

THE BULLETIN

TREASURE IN HEAVEN

In my recent travels I heard a man leading a contribution thought (you know, we have a communion thought and a contribution thought, right?). He was an accountant and made the observation that as he transferred monies from one account to another in his company — or even in a private account — no one worried about missing money. It was all still there, just in a different account.

At this point then, he drew in Jesus' teaching, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;" Matthew 6:19, 20, NAS95. He noted that

when we give to the Lord, to the hungry, to the poor, to the needy, we aren't losing money, we're transferring to a better account, where moth, rust, and thieves can't effect it.

We always say, "You can't take it with you," and it's true. But it is also true that you can send it ahead.



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If you have any concerns that the elders should be aware of, or need to speak to with them, please contact Duane or Barry this month.

Our Worship Services

Sunday AM: 8:30 & 11:00

Bible Class: 10:00

Sunday PM: 6:00

Small Groups:

West Side Small Group: 6:15PM at Doug Paul's

Merrimack Small Group: 5:30PM contact Stuart Peacock

Wednesday PM Devotional/Bible Classes: 7:00

News Items? Please submit before 11AM each Tuesday.

This Sunday I'll be beginning a series on marriage. It will be a wide ranging series on everything from Biblical doctrines, to the nature of marriage, to good and godly psychological tips, and much more. So be sure to bring your Bible, an open heart for God's word, and a friend to come with you.

This Sunday evening at the building, Denise Heroux will be reporting on her mission work in France. Denise is moving back to the states permanently, but because we supported her off and on over the years, we wanted to hear a report about her good work in



Marseilles, France.

Next Sunday evening at the building, by request, we'll be talking about some of the smaller books of the Bible (e.g., 2 John, 3 John, Jude, etc.). They are part of the Bible, too, even though they don't get studied as often in Bible classes or sermons. Last Sunday we had a fairly large crowd. If you're not regularly going to a small group join us at the building for a half-hour devotional and communion service and an interactive, half-hour Bible study. You'll be glad you did.

Our Family

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household,”
Ephesians 2: 19, NAS95.

Coming up in February...

Mission update This coming Sunday, February 7th at 5:00pm we will have a pot luck supper in honor of Denise Heroux who has returned from France after being in Marseille as a missionary for 12 years. During the evening service, after the devotional, Denise will have a presentation about her experiences in France. Her courage and perseverance can be an inspiring example to us all.



Singing small group will be meeting at the Evans' house on Friday, February 19th. Dinner begins at 6pm and singing at 7pm. Please RSVP to Mark or Glenna if you will be there for dinner.

Food Drive The Food Pantry is all set for now. Thank you for helping to meet this very

important need.

What else?

Teens/parents of teens Conway youth rally (February 26th-28th) forms are available on Kim's desk. Please pick one up, fill it out and get it back to her by February 14th.

New England church growth conference will be held on March 13, 2010 at the church of Christ in Manchester, CT. A brochure is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Save the Dates... Biddeford Ladies Day-- March 27th. Ladies Day in Roxbury, MA on March 27th. More details to come. The Conway church of Christ will be hosting a Ladies weekend April 9th-11th with speaker Becky Blackmon. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer.

This and that...

Prayer requests Please remember Peggy Mailloux and April Cetoute in prayer as they will

be having surgery next week.

Directory update Betty Baron's new address is 83 Myrtle St., Manchester, 03104.

Notes of encouragement Brett's unit lost two men this past week. Please hold him up in prayer and send him a note. Brett Anderson
SOTF 3/3
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Wednesday night suppers Make sure to sign up on the list on the bulletin board in the back of the auditorium if you plan to attend.

Wednesday Night Menu

oven baked Parmesan chicken
vegetables
potatoes
bread
dessert

Worship Leaders

<p>Sunday, Feb 7, 8:30AM SongsBrandon H. Closing PrayerStuart P. ScriptureJim C. Lord's Supper Tom B. CoordinatorMike M.</p> <p>Sunday, Feb 7, 11:00AM SongsGary D. Closing PrayerRich T.</p>	<p>ScriptureRick G. Lord's SupperPete S. CoordinatorPete S.</p> <p>Sunday, Feb 7, 6:00PM Songs.....Ken B.</p> <p>Wednesday, Feb 10, 7:00PM Songs.....Doug P.</p>
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Prayer Concerns

Health: Doreen Lee, Duane Coss, Pat Arel, Bill Waisnor, Deniza Chase's niece, Penny Ranger, Manley Jones, Michael Anderson's brother
Leadership: Ministers, Elders, Deacons
Evangelism: Bible studies in progress, our website, MNFM, food pantry, Give Away Day contacts
Return to the Lord: Brethren who have forsaken the assembly

IS JESUS THE SON OF GOD?

PARK LINSOMB

Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God? If you do, could you give reasons why you believe? We live in world that is quite skeptical of Christianity — of most religion generally, but of Christianity especially. And in the face of this skepticism it is important — not only for yourself, but also for those who are honestly looking for a reason to believe — to be able to give a good reason for your faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Yet, perhaps you've not thought about it for a long time; let me offer a very brief apologetic (set of reasons) for believing that Jesus is Lord.

Jesus came at the right time

Daniel 2:44,45; 7:7-14; 9:4-27 provide us with God's general timeline for the establishment of His everlasting kingdom by means of His Messiah. The first two passages refer to four empires, and specify that it would be during the fourth empire that the Messiah, the Christ, would come. The last passage provides a timetable of years during which the Messiah would appear and accomplish God's grand scheme of redemption. Jesus came at the right time.

Jesus fulfilled other prophecies

Scholars have counted up the prophecies made about the Messiah and, although their counts slightly differ, there are hundreds

prophecies. Some are about the Christ's ministry, family lines, town of birth, method of teachings, main place of ministry, purpose in coming, timing of His coming (see above), His miracles, specific events, His nature, and more. Jesus fulfills all of even the most aggressive count of prophecies, 100%.

Liar, Lunatic, or Lord

C.S. Lewis proposes something for the skeptic to consider when he offers what has been called the trilemma. Jesus, to say that He was God, must be a liar, a lunatic, or the Lord. However, to be a liar, He would need to have a low morality and His teachings would reflect it. Instead, we find the highest caliber of morality that has stood the test of time and skeptical philosophy. Jesus is not a liar. And if He were a lunatic, His lunacy would not be restricted to a misunderstanding about His identity; He would be foolish about a number of teachings. Yet, Jesus' teachings are among the most rational and unselfish the world has ever seen. Jesus is not a lunatic. Therefore, He must be Lord.

Jesus' miracles

The miracles Jesus performed were not intended just to draw a crowd or to demonstrate His compassion — although they did accomplish both of these ends. Most importantly they were for authenticating that He was

speaking and operating from God's authority. And these miracles were well attested to, most of them having scores, hundreds, and even thousands of witnesses. Many of these witnesses became believers and refused to recant their witness even to the point of torture and death.

The greatest of all the miracles, of course, was the resurrection itself. Jesus pointed to it to the religious authorities, who were seeing sign after sign but with the will to disbelieve discounting His miracles. "But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet; for just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment, and will condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here." Matthew 12:39-41, NAS95.

Thus, Jesus is Lord, and since He is, are you in obedience to Him?

Our Congregational Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Happy Birthday: Linda Linscomb	1	2 Happy Birthday: Mike Moser Carrie Ruddy	3 Bible class 7pm Happy Birthday: Krystal Roukey	4	5	6
7 Happy Birthday: Deb Garven Marseille potluck 5pm	8	9 Happy Birthday: Jewell Tait	10 Bible class 7pm	11	12	13

<p>Teen News</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conway youth rally forms are available on Kim's desk. Pick one up, fill it out and return to Kim by February 14th.
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Our Statistics	
Sunday Morning Worship (combined)	No count
Contribution	\$3025.75

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