

**The
Manbeck
Messenger**

*"Look! I am sending my messenger,
and he will prepare the way before
me" (Malachi 3:1a)*



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Monthly Newsletter

Rock Manbeck's Zion E. C. Church

"Seeking to know Christ and make Him known"

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MANBECK'S "ZION" SERVICES

SUNDAY

WORSHIP...9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL...10:40 AM

MANBECKS YOUTH...(Go to www.manbecks.org for Dates & Time



"A Day to Remember...."

Where were you when.....? There are many ways we can finish that question. When....JFK was assassinated?; When...the World Trade Centers went down?; ...your first kiss? ... when you found out you were having your first son or daughter?

What about the day you were baptized into your new life in Christ; do you remember that ever-important day? Hopefully you remember your conversion, when you first believed in Jesus and confessed Him as your Lord and Savior. But do you remember the day you went public with that new commitment?

Some of us were baptized as infants, so our memory of the moment only exists in what we've been told or in a certificate or church record book somewhere. For some of us, the public confession of our faith was on the day we joined the church; maybe as a sort of graduation from our confirmation class.

According to Jesus and the pattern of the Early Church, this moment of public confession of faith is crucially important! You can read more on this in the link below, but here are five reasons for baptism:



- 1) Sacrament – a “holy” act commanded by Jesus; it’s an act of obedience in response to the gift of new life that Jesus has given us.
- 2) Spiritual Landmark – It’s meant to be one of the most memorable and meaning-filled “God-moments.” Especially as you consider the symbolism of immersion in water (cleansing from sin, burial & resurrection through Jesus).
- 3) Shared Christian Experience – the New Testament assumes that every believer will have this same experience. *Just as there is one Holy Spirit, one Lord Jesus, we share in one baptism (Ephesians 4:11).*
- 4) Statement of our New Identity – This is public way to tells others that you belong to Jesus, and to give testimony to His work in your life.
- 5) Starting point of a Journey – According to Jesus’ command (Matthew 28:20), baptism isn’t an ending point, but a new beginning (or sign of new birth) of becoming more and more like Jesus.

What a privilege we have to share with one another in this pivotal moment in each other’s lives!! *Can you imagine what it must have been like in Acts 2 when 3000 new believers were baptized?! No wonder the excitement was so contagious. If you haven’t taken this public step of confessing your faith, please join us on August 23rd for our outdoor baptism (and rededication) service! Scan the QR code or go to our website (www.manbecks.org) for more information.*



-- Journeying with you, Pastor Kyle

SPECIAL MUSIC

Aug. 2 – Lily Flynn
Aug. 9 – Deb Reiter
Aug. 16 – Flutes
Aug. 23 – Judy & Ardella
Aug. 30 – Rosa Roth

Sept. 6 – Rock Ensemble
Sept. 13 – Ardella & Cathy
Sept. 20 – Eve Kurtz
Sept. 27 – Chris Nickel

If you are unable to fulfill your obligation throughout the year, please contact Ardella or Judy. If you would like to be added or taken off for special music, please see Cathy Nagle.

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Aug. 2 – Deb & Ernie
Aug. 9 – Kurtz family
Aug. 16 – Flynn family
Aug. 23 – Chris & Cathy
Aug. 30 – Carol & Harold

Sept. 6 – Lois & Lisa
Sept. 13 – Wayne & Bob
Sept. 20 – Betsy & Willis
Sept. 27 – Laura & Faith

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JUNIOR CHURCH AND NURSERY

The children will be dismissed for Jr. Church which is taught by Lori Roth. The nursery schedule for five and under is listed below. We are looking for more volunteers to serve. Please see Lori Roth.

Aug. 2 – Lori Roth
Aug. 9 – Kelly Brown
Aug. 16 – Lisa Dillon
Aug. 23 – Jen Flynn
Aug. 30 – Deb Reiter

Sept. 6 – Ardella Newswanger
Sept. 13 – Wayne & Donna
Sept. 20 – Cathy Nagle
Sept. 27 – Sandy Hrichak

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SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The Building Fund Offering will be received on August 9. This offering will help with any future building projects.

The Monthly Special Offering will be received on August 30. There is no designated offering at this point. When decided it will be put in the bulletin. Please give as the Lord leads you to support these ministries. Envelopes are provided in your weekly bulletin. You may also mail your offerings to:

Deborah Reiter
159 Spittler Road
Pine Grove, PA 17963

PINE GROVE AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

A Kauffman's Chicken BBQ benefiting the Weekday Church School will be held on Saturday, August 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meal includes ½ chicken and baked potato. Donation is \$10.00 and they can be picked up at the Church School building. See Cathy Nagle for tickets.

Staples has stopped giving reward points for batteries. They now are requesting \$2.99 when you take batteries in. We are still collecting any brand of ink cartridges. You can give them to Cathy or put them back on the desk in the fellowship hall. We will use them for either buying ink for Church School or purchasing church supplies at Staples.

Please continue to pray for the Church School and Council of Churches and all it does for the community.

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CHURCH CLEANING

A cleaning schedule is posted for 2026 on the inside of the church door in the vestibule. Church cleaning is done by individuals in our church who volunteer for a month. If you would like to volunteer, just sign your name on the sign-up sheet behind the month you would like to clean. Thank you!

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OFFICIAL BOARD NEWS

The Official Board met on Tuesday, July 21. Items discussed are as follows:

- Wait until September to start up Wednesday nights.
- Looking to start a workshop/training class along with updated clearances.
- Pastor Kyle will be on vacation the last week of July 27 through August 2.
- One Rock One Community will be a three day event this year.
- Have a movie night here showing Narnia movies.
- Cabinets verses shelf with baskets in the nursery room.
- Deb Reiter cleaned the refrigerator in the cookhouse.
- Church picnic will be held on August 9 at 4. Pot luck covered dish.
- Will purchase a new stock tank for the August 23 baptism service. Pastor Kyle will check to see if there is anyone interested.
- Lasagna money to go to Twin Pines sponsorships.
- Talk on updating the ladies bathroom/trustees will look into it.
- Discussion on locking in oil price with Trevis. Tabled for now.
- Piano downstairs to either get fixed or get rid of.
- Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00.

When I Was Absent from Worship

1. It made some people question the reality of my religious faith (James 2:17).
2. It set an example of neglecting the assembly and failing to obey an inspired command (Hebrews 10:25).
3. I failed to observe the example set by the early church in partaking of the Lord's Supper on the Lord's Day (Acts 20:7).
4. It made it impossible for the elders of the church to see that the entire flock was fed or taught the Word of God (Acts 20:28).
5. It indicated that I was not concerned about assembling with my brethren and the Lord's promise to be in our midst (Matthew 18:20).
6. Some must have concluded that I found more pleasure in fellowship with the world than with the Lord and my brethren (2 Cor. 6:14).
7. I set the wrong example before my children and before others who were influenced by my absence.
8. If I chose to be absent on a pleasure trip and made no plans to worship God, it would prove that I love the Lord too little and love the world too much (2 Timothy 4: 10).
9. It set a pattern of irregular church attendance, violating the steadfastness in teaching, fellowship, and worship that was practiced by the apostolic church (Acts 2:42-47).
10. On the day that I willfully chose to be absent, I failed to walk in the light and did not enjoy the fellowship of my brethren (John 1:7).

Faith is like a toothbrush. Every man should have it and use it regularly, but he shouldn't try to use someone else's. Faith is not like gasoline that runs out as you use it, but it's like a muscle which grows stronger as you exercise it.

GENERAL FUND

6/9/2026 through 7/19/2026

Date	Num	Description	Category	Amount
BALANCE 6/9/2026				17,326.82
6/10/2026	5846	Pastor Kyle Roth	Pastor Salary	-2,159.91
6/14/2026	DEP		Church Offering	1,321.00
6/21/2026	DEP		Church Offering	1,073.00
6/23/2026	ACH	PA Dept. Of Revenue	State Taxes	-137.82
6/23/2026	ACH	Nationwide	Pension	-420.00
6/23/2026	5847	P.G. Bicentennial Committee	Fundraising Expense	-106.00
6/28/2026	DEP		Church Offering	1,729.00
6/28/2026	DEP	Student Aid	Special Offering	85.00
6/28/2026	DEP		Church Useage	88.00
6/29/2026	5848	Pastor Kyle Roth	Pastor Salary	-2,159.91
6/30/2026	DEP		Interest Inc	3.56
6/30/2026	fee	bank Service Fee	Bank Charge	-2.00
7/3/2026	ACH	Comcast	Telephone-Internet	-199.29
7/3/2026	5849	PPL	Electric	-130.63
7/6/2026	DEP		Church Offering	2,135.00
7/8/2026	5850	E. C Church	Apportionment	-319.11
7/9/2026	5851	E. C. Global Ministries	Supported Missionaries	-500.00
7/9/2026	5852	Stoneridge	Special Offerings	-98.00
7/9/2026	5853	Werner Lumber Company	Maintenance	-34.86
7/12/2026	DEP		Church Offering	1,091.00
7/12/2026	DEP		Church Useage	40.00
7/14/2026	5854	Pastor Kyle Roth	Pastor Salary	-2,159.91
7/19/2026	DEP		Church Offering	1,340.00
6/9/2026 - 7/19/2026				479.12
BALANCE 7/19/2026				17,807.84

TOTAL INFLOWS 8,885.56

TOTAL OUTFLOWS -3,426.44

Beginning Balance as of 6-9-2026 \$17,326.82

Ending Balance as of 7-19-2026 \$17,807.84

CD at C.A.C.L Financial \$39,295.63

Total Balance of General Fund \$57,103.47

August Anniversaries

22 nd	Wayne & Donna Kurtz	
	Robert & Bettina Schaeffer*	

August Birthdays

2 nd	Sierra Farr	
15 th	Betsy Kimmel	
22 nd	Nicole Lehr	

BUILDING FUND

6/9/2026 through 7/19/2026

Date	Description	Category	Amount
BALANCE 6/9/2026			32,689.34
6/14/2026		Building Fund	151.00
7/12/2026		Benevolent Fund	208.00
7/12/2026	Jan. Feb. & March	Interest Inc	1.58
7/12/2026	April, May, June	Interest Inc	1.62
7/19/2026	Camp Meeting Meal	Fundraising	628.00
6/9/2026 - 7/19/2026			988.20
BALANCE 7/19/2026			33,677.54
TOTAL INFLOWS			988.20
TOTAL OUTFLOWS			0.00

Beginning Balance as of 6-9-2026	\$32,689.34
Ending Balance as of 7-19-2026	\$33,677.54
CD at C.A.C.L. Financial	\$59,708.50
Minus Memorial Funds	\$ 3,055.90
Minus Benevolent Funds	\$ 3,351.00
Total Balance of Building Fund	\$86,979.14

AUGUST EVENTS



- CHURCH PICNIC –
Sunday, August 9th at 4pm

- Outdoor BAPTISM SERVICE –
Sunday, August 24th at 9am



Join us for these outdoor Gatherings.

FARR FLYER

Dear EC Church Family,

Three weeks have passed since Jamie's surgery, and we are grateful for the progress. This week the wound vacuum was removed, and the skin is slowly growing over and closing the wound. The doctors expect it will be a few more weeks before Jamie can begin putting full weight on his foot, followed by physical therapy. We are thankful for each step of healing and deeply appreciate the many prayers that have surrounded us during this season.

Even while travel is on hold, we are grateful that technology allows us to continue connecting with our global colleagues and coaching ministry leaders across the Pacific through Zoom. Because of your prayers and generosity, we have been able to focus on healing while continuing to encourage and equip leaders who are serving Bible translation across the Pacific. We have several in-person trainings planned for August and September, and we would appreciate your prayers for a full recovery so Jamie will be able to participate. We are also praying that the skin lesions—which the dermatologist believes are likely stress-related on the hands and fungal on the thigh and foot—will continue to heal completely.

Through all of this, we continue to see God's faithfulness. He has been teaching us patience, dependence on Him, and the blessing of walking alongside His people. Even in unexpected detours, He continues to remind us that His work is not limited by our circumstances.

Anita and I wanted to personally thank you for your generous gifts this quarter. Your faithful partnership makes it possible for us to continue serving Bible translation and leadership development throughout the Pacific.

We also want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your special gift to help with our family's medical and personal expenses during this season. Your kindness has been a tangible reminder of God's provision and care. We are deeply humbled by your generosity and encouraged by the way you have walked alongside us. Thank you for helping carry this burden with us.

We hope you had a wonderful Fourth of July celebrating with family and friends. As we reflect on the freedoms we enjoy, we are reminded that freedom often comes at a great cost, paid by those willing to serve and sacrifice for others. We are grateful for those sacrifices and ultimately for the freedom we have in Christ, who has given us a hope that cannot be taken away.

Please let us know how we can be praying for you. It is a privilege to lift you before the Lord, just as you have faithfully prayed for us.

Experiencing God's grace,

Jamie & Anita Farr

Farr Flyer -Part two

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." —
Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

Happy Fourth of July! (US Independence Day)

As we celebrated the freedoms we enjoy as Americans, Anita and I have found ourselves especially thankful this year—for family, for friends, for the privilege of serving together in God's Kingdom, **and for each of you** who faithfully walk this journey with us.

Speaking of walking...

Many of you have prayed for my foot over the last several weeks. Thankfully, I am making steady progress! The wound continues to heal, the wound vac is finally behind me, and each day brings a little more strength and mobility. My skin is healing well, and while the wound is now mostly closed, I am still not able to walk independently for any significant distance. (Some people train for marathons. Apparently, I've been training just to make it from my chair to my crutches...or my knee scooter!)

Your prayers, encouraging messages, and support have carried us through one of the more unexpected seasons of ministry and life. We are deeply grateful.

As I've recovered, the Lord has continued to remind me that ministry has never really been about how fast we move. It has always been about who we walk alongside.

Whether I'm sitting with church leaders across the Pacific as they strengthen their organizations, encouraging Bible translation teams serving in remote communities, investing in our own children as they navigate new seasons of life, or simply spending time with neighbors and friends, the greatest privilege is walking with people through whatever God has placed before them.

Jesus rarely seemed to be in a hurry. He walked with His disciples. He walked with those who were hurting. He walked toward people everyone else overlooked. Along the way He taught, encouraged, corrected, listened, and loved.

This season has reminded me that sometimes God slows—or even stops—our pace so that we notice Him working through the people beside us. While I would much rather be traveling throughout the Pacific, I am grateful for



"For the son of man has come to save that which was lost."

I have to admit that I am not a big hockey fan, but the Carolina Hurricanes journey through the Stanley Cup playoffs caught my attention. The fact that they won the Stanley Cup meant that there would be a big victory parade and that thousands of hockey fans would hear the gospel. Approximately, 200,000 people showed up on beautiful Saturday to cheer on their heroes. We were blessed to have a team of six people out among the crowd proclaiming Christ through gospel preaching and literature distribution for about four hours. We also had some people walking the parade route sharing the good news of Jesus with people waiting for the parade. Like usual, many people stopped to thank us for being there and gave us some encouragement. There were those people that were annoyed and accused us of ruining their fun. I assured them that as the parade drew near to our location that we would stop and shut down our preaching. Our desire is to let the gospel be an offense and not our behavior, which to many would be perceived as rude if we carried on. We have no issue with the parade, but it is a great opportunity to get the gospel out to a huge crowd, which may never happen again in Raleigh.

The following Saturday, we found ourselves back in downtown Raleigh at an event called Out-Raleigh, which is the cities' annual pride event. The Lord blessed us with a large team of nine people, which allowed us to spread out our witness. Like always, we set up a preaching location and then spread out our team to pass out literature and engage people in conversation. One so-called pastor sent out some of his folks to hide our preachers behind big handheld murals with lots of quotes about love, but showed no love towards us. The pastor walked by me and I told him that he was a bad pastor and was leading many of his people to hell, which caught his attention. He responded by saying, "Hell is not real and I can prove it. I have three degrees that I can lay down against anything that you can say."

My response was simple, "Jesus spoke more about Hell than any other person mentioned in the Bible. Have you not read His teachings in the gospels?" His response was to start screaming at me by calling me names, which is not an unusual tactic when a person's faulty position has been exposed. The religious leaders did the same thing to Jesus when he confronted their false views with the truth. I probably could have disengaged the conversation at this point, but I proceeded to say, "Are you now breaking the command, which says, 'In your anger do not sin.'" At this point, he walked away to never come back.

We had a great day, with numerous gospel encounters. One of the things that I pray each day is, Lord, give us people to talk to." As we go out in faith, the Lord opens the doors for us to speak to many lost souls. I can still see one man who sat down and listened to Daniel preach for fifteen minutes until his partner came looking for him. As he tried to pull him away, you could hear him say, "I want to listen to him." His partner

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Joe Toy - continued

had enough and he grabbed his arm and pulled him down the street. My heart breaks for this man, but the Lord can reach him.

In the midst of all this activity, we have our usual summer outreaches at the abortion mill, courthouse and bus station each week. But as time passes, it is off to Ocean City, MD to team up with my friend Mark Johnson and many others to share the gospel with those on vacation. If you could see the busy crowds on the boardwalk it would astonish you. We had a team of eleven men proclaiming Christ for five nights. It was a blessing to work with five college age men each night. They preached the gospel with clarity and passion and boldly engaged people one on one. It was a joy to see two young people trust in Jesus on our last night. After two gospel encounters with our team on the same night, Ed asked a young man, "When do you think that you will trust Christ? His response was, "How about now!"

What an awesome way to end our week. Serving the Lord is awesome.

Keep us in prayer.

God Bless.



OAM, Inc. Outreach Prayer Needs

Monday - UNC

Ocean City, MD Outreach
August 9-14

Tuesday- Abortion Mill, NCSU

Packapalooza Street Festival
August 22

Wednesday - Office Day

**Thursday- Abortion Mill, Courthouse,
Sam's Club**

Campus Ministry begins-
August 17

Friday- Bus station

Joe

**I WANT TO BE
SO FULL OF CHRIST
THAT IF A MOSQUITO BITES ME,**



**IT FLIES AWAY SINGING
"THERE'S POWER IN THE BLOOD"**



"You were preaching a 45-minute sermon
in a 25-minute zone, Pastor, I'm going to have
to see your license and ordination."



Blessed to have some bold
young men proclaiming the
gospel with us on the
boardwalk.

THE MOVER

O Supreme Moving Cause,
May I always be subordinate to You, be dependent upon You; be found in the
path where you walk, and where Your Spirit moves, take heed of
estrangement from You, of becoming insensible to their love.
You do not move men like stones,
but does endue them with life,
not to enable them to move without You,
but in submission to You, the first mover.
O Lord, I am astonished at the difference
between my receiving and my deserving,
between the state I am now in and my past gracelessness,
between the heaven I am bound for and the hell I merit.
Who made me to differ, but You?
For I was no more ready to receive Christ than were others;
I could not have begun to love You had You not first loved me,
or been willing unless You had first made me so.
O that such a crown should fit the head of such a sinner!
such high advancement be for an unfruitful person!
such joys for so vile a rebel!
Infinite wisdom cast the design of salvation
into the mold of purchase and freedom;
Let *wrath deserved* be written on the door of hell,
But *the free gift of grace* on the gate of heaven.
I know that my sufferings are the result of my sinning,
but in heaven both shall cease;
Grant me to attain this haven and be done with sailing,
and may the gales of Your mercy blow me safely into harbor.
Let Your love draw me nearer to Yourself,
wean me from sin, mortify me to this world,
and make me ready for my departure.
Secure me by Your grace as I sail across this stormy sea.

-adapted from *The Valley of Vision*