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PASTOR'S NOTE

Greetings in the LORD Brothers and Sisters,

As I complete the ministry God does through me at MCC I am trying to leave you with some sermon messages that, I think, will hopefully challenge and encourage you. This week we will be looking at 2 Timothy 1:8-18. I urge you to spend some time reading over the entire letter of Paul to Timothy and try to grasp the various ideas within the letter. This is Paul's last letter (that we know of) and one filled with exhortations to press on and do the work of the ministry God has set before us. This week we will be exploring what the good deposit is and why it matters that we adhere to the faith passed down to us. Notice the active verbs in the following passage to see what is important to Paul.

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you. ¹⁵ You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. ¹⁶ May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, ¹⁷ but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me— ¹⁸ may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day!—and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

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Our faith can be very active and vibrant or lackadaisical and demure. The power to have a commanding and influential faith is given to us but it is up to us to utilize the gift given that we may care for it properly. Paul wants us to understand in 2 Timothy that there are people who will think they know the Word yet they are far from the truth. There are some who will embrace the Word only to not be satisfied long-term and seek the pleasures and ease of a simpler 'faith.' In order to guard the deposit within one must know and study the Word for growth. I have spent a fair amount of time at MCC encouraging the study and embracing of the words and theology within the pages of Scripture. How has your faith grown in this area? How does it still need to grow? Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and know the Word for God's glory and your sanctification!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Pastor Paul

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MISSIONARY NOTE

Leadership Matters Course in India next month/ 15-27 January 2018

Chris has accepted to participate in the **LMC course in India in Bangalore, India** where he will be leading sessions on **Communications** as well as **Public Relations**. This is a full course with 36 participants from India, Nepal, Pakistan, and other surrounding nations. Chris really needs your prayers as he did not participate in any course last year due to cancellations. Pray for:

- strength and God's protection on Chris' "western stomach" as he eats Indian food !
- Clarity and power as a trainer in main sessions.
- Deep personal links with the participants, especially his small group of 4 that he will closely oversee as they do homework and interact with the training.

The team of 10 trainers. Chris doesn't really know any others very well.

Danièle and I wish you God's peace as you celebrate the coming of the Prince of Peace into our crazy confused world to deliver us from **sin**.

Joyeux Noël !



Chris and Danièle

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Update as of this morning with a prayer request from Chris:

Dear Friends ,

Tomorrow I leave for my annual participation in yet another Leadership Matters Course, this time in India in the booming city of Bangalore. I will be gone from 11th to 27th January. The course will be in English.

We will be **11 trainers and 36 participants** for 14 days of intensive interactive training in areas such as Management, Communication, Public Relations, etc. Participants will be from India, Indonesia, Nepal, and 2 or 3 Europeans. I will be training in a team teaching situation. Lots of time is spent in the evening with participants who must complete assignments for the course.

Please pray for :

- my health, as it is so easy for us Westerners to get sick from all sorts of things
- our team of trainers. I only know two others in the team
- major impact in the lives of all the participants
- for Danièle while I'm away

May you bring forth fruit for God all during this New Year of 2018. Jesus is indeed the Alpha and Omega of this year !

Chris

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Yes, there is Sunday School for the youth of MCC at 9am.



Youth group at 6pm this week and a dinner. The group is waiting for all the youth to be available for the Yankee Swap. Watch for emails from the leaders.

If anyone has an announcement or prayer to be added to the newsletter, please let the office know by 8am Wednesday mornings.

End of 68 Hours of Hunger: Purchase and drop off (in box on back table) fruit cups or applesauce cups. If you would like to be involved but would prefer not to purchase these items, envelopes addressed to End 68 are on the back table at church and donations are greatly appreciated as well. If you have questions regarding this please feel free to contact either Maryann Walsh or Stephanie Brock.

This is an ongoing collection where right now 170 school age kids benefit from this program.

The Multi church men's bible study and breakfast is coming up on Jan 13 from 7:30-9am. It's a full breakfast followed by a group discussion. Their speaker is Marty Wright this month. Please enter by the ramp to fellowship hall door out back. Any questions contact Vinnie Verduine at 563-8084 or email inwonder@myfairpoint.net

Alex Robbins is available on weekends for odd jobs. Pet sitting, yard work, shoveling, wood stacking...etc. please contact him 554-2729 for inquiries. References available.

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- ⇒ **Youth Group:** We meet at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. All youth 6th-12th grade is welcome to attend. Dinner is served the first Wednesday of the month meeting and begins at 6pm.
- ⇒ **Women's Bible Study:** Any women interested in joining should know the group meets here at MCC on Mondays from 10:00am-12:00pm. Come join us!
- ⇒ **Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study** will now be meeting at 9:00am –10:30am at Parker and Sons Coffee Roasting, 50 Jaffrey Rd, Peterborough It is next to Kogetsu (formerly Lee Mt Fuji) in the Noone Falls building. Come join us!



PRAYER NEEDS

- ◆ Pray for those in our community to have enough food, heat, and shelter this winter season..
- ◆ Pray for Viola and Meredith for healing and comfort.
- ◆ Pray for our youth to find wisdom and strength in our Lord.
- ◆ Pray for strength and unity in our marriages in the congregation.
- ◆ Pray for healing for those who are physically, mentally, or spiritually sick.
- ◆ Pray for peace, strength, wisdom and courage in the transitions for our church.
- ◆ Pray that each person at MCC will willing and joyfully find a place to serve and become involved in some aspect of church life beyond worship.
- ◆ Pray for wisdom, clarity and compassion for Pastor Paul, the Elders and all in leadership here at MCC, in our local & national government and leadership positions around the world.

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SUNDAY SERVICE REMINDERS

- Hospitality/Coffee hosts: Bill & Sue Kennedy
- Greeters: Jen Jensen & Krista Craven
- Nursery Service (Worship) - Becky VanDam & Monika
- Quinn Montgomery will read this week's Scripture
- Dana Whitaker will lead the worship music
- Junior Church: Michelle Montgomery & Evelyn
- John Lawlor & Sandy Baker will be available at the end of the service if you would like prayer.

January 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Men's Bible Study 9-10:30 am Community Closet 10-12am
7	8 Women's Bible Study 10-12	9	10 Mid-week gathering at 6:30pm Youth Group 6:00pm	11	12	13 Men's Study 9-10:30 am Multi church Men's Study & Breakfast
14	15 Women's Bible Study 10-12	16	17 Mid-week gathering at 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm	18	19	20 Men's Bible Study 9-10:30am Community Closet 10-12
21	22 Women's Bible Study 10-12	23	24 Mid-week gathering at 6:30pm	25	26	27
28 Paul's last sermon	29	30	31			