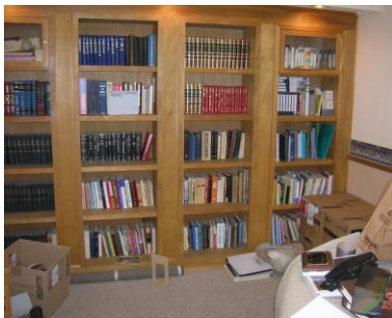


THE BULLETIN

Library Improvement

We've got some pretty great teens in our congregation (and not a bad youth minister, ha!). The proof is popping up everywhere; the latest evidence is the cleanup of the library, long a sort of congregational "dumping ground" for all manner of things from books to teacher supplies. But Tuesday the youth group convened a library cleanup crew and not only spiffed up the library but also the storage nook at the side of the library.

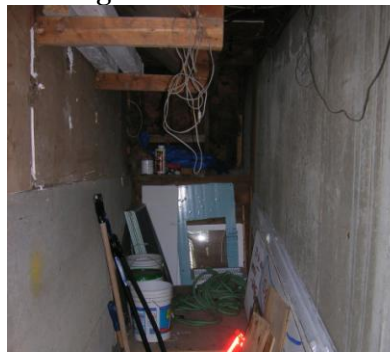


We don't have any "before" pictures (most of us remember what it looked like anyway), but we do have an after picture. And, wow, what an improvement. Thanks!

Sunday's sermon will be a study of important Christian activity as taught by Paul to a young evangelist in Crete, Titus. Because the Cretans were notorious for being a bit indolent and laid-back about things, Paul judged it important to urge them (through Titus) to avoid taking a laid-back attitude about their Christianity. In an age of multiple "labor saving devices" and tons of entertainment at our fingertips, this exhortation probably has a lot to say to us all.



Hey, adult brothers and sisters, the bar is being raised pretty high by our younger brothers and sisters. What can we do around the building to match it?



Sunday evening at the church building we'll be continuing a study on Taking Sin Seriously. Last Sunday's study on pride was a great discussion. This Sunday PM we'll be discussing doubt, disbelief, and mistrust. I feel another great discussion coming on! Skipping worship on Sundays in the summer is sometimes a bit of a temptation, but let's not only remember the command of Hebrews 10:25, but also determine that we will not allow ourselves to get spiritually weaker by giving in to temptation and missing the encouragement of worship and fellowship. See you Sunday!

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If you have any concerns that the elders should be aware of, or need to speak with them, please contact Lee or Larry 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 house

Merrimack Small Group:

5:30PM, contact Stuart

Peacock

Wednesday PM Devotional/Bible Classes: 7:00

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OUR FAMILY

NEWS TO USE

"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 July...

Body & soul workshop will be meeting on Sunday, July 11th at 1pm.

MNFM will be meeting next Monday, July 12th. Dinner of beef stroganoff, salad, bread and dessert will be served at 6pm followed by prayer time, visiting and writing cards of encouragement. Please join us.

What else?

Help needed Adam & Deb will need help loading their u-haul truck on Tuesday, July 13th after 12pm. Please let them know if you will be available to help.

Prayers There are 6 of our high school students at Harding for the next couple of weeks. Please pray for safe travels and an uplifting time.

This and that...

Update on Doreen She has been moved out of the ICU and into room C-121. Cards and short visits are welcome.

Food Drive There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer listing items we need to resupply the food pantry. Please take a look to see how you can help this important ministry.

Dave is also looking for some volunteers to do follow-up Bible studies/Bible reading with interested food pantry contacts.

Gander Brook is off to a warm but fun first week of camping. Check out the pictures of the counselors and new water slide at www.ganderbrook.org

VBS is only 5 1/2 weeks away (August 16-18) so let's get busy inviting all of our friends. Freda is in charge of refreshments and would appreciate lots of cookies.

Filling in While Park and Linda are in Texas meeting their new grandson, Karl Davies, Mark Casella and Zach Daggett will be bringing us the Wednesday devotionals. One of the elders and

possibly Gary Diaz will be preaching on Sunday mornings.

Worthy cause A lot of kids would like to go to Gander Brook, but can't afford it. Gander Brook's policy is to never turn down a child for one week, but at \$275/week that sometimes puts quite a financial burden on the camp. However, church members at Manchester have often helped out with "campership" donations. If you'd like to help a child to experience Gander Brook through such a "campership", please see Mike Moser our treasurer.

Attention men The service schedule for July through September can be found on the bulletin board in the back of the auditorium.

Worship Leaders

8:30

Songs.....Doug P.
Closing Prayer.....Stuart P.
Scripture.....Brandon H.
Lord's Supper.....Eric A.
Coordinator.....Mike M.

11:00

Songs.....Gary D.
Closing Prayer.....David S.
Scripture.....Rich T.
Lord's Supper.....Rick G.
Coordinator.....Rick G.

PM Songs.....Mark E.

Wed songs.....Doug P.

Prayer Concerns

Health: Doreen Lee, Duane Coss, Barry Fogal, Peggy Mailloux, Pete Steffensen, Penny Ranger, Manley Jones

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

THE SELF-STARTING CHRISTIAN

Isn't it great to be surprised by a good deed or a kindness offered to you that wasn't asked for – flowers, hugs, compliments, or a chore done? It is a wonderful show of affection. And doubtlessly one of the greatest joys the Lord has is when one of His children just does His will – without being begged, bugged, or coerced – just done out of love and a sincere heart.

In Mark 14:2ff only a short time remained before His trial and cruel death. Jesus was having dinner at Simon the leper's home with his disciples. Without a command or a program – completely unsolicited – a woman approached him and broke a vial of very costly perfume (pure nard) and poured it out over His head. Some of Jesus' disciples rebuked her for her apparent wastefulness (?), but Jesus answered all her critics, "Leave her alone. Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me." (Mark 14:6, NIV). He further proclaimed that this unexpected deed of kindness should never be forgotten as long as the gospel is proclaimed in all the world.

Why? Jesus wanted men to see an example of a person doing "what she could". He

wanted us to see an example of a self-starting disciple; because such devotion and love thrills His heart and it is what He wants from every Christian. Are you a self-starting Christian?

Do you need to be begged, prodded, bugged and coerced to attend the worship of the Lord with the rest of the saints? Self-starting Christians are "everytime" attenders; not because they're nagged to do so, but rather because they want to be praising God and encouraging others.

Do you need someone to ask you or provide a program for you to do good to others? Self-starting Christians look for opportunities to do good (Gal. 6:10). They do so not because it makes them look good, or because they've been assigned to it; but they "look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." (Phil. 2:4, NIV) – not convenience or less trouble for themselves.

Do you need someone to find ways for you to use your talents? Self-starting Christians are looking for ways to use their time, skills, and monies; and even seek to develop their talents to benefit the Kingdom of God.

Paul urges this when he says, "We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. (Rom. 12:6-8, NIV).

Do you need to be prodded to grow spiritually? Self-starting Christians know the benefits and practice regular Bible reading, disciplined prayer, regular attendance, and fellowship. They refuse to be satisfied with mediocrity, coasting, or spoon-feeding; their goal is Christian maturity.

Are you a self-starting Christian or are you waiting for someone to beg you, bug you, or make you feel guilty? Wouldn't the Lord be better served and pleased with loving service out of a heart fairly bursting with joy, love, and enthusiasm?

Park Linscomb

Our Congregational Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5 Happy Birthday: Missy Duer Karen Dugre	6 Happy Anniversary: Barry & Melanie Fogal	7	8 Happy Anniversary: Bob & Carol Eskel	9	10 Gander Brook Week 2
11 Happy Birthday: Jerome Paul Body & Soul workshop 1pm	12 Monday Night for the Master 6pm	13	14	15 Happy Birthday: Warren Hazelton	16 Happy Birthday: Cade Dumas	17 Gander Brook Week 3

Stats
 Sunday morning attendance.....No count
 Sunday morning contribution.....\$2276.02
 Weekly budget.....\$3710.00

Thought Food --

Teen Stuff

- July 13th... The plans for the *Tuesday Hangout/Devo (FUSE)* have changed. We are going to help the Dlutowski's load their u-haul truck. Please meet at their home at 138 Ward Street, Manchester shortly after 12 noon.
- July 15th... *Fisher Cats baseball game...* Preston needs to know by Sunday, July 11th (and needs payment of \$11 per ticket) if you will be attending the game. We have a section of seats reserved behind home plate. Meet at the building at 5pm.

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