

# THE BULLETIN

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## A Few Thoughts on the Tongue

Guard well thy tongue  
It stretches far  
For what you say  
Tells what you are  
(unknown)

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt. (Lincoln)

The older he grew, the less he spoke, and the more he said. (said of an aged minister)

I have never been cursed by the things I left unsaid. (Calvin Coolidge)

There are no idle rumors. Rumors are always busy.

A dog has many friends because the way is in his tail, and not in his tongue.

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This Sunday morning is our youth rally for the first service, but I'll be preaching for the second service on the topic of service. Bring a Bible, a friend, and a smile.



Park Linscomb, our minister

In the evening on Sunday there will be a number of small groups meeting around the area, but there will also be a group meeting at the church building at 6PM. If you are not part of a small group, join us at the building for a devotional, a communion service, and a Bible class.

# Our Family

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."  
1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIV

## NOTE FROM THE ELDERS:

### WE ARE CHANGING!

After much discussion, consideration, and prayer, the eldership has decided to combine the worship services to a single service. The start time for the Sunday Worship will be 9:30 AM with Bible Class at 11:00 AM. Our first Sunday on the new schedule will be May 6th. There may be some adjustments that need to be made to seating and meeting times as we start out so we ask for your patience during this transition period. We understand that change can be difficult sometimes but we have learned that there is a consensus that we need to meet all together to help us grow spiritually and encourage one another to love and serve the Lord. Please feel free to provide your feedback concerning this change.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Darlene Chamberlain to purchase a reliable vehicle.  
Cindy Longhenry, requests prayers for a personal issue.  
Jamie, Linda Carroll's daughter: in an unhealthy relationship. Pray that she comes back to a good relationship with God.  
The Chase family: guardianship. Waiting for decision.  
Jen Devoe: for wisdom, discernment, safety & knowledge as she completes her final semester.  
Jen Devoe requests prayers for a friend whose marriage is under attack. For wisdom & a return of unity for her family.  
Nicole Mosier's Grandmother. Being moved to an assisted living facility this month.  
Dave Jones to have an open heart for God & for Tom as he strives to teach him.  
Guyana Mission trip  
*Linda Tetrault: Living situation*  
Gerry Millette: post retirement job  
Mark Brown & his daughter  
Cory Roukey faith and guidance  
Brenda, Lee's sister, Court/grandchildren's custody  
Marie Levesque (job needed)  
Mike & Randi Malnory, looking for work.  
Sharon Abood Looking for work.

### Health

*Pete Steffensen got home Monday. Improving.*  
Lainie Ball & her son Jayden. Both with health issues.  
For Brynlee Letendre, brain cancer.  
Mike Devoe's cousin (sinus cancer.)  
Nita Hunt has cancer. Her husband, Ray, leads the Guyana mission trip so they will not be able to attend this year.  
Dwayne Gray, Susie's dad.  
Jennifer Crain  
John Matthew Davis  
Leslie Davis' mom  
Kathy, Marge Simon's niece, cancer  
Eileen Wasserstrom  
Aaron Abood (foot to heal)  
Geneva Baum's sister, Gloria  
Barbara, Freda's daughter

### Thanks

For Jerome Paul getting a FT job at Market Basket!

## YOUTH RALLY NEEDS

- socks for the homeless
- 2 yard pieces of fleece for blankets (for adult women so pick appropriate patterns) (see Linda Paul)
- variety of greeting cards, especially for sick children
- **Youth Rally Goodies**  
Baked goods (cookies, brownies, cakes, pies) for Saturday meals. Let Kim Daggett know what food you would like to bring.

## NEWS

**New Sister in Christ:** Quila Burkett, 661 Corning Rd., #19, Manchester, NH 03109, 603-854-4843, [quilalburkett@yahoo.com](mailto:quilalburkett@yahoo.com)  
**New adult Bible class starts April 29.** "Spiritual growth: Formation & Transformation" taught by Paul Mosier.  
**Heather King** is walking with her school for New Horizons. School goal is to raise \$20,000. See her to donate by April 19th.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**No Sunday School on April 22. If not involved with the Youth Rally, please attend second service on the 22.**  
**May 5 Baby Shower** for Kehinde Ogunsuyi. Here at the building from 10-12:30 Contact Barbara Steffensen, Sue Burdette, or Deb Dlutowski to help with food. She is registered at Babies R Us. #48187851  
**May 5 Lancaster church of Christ** Ladies day with Pam Stewart "Bring about the Joy" **May 6** Bill Stewart will speak during the worship  
**May 19 Ladies Day HERE!** Casandra Martin, speaker.



## OPPORTUNITIES to SERVE

- **VBS planning. Watch for details. Talk to Park if you can help.**
- **Help with making or clearing Communion trays**
- **Take trash & recycling to the curb on Wed. evenings.**
- **Mentor a younger Christian.**
- **Visit those sick or shut in.**
- **Cook for a Wednesday night supper.**
- Use **YOUR** talent for God.
- **Clip coupons for food pantry items.** Place in box on foyer counter or give to Kim Daggett.
- **The Pantry could use YOUR help.** Bring donations of food  
Cash donations can be placed in envelopes available behind the seats. Drop them in the collection plate.

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# Bridling the Tongue

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We're all aware that Christian language should be different than worldly language. Jesus taught it: Matthew 12:33-37 "...But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned." And Paul gave us more details about what that means in Ephesians 4:29-5:4, when he said, Ephesians 4:29-5:4 "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification ...and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks." But the most shocking passage about our words is found in James 1:26 — "If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless." A fuller translation of this verse would be, "If anyone thinks himself to be a worshipper of God, and yet does not control and lead his own tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's worshipping is nothing in God's sight." Wow! Apparently, bridling (controlling and leading) the tongue is a bit more important than we may have thought. So, where should Christians be leading our speech?

## **NOT IN CRITICAL, CUTTING, HATEFUL, OR UNKIND; BUT EDIFYING AND HELPFUL WORDS**

Although the world is full of gratuitous criticism (Jesus calls this "judgment" in Matt. 7:1), gossip, cut-downs, hateful terms (the Bible calls this "reviling"), and unkind words — and even revels in them — the Christian must not be influenced by or adopt this sort of language. It is typical of children in their immaturity, but it isn't fun or funny. Christians will grow out of it. Such language is destructive of relationships, is hurtful and vicious, and decidedly un-Christian. Paul taught, (Colossians 4:6) "Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person." And the salt he is speaking of here is not the same as "salty language", rather it is the "salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13) language that make a godly difference.

## **NOT IN FALSE, BUT TRUTHFUL WORDS**

The world is full of lies, half-truths, and even lying silences; and even though they'd all agree that it is wrong, they find ways of justifying it and make a tremendous living out of it — it's just business. And because we are surrounded by a world full of falseness, the influence on Christians can be substantial. But Christian words need to be truthful;

we need to be a beacon of light and truth in business, in personal relations, and in all our dealings with others. Satan, Jesus said, is the father of lies (John 8:44).

## **NOT IN CURSES, NAMES, PROFANITIES, OR OBSCENITIES; BUT FITTING WORDS**

It used to be that such language, if it was ever used, was confined to private conversations among men of low status. If such words occurred in the public square, it received a quick rebuke. But over the last 50 years "swearing" has become commonplace on TV and movies, in songs, among men of high position, among women and even children — and sometimes even among Christians. Curses (calling on God to hurt someone), names (trying to label someone as something bad), profanities (using God's name or some other holy thing in an unholy fashion), and obscenity (a term for something that is shocking or revolting) is all air pollution that has nothing to do with fossil fuels and carbon emissions! "Fitting words" is what the Lord requires — what you would expect from someone wearing the name Christian.

## **NOT IN GRUMBLING OR COMPLAINING, BUT JOYFUL AND COOPERATIVE**

Most of us feel like we are entitled to grumble and complain about what we don't like. If we're unhappy, we want the world to know it, we want change, now! But this was one of the great sins of Israel in the wilderness, always complaining about the circumstances of the wilderness, continually comparing their current situation to an idealized Egypt, forgetting the blessings and benefits and promises of God. Now, on the one hand God invites us to present our petitions to Him, but on the other hand, we need to be careful about grumbling — especially because it's so easy to do. It tends to spread and cause general dissatisfaction and loss of faith and ultimately rebellion and disobedience. Instead, the Lord invites us to 1) know that He does hear us, 2) be joyful in the blessings we have now (contentment), 3) cooperate with the Lord's plan because He knows best and has our best interests at heart.

As Christians, let's watch our tongues; bridle, control, and lead them — rather than the other way around.

Park Linscomb

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 <b>POTLUCK 5pm</b> Happy Birthday Randy Chase Happy Anniversary Karl & Sue Davies	16	17 Happy Birthday Gerry Millette	18	19	20 <b>YOUTH RALLY</b>	21 <b>YOUTH RALLY</b>
22 <b>YOUTH RALLY</b> Happy Birthday Caroline Apgar Happy Anniversary Tom & Linda Carroll	23	24	25	26 Happy Birthday Leah Drown & Lee Davis	27 Happy Anniversary David & Sandy Hazelton	28 <b>Singing Small Group</b> Happy Birthday George Abood
29 Happy Birthday Steven Bell	30	1	2	3 Happy Birthday Matthew Karafelis & Wendy Plybon	4	5 Happy Anniversary to Carl & Beth King
6 Happy Birthday Sue Bell	7 <b>Monday Night for the Master</b> Happy Birthday Patrick & Deb Garven	8 Happy Birthday Kaylee Daggett	9 Happy Birthday Mary Roukey	10 Happy Birthday Nicole Cordaro	11	12

8:30	WORSHIP LEADERS	11:00
Youth	<b>Songs</b>	Rick Gordon
Rally	<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Pete Steffensen
leading	<b>Scripture</b>	Dave Skerry
the	<b>Lord's supper</b>	Paul Mosier
service	<b>Coordinator</b>	Rick Gordon
Alana Cottrell	<b>Worship Tech</b>	Rich Therrien
Eve: Mark Evans	<b>Songs</b>	Wed 18: Stuart Peacock

**Stats**  
 Sunday morning attendance:.....128  
 Sunday morning contribution.\$4108.01  
 Weekly budget.....\$3800.00  
 Pantry served 4 families this week.

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**Elders' Link: April**

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 Mike Moser 661-6381 [heymikeymo@comcast.net](mailto:heymikeymo@comcast.net)  
 If you have any concerns that the elders should be aware of, or need to speak with them, please contact Barry or Mike this month.

**Deacons**

Finance: Tony Casella  
 Small Groups: Stuart Peacock  
 Education: Doug Paul  
 Maintenance: Peter Steffensen

**Our Worship Services**

Sunday AM: 8:30 & 11:00  
 Bible Class: 10:00

**Starting May 6**

**Worship at 9:30am & Bible Class at 11:00am**

Sunday PM: 6:00

Small Groups:

West Side: 5PM at Doug Paul's house, Hebrews study  
 Merrimack: 5:30PM, contact Stuart Peacock, youth studies

Wednesday PM Devotional/Bible Classes: 7:00

Contact David Skerry with Benevolence/Pantry needs.

