

BULLETIN

The Doors Are OPEN Again

I love to think that my life should spring from Christ's death; my healing from His wounds; my glory from His shame.

If God forsake Him not, I cannot be accepted. If thorns press not His temples, I can never wear a crown of glory. Now, in the grave He lies; He must conquer death, or I must suffer forever. If there ever was a time when all the sounds of heaven were still, and not one note of angelic music sounded through the skies, 'twas when that lifeless, mangled form was lying in the the rich man's tomb!

But the voice of God pierces the gloom and silence of the grave; angels attend upon His second birth (Christ's resurrection); with a glorious escort He passes upward in His chariot of clouds, and enters in through the everlasting gates.

Those doors were closed when Adam fell; they now receive the conqueror of sin and death. And glorious thought! They are still unbarred; and I and you, and all that follow Him in life, shall one day enter through the gates into the everlasting city of our God.

John Augustus Williams via Heart 2 Heart

"Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go through them" Psalm 118:19.

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Worship Time:

Sun. Worship - 9:30AM

Bible Class - 11:00AM

Sun. Evening - 6:00PM

Wed. Bible Class - 7:00PM



Dear Lord,

With Your help I want to be able to better control myself each day. Show me ways to behave that are pleasing to

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.

THANKS



There are many in our congregation that quietly and consistently clear sidewalks and steps, prepare the Lord's Supper, take communion to shut-ins, take the trash to the curb on Wednesday evenings, and minister through mail. Each of you brings glory to God and thank you.

- Below are some areas that still need some help. Prayerfully consider how you and your family might help.

Lord's Supper to Shut-ins

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

Pantry:

The pantry is thankful for all donations. Please check expiration dates to be sure the food is still safe. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35

Snow Removal and Grounds

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

Teachers

- If you are going to be out of town, please let Doug Paul know so your class can be covered.
- There is a need for a teacher for the Junior High class on Sunday morning.

Reminder

After fellowship time when the classroom doors close the noise and discussions in the fellowship hall need to cease or move to another part of the building.

Other Notes

We need a couple of people to be in a rotation to help get communion and coffee ready on Sunday mornings. Call the church office to sign up to help.



- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING in Jan.** Watch for the date and time. Your input is valued.
- **JAN. 31** - 5TH WEDNESDAY SINGING.
- **FEB. 5** - MNFM @ 6PM
- **MAR. 24** - BIDDEFORD LADIES' DAY.
- **MAR. 31** - LADIES DAY - ROXBURY CHURCH OF CHRIST.
- **APR. 6-8** - CONWAY'S LADIES' WEEKEND.
- **APR. 13-15** - MANCHESTER, NH YOUTH RALLY.

Wed. Night Supper

Jan. 31 - No one has signed up for Wednesday Night Supper. There are slots to fill on the sign-up sheet in the foyer to cook Wednesday Night Supper. Once you sign up, call the church office if you want someone to cook with. Plan your menu and call the church office by Tuesday so it can be posted in the bulletin.

Search TV Program Listings

Airs in Concord - Ch 22, Sun. at 8:00AM & Fri. at 12:30PM.
Airs in Derry - Community TV - 23; Sun. at 9:00AM, and 4:00PM, .Mon. at 7:00AM, and Sat. at 7:00am.

Family Bible Reading, Birthday and Congregational Calendar for Jan. 28- Feb. 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28- Gen. 36-37	29 - Matt. 10 Wes Plybon - BD	30 - Gen. 38	31- Gen. 39-40 ----- Wednesday Night Supper @6pm Linda Linscomb - BD	1 - Matt. 11	2 - Gen. 41-42	3- Matt. 12

Youth & Family News



UPCOMING EVENTS

Be on the lookout for future events. If you lead or help with an event, please talk with one of our elders and check with the church office to see that the date is free, then PLEASE volunteer!

JAN. 28 - TEEN PLANNING SESSION from 12 -2PM. Pizza will be ordered and 2018 activities discussed. If there are questions, check with the Mackey's. This is an opportunity for the kids to unite. Updates will be provided after the meeting.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Input is needed from all, that means the Youth, also. Please watch for the notice and plan to attend and share your input.

FEB. 23-25 - CONWAY YOUTH RALLY - Forms will be on the Youth Board. Registrations and fees are due by Feb. 10. There is a need for chaperones.

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Question of the Week

Do you live in a way to take advantage of the "OPEN Door" that God offers?

The Family

The family is like a book -
The children are the leaves,
The parents are the covers
That protecting beauty gives.
At first the pages of the book
Are blank and purely fair,
But time soon writes memories
And paints pictures there.
Love is the little golden clasp
That bindeth up the trust;
O, break it not, lest all the leaves
Should scatter and be lost.

Author Unknown

"A time to love"
Ecclesiastes 3:8

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.

Hold To The Traditions

'Tradition' is a bad word to many. Jesus disparaged some traditions (Matt. 15:1-6). For some, following tradition - such as a 'traditional order of service' (e.g., two songs, a parer, the Lord's Supper, another song, and the the sermon) - feels like being in a rut. The song leader at a congregation I attended told me they eschewed tradition; so they varied their order of worship every service. I could not resist and said, with a grin, 'Then you have adopted a new tradition: a different order every service.'

A tradition is something handed down from the past. The language of tradition is 'I received....I delivered.' Whether a tradition is binding, optional, or wrong depends on its source and how the tradition is used. Jesus warned against "*the tradition of the elders*" (Matt. 15:2) and "*your traditions*" (vv. 3,6) speaking to the Pharisees.

Traditions of Men

Some man-made traditions are harmless and may be beneficial. There is no normative order of service, but some order will be followed. Synagogue services were likely a tradition developed during the Babylonian exile while the Israelites had no temple. There is no biblical command for synagogues, but Jesus, by custom, went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day (Luke 4:16).

Jesus objected to the traditions of the Pharisees under two circumstances: when they were bound as law (Matt. 15:2, 10-20) and when their tradition contradicted, or "*made void,*" a commandment of God (vv. 3-9).

Traditions of God

Some traditions have their source as God through God's spokesmen: "*So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter*" (2Thess. 2:15).

Notice the "*I received...I delivered*" language in the following: "*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures*" (1 Cor. 15:3). Paul received the gospel he preached directly "*through a revelation of Jesus Christ*" (Gal. 1:12). He then delivered it to the Corinthians and others. Thus, by definition, the gospel, including the resurrection, is a tradition. It is a tradition from God, not from man.

Introducing his correction of the Corinthian abuse of the Lord's Supper, Paul said, "*For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread.*" He continued with the institution of the Lord's supper as it is recorded in the Gospels, with some apostolic additions (1 Cor. 11:23-34). Again, the language clearly indicates that the Lord's Supper is a tradition, but not a tradition of men. It is a tradition given by Jesus Christ and handed down authoritatively through His inspired Holy apostles and prophets.

Do not disparage tradition. Do not turn a tradition of men into law. Reject any tradition that contradicts what God has decreed. Hold fast to the traditions that have their source in God.

Cecil May, Jr., Gospel Advocate

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Overcoming Tough Sins, Part 2 What's Going on in Your Mind?

Got nothing yet from Park

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