

THE CONCORD CONNECTION



photo: Kevin Hart

Fun by the Fire at the Harts

BY KEVIN HART

It was a lot of fun for Tara and I to host our first social on our property. The temps were mild (in the mid-40's when everyone started to show up) and then dipped to around 30 later that night. Two fires (one for the adults and the other for the youth) provided plenty of heat. Hot chocolate, hot cider, cupcakes, macaroni salad, chips, hot dogs, burgers, and a bunch of other stuff kept bellies full and warm.

Despite the icy/snowy trek up the hill to the camp, everyone was laughing and having a good time. Later that evening stars filled the sky in-between the pines as the younger kids sledded down the dark trail with lights strapped to their foreheads. Garrett Geiger led out in a worship thought, pastor Hart made snowmobile runs to the house for forgotten utensils, and everyone pitched in setting up and tearing down. This is what makes a church family strong, and gives us a dim glimpse of what heaven can be like. And, in my opinion, walking away from an event smelling like campfire smoke is a heavenly smell!!!

A super big thanks to Rebecca Sbacchi for providing food, to those who started and kept the fires going, to those who made pastor Hart's surprise guests from college feel welcome and warm, and all the kids for not injuring themselves in the dark!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Armor of God Series,
Sabbaths, March 5-April 9th

Family Ministries Hike,
Northwood Meadows,
March 5th

Church Board Meeting,
March 16th, 6:30

Family Ministries



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Jim Hall River Walk - March 5th

BY KAREN PURBA

Our originally planned Family Ministries walk at Northwoods Meadow was changed to Jim Hall River Walk this Sabbath, March 5th due to icy trail conditions in Northwood. Join Family Ministries right after the church service for this level easy terrain walk. Don't forget to pack a lunch to eat on the way to the location and bring good footwear.



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Women's Ministries

BY KAREN PURBA

Concord Church's Women's Ministry has teamed up with Manchester Church's Woman's Ministry every Thursday night at 7pm to study **The Desire of Ages**. Many women are finding this time to be a blessing to connect with one another and more importantly learn more about the life of our loving Savior. The meeting is open to all our women so please consider joining. A zoom link will be sent every Thursday to call in. Please contact Cynthia Travis with any questions.

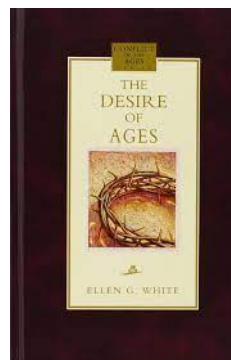


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Praises

*~For those who have
recovered from COVID*

*~ An active Youth ministry in
our church*

*~ For seeing an increase in
prisoners who wish to do bible
studies*

*~ For a small group bible
study Sabbath mornings*

ISAIAH 25:1

*O Lord, I will honor and
praise your name,
for you are my God.
You do such wonderful
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You planned them long
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NNEC Men's Ministries

BY KAREN PURBA



Attention Men! Sign up today for the new NNEC Men's Ministry newsletter, titled "The Man Cave!" Stay up to date on all of the news for Men's Ministry in our conference!

To sign up go to <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/wnzqO3G/MensMinistry>. FMI contact Doug Berrill at DougBerrillSr@gmail.com or 207.590.8891

NNEC Camp Meeting

BY KAREN PURBA

NNEC is planning a full campmeeting for July 1-9, 2022, Lord willing! The theme is Discipleship - Transform the World. Campsite registration opens March 1st for anyone wishing to reserve a campsite. Register before June 20th to lock in the best rate.



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It is Written Bible Studies

BY KAREN PURBA

In recent months it's been noted that the *It Is Written* Bible Studies located in the carousel rack in the foyer has been being used as the lessons are disappearing! Let's pray for each lesson that has been handed out that the Holy Spirit will impress the receiver with God given light and understanding.



photo: It Is Written

Prayer Requests

~ The people of Ukraine fighting for freedom and for their suffering

~ Cori's knee and upcoming surgery

~ Bob's friend Ginny

~ Lynn's coworkers cousin injured in an explosion

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

Prison Ministries

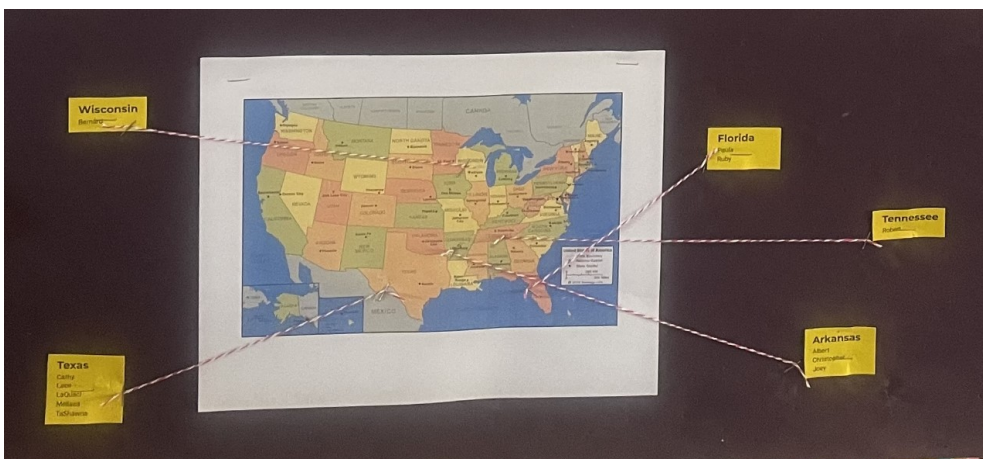
God Answers Prayers

BY KAREN PURBA

This church began an active prison ministry two years ago this coming spring by offering a number of bible studies. In that time we have been ministering to a number of different prisoners. Some of these inmates have been very faithful in completing and returning their lessons. We have a few on track to become our first graduates of our program, and now we are looking for ways to engage them in another spiritual correspondence to keep the relationship active. However, at times, some of our prisoners stop participating with the lessons. Many times this happens because we lose touch with them as they get moved to other facilities or released.

Recently, the number of our active prisoners were low and some of our teachers did not have students. Our Bible School Director reached out to the Bible School for new names and was told that they didn't have any new students to pass along to us which had not been the case in the past. So our team started praying for more prisoners to minister to and God is so faithful. Within just two short weeks, we received 11 new students through a combination of the Bible School and our students recommending the studies to their friends in jail. God is amazing!

Please continue to pray for this ministry because it is touching the lives of these people.



A map on the Personal Ministries Bulletin Board of the names and locations of our current prisoners. These do not include our new 11 students yet.

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