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Feed The Bay Blessing!

Dear MBC Family;

March 23rd was Manhattan Baptist Church's 3rd year participating in *Feed The Bay*. For those unfamiliar with the program, *Feed The Bay* is a coordinated community outreach uniting churches throughout Hillsborough county along with Publix Supermarkets, Sweetbay Supermarkets, and Walgreens designed to stock the shelves of participating community food agencies.

This year there were 29 churches striving to help those agencies which help those who are in greatest need. This year, in total, *Feed The Bay* collected 160,414 pounds of food. The total food weight does not include monetary donations which were given that will be used to purchase additional food.

I am so proud of all of you who donated either your time or food (or in some cases both) to this worthy cause. Despite the adverse conditions that the MacDill air show presented, our third year was an absolute success. We collected 30 barrels of food and hygiene supplies; but in addition to that, our site collected \$1,785 in donations. God is so good! While the number of barrels is less than last year, the money we collected which will be used to buy more food will push our total amount collected above and beyond our total from last year.

We certainly don't want to get wrapped up in numbers! The fact that MBC went out and was obedient to the call is truly what matters. However, I wanted to provide the numbers as a testimony to God's providing. While the number of barrels collected were lower than last year the money received was far greater than ever. I might add that the bulk of the money came from one individual's donation of \$1,500. Praise the Lord that he heard the Holy Spirit's calling to give!!

In the future when the opportunity arises to serve your community, I would encourage all of our Church family to participate in one way or another. Remember, it is not enough to just go to church; it is imperative that we are the Church!

Soli Deo Gloria--

Charles Inman



Manhattan
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

April 2014

Up Coming Events

**CELEBRATE OUR
RISEN SAVIOR**

Sunday, April 20, 2014

Let's come together and
celebrate our
Wonderful, Risen Savior
together.

In Him we have
redemption through His
blood, the forgiveness
of sins, in accordance
with the riches of God's
grace. Ephesians 1:7

**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.**

God Is With You In Depression

Depression is often illusive. Some dark cloud gathers and hangs overhead. You feel constantly ill at ease. Whether triggered by negative events, or some undefined cause, you know despondency when you experience it, even if you find it hard to describe. Sometimes it's circumstantial, but often you're left scratching your head, wondering, "Where did all the joy go?"

Author Randy Alcorn is no foreigner to depression. He has journeyed through dark seasons - once for four months on end - and offers this word of hope to the Christian: "God is there with you in the depression." Don't wait till the depression passes to seek God, advises Alcorn. He's not waiting for you to come out of it before walking with you, but He's eager to walk with you in the midst of it.

Over the years, during his seasons of depression, Alcorn has learned to lean on God's means of grace — His word, prayer, and the support of fellow Christians — and in particular to rehearse God's matchless promises, especially from Romans 8. If God is for us, no one can be successfully against us (Romans 8:31). We are more than conquerors through him who loved us (Romans 8:37). Nothing whatsoever can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:35, 38–39).

Alcorn also offers a word of counsel to pastors and Christian leaders looking to minister to the depressed. Be careful not to over simplify the causes, and don't lead with a lecture. Depression's causes and cures can be mysterious. And some of the greatest saints have walked through the deepest depression. Case in point: Charles Spurgeon. Rather, with patience, manifest love, a listening ear, and grace-filled words, you can be used as God's instruments to bring sustaining grace into some of life's most dreadful seasons. (sic)

By David Mathis

Satan's Plan

For some, money becomes central. They worship money, which means that they devote most of their time, energy, and attention to its gain and use. They regard money as the key to power and prestige.

"Oh, I'd never worship the idol of finance," you may say, but ask yourself these two questions:

1. How much time do I spend every day thinking about my financial life—my income, my bills, my recent and upcoming purchases? In contrast, how much time do I spend meditating upon God's Word?
2. Am I more likely to discuss with my family and friends a hot stock tip (a new business opportunity), OR an insight I have into God's Word, or the major truths of last Sunday's sermon? Which conversation is more likely to attract a greater amount of your energy and enthusiasm?

You may say that you trust God in every area of your life—but do you ever conduct business transactions or make purchases and investments without asking God's opinion or seeking God's wisdom? When you leave God out of your financial life, you are in danger of making money an idol.

So how can you make sure you don't fall into such a deadly trap? You could begin by focusing on Philipians 4:19, where God promises to supply all your needs. All of us have very specific needs: emotional, physical, material, mental and spiritual. God knows that our needs must be met if we are to carry out the plan He has ordained for us.

By making intimacy with God your number one priority in life, you can be assured that He will meet all those needs. Jesus said it like this: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).

Adapted from Life Principles by Charles Stanley.

Deacon Schedule for April

Mar 31 – Apr 07	C.L. Thomas	839-8254
Apr 08 - Apr 14	Ray Valentine	839-1305
Apr 15 - Apr 21	Henry Wilt	837-4290
Apr 22 - Apr 28	Bob Billeisen	293-7167
Apr 29 - May 5	Tom DeGroff	289-0224

Nursery Schedule for April

April 6	Jana Price
April 13	Christie Davidson
April 20	Johnny Macias
April 27	Kim Edvalson

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	2 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Revive service Prep for Feed The Homeless	3 11:00 AM Young-at-Heart 6:30 PM Women On A Mission @ Horizon Bay	4	5 9:00 AM Feed The Homeless
6 Hospitality committee following AM Service 4:30 PM Deacons and Prayer and Praise	7 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	8 MOPS Bus leaves MBC at 8:30	9 10 AM Homebound Visitation 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Revive service	10 6:30 PM Women On A Mission @ Sue's	11	12 9:15 AM Finance Committee 10 AM Council 11 AM By-Laws, Tech Team, and Property Team 5:00 PM Yankees' Ball Game
13 Connect Group following AM Service	14 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	15	16 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Revive service /Business Meeting to follow	17 6:00 PM Dorcas Class going to Kojac	18	19 8 AM Women of Prayer 10:30 GO Team
20 Easter	21 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	22	23 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Revive service	24 6:30 PM Women On A Mission @ Sue's	25	26
27 Church-wide Covered Dish following AM Service	28 11:00 AM Widows Pressing On 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	29	30 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Revive service			



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04/09
04/12
04/19

Jacob Couch
Isabella Macias
Teresa Holloway
Caleb Couch

04/21
04/25
04/25
04/25

Aubrey Biel
Millie Irwin
Barbara Miller
Donald Dykstra

04/26
04/26
04/27

Tom Biel
Claud Cox
Vivian Stanfield

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