

The Manna

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Prayerfully Prepared For:



Church Office Hours
Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM — 5:00 PM



Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

DivorceCare helps you recover from the pain of separation and divorce. Weekly topics include:

- What's Happening to Me?
- Facing My Anger
- Forgiveness
- Moving on, Growing Closer to God

For more information, call Ruth at 254-4688.



Approved • Workmen • Are • Not • Ashamed
2 Timothy 2:15

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

Puggles: 2 year olds

Cubbies: ages 3 & 4

Sparks: Kindergarten through 2nd grade

Truth & Training: Grades 3 through 6

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From Pastor Ronnie Owen:

Fritz Kreisler, a world-famous violinist, earned and generously gave away fortune. So, when he discovered an exquisite violin on one of his trips, he wasn't able to buy it. Later, having raised enough money to meet the asking price, he returned to the seller, hoping to purchase that beautiful instrument. But to his great dismay it had been sold to a collector. Kreisler made his way to the new owner's home and offered to buy the violin. The collector said it had become his prized possession and he would not sell it. Keenly disappointed, Kreisler was about to leave when he had an idea. "Could I play the instrument once more before it is consigned to silence?" he asked. Permission was granted, and the great virtuoso filled the room with such heart-moving music that the collector's emotions were deeply stirred. "I have no right to keep that to myself," he exclaimed. "It's yours, Mr. Kreisler. Take it into the world, and let people hear it." (*Our Daily Bread*, Feb. 4, 1994)

We have received the benefits of the gospel and have "no right to keep it to ourselves." And the good thing is that the gospel has its own power to convict and bring salvation. I need no special abilities or skills to convince people; I have only to

tell them the "Good News." Romans 1:16 says that the "gospel is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes..." The gospel needs (to use the violin collector's terms) "to be taken into the world, and let people hear it." The local churches and the Kingdom of God would double, triple, quadruple??-- grow exponentially -- in a matter of days, if believers would do something as simple as

tell the "Good News" and allow God to use that powerful message to change lives. That has been frequently talked about, but rarely been done, since the New Testament days; but the results are always predictable--when we do and when we don't!

Have a great February. Take advantage of the "Love Month" to tell people "Good News" about God's love for them!

Inquirers and New Believers Sessions
Sunday Mornings in March

If you know of persons who have an interest in learning more about the Christian faith and more about Mount Carmel Baptist Church, encourage them to attend the sessions led by the pastor each Sunday morning in March at 9:15 AM.

Sunday School Workers Meeting
Sunday, February 19 @ 8:00 AM
All Sunday School teachers and assistants are encouraged to attend this meeting in the Room A109 (Disciples Sunday School class).



Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

If you know someone who is separated or going through a divorce, please tell them about DivorceCare. This special 13-week support group and seminar is open to men and women 18 years of age and over. Each week, participants watch a video seminar and gain support from others who are also going through a divorce.

Participants do not have to be members of Mount Carmel to attend. Call the church office (254-4688) for more information.

Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry Rally — Friday, February 10 @ 7:15 PM

Men — don't miss this special event — just for you! We'll have some contemporary music, prayer time, presentation on mentoring by different individuals, and — of course — cookies, snacks, milk, hot chocolate, and coffee — as well as door prizes. Let's discover II Timothy 2:2 together!

Men's Bible Study on Wednesday nights is ongoing and can be joined any time. We are just now finishing week 1 and are absorbing together the material in **"The Man God Uses"** by Henry Blackaby.

Lastly, we will be working to put together teams for various activities and functions needed for vitally supporting our church body. All men 18 and older are welcome. Email Mike Gathman with questions at bbqmike@gmail.com

Women's Ministry

Biscuits and Bargains, Saturday, February 25 @ 8:00 AM

Please join us for biscuits and then bargain hunt the local consignment shops in pursuit of the perfect hat or knick knack. This will be a fun time to hang with the girls of Mount Carmel.

Women of Joy Conference, April 20—22: Fourteen (14) ladies are attending this event. Please pray as they plan and prepare their hearts for a special time of spiritual renewal and fellowship. *Note: Macedonia Baptist Church has an extra room if any ladies would like to go. Sign up soon — the room will go fast. Call Rhonda for more information.*

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events sponsored by WOVEN Women's Ministry:

- ⇒ **Girl's Night Out**, Friday, March 23. All ladies and teen girls are invited to see **October Baby** on the opening night. Dinner is at 5:30 PM. Cost is \$10 for dinner and movie ticket.
- ⇒ **Spring Fling for Couples**, March 31 at 6:00 PM. Dinner, music, and, of course, the "Not-so-newly-Wed Game." Cost is \$10 per couple. Youth will be providing childcare, taking pictures, and serving food as a fundraiser for the summer trip.
- ⇒ **"Do You Think I'm Beautiful?"** Brunch and Tea, Saturday, May 12 @ 10:15 AM.

Sign up sheets for all women's events are at the Welcome Center outside the sanctuary. Please sign up early!

Outreach Ministry

Outreach Ministry is serving hot chocolate at Upward practices on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings. This is a great opportunity to meet families who do not have a church home.

Contact John Hodges (683-1674) for more information.



Remember to send a Valentine card to someone who is alone.

Wednesday Night Schedule

6:00 PM

- † **Bible Study for Women**
"Contagious Joy", led by Jeannie Cribbs in Room A102
- † **Bible Study for Men**, "A Man God Uses," led by Mike Gathman in Room A108
- † **AWANA**
- † **Middle School Youth Discipleship**

(All children and youth meet in the Family Ministries Building.)

6:30 PM

- † **DivorceCare**, Room A109

7:15 PM

- † **Adult Choir Rehearsal**, in the sanctuary.

Youth Ministry

From Teddy Winter

*"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the **immeasurable** riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."* - Ephesians 2:4-7

"It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased." - C.S. Lewis

While reading through C.S. Lewis' classic *The Weight of Glory* I was struck anew by this quote. Daily we chase things that are not worth our time and effort and act as if they are of infinite worth. If only we would realize that in Christ we have more than we could ever fathom. My prayer this month for us is that we would come to know and understand more what we have been given and that we would rest in that.

On-Mission Team

Missions Celebration

Sunday, March 11, 2012 @ 10:30 AM

Don't miss this special Sunday morning worship service set aside to celebrate missions at Mount Carmel. Learn how Mount Carmel members are sharing their faith locally and abroad — and how you can get involved.

Here's a list of ongoing mission ministries:

- ~ Rest Area ~ Mountain State Fair ~ Red Boxes ~ Book Backpacks ~
- ~ Food Pantry ~ Food Backpacks ~ OIAM ~ Hospice ~
- ~ Operation Christmas Child ~ Craggy Prison ~ College Mom ~
- ~ Portland, Oregon ~ Kenya ~ Brazil ~ Puerto Rico ~ Honduras ~
- ~ New York ~ Disaster Relief ~ ABCCM ~ Alabama ~
- ~ Homeward Bound ~ "Red Wagon" Ministry ~

Youth Fundraiser lunch will follow in the Family Ministries Building.
Cost is \$5.00 for ages 10 and above.

Collision Retreat,

February 17-19

YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly

Black Mountain, NC

Join youth from all over Asheville as we gather together to focus on Christ's work and what that means for reaching our city.

Small Groups

will meet at

Teddy & Erin's house

for a

Super Bowl Party

February 5 @ 6:00 PM

If you would like to carpool, be at the church at 5:50 PM.

Party ends at half-time.

Newfound Baptist Church Blood Drive

Tuesday, February 14

2:00 PM — 6:30 PM

Call the church at 683-3178 to schedule your donation.

All presenting donors are automatically entered in a

drawing for a pair of Delta Air Lines tickets.