

## Divine Appointments at McDonald's

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During a recent trip home from state meetings, Mark decided to eat dinner and read his Bible at a McDonald's restaurant. Praise God he did. Read about his experience below, and discover how you can ask God to help you carry out everyday evangelism as well by reading the full article. Simply scan the QR code at the bottom of this page.

### Mark Henthorn's Story

As I walked into the restaurant, a young couple saw the Bible in my hand and promptly told me, "We have some questions for you."

The young man began firing off questions regarding end times, assurance of salvation, and his perceived need for works. As my conversation with both of them continued, I was encouraged to discover that the young woman was firmly holding onto the Lord's promises of Ephesians 2:8-9 and John 6:37.

After 20 minutes I said to the man, "I have a four-session Bible study I think you'd enjoy doing with me," to which the young man agreed.

As I said goodbye to these two, praising the Lord for this unexpected opportunity, I took my place in line only to find He wasn't finished yet.

A young woman who had overheard my previous conversation, approached me for a five-minute Jesus conversation. She was encouraged by what I had shared, and wanted to share her faith in Jesus with me. I

discovered she is a semi-truck driver and had just stopped in with her rig for supper.

I finished my meal feeling both physically and spiritually fed and was approached by a young McDonald's employee who told me she was a new Christian, recently baptized and attending a local Christ-centered student community. Needless to say, she was excited about her faith and wanted me to know it!

As I was talking with her, a second employee stopped by to tell me that she too was a member of this same student Christian community and was transferring from Kirkwood College to Iowa State University this fall. She was already planning her church membership and campus student ministry involvement while in Ames.

In just a couple couple hours after walking into McDonald's, I left praising and thanking the Lord. I had been asking the Lord to give me one divine appointment a day and, on this day, He abundantly blessed me with five. Thank you, Lord.



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## MISSIONARY UPDATE:

# The Wynn Family

April felt like a major transitional month in the life of our ministry at Constantia Center Baptist. Leadership Journey ended early in the month, and the men shifted into meeting every two weeks for a less formal accountability time. Every man who took Leadership Journey is enjoying discipling others in various forms—as Sunday School teachers, small group leaders, etc.

Steve was also able to hand off his role as a Sunday School teacher, which allows him more time to oversee all the Sunday School classes. He is close to wrapping up his sermon series on the “One Others” and is looking forward to diving into the book of Titus this summer!



A few other exciting things to note at CCBC: Not only are we witness to spiritual growth within the body, we have also seen growth in numbers—last week we had to add chairs to the fellowship hall so there were enough places for everyone to sit during the worship service. We are anticipating several new members in the next few months as well as a baptism or two!

The Pastoral Search Committee has received a couple applications so far, and is currently working through their processes with a potential candidate. This coming Sunday, CCBC members will vote on a major renovation plan for the sanctuary. The room is in need of many repairs and modifications, as well as cosmetic changes (including a layout flip, chairs instead of pews, etc.).

Our prayer through all of these changes is that God will be glorified through each and every decision, and that the church body will remain unified. As we sit and reflect on spring and all the things the Lord has done, we are truly in awe of his wonderful works and the grace he continues to lavish upon his people!



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# Coaching Corner

One of the many focuses of BCP's Teacher Journey training (TJT) is the life and teaching ministry of Jesus Christ. We study Matthew 5 in which Jesus taught using this object lesson, “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything...”

After studying this passage, we received this testimony from a student in our Nebraska group:

*This class has convicted me from beginning to end. This study of Jesus' ministry has gripped me. How often we place importance on stuff or events or ourselves before people. And Jesus' example was to constantly put others before Himself. Follow me, I think, demands pouring out ourselves for other people, to help them grow in godliness. I have been so selfish, so self-focused in my perspective on life, truly, and am just now perceiving the depth of it. Thanks be to God for opening my eyes where I ought to be. Thank you for all you've done. I am so blessed and grateful for all you've passed on to us.*

The object lesson was effective in driving the teacher's point home to her. She is now committed to living as salt that is truly tasty and accomplishing what it should.

Not only was her life purpose challenged but her philosophy of education was as well. She went on to express how she views her classroom so differently after taking TJT. Her lessons are more focused and intentional toward life change in all of her students.

We are excited about the countless classrooms in Sunday schools or schools that are reviving with new focus and purpose to equip the students for living Godly, as opposed to just relaying information through the “stories” in the Word of God. Teaching the Word of God is different from any other subject. We should take it seriously and embrace the Master Teacher's methodology of pouring out one's life into another's. That was, after all, His last command before returning to Heaven: “Go, and make disciples...”

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