

Getting connected

By Pastor Mark

We talk a lot about getting connected.

- We have connection groups.
- We have a connection card.
- We have a place in the building we call “the connection.”

Obviously we think connecting is an important part of our mission and life as a church community. So what exactly do I mean when I say, “You need to get connected”?

First we all need to remember that sin has disconnected us from God Himself. When mankind chose to become disobedient and to go his own way rather than being obedient and following the way laid out before us, we were separated and disconnected from God. As long as we continue on with sin in our lives there will always be a disconnect between us and God our creator. So our first goal is to help people get reconnected to God.

Secondly, we have all been disconnected from each other because of sin. When man sinned, he recognized he was naked. He became self aware. He became jealous (see Genesis 4). We have been at war and odds with each other ever since. In fact the 10 Commandments are, in large part, laws and rules that give us boundaries on how to live with others we are estranged from.

If we loved each other, if we were in true community we would not need laws to keep us from killing each other. We need to be reconnected.

When we are reconnected to our God, we move towards reconnecting with our fellow man.

So when we say at MFC we need to get connected we are saying . . .

- We need to reconnect with our Savior.
- We need to reconnect with our fellow man.

And, finally, we need to learn to live as part of the Body of Christ.

From the beginning God knew that it was not good for man to be alone. God created a woman, a person like a man but different, so that he could have a companion. We were created to live together, in communities. That is what a basic family is: a community.

So we are calling all people to learn to live in connection to all others in the Body of Christ.

All of us need to learn to give and share and love and support others in the Body. Let's get connected!!

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September Birthdays



Mark Ketcham	1
Kim Pressnall	1
Evan Reno	1
Seth Baron	2
Jonathan Wagner	2
Jeff Freeman	2
Marilyn Thomas	3
Xavier Branson	6
Nickie Smith	6
Teresa Hughes	6
Ariana Wilkinson	8
Matt Harber	8
Landon Yowell	11
Stephanie Stout	13
Ashley Miller	14
Olivia Kennedy	16
Jaylen Miller	17
Malcolm Miller	20
Amy Ryder	21
Chuck Stout	21
David Dillon	23
Billy Jones	26
Kathy Krolkowski	26
Cory Paull	26
Hayley Thompson	27
Trevor Delaney	28
Scott Fry	29
Maria Hurst	30

Notify the church office of any inadvertently omitted birthdays or anniversaries.

Family Notes

MFC blood drive

MFC is having a blood drive on Wed., Sept 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. The Bloodmobile will be parked at the church. For questions regarding eligibility or to schedule your appointment, please contact Kristine King at kking@indianablood.org.

Prime Time banquet

The Prime Time banquet is coming up Sept. 25 at noon at Shiloh Park in Marion.

The cost is \$11 per person for lunch and entertainment. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mary Griffis at marygriffis@yahoo.com or 289-4031. Reservations need to be to Mary by Sun., Sept. 18.



District Work & Witness trip

The district Work & Witness trip for 2011 will be to Manila, Philippines from Jan. 15 through 29. Please get forms from Kevin Kellermeier or the church office. They are due to Kevin by Sept. 15. If you have questions, please see Kevin or Mary Griffis.

Sept. Wed. night nursery schedule

Wed. evening nursery:
1—John & Pat Daugherty
8—Rob & Lisa Woods
15—Diane Finney & Dolores Lipscomb
22—Darcy Dill & Joan Dyce
29—John & Pat Daugherty

Children's News

• **Have a New Kid by Friday:** We will be offering a parenting series starting Sept. 12 at 9:50 a.m. This will take place during the Sunday School hour so your kids may attend their connection classes. This is a video/workbook series that is taught by Kevin Lehman and will last for six weeks. There will be a fee of \$5 for each book. It will be facilitated by Pastor Lisa and Chris Stephenson. This is open to parents of children of any age! If you are interested, please sign up on the Children's Ministry bulletin board.

• **Elevate!:** Our new Elevate series for Wednesday nights will begin on Sept. 15. It is called "Upsidedown Town!" Elevate is for children ages 4 years through 5th grade. We do high-energy music, fun games, awesome Bible

stories and great interactive videos during these evenings. We will be adding to the program in September.

• **Christmas program try-outs:** These will take place on Sun., Sept. 19 at 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in trying out for a speaking part, please sign up on the Children's Ministry bulletin board and see Pastor Lisa to check out a book. Mark your calendars now for the program on Dec. 12 at 11 a.m.

• **Fall party:** This will take place on Wed., Oct. 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Children may dress in non-scary costumes (adults are welcome to as well!). We will have trunk-or-treating starting at 7:45 p.m. This year we will have a contest to see which family's car has the best decorations. More information to come later.

Youth News

Red Carpet Days: High school sophomores, juniors and seniors, mark your calendars for Sept. 30 through Oct. 2 as we take an up-close and personal look at Olivet Nazarene University! You can sit in on classes, worship with friends, go to a bonfire, go to a football game and attend a Shine.FM concert featuring Tenth Avenue North and Addison Road! Space is limited. The early bird registration is \$40 by Sept. 19. After that the fee is \$50. The fee will cover your food, travel, housing, concert tickets, football tickets and other activities. See Pastor Todd for more details.

Jr. high pizza night: Mon., Sept. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. is our next junior high pizza night. It is for ALL 6th through 8th graders. The cost is \$3 per person. We will have pizza, pop, games and more! This is a great opportunity for our junior high students to bring friends!

College age connection

Are you in college? Are you wanting to connect with other people in the same stage of life? Well, here's your chance! There's a new college age connection group starting up and we're having a cookout for our first get together on Sat., Sept. 11 at 5 p.m. at 3805 W. Allen Ct. If you need a ride, call Seth at 517-306-8094 or e-mail him at baron.mac@gmail.com. Come ready to eat, play some "tailgate" games and connect. See ya then!

September Anniversaries



Ron & Donna Ferguson	7
Ron & Sally Nichols	9
Brian & Lori Meadows	12
John & Diana Basicker	17
Ron & Stephanie Stout	21
Joe & Marcia Freeman	26
Kevin & Maetta Kellermeier	28

Discovery classes

COMING SOON! This fall MFC is excited to offer three Discovery Classes to help you become connected.

Discovery 101: Find out what MFC is all about. This class will introduce you to the church and offer an opportunity to become a member. It will be held Sept. 26 through Oct. 3 between services in the sanctuary.

Discovery 201: What does our church believe in? This class covers the basic theology of the Nazarene church. Move right from the Discovery 101 class into this class Sundays from Oct. 10 through 31.

Discovery 301: Learn about your SHAPE! Find out about what your spiritual gifts are and the areas you are passionate about. This is a great way to find your niche to serve in and DEPLOY. This six-week class runs from Nov. 7 to Dec. 12 and has a small fee for the book.

To learn more about these opportunities or to sign up, please indicate your interest on the communication card in the church bulletin.

Church News

Deployment Opportunity

Sat., Sept. 11 from 8 a.m. to noon, Muncie Delaware Clean & Beautiful is hosting the annual White River Clean-Up. Join several hundred volunteers in making a difference in the community. Over 30 miles of riverfront will be cleaned up as a result of this effort. This is a great opportunity for us to get out of our comfort zones and “be the hands and feet.” To sign up, visit www.munciedelawarecleanandbeautiful.org/river2.php or contact the church. The event starts at 8 a.m. at Westside Park in Muncie. Hopefully you can be there!

Sept. Sunday morning nursery schedule

Sun. morning nursery:

5—Tonee Pieroni & Hannah Kennedy
12—Bonita Howe & Kristy Thompson
19—Christy & Tiffany Keeley
26—Nick & Meredith Mauck

Sun. morning toddlers:

5—Tim & Olivia Kennedy
12—Kiersten & Seth Neal
19—Lydia & Naja Chimbanda
26—Beth & Tim Holsinger



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All the believers were together and had everything in common...They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” — Acts 2:44 & 46

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 * See back page	2 8 a.m. Retired Guys' breakfast at Bruner's	3	4
5 No S.S.; ONE service at 10:30 a.m.	6 Labor Day	7	8 * See back page	9	10	11 White River Clean-Up
12	13 6—9 p.m. Jr. high pizza night PFLC	14 6:30 p.m. Church board meeting	15 * See back page 5—7 p.m. MFC Blood Drive	16	17 Church board leadership training	18
19	20	21	22 * See back page	23	24	25 12 p.m. Prime Time banquet at Shiloh Park
26 Alabaster offering	27	28	29 * See back page	30		

Basic information

Contact information to know

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

First Service	8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship in Family Life Center	9:30 – 9:50 a.m.
Connection Groups	9:50 – 10:45 a.m.
Second Service	11 a.m. – Noon
Youth Group	5:30 p.m.
Young Adults	7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Wednesday Evening Meal	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Service	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Youth Meeting	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Children's programs (age 4 – grade 5)	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

NOTE: Please submit e-mail address changes to the church office in person, on your communication card, by phone at 282-4138 or through e-mail at munciefirstchurch@hotmail.com.