

BULLETIN



The Manchester Church of Christ

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Our Minister:

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Our Elders:

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Our Deacons:

Benevolence - David Skerry
Building & Grounds - Will Hamel / Peter Steffensen
Education - Doug Paul

Worship Time:

Sun. Worship - 9:30AM
Bible Class - 11:00AM
Sun. Evening - 6:00PM
Wed. Bible Class - 7:00PM

Sunday services:

9:30AM worship services
10:30AM coffee fellowship
11:00AM Bible classes

Sermon:

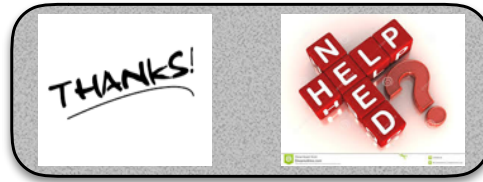
"Here's Hope!"
Park Linscomb, minister

Dear Lord,
Help me be kind in all I say. If my
words will not encourage, help me
tame my tongue.
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.



Thank you to those who work quietly in the background, around the building and in other services and keep things moving. Each of you brings glory to God.

- Prayerfully consider how you can help serve from the many following needs.

Benevolence - Pantry

This ministry helps people out weekly. Talk with *Dave Skerry* about helping.

Lord's Supper to Shut-ins

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

Building and Grounds

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. Please talk with *Will Hamel* to help.

Education - Teachers

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

'Giving Jars' for Campers

Camping time is coming - be on the lookout for the 'Giving Jars' so you can fill them with change for camperships so each of our kids get to go for week of camp at Gander Brook this summer.



- ◆ **MAR. 31 - LADIES' DAY - ROXBURY CHURCH OF CHRIST. Pre-registration only.** The sheet is in the foyer by the flyer.
- ◆ **APR. 2 - MNFM**
- ◆ **APR. 6-8 - CONWAY'S LADIES' WEEK-END.**
- ◆ **APR. 28 - CONNECTICUT LADIES' DAY, Manchester, CT church of Christ.**
- ◆ **MAY 5 - LADIES' DAY - BENNINGTON, VT. church of Christ.**
- ◆ **MAY 6 - A CAPPELLA HYMN SING, SPRINGFIELD, VT Church of Christ**
- ◆ **MAY 12 - LADIES' DAY - TILTON church of Christ.**
- ◆ **May 17 - LifeLine Screenings.**
- ◆ **June 15-16 - NE MEN'S RETREAT.**

Wed. Night Supper

MAR. 28 - Barbara Steffensen is serving pulled pork, potato salad, beans cold slaw and dessert. The sign up sheet to eat is in the foyer.

- If you want to cook, please sign up, plan your menu & call the church office by Tuesday so it can be posted in the bulletin.

SEARCH TV Program Listings

Program by Phil Sanders, Edmond Church of Christ

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

There are several things coming up of special significance to the family here.

- **Mar. 25** - MOVIE & FELLOWSHIP AT THE GLENN'S @ 2:30PM.
- **Apr. 2 - MNFM** - WORK ON COMMERCIALS FOR YOUTH RALLY.
- **Apr. 10, 12, & 13** - DECORATIONS - WORK WITH KERSTIN @ 5:00 PM.
- **APR. 13-15** - MANCHESTER, NH YOUTH RALLY.
- **June 24-30** - WORK & WORSHIP WEEK - GANDER BROOK.
- **JUNE 30** - GANDER BROOK CAMPING SESSIONS BEGIN.
- **JULY 28** - SR. SESSION BEGINS.

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Family Bible Reading, Birthday and Congregational Calendar for Mar. 25. - Mar. 31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 - Matt. 26	26 - Lev. 13	27 - Lev. 14	28- Lev. 15	29- Lev. 16	30 - Matt. 27	31 - Lev. 17
Max Girling - BD	Jessica Bergeron - BD	Don Dion - BD Lynn Millette - BD	Wednesday Night Supper @6PM Yann Lecat - BD		Freddie Hill-house - BD	Roxbury Ladies' Day - please pre-register on the board in the foyer Darlene - Panera Pick-up

Youth @ Family News



UPCOMING EVENTS

Be on the lookout for upcoming events. If you want to 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!

APR. 13-15 - MANCHESTER, NH
YOUTH RALLY - The GOOD Shepherd, Psalm 23. Join us for a fun weekend digging deeply into God's Word! We will spend the weekend studying the beloved passage, Psalm 23, gaining some perspective and applying the message to our lives.

June 23-30 - WORK & WORSHIP WEEK - GANDER BROOK.

JUNE 30 - GANDER BROOK CAMPING SESSIONS BEGIN. See gander-brook.org for additional information, registration forms and pricing.

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Youth Rally, April 13 - 15 is coming quickly!

- Man in charge - Park.
- Speaker - Jon McKenzie.
- Theme - The Good Shepherd.
- Registration completed and turned in. *Have you registered?*

The following areas have leads.

- Registration and Housing - Linda Paul. Check with Linda about how you can help. There is a need for people to host both young people and chaperones.
- Public Relations - Linda Linscomb. check with Linda about how you can help get the word out to other congregations. Information, both electronic and paper was sent to area congregations and posted on FaceBook.
- Food - Therrien & Potter families, and others. Teenagers love to eat! There is a need for help in the kitchen. Be looking for sign-up sheets for things needed for meals.
- Decorations - Kerstin Dumas. Check with Kerstin as to what help she needs.
- Emcee, small groups and games - Nick Bonzagni.
- Commercials - Kevin Glenn, teens, and Park.
- Other needs will be announced and we need help from YOU.



Question of the Week

What inspires you to be more like Jesus? How do you share that with your friends?

If there is something you can do, please let Park know or call the church office. If you want to help with one of the items listed above, call and let the people in charge know of your interest and willingness.

- Other help needed:
 - Clean up: after meals, at the end of each evening; including taking our trash, sweeping, mopping, checking bathrooms. This will need more than a couple of people!!!
 - Saturday activities - may be some need for transportation.

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.

MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF SHARING THE GOSPEL

Evangelism has always been challenging. When John the Baptist and Jesus preached the Gospel, they received their share of opposition. When the apostles preached the good news, they were imprisoned and martyred. When early Christians shared it, they were persecuted in numberless ways, including death. And today in America, though we don't have to worry about being put to death for our faith, we are finding increasing hostility and intolerance to the Gospel.

The negative responses and consequences of the story of salvation are challenging our courage and commitment to the point that we have begun to almost exclusively use impersonal, anonymous avenues, because they rescue us from face to face contact. We've veered away from going from door to door with the Gospel and swerved over to church Public Relations in hopes that people might come to church to hear the Gospel from the pulpit. Is this what Jesus had in mind, when He gave the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20)? If not, how do we meet the challenges?

First, we need to remember that the Lord will be with us; He promised it in Matt. 28:20. I could spend a lot of time here, but will just leave it that sometimes we just need to step out on faith knowing that the Lord has our backs.

Second, we need to know our Bibles better. We need to turn off our entertainment appliances (TVs to iPhones) and spend time with God's word. Of first importance, we need to review and become familiar again with the fundamentals: 1) How do we know Jesus is the Son of God?; 2) Will sin really condemn us?; 3) Why was Jesus on the cross?; and 4) What must we do to be saved? Secondly, we need to ask questions that we fear we are not equipped to answer; there are good answers, and we should

know them. Thirdly, we need to be better readers of the whole Bible. Remember when you used to complain about math in high school: "I'll never use this stuff!?" But you did. So also with knowing the whole Bible, you never know how you might use the most unlikely passages.

Third, let's begin with 'our stories'. What drew us to Jesus? What "closed the deal" for us? What we did to receive salvation? What difference it has made to our lives? People are interested in stories, your story. It is the reason the apostle Paul himself told his own story of conversion no less than three times in the book of Acts and references it other times in his letters to the Corinthian and Philippian churches. People can identify with our struggles, our questions, and our reasons for faith in Jesus. Don't underestimate the power of your conversion story in the ears of others.

Fourth, let's use signs, videos, radio broadcasts, brochures, web sites, blogs, social networks for what they're good at — preparing the minds of people for a personal encounter. They are like the artillery and bombers of a battle; they "soften up" the enemy's resistance, but they are no substitute for the ground troops who must take the territory. The Gospel artillery (signs, videos, etc.) soften up the resistance of the lost, but are really no substitute for a person to person sharing, a personal appeal to be saved, or a face to face answer to questions. People will always respond best to other people.

Challenges will always abound for the Christian. That is why we have been given God's word, the example of Jesus, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. What we must do is have the faith and courage to meet the challenges. Will you? Let us share the power of God unto salvation, the Gospel, and change the world!!

Park Linscomb