

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Youth Rally mtg 11:30 Memorial service for Rick Gelines 5:00 pm	14 Happy Anniversary George & Sharon Abood	15 Happy Birthday Randy Chase, Happy Anniversary Karl & Sue Davies Family Prayer Night 7:00	16	17 Happy Birthday Gerry Millette	18 Elders/Deacons Leadership retreat	19 Happy Birthday Sebastien and Anthony
20 Easter	21	22 Happy Anniversary Tom & Linda Carroll	23	24 Happy Birthday Quila Burkett	25 REVIVE! Youth Rally	26
27	28 Happy Birthday George Abood	29	30	MAY 1	2	3 Happy Birthday Matthew Karafelis



Caterpillar to butterfly — the process of metamorphosis. This is the word image painted for us in this message from Scripture. While most people are ordinary humans, with ordinary human

powers, and ordinary human lives, we are called extraordinary because of the work of the Spirit. While most people are limited to their natural abilities, we are given the freedom to overcome our natural limitations and failures by the power of the Holy Spirit to transform us to be more and more like Jesus. And how does this happen? By the power of the Holy Spirit as we both contemplate and reflect the glory of Jesus.



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.

TEENS!

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"

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 13	WORSHIP LEADERS
Stuart Peacock	Songs
Brandon Hombs	Closing Prayer
Justin Silva	Scripture
John Osceola	Lord's supper
Rich Therrien	Worship Tech
Mike Moser	Coordinator
Barry Fogal	Call to Worship
Park L.	Songs pm
April 9 Doug Paul	Wed Songs
April 9 Dave Skerry	Wed Devotional

And we all,
with unveiled face,
beholding the glory
of the Lord,
are being transformed
into the same image
from one degree of glory
to another.

2 Corinthians 3:18

NOTES FROM THE ELDERS:

Take a moment and read 2 Corinthians 3:17-18. We struggle to put God ahead of ourselves solely out of our love for God. If I obey solely out of fear of hell or desire for heaven, my motivation is love for myself. God seeks a pure love for him that is greater than love for ourselves and this isn't easy for us! But the Spirit is there through our faith to help us transform into the image of Jesus. May your love for God be strengthened this week!

Statistics

Sunday morning attendance:...101
Sunday morning contribution:...\$2563.99
Weekly budget.....\$3800.00
Pantry Served 4 Families this week.



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: 5:30 - youth studies
Concord: 5:30 at the Wilsons'
Wednesday PM Devotional/Bible Classes: 7:00

Contact David Skerry with Benevolence/Pantry needs.

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: April

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 Barry or Mike this month.

Our Family

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



YOUTH RALLY VOLUNTEERS

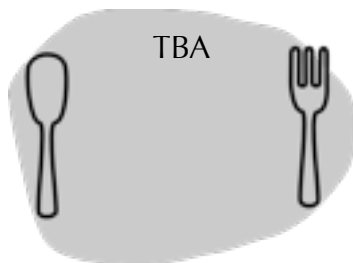
Youth Rally Volunteers...please plan on meeting at the front of the auditorium after morning worship on Sunday April 13 for a quick update on how plans are progressing. We would like to finalize Saturday afternoon activity plans and make sure everyone has what they need to make this a successful rally. Thanks for volunteering!

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News & Important Dates:



- April 7:** Monday Night for the Master: Baked Chicken, broccoli soup, veggies, potatoes, dessert
- April 13:** Meeting for Youth Rally Volunteers at 10:30
- April 13:** Memorial Service for Rick Gelinias 5:00
- April 18-19:** Elders/Deacons leadership retreat
- April 20:** Easter Sunday
- April 25-27:** Our Youth Rally (volunteers needed!)
- May 2-4:** New England Lectureship
- Menu for 4/9:**



Cooks are needed! Sign up in the back.

Benevolence Need

One of contacts from GAD is in need of baby items. (particularly, a car seat). Her 17 year old daughter is due in June and they have nothing. The family is also in need of furniture as they lost everything in a fire recently. If you have any baby items in good condition, or other furniture that you could donate, please see Dave or Susie.



- ENCOURAGEMENT— Ansar Rana; Judy Diaz; Mark Brown & his daughter Emma; Jim Kenison; Linda Tetrault; for Jean Cadet to come to know the Lord: Jessica Gelinias
- PRAISE—for a summer youth intern! Kathy F. has a healthy new granddaughter!
- SYMPATHY- the family of Rick Gelinias.
- HEALING & COMFORT --David Black, Angela Beard; Dave McKinnon ; Anabeth Hickman (Kathy Fuerhelm's daughter)recovery; Chantal-the Lecat's daughter;Rita Jones; James McLaughlin-leg & back pain; Melissa Therrien's dad; 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 Matthew-experimental 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.

NOTE! Burdettes new address :
311 East Lake Dr Marion, AR 72364

FOR THE LADIES....

- April 12th-** Baby shower for Levi 10:00
- May 3rd-** Ladies Day Manchester CT 9:00
- May 31** — Lakes Region Ladies Day



PARADIGM SHIFT

From "Love or Fear?" to "Love and Fear"



Love and fear are often placed in opposition to each other in the realm of religion. They seem on the surface to be mutually exclusive from the world's view (paradigm). And so the clear preference is for love of the Lord; fear of the Lord is thought to be a low and despised motivation.

The Bible, however, has a different view, inviting us to a paradigm shift: (Deuteronomy 10:12) "Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul," You see, it is not either love or fear; it is both love and fear. Indeed, if one of them is missing, faith tends to go a little dysfunctional. Let's consider what happens, when things get lopsided, one way or the other.

WHAT HAPPENS, IF WE DON'T LOVE THE LORD ENOUGH?

Our service becomes drudgery

When one loses one's love for the Lord; our service becomes less joyful by degrees, our obedience becomes increasingly only about compliance, and our discipleship becomes more and more slavish.

We seek to avoid service when we can

As self-love increases against Christ-love, one begins to seek to dodge service and obedience, whenever possible. And as we dodge more and more, we find that we love less and less.

We become satisfied with the minimum

Connected with seeking to avoid service; we also find satisfaction with minimal discipleship. We begin to be interested in what is absolutely necessary to get to Heaven. We begin compartmentalizing our discipleship from our secular life—losing sight of the fact that our spiritual life should reach into every corner of our lives. And as we minimize our discipleship, we begin maximizing the secular compartment of our lives.

Obedience becomes rote

When one has lost his love for the Savior, worship, prayer, Bible reading, etc. starts to become mechanical, purposeless, and thoughtless—because we're supposed to. And as these things begin to mean less and less, we are motivated to love less and less.

Is it true that "perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18)? Yes, of course; Jesus clearly had such perfect love for the Father and His will. However, with the remainder of men the trouble usually is in that phrase "perfect love". Our love is too often immature, incomplete and imperfect. It could be strong at one moment, but then be overcome with self-love, pride, sensuality, etc. the next. For those of us with imperfect love (I'm going to take a chance and include us all in this category); healthy, reverent fear is good and even necessary.

WHAT HAPPENS, IF WE DON'T FEAR THE LORD ENOUGH?

We play fast and loose with God's commands

One of the first things that we may do, when our fear for the Lord declines is become careless with our obedience. We get satisfied with "close enough" and "good intentions". We start finding situations in which the Lord's will won't apply to us; we discover lots of "play" in the commands found in Scripture.

We try to play lawyer with His commands

Lack of fear for the Lord often leads to playing close to the edges of sin. It usually includes trying to parse the exact words of the commands: "Well, the Bible doesn't specifically condemn this" or "The Lord doesn't say that I'll go to Hell, if I do it." It's a very dangerous game to play with God, who takes sin seriously.

We take advantage of God's mercy and grace

We begin to caricature (a picture with exaggerated features) God's nature as being all loving, merciful, gracious, and forgiving—a doting grandfather figure in Heaven. Justice and righteousness get shoved to the back of the closet of our minds, and before long we are sinning easily and fearlessly, because "a little sin won't be any big deal", and because God will just cover all our sins.

We may abandon God's commands altogether

And why not? If God is not to be feared, if all my sin is to be forgiven anyway, if there is nothing but Heaven in store for me no matter what I do; then bring on the "religions" of convenience, worship of my own choosing, cheap discipleship, and lives that are indiscernible from the world's.

The Hebrew writer's words offer serious warning to those whose love is sometimes less than perfect, Hebrews 10:26-29:

"For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES. Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?"

Love and fear are two godly sides of the same coin of Christian faith. God wants us to serve Him in love; but we must also understand clearly *Who* we are dealing with, the awesome and holy Creator. The disciple's motivation is not love or fear; it is both love and fear.

Park Linscomb