THE MANCHESTER CHURCH OF CHRIST "WE ARE HERE & WE CARE" MARCH 23, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 Happy Birthday Rachel Devoe & Louise Roy	24	25 Happy Anniversary Julie and Tony Casella	26	27 Happy Birthday Don Dion & Lynn Millette	28 Happy Birthday Yann Lecat	29
30 Happy Birthday Freddie Hillhouse 5th Sunday Contribution	3 I Happy Birthday Scott Apgar	April I Happy Birthday Nate Moser & Freda Potter	2 Happy Birthday Stephanie Cordaro	3 Happy Birthday Zach Daggett	Conway Ladi	5 Happy Birthday Barry Fogal Elder/Preacher Mtg
6	7 Monday Night for the Master	8 Happy Birthday Kas Dumas & Carl King	9 Happy birthday Kris Karafelis & Kate Fogal Happy Anniversary Ken & Sue Bell	10	11	12 Happy Birthday Rick Dugre Elder/Preacher meeting 8:30 Shower for Levi Girling 10:00
13	14 Happy Anniversary George & Sharon Abood	I5 Happy Birthday Randy Chase, Happy Anniversary Karl & Sue Davies Family Prayer Night 7:00	16	17 Happy Birthday Gerry Millette	18	19



TUESDAY- Chill @ Skerry's 7-8

April 25-27 "REVIVE" Isaiah 40:28-31 Let God take control of our fears and limitations that often make us "Frozen"

The Manchester church of Christ

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Our Worship Services

Sunday AM: 9:30 Bible Class: 11:00

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

Small Groups:

West Side: 5:30 at the Pauls' - Christian Ethics.

Merrimack: 5:00 - youth studies Concord: 5:30 at the Wilsons'

Wednesday PM Devotional/Bible Classes: 7:00

Contact David Skerry with Benevolence/Pantry needs.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Mar 30	WORSHIP LEADERS
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Doug Paul	Songs
Dave Skerry	Closing Prayer
Jonah Peacock	Scripture
Fred Hillhouse	Lord's supper
Barry Fogal	Worship Tech
Rich Therrien	Coordinator
Gerry Millette	Call to Worship
Park L.	Songs pm
Mar 26 Doug Paul	Wed Songs
Mar 26 Gerry Millette	Wed Devotional

Statistics

 $Sunday\ morning\ attendance:...$

Sunday morning contribution:..\$3617.79
Weekly budget.....\$3800.00

Pantry Served 2 Families this week.

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Broken Things

Many of us are broken at one time or another. We are sometimes broken in spirit, sometimes broken in body, sometimes broken in relationships and sometimes broken by the death of a loved one or even the loss of a job. We often struggle to find a reason for this happening, but we just as often struggle for a reason to go on, to have some purpose in our lives. We want to cry out, "What's the use? Why should I even try? No one cares, no one sees me."

It may be that you are hurting, lonely, feeling dejected, useless or abandoned... broken. It's understandable how hard that is to deal with in your life, but remember that God always has a use for you and always has love for you, even when you feel unlovable and unloved.

A quote from "Heart Held High," that reminds us of some amazing things about God. The author wrote:

We are now his broken things. But remember how he used broken things. The broken pitcher of Gideon's little army. The broken roof, through which the crippled man was lowered, and the

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in

him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy

Spirit. (Romans 15:13) We pray you all remember God's love is new

every morning and that His promises are real. It's easy to forget God

in all the other things in our lives but He is there waiting patiently for

you. Trust in Him when He says, over and over, that He loves you

and enjoy His blessings. Have a great week!

broken alabaster box,
which shed its fragrance
over the broken body of
our Savior.

Have you recently been broken? It is not the "end of life as you know it." God does have more for you to do and be, for him.

~Russ Lawson



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 Minister:

Park Linscomb 540-0287

Our Elders:

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

Our Deacons:

Tony Casella- Finance
Fred Hillhouse- Facilities
Doug Paul- Education
Stuart Peacock- Worship
Pete Steffensen- Facilities
David Skerry- Benevolence &
Outreach

Elders' Link: March

Gerry Millette 497-3105

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Mike Moser 429-9487

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

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NOTES FROM THE ELDERS:

Our Family

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ~Colossians 3:12

Summer Youth Intern

We are excited to announce that Jeff Smith, a missions major from Freed-Hardeman University will be joining us this summer as our youth intern. Jeff will be with us from mid-May through mid-August and will be living in the house next door.

We are in need of a donation of the use of a car for the summer, as we had for Philip the Intern last summer. If you can help out for any part of the summer with this need, please let Mike Moser know.

Please be in prayer for Jeff as he completes his semester and travels to join us.

News & Important Dates:

Mar 30: Area-wide hymn sing at Concord church

Mar 30: 5th Sunday Building ContributionApril 7: Monday Night for the Master

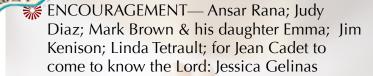
April 4-6: Conway Ladies Weekend

April 25-27: Our Youth Rally (volunteers needed!)

Menu for 3/26:



Cooks are needed! Sign up in the back.



- PRAISE—for a summer youth intern!
- SYMPATHY- the family of Rick Gelinas. Arrangements for a memorial service are pending.
- ## HEALING & COMFORT --Angela Beard;
 Dave McKinnon (husband of Lenore, former member); Anabeth Hickman (Kathy Fuerhelm's daughter)-high risk pregnancy;
 Chantal- the Lecat's daughter; Rita Jones;
 James McLaughlin-leg & back pain; Melissa Therrien's dad; Jim Kenison-broken arm;
 Peggy Mailloux; Linda Tetrault: Nedra Kinyon (Leah Yancy's grandmother)
- CANCER TREATMENTS-- Curtis Winstead,
 Doris Nault (Lucille's sister), Gina
 Jonston, Lynn Millette, Algie Beard, Dave
 Seguin, David Lovering, John Matthewexperimental chemo; Barbara Ann (Margery's cousin), Truman Gist.
- **OUTREACH--** GAD contacts, Bible studies in progress, our website, food pantry.

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



FOR THE LADIES....

April 4-6— Conway Ladies Day "Come to the Feast" Sign up in the foyer for carpool.

April 5th— Ladies Spring Luncheon 11:30 @ Wendy LeCat's. Wear a hat!

May 31 — Lakes Region Ladies Day



PARADIGM SHIFT From Part of Life to Life Itself



Whatever I will be, When I grow up; I'll be a Christian first, When I grow up.

If I should be a fireman, When I grow up; I'll be a Christian fireman, When I grow up.

It's a children's song, sung usually in preschooler classes. Simple. Cute. But heavy with meaning for those with ears to hear.

The modern person often wears lots of hats. There's often a home-us, a work-us, a school-us, a friend-us—and a church-us. Each piece of our lives has its own routines, its own jokes, its own behaviors, its own expectations, its own compartment. And nowhere is it probably more pronounced than with regard to church, religion, our spiritual selves. This is due in large part to not just our natural tendency to compartmentalize our lives, but specifically because the modern world around us puts ever-increasing pressure on us to do so.

Because, you see, we are repeatedly told that neither God nor religion are welcome in public places, in polite conversation, in politics, in public buildings, or anywhere else except a very small, private, and evershrinking compartment of our lives. "Go to church, if you're into that," the world says, "but when you come out, leave your faith in the building." To let authentic discipleship get "out of the box"—is to almost beg to marginalized, satirized, and ostracized.

And so modern Christians have often gotten comfortable with the paradigm of thinking about their faith as just "a part of their lives". But is this what Jesus had in mind, when He said, "Come follow Me"?

The very idea of discipleship was the following of a teacher everywhere. You didn't start and stop at will. You were a disciple or you were not. And Jesus does not call us to a compartmentalized discipleship, a worldly, devilish paradigm. Real discipleship to Jesus is a whole life. Even more, it is life itself.

The disciple of Jesus knows no restrictions for mentioning the Lord, for prayer, for speaking the truth in love. The disciple is no more self-conscious about his Christian behaviors than he might be self-conscious about tying his shoes or taking a breath. Disciples are unashamed to love Jesus more than "cool stuff". They maintain their Christian interests no matter what company they're in. They won't alter their Christian behavior among others to simply get along. The disciple holds to his convictions steadfastly about right and wrong regardless of convenience or negative pressures.

Consider just a couple of New Testament passages:

Colossians 3:17 "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."

Mark 12:30 "AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH **ALL** YOUR HEART, AND WITH **ALL** YOUR SOUL, AND WITH **ALL** YOUR MIND, AND WITH **ALL** YOUR STRENGTH.'"

And it becomes even more obvious, when you take the time to analyze the areas of life covered by the commands of God. There are commands regarding home life; there are commands regarding relationships with friends, with neighbors, with enemies, and with even persecutors; there are commands about honesty in business; there are commands about our sex lives; there are commands about employers and employees; there are commands about our every day speech including the jokes we tell; there are commands about what we think in our private moments; and so much more. There is no compartment of life that God has neglected to speak to; no private corner that the Lord has left us without some guidance for wholeness and holiness. All this said to simply emphasize that Christianity is a whole-life, not a compartment; it is not a portion of life, it is life itself.

So, be a fireman, a policeman, a business person, a banker, a lawyer, a mechanic, a truck driver, a plumber, a homemaker, a student, a retiree, a farmer, or a poet—but be a Christian, a true disciple, first and foremost.

A paradigm is simply about the big picture of how you view the world, and a paradigm shift is simply changing how you view the world. How do you see your Christian life? Are you confining it to a compartment, or is it your whole life? Is it part of your life, or is it life itself? The answer makes a difference to the Lord and your soul. Is it time for a shift?

Park Linscomb

