

MEET OUR SUMMER INTERN!



Hi! My name is Philip Baird and I'm a student at Harding University from Searcy, Arkansas. I am attending Harding to study Missions and Youth and Family Ministries. Some things about myself include that I'm a choir kid and band kid. I love playing soccer, eating sub sandwiches, and watching movies. I also have recently started getting into photography. Can't wait to join you guys soon!

It would be great if you could email him and let him know that you are excited that he has chosen to volunteer his time with us!
His email address is: jbaird2@harding.edu

Notes from the Elders:

What do you think about during the day? If you think about good things, don't you often feel better and want to do good things? Likewise, when you think about not so good things, things can seem to go from bad to worse pretty quickly. Read Philippians 4:8-9. God wants us to experience the joy and peace of knowing and doing His will. But remember that there is a balance between knowledge and experience. You can think about lovely things all day long but you're missing out on God's plan for you if you never experience them. Have a great week!

We are so pleased that you have joined us for worship this morning. If you are visiting, we



hope that you will feel warmly welcomed by our church family. Our prayer is that you may be encouraged and uplifted as we worship together. Please join us downstairs after worship for some coffee and fellowship, followed by bible classes for all ages.

Our Ministers:

Park Linscomb 540-0287
Preston Cottrell 518-5800

Our Elders:

Charles Burdette 622-4878
Barry Fogal 487-2387
Larry Glass 887-1741
Gerry Millette 497-3105
Mike Moser 429-9487

Our Deacons:

Tony Casella- Finance
Doug Paul- Education
Stuart Peacock- Worship
Pete Steffensen- Maintenance

Outreach & Benevolence/Pantry-

Dave Skerry

Elders' Link: May

Charles Burdette 622-4878
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michaelmoser@comcast.net

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

Our Family

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. ~Romans 15:1



Registration is now available online at www.ganderbrook.org

Work and Worship Week --June 22-29

Week 1 --June 29- July 6

Week 2 --July 6-July 13

Week 3 --July 13-July 20

Week 4 --July 20-27

Week 5 --July 27-Aug 3

Week 6 --Aug 3-Aug 10



A campership fund has been established for those campers who are in need. Please see Rich Therrien to contribute or to apply for assistance.

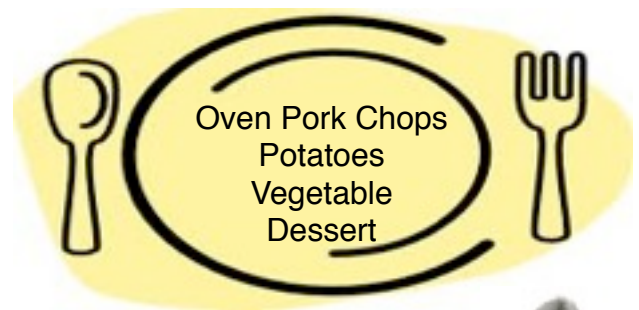
Attention Ladies!

May 11th: Edgewood Ladies Day- registration forms available in the foyer.

June 8th: Ladies Retreat Planning Meeting 10:00



Menu for 5/8 Wednesday evening supper:



News & Important Dates:

Lawn mowing Sign-up: a sign-up sheet has been posted in the foyer. If you are able, sign up for one week this summer to mow the church yard.

May 6: Monday Night for the Master- Ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, dessert.

May 13: Family Prayer Night

May 18: Groton CT seminar "How to Evangelize Your Community" with Stafford North

May 19: 3rd Sunday Potluck

Placing Membership:

Kathy Feuerhelm

2 Waterford Way #202

Manchester, NH 03102

603-782-3601



Directory Update Forms:

If you have never filled out a form or have new information, please fill out a pink form and return it to Susie. Thanks!

Prayer Requests:

- ▶ **WORK** — Candy Chase; Marie Levesque -job needed; Gary Chase's job adjustment; Justin Chase-difficult work situation.
- ▶ **SYMPATHY-** To Linda Carroll's daughter Nikki & husband Ashley upon the loss of their baby girl.
- ▶ **PERSONAL STRUGGLES** — Mark Brown & his daughter Emma; Cory Roukey faith and guidance; Jim Kenison; Blessing Kavari and baby Christopher (friends of Anne Davis)
- ▶ **HEALING & COMFORT** --Victims of the Boston bombing; Victims of the West, TX fertilizer plant explosion; Linda Tetrault; Randy Chase's dad; Linda Carroll's daughter & family; David Black-in rehab; Rick Gelinias - chemo; Linda Paul-healing from rotator cuff surgery; John Matthew-pain & treatment; Deb Garvin's son Richard-diagnosis & treatment; Virginia Gray (Susie's mom)-radiation treatments.
- ▶ **SITUATIONS--** Penny to find a new aide. For the LeCats to sell their house.

**If you have updates to prayer requests, please call the office or let Susie know.*



Meek or Bold?



Which is the proper Christian character, meekness or boldness? There will be those who will argue that meekness is part of the Beatitudes, Matthew 5:5 “Blessed are the gentle (meek), for they shall inherit the earth.” Yet, there will be plenty of advocates for boldness, too, citing passages like Ephesians 6:20 “for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it [the Gospel] I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.” But the answer is not “one or the other”, but “both and”. Let me explain.

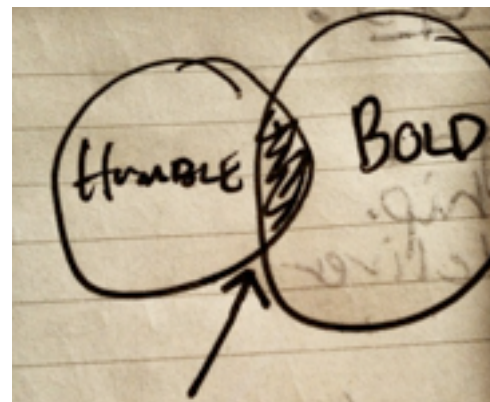
Christian characteristics are seldom defined the same way as they might be in the world, and this is the case in understanding both meekness and boldness. Meekness in the Greek language most often best translated as humility or gentleness. The easiest way to define it is to use it's opposite; it is the opposite of proud or arrogant. But after that the world's definition and the Christian definition start to part company. The world's notion of humility is based on how little I might have economically, my lack of position or prestige in this world, and how little I might, therefore, think of myself in comparison to others. Christian humility, on the other hand, is not based on what I don't have or who I'm not. Just before Jesus washed the feet of the apostles, the Scripture says, (John 13:3, 4) “Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, *got up from supper, and *laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself.” Notice that His humble act of service was based on knowing Who He was/is, knowing that He was about to redeem man by His cross, and knowing what victory and reward lay ahead. And Christian humility is likewise founded on the high status of being children of God and on the high and holy example of Jesus serving in love our best interests. Such humility is not born of poor self-image, but rather a realistic image — Romans 12:3 “For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.” This leads to a humble spirit that happily acts in love, serving others without loss of honor.

Christian boldness, too, is different from worldly boldness. Worldly boldness is founded

largely on bravado, passion, human pride, and whatever strength we have (or think we have). It is prone to miscalculation, error, and sometimes victory. Christian boldness, on the other hand, is founded on the Christian's faith in God's abilities, God's strength, God's absolute truth and rightness, and God's invincibility. What would you do or say, if you knew by faith that you were absolutely right and could not be ultimately defeated? You'd be Christian-bold in sharing the Gospel; you'd be Christian-bold in doing the “crazy” or “impossible”; you'd look folks right in the eye with Christian-boldness and stand for right, even when the rest of the world is calling it old-fashioned, silly, or even wrong — just like the Christians of the first century did!

And when you put these two characteristics together, you get one powerful Christian life! A life that is not hobbled by status, position, self-esteem issues, or self-doubt, but is given wings to make a real impact in the world through love, service, faith, Gospel, and God's ability. The world likes the idea of a meek Christian (meek by its definition). It hates the idea of a bold Christian, and has expended a great amount of effort in modern times to silence God's people, because (John 3:19) “...men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.” God wants us to be both meek (humble) and bold — it's the sort of people that He can change the world with. Will you become one of them?

Park Linscomb



THE MANCHESTER CHURCH OF CHRIST "WE ARE HERE & WE CARE" MAY 5, 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| 5 Happy Anniversary Beth & Carl King | 6 Happy Birthday Sue Bell Monday Night for the Master | 7 Happy Anniversary Patrick & Deb Garvin | 8 Happy Birthday Kaylee Daggett | 9 Happy Birthday Mary Roukey | 10 Happy Birthday Nicole Cordaro | 11 elder/ preacher mtg 8:30 Edgewood Ladies Day |
| 12 | 13 Happy Birthday Noelani Hillhouse & Casey Peacock Philip Baird arrives | 14 Family Prayer Night | 15 | 16 Happy Birthday Marge Simon | 17 | 18 |
| 19 3rd Sunday Potluck | 20 | 21 Happy Anniversary Brandon & Veronika Hombs | 22 Happy Birthday Karl Davies | 23 | 24 Happy Anniversary Jim & Darlene Cordaro | 25 Happy Anniversary Rick & Sharon Gordon elder/deacon meeting |
| 26 Happy Birthday Veronika Hombs | 27 Happy Birthday Rick Gordon | 28 Happy Birthday Mandy Hazelton | 29 | 30 Happy Birthday Faith Hazelton | 31 | JUNE 1 |

TEENS!

WEEKLY CHILL: Tuesdays from 7-8



CHICKOPEE LOCK-IN: Friday May 10-Sat
May 11. See Preston for info.

MAY 13: Intern Philip Baird arrives to work
(and play) with us for several weeks!

The Manchester church of Christ

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Secretary office hours: Monday-Friday 9:00-1:00

Our Worship Services

Sunday AM: 9:30

Bible Class: 11:00

Sunday PM: 6:00 (3rd Sunday congregational potluck @ 5:00)

Small Groups:

West Side: 5:30 at Doug Paul's house,
Christian Ethics.

Merrimack: 5:30 at Moser's, youth studies
Wednesday PM Devotional/Bible Classes: 7:00

Contact David Skerry with Benevolence/Pantry
needs.



| W O R S H I P S C H E D U L E | MAY 12 | WORSHIP LEADERS |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|
| | Rick Gordon | Songs |
| | Tony Casella | Closing Prayer |
| | James Casella | Scripture |
| | Gary Diaz | Lord's supper |
| | Rich Therrien | Worship Tech |
| | Rick Gordon | Coordinator |
| | Mike Moser | Call to Worship |
| | Park L. | Songs pm |
| | May 8-Doug Paul | Wed Songs |
| May 8- Charles Burdette | Wed Devotional | |

Statistics

Sunday morning attendance:....125

Sunday morning contribution:

Weekly budget.....\$3800.00

Pantry served 4 Families this week.