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PROCLAIMER

Our Purpose is to expand God's Kingdom, as we reach, teach, disciple and activate people for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Morganton First Church of God Weekly Schedule

Communion in the Prayer Room	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School:	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evenings	6:00 p.m.
Power House Youth and Prayer Service	
Wednesday Fellowship Supper	5:45 p.m.
Wednesday Small Groups	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Services	7:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study, KidsPlace & PowerHouse Youth	

Our Website: www.mfcog.com

WRITTEN ON THEIR HEARTS



A NOTE FROM PASTOR DON

(Please read Jeremiah 31) Vss. 33-34: "...I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God... and they all shall know me...." Knowing God means, in part, having a personal relationship with Him, through the work of Christ on the cross. Yet, long before Christ, scripture was describing what that sense of personal intimacy with God would be like. This new covenant, or way of relating to God, would be distinctive and different than it was under the old covenant. God's children would know Him, not just know about Him. "Know" has the sense of 1) to have a personal relationship with, 2) to live a godly lifestyle, 3) to live in obedience to. The words that God has promised to write on the hearts of man are written by the Holy Spirit and empower God's people to live out the very character and nature of God himself. God, Himself, would be their teacher, as He was the Teacher of Jesus. Morality, ethics, goodness, stand against evil, human relationships, choices, decisions – all are part of what the Holy Spirit writes on the heart of man. But, even beyond that, God wants to write on our hearts the very desire to obey Him, where His Will shapes our behavior and even our identity.

For this to happen necessitates a (total) surrender of our will to the Holy Spirit. A contaminated heart, a divided heart, a reluctant heart, a disobedient heart – all – are not hearts on which God can write His Law. You and I would not take a piece of dirty paper, written upon, used, to write a letter to someone. We look for clean paper, a sharp pencil (or pen with ink supply), to write our letters. God cleans up His writing surface (our hearts) through forgiveness of our sins. Then, He is able to write His Law on our hearts. Sin obstructs the message. Loving God in such a way that we are willing to lay before Him a Tabla Rasa, or blank slate, on which He can write His Law is His call to each of us. Close, personal knowledge of the Lord is ours when we are willing to and submit to God's way. He promises us everlasting love, joy in this life, peace, harmony and an eternity in His presence.

Let God prepare you, your writing surface (heart), to receive His Law. Then, in walking out your relationship with Him, you receive the promises that He has made to you.

God bless you,
Pastor Don