

Today's Bible Lesson: September 25, 2011

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Treasure Hunters:

Seeking the things of God

Matthew 6:19-34

What is _____?

The _____ of God are
not always (in fact rarely) the
_____ of the world.

The LORD does not look at the things people
look at. People look at the outward
appearance, but **the LORD looks at the heart**
1 Samuel 16:7

What is God looking for?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

All Christians, not just leaders, are to
be men and women who seek after
and exhibit the heart of God.

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

- Jesus

Do not
worry
about
your life.
Look at
the birds.
Are you
not more
valuable
than
they?

WELCOME TO FIRST BRETHREN

Service times: 8:00, 9:15, and 10:30 a.m.
September 25, 2011

September 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.

Orange Core Value #4: **GENEROSITY**

*Giving kids an allowance and having a discussion about
money is one of the best ways to instill an understanding and
practice about tithing. One family opens a savings account for
their kids at age six. A parent takes the child out for a special
Saturday morning breakfast where they talk about saving,
spending, and giving. Borrowing, paying/receiving interest, debt,
jobs, and expenses are also discussed. The two then make
their way to the bank and an account is opened.*

*There is a family who gives their children \$10 a month
(just for being a part of the family and helping around the house).
A dollar can be taken away for misbehavior or refusal to
complete regular chores. The kids are free to do what they want
with the money, but at least one dollar is to be given away.*

*After a baptism, an aunt gave her young nephew \$10. He was
instructed to give it away and report back to his aunt what
person or organization he felt led to give to.*



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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 Schutz	Janet Hays (<i>Bill's Mom</i>)	Norma Slack
Mary Rager (<i>Eldon's Mom</i>)	Dennis Dolby	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 (<i>home</i>)
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 6:00-8:00 p.m. Ekklesia (HS Youth) @ La Casa
Tues:	Pastor Kurt, Pastor Ron, and Phil Zile in Ashland, OH for two day MORPH: Tangible Kingdom seminar 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in Room 103 9:00-11:00 a.m. MOPS 7:00 p.m. Ministry of Stewardship
Wed:	6:30 a.m. Prayer meeting in library 8:00 a.m. See You At The Pole (MHS) 6:15-7:45 p.m. CHAOS (JH Youth) @ La Casa
Thurs:	12:00-3:00 Kitchen in use
Fri:	1:30 p.m. Blessings in a Backpack at MES (<i>volunteers needed</i>) 5:30-10:00 p.m. Scrapbooking in Fellowship Hall
Next Sun:	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



Congratulations to Joshua & Catherine (Chapman) Cleghorn who were married Saturday, September 17th. The couples' new address is: 4107 Irish hills Dr. Apt. C2, South Bend, IN 46614.



Congratulation to Jason & Heather Lauer on the birth of their son, Cooper Paul, born Friday, September 23rd, measuring 19 inches and weighing 6 lbs. 9 oz. He joins the family with big brother Peyton. Proud grandparents are Alan & Trish Lauer.

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 – World Wide Communion Sunday, October 2nd is next Sunday evening. 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.

FREE Orange Clips. If you have not received one yet, pick one up. It's a reminder of our calling to IMPRESS God and His Truths on those around us as we go about our day (*neighbors, coworkers, teammates, children, grandchildren, strangers*). What impression are you leaving? Read Deut 6:4-9.

New Leadership Selection

A call to prayer and fasting: Leadership Selection

Today and next Sunday the congregation (*attending believers*) is invited to suggest names for two Diaconate Leadership Council (DLC) positions, as well individuals to serve on the Ministries. Take some time to fast and prayerfully consider who you feel may best serve in these leadership positions.

The basis by which you should nominate someone is on his or her integrity, spiritual maturity, giftedness, and commitment. Church membership is required to serve on the DLC, but not to serve on a Ministry team.

Prayer Ministry

PRAY: receive a monthly staff prayer list. Email Pastor Kurt (Kurt@nmfbc.org)

Pray on Wed. mornings: At 6:30 in the library, until about 7:15. If you have a need for which you'd like the group to pray, please complete a green card located in the pews and put it in the offering plate or in the church office.

Adult Ministry

Strengthen Your Marriage – Why not try some love and respect? Mike and Cindy Pyle are leading the LIFE class in a discussion of the book Love and Respect. Stop by room 102 during the 9:15 Sunday School hour. Everyone is welcome.

MEN & WOMEN'S RETREATS

The Brethren Way of Christ is a means of Christian spiritual renewal, and consists in part of a three-day weekend (Thursday evening through Sunday evening) devoted to that end. The fall weekends are in October. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Warren Garner, Cindy Pyle or Pastor Ron. Also, applications are in the foyer in the Resources area under the title "BWOC Information & Application Center."

Children's Ministry

Who did it??? Cain kills Abel is our story from the book of Genesis in LOFT and elementary Sunday School as we learn that God deserves our best.

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

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

Trunk & Treat – Trunks Needed! See Lisa Rice to sign up for a spot for your decorated trunk and great treats on October 5th.

Youth Ministry

Ekklesia (HS Youth) tonight we're going on a "Secret Service" Mission. Be at La Casa at 6 pm to find out what we're doing!

See You At the Pole is this Wednesday, Sept 28. Gather at the flagpole at MHS at 8 a.m. Parents and community are invited to join.

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*).

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

Blessings in a Backpack – Need 8-10 volunteers to pack the bags on Friday, September 30, at MES at 1:30 p.m. It should take 1-2 hours depending on how many volunteers turn out. Meet in the commons area by the lunch room. Contact Jo Montel for information, 982-4814 or 578-0263.

Courageous – A movie that will inspire us to be more of what God has called us to be! 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. This is an opportunity to reach out to a friend or neighbor. Tickets on sale in the Education wing or the Foyer after all 3 services today and available in the office during the week. If you have any questions contact the office or Steve Searles.

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?

Let us know by emailing or calling the office

DONATE: Start by bringing non-perishable food or household items to communion next Sunday October 2nd. But that is just the start. The WMS is challenging the congregation to "Fill the Van" with such items during the month of Oct/Nov. Distributed locally and to CrossBars Ministry in S.Bend.