

LOVE GOD, LOVE MAN

A Newsletter for the Manchester Seventh-day Adventist church

Love God

Have you ever been on a date? I love date night with my wife. It is a time to connect and share. Did you know you can have dates with God? Set up a daily date with God and focus on Him during that time.

Love Man

Who does not love a good hug? Hugs have been proven to help people, especially adults to be healthier physically and emotionally. Share God's love today by giving someone a hug...

Make Disciples

1....2....3.... **GLOW! Giving Light to Our World** tracts are small pieces of literature that you can easily share with people. They are small, easy to read and have a weblink where they can request Bible Studies. It is an easy way to Make Disciples.

<http://kytn.glowonline.org>

Supporting the Community

Our Goal for 2016 is to make a larger impact in the community in which we live. We continue to do this through...

Manchester Mustangs Pathfinder Club



On Feb. 19-21 seven of our Pathfinders went to "7-Up Weekend" (just for kids 7th Grade and up) at Indian Creek Camp. Six of us did the Whistles Honor where we learned some brief history of whistles. Did you know that a Native American flute is actually a whistle? And that Hawaiian Natives created flutes (whistles) that they played by blowing into them with their nose?

They're called Nose Flutes for good reason. We each made a grass whistle and a flute. One of the girls in our group got to participate in the Dogs and Dog Training Honors. On the last night we played Dare Base. All of us ran so hard, we were barely able to walk the next day. 7-Up Weekend is always a highlight in our year.

-Matthew Wolff, Teen Leader in Training



Pastor's Corner

February was a busy month. I attended a few meetings at our Conference Office (in Goodlettsville, TN) and at the end of the month we had a short series of meeting up in Winchester. During these meetings we meet our guest evangelist and learned about some awesome archaeological finds that support the story of the Bible.

My wife has also kept me busy with little projects around the house, like building her a spice/potholder rack out of items we bought at the auction last year.

- **March 5, 26**—Services at Manchester SDA Church
 - **Wednesday Night** Prayer Meeting 6-7pm
- **March 12, 19**—Services at Winchester SDA Church
- **March 18-April 9**—Evangelistic Meetings

During the March/April Meeting in Winchester my availability will be very limited. Please Contact Mike Mwasumbi, our Head Elder, for any pastoral needs.

Discipleship Master Plan



In 2013 I attended a training seminar called Discipleship Master Plan. Since then I have come back every year as an assistant trainer. Pictured above is our group from 2016 and included many lay leaders not just pastors. Discipleship has been a passion of mine for many years now and every year I more clearly sense the need for Biblical Discipleship in the whole of Christendom.

I have been applying many of the principles I have learned through this ongoing training (we meet monthly via the internet and as a group once a year). It has changed the way I do ministry. A major focus of Discipleship has always been and will always be prayer. It is the reason I focus so much on it. Without prayer and digging deep into the Word of God we cannot truly be disciples.

As we continue our quest to be better disciples of Jesus we will be moving forward using DMP as our operating system. Dr. Melvin Santos, pioneer of DMP, explains it like this: *“Most desktop or laptop PCs come pre-loaded with Microsoft Windows. Macintosh computers come pre-loaded with Mac OS X. Many corporate servers use the Linux or UNIX operating systems. The operating system (OS) is one of the first to be loaded into the computer because without the operating system, a computer is useless. The purpose of an operating system is to organize and control hardware and software so that the device it lives in behaves in a flexible but predictable way”*

I will be sharing more on this in the months to come. Begin to pray with me that God can use us to reach our community.

Adventist Community Service Center



As of February we are starting to pick up some momentum. We were able to help about 20-25 different individuals during the month with many coming from week to week. Each person is able to take five food items a week (enough for one-two meals). Once a month they are able to get a few clothing and toiletry items. As word is getting out we are starting to collect more items. The Deeper Sabbath School Class even had a small item drive as a special project for their class. Thank you to everyone that has donated items and to everyone that is helping each week during the center's operating hours 1-4PM.

Our immediate needs are for:

- Canned food or food that does not require cooking goes the quickest
- Gently used clothing (specially baby boys' and men's clothing)

Items requested by those in need:

- A floor rug

Our long term needs are:

- We have not had anyone sign up to go to the Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program Monday, April 18, 2016 11:30am through Thursday, Apr 21, 2016 12:30pm in Norcross, GA with Pastor Tom. NLCP focuses on three major learning outcomes; a) leadership skills, b) improvement of management knowledge, and c) changes in attitude of social dimensions of evangelism. This is part one of a two part training (Session II - October 10 - 13, 2016).
- Donations for the building project. The project is going to cost somewhere between \$18,000-\$20,000
 - Please note we will have the ability to give online shortly. The paper work has been accepted and waiting on approval
- New appliances (refrigerators, stoves, washer and dryer, microwaves, etc.) for the center itself

Pastor's Reading List

Here is a list of the Books I am reading or planning on reading for the Month of March.

- The Acts of the Apostles by Ellen White
- A Time for Every Season by Don Williams

Thoughts to Inspire

"Christ will give strength to all who seek it. No man without his own consent can be overcome by Satan. The tempter has no power to control the will or to force the soul to sin. He may distress, but he cannot contaminate. He can cause agony, but not defilement. The fact that Christ has conquered should inspire His followers with courage to fight manfully the battle against sin and Satan." –Ellen White (*The Great Controversy*, 510)

"The reason some of us are such poor specimens of Christianity is because we have no Almighty Christ. We have Christian attributes and experiences, but there is no abandonment to Jesus Christ. When we get into difficult circumstances, we impoverish His ministry by saying—'Of course He cannot do any thing,' and we struggle down to the deeps and try to get the water for ourselves. –Oswald Chambers (*My Utmost for His Highest*, February 27)

Mining the Word of God



There are two main methods of mining or so I am told. There is Surface Mining which includes things like strip mining, auger mining and open-pit mining. This is done to reach coal that is 200 deep feet or less. Then there is Underground Mining which includes room-and-pillar, longwall, or shortwall mining. This mining goes deep into the earth and can extend to depths of over 1000 feet.

The same is true of Bible reading. You can read on the surface or dig into the deeps of God's Words and both have their benefit. Many of us are familiar with surface Bible reading. I have shared plans that include a larger section of scripture. One of the plans I still use is the daily reading of one Psalm, one Proverb and several chapter in either a New Testament or Old Testament book. In this way I read through Psalms three times a year, Proverbs twelve times a year, and the Old Testament once and New Testament twice. H.M.S. Richards, a powerful preacher and scholar during the 20th century, shared that he read the entire Bible in January every year. It is great to continue to read through the Bible. It gives you the bird's eye view and helps to keep the large themes in view.

However, many of us stop at only a surface reading when we should also dig deep into the Word. One of my mentors, David Hartman, shared with me his method of underground mining of the Word. A method that he has been using for 30+ years. He quotes a 19th century writer for his inspiration on this type of Bible study: *"There is but little benefit derived from a hasty reading of the Scriptures. One may read the Bible through, and yet fail to see its beauty, or to comprehend its deep and hidden meaning. One passage studied until its significance is clear to the mind, and its relation to the plan of salvation is evident, is of more value than the perusal of many chapters with no definite purpose in view, and no positive instruction gained. Keep your Bible with you. As you have opportunity, read it; fix the texts in your memory. Even while you are walking the streets, you may read a passage, and meditate upon it, thus fixing it in mind."* From this he developed a method of Bible Journaling in which he starts at the Bible book and take just a passage or two and study it until he understands that passage in the light of Salvation, then moves on. I challenge you that when you schedule your date with God that part of it include a little surface mining for the bird's eye view and a lot of deep mining for the detailed view. So dig deep my fellow miners of the Word, it will not return void!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	1	2	3	4	5
	CSC 1-4pm Pathfinders 4pm Breaking Bread		-Prayer Meeting 6pm		Sunset: 6:36	Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 11am
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	CSC 1-4pm Prepare Now! 6-8PM Breaking Bread	Prepare Now! 6-8PM	-Prayer Meeting 6pm -Church Board Meeting 7pm		Sunset: 6:43	Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 11am Social/Verspers 6pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Daylight Savings Time	CSC 1-4pm Pathfinders 4pm Breaking Bread		-School Board Meeting 5pm -Prayer Meeting 6pm		Sunset: 7:49	Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 11am
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	CSC 1-4pm Pathfinders 4pm Breaking Bread		-Prayer Meeting 6pm		Sunset: 7:56	Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 11am
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	CSC 1-4pm Pathfinders 4pm Breaking Bread		-Prayer Meeting 6pm		Sunset: 8:02	Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 11am

Serving the Body through Worship

Sabbath	Speaker	Worship Team	Elder on Platform	Deacon in Charge
1st	Pastor Tom Kyser	The Kysers	Mark Bondarenko	Stephen O'Neal
2nd	Pastor Tom Kyser (DVD)	The Mwasumbis	Michael Mwasumbi	Mike Stemson
3rd	Pastor Tom Kyser (DVD)	The Meyers	Dennis Meyers	Eric Lunde
4th	Pastor Tom Kyser	The Merklins	Roger Wiehn	David Cotton

For the most up-to-date Schedule go to www.manchestersdachurch.org