

THE BULLETIN

Strong Faith, Young Hearts

In New Albany, Mississippi, a young man who starred on the baseball team had a conflict, when a game was scheduled on Wednesday night during Bible class. He told his coach, who said, "play or turn your suit in."

He went to church and the next day took his uniform to turn it in. The coach saw his true faith and kept him on the team.

A Christian student was selected homecoming queen, but she would not go to be crowned because that Friday night the church had a gospel meeting. She went to support the gospel. Six friends went with her and obeyed the gospel. On Friday night, they were wearing a different crown (2 Tim. 4:8).

"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example"

I Timothy 4:12

Anonymous

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Worship Time:

Sun. Worship - 9:30am
Bible Class - 11:00am
Sun. Evening - 6:00pm
Wed. Bible Class - 7:00pm



I need the church. The church may be human in organization, but it is divine in its purpose. That purpose is to point people toward God.

Family News

“So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.” Galatians 6:10, NAS95.

If you're a visitor to our church, welcome! If you have questions, we welcome them; please don't hesitate to ask Park Linscomb, our minister (the really tall guy), or any other church member.



- **JULY 21** - FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - 7-8:30PM
- **AUG. 7** - MNFM - 6-8PM
- **SEPT. 4** - LABOR DAY PICNIC AT FREDA'S
- **SEPT. 11** - MNFM - 6-8 PM

FALL EVENTS

- **SEPT. 8-10** - TEEN RETREAT
- **SEPT. 14-16** - LADIES RETREAT
- **SEPT. 21-23** - MEN'S RETREAT
- **NOV. 3-5** - GOSPEL MEETING



GANDER BROOK CAMBERSHIP CANS need to be returned. Due to the overwhelming generosity, we are able to send all our kids to camp with the money from these cans.

GANDER BROOK CAMP SESSIONS:

- **SESSION 4: - JULY 22 - 28**
- **SESSION 5 - JULY 29 - AUG. 4**
- **SESSION 6 - AUG. 5 - 1**

GB DORM PROJECT - The church here has been associated with and enjoyed Gander Brook for years. We all know how much the camp has meant to kids and

adults alike. But now Gander Brook has a challenge before it; our dorm really needs replacement.

Replacement will cost \$450k, and already over \$150k has been given. Now we need help especially from the churches and Christians of New England. One-time gifts are appreciated, but a monthly pledge from now through Dec. 31, 2018 may be more manageable.

Imagine a year 'round facility for congregational retreats in late October, youth weekends January, deeper Bible study classes in February, or leadership classes in March! Imagine Gander Brook's hiking trails turned into cross country skiing trails or snow shoe paths—or even our waterfront turned into a skating area.

Please consider helping us. There are brochures in the foyer, complete with a tear-off section, if you should decide to provide a monthly pledge toward this great project, or go to www.ganderbrook.org/retreat-house.



Grounds Clean Up

Help keep our grounds looking nice and inviting. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Please sign up your family for a week.

There are new locks on the sheds. If you need the combination, please check with Will Hamel.

Lord's Supper to shut-in

Volunteer needed, **now**. Please talk with Doug Paul about this.

Pantry:

Those willing to participate at the pantry either on Wed. evenings or Sunday mornings, please drop a text or email to Dave Skerry.

THANK YOU

The Manchester church has some of the most loving, giving people around. Nothing is too small or insignificant for people to assist. No one does it for 'the glory' but all to glorify God. Thanks for the example for all of us.

COMING SOON

In August we will host the Lifeline screening. Be ready to volunteer to move chairs and greet people as they come in. This is an outreach opportunity.

FALL MEETING

Nov. 3-5, David Rollert, minister at Tilton will conduct our Gospel meeting. Begin to think & pray about the meeting and who you will invite.

PRAYERS

New Prayer Concerns: for Barbara Lovering & their son, Mark, for the safe travel of the several from our congregation going to Gander Brook this week,



the continued health of many who have been in our prayers, for our elders & ministers and all our families. Additional Prayer Requests and details are on the WORSHIP INSERT.

A Word of Encouragement

“For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.”
Hebrews 2:1, NAS95.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, PART 2

Over the last several weeks, on this bulletin page, we’ve been studying Galatians 5:19-23, the famous list of works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit. We’ve looked at the Biblical definition of the works of the flesh (some of them are not common words) and got a few examples of how we still practice them today—so we can be careful to avoid them in our Christian lives.

Last week we talked about the concept of the fruit of the Spirit: that it is 1) from the Spirit of God, 2) more than merely making other disciples, and 3) that it is a whole changed life, not just a list of a few virtues to take or leave.

So now let’s take a look at a few facets of the wonderful fruit of the Spirit.

LOVE

This is *agape* love, the love broad enough to include all mankind—good or bad, friend or enemy, countryman or foreigner, believer or not. In this sense it is sometimes described as “unconditional love”. But it is more; *it is a decision and commitment to speak and act in the best interest of one’s neighbor*. Here is what it is not: it is not the permissive and soft love full of rainbows, and unicorns that the world thinks it is. Jesus was the perfect embodiment of this love. His love certainly did include kindness and compassion; but when the occasion called for it, His love also included cleansing the Temple, correcting the proud, outright condemnation of some, and speaking the truth bluntly. This love is powerful, surprising, and right. Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, *even as I have loved you*, that you also love one another” (John 13:34).

JOY

This is another word that can be easily misunderstood, because of the world’s perception and definition of it; joy is more than mere happiness. We are happy when all is right

with our world, but happiness evaporates quickly as soon as the circumstances of our lives change. Christian joy, on the other hand, is founded on the greater and eternal truths that are invisible to the world, but which Christians know are real nonetheless: the joy of God’s love, the joy of the Gospel, the joy of Christ’s resurrection, the joy of forgiveness, the joy of a new kind of life, and even the joy of suffering (knowing what it accomplishes, James 1:2ff)—to name just a few! Such joy in the Lord powers courage, perseverance, mission, strength, and a shockingly different attitude for the Christian, even while experiencing the trials and troubles of this world.

PEACE

Once again, the Christian sees the idea of peace differently from the world. Worldly peace is the lack of conflict and absence of a troubled heart. But the Biblical idea is much broader and has little to do with whether everything is OK; in fact, Christian peace is at its best when things are not going well. The Hebrew word for peace is *shalom*, and the NT gets its meaning from the Hebrew meaning. It refers to the well-being of the mind, of the heart, of my relations with others, and most importantly my relationship with God. It is this last facet, my relationship with God, that that makes all the difference; because even in the midst of turmoil, our faith and trust rests comfortably in the Father who loves, provides, and listens. This is why Paul says, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6, 7).

Park Linscomb



UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendars for August will be in the foyer shortly.

Children's Movie Night : July 21st from 7-8:30. Come join us for a family friendly movie in the auditorium! Bring pillows and blankets! You could make it an indoor camp out!

Campership Jars: If you have a camper ship jar please bring them back! We have sufficient money to send everyone to camp.

Back to School Bash! Let Mark know when you will be gone in August. We will have a cookout and game day when the most people are in town!

Fall Retreat: Fall is coming soon! School is coming soon! That also means the Fall Teen Retreat is coming soon! The dates are Sept. 8-10.

Be on the lookout for other events. We will add more as we learn about plans for people this summer! If you will be in town let us know!

From the Youth Minister...

God Will Prepare Me:

Life is full of experiences. Back in February, we became parents for the first time. I remember it being early in the morning when we first met Emmett. He was a happy boy but I was expecting a smaller baby not the 10 pound 3 ounce baby we were given. Despite the shock of his size, it was amazing to see this little human with cute hands, feet, and a full head of hair. Then I realized he was ours. We had this hungry little baby who needed attention and diapers changed. Life was different now and I wasn't sure exactly what to do.

One of the first nights in the hospital, Emmett didn't want to sleep. Ann was tired and there isn't much to do with a baby at 3 am. I wasn't sure why, but I felt like the best thing to do was to walk up and down the hallway with him. This worked and eventually he fell asleep. I felt a sense of accomplishment. I thought that I wasn't equipped to help him sleep but God proved me wrong.

There are many experiences we face and don't feel ready or

prepared for. We should have hope and confidence, though because we have a Father in Heaven who wants and knows how to help us. God gave us His Word, His Son, and the Holy Spirit who all have the purpose of helping us. We read in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

This passage reassures us that Scripture is a source we can go to for all the help we need. We know we can stand on the promises that it makes. It gives us wisdom to grow spiritually and emotionally. When we give God's word our time, it will help us grow and take the next steps in life. The next time you feel unsure, know that you have a guide to help. That guide is the Word of God - the Bible. This week I encourage you to seek out the truth of the Word that equips us for life and the works that we do.

-Mark

Thought Provoking Question
Are you prepared for the challenges of everyday life?

Family Bible Reading and Congregational Calendar for July 16- July 22						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 - Luke 10 9:30am Worship 11am - Bible Class 6pm - Evening Worship Cade Dumas - BD	17 - I Sam. 15-6	18 - I Sam. 17	19 - I Sam. 18 7pm - Bible Class Christian Patterson - BD	20 - Luke 11 Logan Hazelton - BD	21 - I Sam. 19-20 Family Movie Night - 7-8:30pm	22 - I Sam. 21-22 Gander Brook - Session 3