's being like a lion prowling about seeking someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8) as like a swift, sudden, violent attack where the victim was doing well one minute and then surprisingly overtaken the next. I don't think that any of us eats a meal in one instant, not even the fastest eaters among us. No, usually it takes time to devour a meal and as we become more aware of Satan's mode of operation, we find that the way he devours most of his victims is quite gradually. A little compromise of principles here, some "secret" sin there, a gradual erosion of one's love for the Lord as well as a waning fervor for winning the lost to Christ and after a while you have at best a neutralized, non-influential Christian and at worst, one who has gone back to the world lock, stock, & barrel. The forces that seek to pull us away from Jesus and eventually devour us spiritually are more effective when utilized gradually. The old illustration of the frog in the kettle is appropriate to use here. Put a frog into a boiling kettle of water and he will immediately jump out. But, if you put that same frog into a kettle of cool, comfortable water and slowly turn up the heat, he will stay in the kettle, not noticing the change in temperature. Before you know it, the frog is destroyed and it's boiled frog legs for dinner. No wonder the Bible exhorts us in verses such as Hebrews 3:13 which says, "**But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called 'Today', lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.**" We must understand that any of us can be overtaken by sin and as a result of that fact, we must be all the more ready to encourage one another to remain faithful to the way of Christ (Isn't that one of the reasons you are here today?). As you engage in the worship of God, as you share a meal with your brethren later on, keep that in mind. The last thing any of us should desire for ourselves or others is to become another Satanic statistic, a victim of the devil who devours.

Sick and can't make it to church?

Listen to the Sunday morning sermon on line at Manchesterchurchofchrist.org

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

Call Your Mom!

You may notice quite a bit of white space in my article this week. There's a reason for that. I don't want to muddle up with a bunch what should be a plain and important message. It's a challenge for every one of you. There's no age limit, so if you're reading this, it's for you. Here it is:

There are people in your life right now that you love. They could be a friend, parent, mentor, sibling or any other of number of relations. But whomever they are, they've had an impact on your life because of the fact that they love you and you love them.

So tell them.

Maybe it's weird to say it; maybe it hasn't been said in a while; maybe it's never been said at all. But none of that matters. What matters is that we are the children of the God who describes Himself AS LOVE. That's huge! We need to be reflecting our Father.

So get out there! Write a note. Go out to lunch. Even (dare I say it) give a hug! Whatever it takes. Just don't let today go by without letting that person know that they're loved.

"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another." ~Jesus

"Do You Have The Right Credentials?"

I. Scripture Reading Today: Luke 3:21-23.

- A. Imagine you at the Oral Surgeon's office to have your wisdom teeth extracted. Look on the wall:
- B. Headlines read: George O'Leary resigns as coach of the Notre Dame Football Team." Why?
- C. False Credentials are a real problem today.
- D. Authentication.
- E. Luke 4

II. First, Jesus was baptized and heaven opened up.

III. Second, Authentication of Jesus and His Followers.

IV. Conclusion:



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.

Arnie Holmes

UP COMING EVENTS

March 7th	Congregational Potluck
March 12-13th	N.E. Church Growth Seminar
March 14th	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 14th	Ladies Small Group
March 18th	Area Preachers/elders Mtg.
March 21st	Fellowship Groups Meeting
March 27th	Ladies Breakfast/Devo in Fellowship hall.
March 28th	Bridal Shower for Angie Adams

AREA EVENTS*

March 19-21nd	"Building Community" Small group seminar with Dale Robinson @ Ct Valley Church of Christ
May 1st	Area wide Ladies Day

* See the bulletin board for more information.

Welcome to Our Worship

If you are visiting with us today, you are our special guest. We ask that you fill out the PRAYER REQUEST CARD in the packet you received as you entered and drop it in the collection plate please. We hope that you are encouraged and grow closer to God as a result of being here today.

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 eve.
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