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Are You Connected On Sunday Mornings?

I would like to encourage you to become connected to a Sunday School Class / Connect Group. There are classes for all ages and you will be blessed as you listen and also participate in the class and hear God's word. Connect Groups are a great place to meet new people and have great fellowship with other Christians.

We would like to encourage each Sunday School Class to reach out not only to the members of their class but also to people in the community to invite them to church. The Sunshine Class, which consists of our seasoned ladies and is lead by Janet Strickland, keeps a count of the contact that they make each week. These ladies make from 26 to 54 contacts a week. That amounts to an average of 104 to 216 contacts per month. How many contacts have you made?

I will be praying that you will come on Sundays at 9:30 AM and visit a Connect Group / Sunday School Class.

God Bless,
Mary Valentine
S.S. /Connect Director



Manhattan BAPTIST CHURCH

God. Bible. Prayer. Community. Acts 5:29

March 2014

Up Coming Events



HOME-COMING Dinner
March 9, 2014
following AM Service

Please bring a favorite meat dish, and a vegetable, salad or dessert to share with others and join us as we spend time together as a Church family!



Revive Worship Service

Need a Mid week boost?

6:30 PM Wednesdays

Traditional worship service with hymns and hearing from God's Word. Come prepared to experience God in a fresh new way.

Discouraged?

Are you discouraged? Do you have a sense of hopelessness and despair? Do your circumstances have you in a constant state of unrest, worry, anxiousness, and fear? If so, you are right where Satan wants you. Satan's message for you today is straight forward, convincing, and tempting --"Continue to focus on yourself and your circumstances, for the God you profess is really not able." Yet, we confidently know that Satan is the father of all lies (John 8:44) and therefore anything and everything that he says and does is simply a lie from the pit of hell.

So then how do we navigate through life's challenges, disappointments, trials and not just survive, but live a victorious life in and through Christ Jesus? Well, we just answered our question. Victory is not based on our circumstances. Victorious living is based on the person and the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, if you are discouraged today, I want to put some courage into you: Right now, place every concern, fear, and anxiety into the hands of our loving Savior Jesus and watch Him work. Will your circumstances change? Maybe...but, maybe not. Regardless if things around you change, or not, there is one that is certain to change when you truly begin to trust Jesus to accomplish His will for His glory in your life - - you.

Holy Scripture is clear in Romans 8:31 - 39, "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: 'For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.' Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Be encouraged and do not lose heart!

Jon

Satan's Plan

Here are some of the common tactics that Satan uses to try and turn us away from God.

Read Genesis chapter 3.

- Doubt.** Satan wants you to question God's Word and God's goodness. Satan tempted Eve by implying that God was strict, stingy, and selfish for not wanting Eve to share His knowledge of good and evil.
- Discouragement.** Satan enticed Eve to forget all that God had given her and, instead, focus on the one thing she couldn't have. Do you ever fall into Satan's trap and look at what you don't have rather than what God has blessed you with?
- Diversions.** Satan makes the wrong things seem attractive so that you will want them more than the right things. God says that true freedom comes from obedience to Him. The restrictions He gives us are for our good, helping us avoid evil.
- Defeat.** Satan wants you to feel like a failure so that you don't even try. The next time you feel like you are worthless in God's sight, remember the price He paid to ransom your life.

In this life, we cannot always prevent temptation, but there is always an escape (see 1 Corinthians 10:13). Use God's Word and God's people to help you stand against it.

James 1:12 tells of the blessings and rewards for those who don't give in when tempted.

Submitted by Dean Hutchison

Deacon Schedule for March

Mar 04 – Mar 10 Dale Fasenmyer 293-2353
 Mar 11 - Mar 17 Dean Hutchison 839-2026
 Mar 18 - Mar 24 Charles Inman 244-5752
 Mar 25 - Mar 31 Johnny Macias 374-6475

Nursery Schedule for March

Mar 2 Elizabeth Coronado
 Mar 9 Florence Myers
 Mar 16 Rachel Macias
 Mar 23 Maria Brown
 Mar 30 Kristin Couch

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8AM – 1PM "Treasures From The Trunk"
2 Hospitality Committee Meet following AM Service 4:30 PM Deacon Meeting 4:30 PM Prayer and Praise	3	4 7:00 pm Property Team 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	5 5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Revive Worship Service	6 11:00 AM Young At Heart 6:30 PM Women On A Mission @ Horizon Bay	7 7:00 PM Church History	8 9:15 AM Finance Committee 10 AM Church Council Meeting 11 AM By-Laws & Tech Team
9 Home Coming Following Service	10	11 8:30AM MOPS On Base 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	12 10 AM Homebound Visitation 5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Revive Worship Service	13 6:30 PM Women On A Mission @ Sue's	14 7:00 PM Church History	15 8:00 AM Women of Prayer Breakfast 10:30 - Noon Go Team Erik Estrada Un-common Movie 6:30 PM
16	17	18 11:30 AM Sunshine Class 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	19 5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Revive Worship Service	20 7:00 PM Dorcas Class Meeting	21 7:00 PM Church History	22
23 Feed the Bay @ 8AM 30 Lord's Supper	24 11:00 AM Widows Pressing On 31	25 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	26 5:30PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Revive Worship Service Prep for Feed The Homeless following service	27 6:30 PM Women On A Mission @ Sue's	28 7:00 PM Church History	29 9:00 AM Feed the Homeless



03/02	Elijah Biel	03/07	Christopher Holloway	03/21	Joseph Davidson
03/03	Peggy Hinderliter	03/10	Jean Vandergriff	03/26	Frances Salter
03/03	Juan King	03/17	Barbara Beck	03/27	Kristin Couch
03/05	Sara Billeisen	03/18	Michael Harris Jr.	03/31	Curt Henderson
03/07	Betty Meyer	03/18	Samuel Scott		

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