

Today's Bible Lesson: October 2, 2011

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Treasure Hunters:

Seeking the things of God

Matthew 6:19-34

Where do you turn _____?

Cast all your cares on Him
because He cares for you. *1 Peter 5:7*

How does God care and provide?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

*What is the kingdom and
righteousness of God?*

Watch and listen for God.

Where
your
treasure
is, there
your heart
will be
also.

- Jesus

Seek first
His
kingdom
and His
righteous-
ness, and
all these
things will
be given to
you as
well.

Matt 6:33

WELCOME TO FIRST BRETHREN

Service times: 8:00, 9:15, and 10:30 a.m.
October 2, 2011

Current Sermon Series:

TREASURE HUNTERS:

Seeking the things of God

What do you treasure? Where are you looking for treasure? In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus challenges what we value and pursue after (Matthew 6:19-34).

During this series Pastor Kurt will help us identify "treasures" and learn to seek first the Kingdom of God.

In addition, you will hear the stories of people, just like you, who have found lasting treasure.

Next Week Pastor Kurt will begin a series based on the final chapter of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

Orange Core Value #4:

GENEROSITY

October is an Operation Blessing Month – a call and challenge to look like Jesus who modeled what it meant "to not be served, but to serve and give" (Matthew 20:28). Use this month to creatively engage in a service project as a family. Choose one suggested in the GO MAD portion of this bulletin or think of one on your own. Sit down with your family and brainstorm together. You may be surprised what ideas your kids have. Set a date and do it together. There's something very powerful about serving side by side with another person...especially kids.

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but **to serve others and to give** his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28

Next Orange Sunday is October 30th



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Our Mission

We are committed to leading the people of the North Manchester area community into a growing, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. God has gifted our congregation to help families at their point of need, primarily through children and youth.

Kurt Stout, Senior Pastor
Tim Bordeaux, Pastor of Youth
Joe Burgos, Pastor of Hispanic Ministries
Suzanna Hicks, Director of Counseling & Care
Ron Burns, Discipleship Coordinator
Teresa Mize, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Trevor Jones, Worship Coordinator
Carl Petrie, Facility Coordinator
Jim Mishler, Treasurer

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY CONCERNS

Illness	Illness/Recovery	Recovery
Penny Schutzu	Janet Hays (<i>Bill's Mom</i>)	Norma Slack
Mary Rager (<i>Eldon's Mom</i>)	Dennis Dolby (<i>IU Med Ctr</i>)	Peg Workman
Tom Steele	Tova Green (<i>home</i>)	Deb Zile
Regina Clay (<i>Toni W. Mom</i>)	Phillis Montel (<i>home</i>)	Alma Eiler
Grace Kester (<i>Annette Ayres Mom</i>)	Jenae Renz (<i>N. Allen's daughter</i>)	
Donald Bradford (<i>Evelyn Garman's brother</i>)	Vicki Sutton (<i>Wendy Blocher's Mom</i>)	
Velma Dean (<i>Cynthia Johnson's Mom in OH hosp</i>)	Charlie Miller (<i>Luth Rehab Hosp</i>)	

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today:	8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service (<i>Pastor Kurt</i>) 9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship (<i>Pastor Kurt</i>) 9:15 a.m. Adult & Youth Classes 9:15 a.m. LOFT Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (<i>Pastor Kurt</i>) 10:30 a.m. Adult and Children's Classes 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Open 6:30 p.m. Communion Service in Fellowship Hall
Mon:	12:15 p.m. Timbercrest Luncheon
Tues:	6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in Room 103 9:00-11:00 a.m. MOPS 7:00 p.m. DLC and Elders meeting in Library 7:00 p.m. Youth Small Group Coaches Meeting
Wed:	Pastor Kurt, Pastor Ron, and Pastor Tim will be in Atlanta, GA for the Catalyst Leadership Conference 6:30 a.m. Prayer meeting in library 6:30-7:45 p.m. Club RIOT/K.F.C. Trunk & Treat in the parking lot
Thurs:	8:00 p.m. Ministry of Worship
Fri:	9:00-11:30 p.m. 5 th Quarter @ Town Life Center
Sat:	"Courageous" movie at Wabash Eagles Theatre
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College Ministry

Students Following Christ (SFC) Bible Study: Join other MC students and Pastor Kurt on Thursdays 4:30 p.m. @ SAC (*basement of Calvin Ulrey*).

Congregational News

A **NEW pictorial directory** is being planned. Select a time to get your picture taken during the weekend of October 14-16. Sign-up with Linda Pyle (578-1201).

Communion – TONIGHT is World Wide Communion Sunday. Join us at 6:30–8:00 p.m. for a meaningful and memorable communion in our Fellowship Hall. All Christians welcome. Children's programming provided. Bring a non-perishable food or household item. Or a Benevolent offering to be given as gas vouchers to local families traveling to and from the hospital.

The format of tonight's communion service will be slightly different. The remembrance of Christ's sacrifice will be at the heart of the service, with the footwashing element moved to the end of the evening as a declaration of our willingness to humbly serve in our world the way Jesus served.

Adult Ministry

Through the Bible in Three – Join the church Bible reading plan, to read the Bible in three years (including the NT twice), alternating between OT and NT books. October's Bible reading bookmark is available today. This week's reading: 2 Corinthians 7-13, 1 Samuel 1-4.

New Topic: Next Sunday, Oct. 9th, the HOPE class begins studying the DVD series "What Happens When Women Say Yes to God." All ladies are invited at 10:30 in Room 105.

Men's Bible Study Group – Men, join us in a 4 week COURAGEOUS bible study group. What does a real courageous man look like? Oct. 12th, 19th, 26th, Nov 2nd. 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the FBC library. For questions contact Ron Burns or Steve Searles.

LISTEN, LISTEN, LISTEN, LISTEN – I just wish someone would listen to me! Ever hear those words? Come and learn how you could become that someone who listens. On Sunday, October 16th at 9:15 in the gathering Area and 10:30 in the library, there will be an informational meeting about up-coming training for new Stephen Ministers

Financial Report for September 2011

	2011	2010
The generosity of the church is shown below:		
Worship Offerings	37,924	31,608
Adult Sunday School	161	201
Counseling	560	240
Rental Income	1,100	413
Total	39,745	32,462
Expenses:	37,368	31,777

The church provided \$659 in community assistance to those in need. Designated offerings were:
Missions - \$87.50 REACH - \$25 Lost Creek - \$70 Benevolent Fund - \$225
Brethren Retreat Center - \$350 Brethren Relief – Africa - \$50 Counseling - \$215
Camp Scholarships (2012) – \$35 Peru Mission Trip - \$290 Memorial Fund - \$265

Our average attendance was 304 compared to 306 for September, 2010.

New Leadership Selection

Today the congregation (*attending believers*) is invited to suggest names for two Diaconate Leadership Council (DLC) positions, as well individuals to serve on the Ministries. If you have taken time to fast and prayerfully consider who you feel may best serve in these leadership positions, please return the nomination sheets in today's bulletin to the box in the foyer before noon today.

Children's Ministry

Load up the animals! Noah builds the ark in LOFT and elementary Sunday School to help us learn that God is always right. Remember to practice our memory verse (Genesis 1:1) and challenge of learning the books of the Old Testament.

Club RIOT /K.F.C. - Wednesdays in October from 6:30-7:45 for a Really, Incredible, Outstanding Time! Ages 3-4th Grade! K.F.C. is 5th & 6th Graders.

Family Night – October 5th, 6:30-7:45 The first night of Club RIOT instead of the last – Trunk & Treat Night.

Trunk & Treat - decorated trunks Needed! See Lisa Rice to sign up for a spot.

Youth Ministry

Ekklesia (HS Youth) tonight come to the Communion Service. Next Sunday, we begin meeting at the **Town Life Center** each week.

CHAOS (JH Youth) will not meet this Wednesday as Pastor Tim is at Catalyst.

Go M.A.D. (Make A Difference)

"Courageous" Movie – Last Showing at the Eagles Theater in Wabash on October 8th @ 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$5 each, but it's a buy 2, get 2 free sale. If you have any questions contact the office or Steve Searles.

Compassion Corner Today: This month we are having a **bake sale!** All items sold will go to help with expenses for the December trip to the Peru orphanage.

OPERATION BLESSING – a call for every person, class, and group to plan and participate in their own service project during the months of October/November. "Make me a blessing to someone today."

How will you be a blessing? Here are some ideas

DONATE: Start by bringing non-perishable food or household items to communion. The WMS is challenging the congregation to "Fill the Van" during the months of Oct/Nov. Distributed locally and to CrossBars Ministry in South Bend.

SIT (School Impact Team): This new team (*SIT*) will consist of individuals interested in praying, cooking, serving, building, reshelving, and other creative ideas to support those individuals pouring their time and energy into students. The first project we're looking into for this team is preparing a meal for faculty and staff at MES and MIS on parent/teacher conference nights October 19-20. Speak with Pastor Kurt if you're willing to help cook and/or serve.

Coats for the Community: donate gently used coats, hats, gloves & scarves.