

# THE BULLETIN

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## They're Positively Right!

*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."* Hebrews 11:1

Failure is a detour, not a dead-end street.

Zig Ziglar

If you can dream it, then you can achieve it. You will get all you want in life if you help enough other people get what they want.

Zig Ziglar

"A strong positive attitude will create more miracles than any wonder drug."

Patricia Neal

"Our attitude toward life determines life's attitude towards us."

John N. Mitchell

"Having a positive mental attitude is asking how something can be done rather than saying it can't be done."

Bo Bennett

"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination."

Jimmy Dean

It was a high counsel that I once heard given to a young person, "Always do what you are afraid to do."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Take calculated risks. That is quite different from being rash.

George S. Patton

If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes.

St. Clement of Alexandria

We are all inventors, each sailing out on a voyage of discovery, guided each by a private chart, of which there is no duplicate. The world is all gates, all opportunities.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The only way of finding the limits of the possible is by going beyond them into the impossible.

Arthur C. Clarke

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit.

Aristotle

Hope is like the sun, which, as we journey toward it, casts the shadow of our burden behind us.

Samuel Smiles

When the best things are not possible, the best may be made of those that are. - Richard Hooker

If the wind will not serve, take to the oars.

Destitutus ventis, remos adhibe  
Latin Proverb

Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objections must first be overcome.

Samuel Johnson

Fortune favors the brave.

Publius Terence

Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds.

Albert Einstein

Believe with all of your heart that you will do what you were made to do.

Orison Swett Marden

Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

For hope is but the dream of those that wake.

Matthew Prior

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Can you believe it, this Sunday will be the last Sunday, Lord willing, that we'll be meeting separately! I'm excited! Thanks to Glenna and others who worked hard at finding the new configuration for our seating, too. It allows us to actually have more seating capacity than the old arrangement. Things are looking up around here and I'm getting psyched!



Park Linscomb, our minister

This Sunday is our once a month special opportunity to invite a friend and let them hear a lesson aimed at visitors, "I'm Glad I'm a Christian". The featured reason for gladness at being a Christian this month is "I Have a Forever Family, the Church". Come and bring someone else along.

# 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

*The Women at Angie's Place: Strength & perseverance.*  
*David Skerry had his wallet with ID's stolen Monday evening.*  
*Tresor DeFrancesco looking for work.*  
*Danielle Upton prayers for everything*  
*Geneva Baum's Nephew, Glenn, in prison*  
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.  
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)  
Sharon Abood looking for work.

### Health

Pete Steffensen  
*Dick Potter: heart bypass surgery mid May*  
*Geneva Baum's sister, Gloria has cancer.*  
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)  
Barbara, Freda's daughter

### Thanks

*The Chases thank you all for your many prayers & thank God for the blessing of continuing to raise the children.*  
For Jerome Paul getting a FT job at Market Basket!

## TEENS

Young Ladies Fellowship (10-18 yrs), June 9th at Blue Hill church of Christ, Mattapan, MA See bulletin board for more info

## NEWS

**Darlene Chamberlain** has BRIGHT YELLOW answer to prayer. (She found a replacement for her totaled vehicle!

**Missing:** a pair of flat -handled Fiskar Scissors. (Normal blade, not pinking sheers.) They were lost during the blanket making on Saturday. Please see Linda Paul if you find them.

**New Sister in Christ:** Quila Burkett, 661 Corning Rd., #19, Manchester, NH 03109, 603-854-4843 (cell) 603-623-9881 (Home) [quilalburkett@yahoo.com](mailto:quilalburkett@yahoo.com)

**New adult Bible class starts April 29.** "Spiritual growth: Formation & Transformation" taught by Paul Mosier.

**Gander Brook:** 2012 registration forms are on the back counter in the foyer Interested in providing camperships? Please give funds to either Tony Casella, Park or Rich Therrien.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**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 7 Monday Night** for the Master

**May 19 Ladies Day HERE!** Casandra Martin, speaker.

**May 18-20 GB's Center for Christian Leadership** classes for men. More details on bulletin board.

**June 24-30 GB's Work & Worship Week** . Details on bulletin board.



## OPPORTUNITIES to SERVE

- **VBS planning tonight after Bible class.**
- 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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# The Destructive Nature of Negative Attitudes

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*“Do all things without grumbling or disputing;”*  
Philippians 2:14

Did you ever consider the strategy that Satan employed in the first temptation and sin? Oh sure, there was the lure of how delicious the forbidden fruit looked, there was the attraction of knowledge like God’s; but what made this mixture of temptation so potent was Satan’s deliberate stirring-up of discontent and negativity — God just doesn’t want you to be like Him. That seems to have clinched it for Eve! And things tumbled downhill rapidly after that.

What are we talking about? Well, negative attitudes sometimes come in the form of discontent or complaint about how things are — or how we’re afraid their going to be. Sometimes it comes in the form of the kind of judgment that the Bible condemns, gratuitous criticism about everyone and everything — can’t find a good thing to say about much of anything. Sometimes it comes in the form of rebellion against authority (e.g., Israel against Moses and Aaron). And sometimes it comes in the form of lack of faith in God Himself — “Does God hear us? Will God protect us? This will never happen!”

And these various forms of negativity are everywhere — far more so than we often realize. I saw a video online recently entitled “Shockingly Negative” about a so-called “Complaint Zapper” that sort of brought this truth home with the implied question, “What if we had one of those zapping dog collars that zapped us every time we said something negative?” Ouch! Not only did it look painful, but it was painful to my conscience about how negative we can sometimes be.

And a negative attitude has such negative results! While Israel was wandering in the

wilderness, complaint and grumbling were their regular downfalls. “We don’t have enough water. We don’t have enough food. We don’t like this food. We wish we were back in Egypt with our cucumbers and leeks. We think we’re wandering in circles. Who made you leaders, anyway? The Canaanites are too big and strong for us to defeat!” And because of their complaining, the whole original generation who came out of Egypt died in the wilderness, Korah and other leaders of Israel were swallowed up by the earth, many died by plague, many others died by serpent bites, Aaron and Miriam died in the wilderness, and Moses never made it to the promised land. It can sour marriages, ruin relationship, and tear down the church.

Negativity discourages others around us; it tends to suck the oxygen out of a room of encouragement and faith. It encourages others to be discontent and to complain. Sometimes it only takes one grumbler to kill a spirit of faith and progress. Furthermore, it discourages leaders. Consider the burden of Moses as he tried to lead Israel out of Egypt and across the wilderness, and it was primarily because of the constant stream of complaint and grumbling. In fact, it was out of frustration with the negativity of Israel that Moses struck the rock (instead of speaking to it as God had commanded) and was barred from the Promised Land. And lastly, it negativity has the tendency to become a self-fulfilling prophecy. If I think I can’t, if we think we can’t, we’re already 99% defeated!

Let’s stay on the sunny side of life and faith — it will benefit us for the here and now and the hereafter! Next week we’ll talk about the building power of “positivity”.

Park Linscomb

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 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 7pm Singing, RSVP for 6pm dinner</b> Happy Birthday George Abood
29 Happy Birthday Steven Bell	30	1	2	3 Happy Birthday Matthew Karafelis	4	5 <b>Baby Shower for Kehinde Ogunsuyi 10-12:30</b> Happy Anniversary to Carl & Beth King
6 <b>NEW HOURS Worship: 9:30am, Sunday School: 11am.</b> 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
13 Happy Birthday Noelani Hillhouse Casey Peacock	14	15	16 Happy Birthday Marge Simon	17	18	19 <b>LADIES DAY HERE!</b> Registration at 8:30am Ends by 3pm

8:30	WORSHIP LEADERS	11:00
Brandon Hombs	<b>Songs</b>	Gary Diaz
Stuart Peacock	<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Rich Therrien
James Casella	<b>Scripture</b>	Rick Gordon
Larry Glass	<b>Lord's supper</b>	Pete Steffensen
Doug Paul	<b>Coordinator</b>	Rich Therrien
George Abood	<b>Worship Tech</b>	Barry Fogal
Eve: Mark Evans	<b>Songs</b>	Wed 25: Doug Paul

**Stats**

Sunday morning attendance:....155+/-  
(Includes the youth rally)  
Sunday morning contribution.\$1986.64  
Weekly budget.....\$3800.00  
Pantry served 7 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 11am**

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.

