



BULLETIN

Seven Minds

Mind your tongue. Don't let it speak hasty, cruel, unkind or wicked words.

Mind your eyes. Don't permit them to look at degrading books, pictures, or objects.

Mind your ears. Don't let them listen to evil or suggestive songs or words.

Mind your lips. Don't let strong drink enter your mouth or evil and slanderous words come out of them.

Mind your hands. Don't let them do evil to others.

Mind your feet. Don't let them follow the footsteps of evil.

Mind your heart. Don't let the love of sin dwell in it. Make it the throne of Jesus Christ.

Anonymous

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Worship Time:

Sun. Worship - 9:30AM

Bible Class - 11:00AM

Sun. Evening - 6:00PM

Wed. Bible Class - 7:00M



Dear Lord, when I am not patient, remind me that it's better to stop and think things through than it is to rush ahead without thinking. Make me patient, Lord, and fill me with consideration for others and love for You.

Amen



Family Events

“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 are a visitor to our church, welcome! If you have questions, we welcome them; please do not hesitate to ask Park Linscomb, our minister, the really tall guy, or any other church member.



- **NOV 17-19** - YOUTH RALLY, MANCHESTER, CT. Park will drive and chaperone our young men.
- **NOV 29** - 5TH WEDNESDAY SINGING
- **DEC 2** - ADULT HOLIDAY PARTY FROM 5-9PM AT THE SKERRY'S HOUSE. Bring your favorite snack. There will be a Yankee Swap with a \$10 limit. If you choose not to participate in the Yankee Swap, please come join for the food, fun, and fellowship.
- **DEC 4** - MNFM @ 6PM
- **DEC 7** - LIFELINE. We will host LifeLine and will need greeters and furniture movers on Saturday.
- **DEC 10** - TEEN HOLIDAY PARTY FROM NOON TO 3PM AT THE PAUL'S HOUSE. More details to follow.
- **DEC 16** - FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL BEGINNING AT 5:30PM.

DISASTER RELIEF

Penny is donating money from her card sales to the Disaster Relief effort. Cards are \$5 a pack and are in the basket in the foyer. Please leave your money in the envelope.

WED. EVENING SUPPERS

Supper is every Wednesday @6PM. Nov. 15, the Plybons are cooking and the menu is: enchilada casserole, green salad, corn, & dessert. Dinner is still only \$4 per person.

🕒 Please help by signing up in the foyer under:

- Are you coming?
- When are you willing to cook?

🕒 If you would like someone to team with, call the church office or grab a friend. Call the church office with your menu by Tuesday so it can be posted.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Watch for details on a new Ladies' Class. All interested, please talk to Linda Paul. Children are welcome.



To our teachers and helpers.
To all who helped in many ways over the weekend.
To those who take trash out each week

THANK YOU, DAVID

Thank you, David Rollert, for the encouraging and inspiring messages you shared last weekend. All who were present were blessed.



Pantry:

The pantry is thankful for all donations. Please check expiration dates to be sure the food is still safe.

Turkey Baskets



If you or someone you know needs a basket, please let David know or call the office. It is best if the people come to pick their basket up. They should be ready for pickup about 6PM.

- Sign up sheets are in the foyer for contributions to the turkey baskets. Please bring food by Sun., Nov. 19.
- Baskets will be put together on Nov. 21 at 5PM.
- After the baskets are put together, pizza will be provided.

Lord's Supper to shut-ins

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

Mowing & Grounds

- We need everyone's help to keep things tended. It gives a caring impression to those around...if we care about the building, we must also care about their souls.
- There is a sign up sheet in the foyer, including snow removal - it is coming!

Family Bible Reading, Birthday and Congregational Calendar for Nov. 12- Nov. 18

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 12-2 Chr. 34-36 | 13- John 19 | 14-Ezra 1-2 | 15-Ezra 3-5 Wed Evening Supper @ 6PM | 16- John 20 | 17-Ezra 6-8 Teens to Manchester, CT | 18- John 21 Teens to Manchester, CT |
| Darlene Cordaro - BD | | | | | Lucille Levesque - Anniv | |

Youth & Family News



UPCOMING EVENTS

Be on the lookout for future events. If you want to lead an event, or help, please call the church office to check that the date is free and **PLEASE volunteer!**

Nov. 17-19 - Youth Rally - Manchester, CT. Park will be the driver and chaperone.

Giving Tree: Melissa Therrien is heading this up. If you would like to help or know people who could use some help, please let Melissa know or call the church office.

Dec. 10: Teen Holiday Party at the Paul's from noon to 3PM. Lunch will be served. More details to come.

Dec. 16: Family Movie Night @ 5:30PM. The movie is 'Polar Express' and will be in the Fellowship Hall so we can serve hot chocolate. Come in your PJs and bring a sleeping bag and pillow and have fun.



Question of the Week

How do you define love?

As God does or as the world does? God's way is always best!

What is Love?

Most everybody in the world thinks about love. There is much confusion about the subject, however, and some people *never* figure it out. Someone did a survey of children ages 4-8, to see what they understood love to be. Their deep grasp of what love is, is amazing, despite their young age. Read how they responded:

When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis, too.

Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.

Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.

Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.

During my piano recital, I was on a stage and scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.

Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.

There are two kinds of love. Our love. God's love. But God makes both kinds of them.

What Does the Bible Say About God's Love?

'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.' John 3:16

'You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.' Romans 5:6-8

'This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.' 1 John 4:10

Ken Dawdy

A Parting 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.

FAMILY COMMUNICATIONS, PT. 5 **WHEN YOU ARE WRONG, ADMIT IT AND ASK FORGIVENESS**

Have you ever known someone who "couldn't be wrong"? My bet is that you'll say "YES!" Probably an eye-roll or a head tilted toward the person you have in mind will accompany your answer.

This is a problem that most men have. Men are often afraid, that if they apologize or admit that they are wrong, they will lose the respect of others. Real leaders, respected people, so goes the flawed theory, never make mistakes.

However, women have this problem, too. How many men, and even women, have you heard joking about how the most important words for a new husband to learn is "Yes, dear" and "You're right, I'm sorry"?

And teens famously have this problem—knowing better than mom or dad or teachers or anyone trying to offer advice. Mark Twain is quoted as saying, "When I was a boy of seventeen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around, but when I got to be twenty-five, I was astonished at how much he had learned in eight years."

In other words, pretty much everyone has had this problem to one degree or the other. Since we've all suffered from this problem, we can all answer the question authoritatively: "How much did it really contribute to good communication?" Zero, nada, nothing, right? In fact, whether it is an idea that was off-base, or hurtful words that were spoken, or offensive deeds that were done; the unwillingness to admit fault is a big communication killer. The impasse or offense becomes the constant elephant in the room. Just like Isaiah described how sin separates men and God, *"But your iniquities have made a separation*

between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear." Isaiah 59:2. So also sin separates people.

The offender often just hopes, out of embarrassment or pride, that the others will simply forget about it and everyone will just pretend it never happened. As someone who does a lot of counseling, believe me when I tell you that is just not the way that things work.

As a minister, let me simply quote James 5:16, *"Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much."* Confessing your sins (wrongs) to the person you wronged, admitting it, and sincerely asking for forgiveness is the Christian thing to do. This gives relationships, communications, and reconciliation the very best chance to thrive and flourish. Yes, there can be a hiccup in communication principle, when the offended person refuses to forgive, and we will talk about that next week.

In the meantime, admitting it, when we are wrong, is not only a command from God to be obeyed, not ignored; it is the fast track to really talking, to true understanding, to personal (and spiritual) growth, and the healing of resentment, distrust, and divisions. Is there a wall between you and someone else? Remember the offense, admit your part of the problem, apologize, and tear down the wall.

Park Linscomb