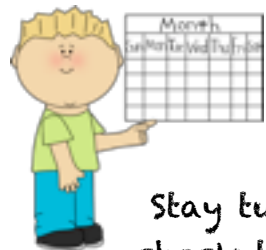


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>15 Happy Father's Day!</b> 3rd Sunday Potluck Senior Recognition	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Happy Birthday Sharon Gordon	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Happy Birthday Jeff Moser	<b>21 Friend Speak Training</b>
<b>22 Work &amp; Worship Week</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Happy Birthday Jon Lamarine	<b>25</b> Happy Anniversary Don & Chris Dion Happy Birthday Adam Dlutowski	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Outreach &amp; Service Meeting 6:00 @ Skerrys</b>	<b>28 Gander Brook Week 1</b>  <i>Elder/Deacon Meeting</i>
<b>29</b> Happy Birthday Jakob Owen	<b>30 Ladies Outing to Ogunquit</b>	<b>July 1</b> Happy Anniversary Gerry & Lynn Millette	<b>2</b> <b>Life Line Screening</b>	<b>3</b> Happy Anniversary Steve & Mary Roukey Happy Birthday Natalia Hombs	<b>4 Happy Birthday America!</b>	<b>5 Gander Brook Week 2</b>  Happy Birthday Karen Dugre
<b>6</b> Happy Birthday Kathy Hamel Happy Anniversary Barry & Melanie Fogal	<b>7</b> <b>Monday Night for the Master</b>	<b>8</b> Happy Anniversary Bob & Carol Eskel	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Happy Birthday Jerome Paul	<b>12 Gander Brook Week 3</b>  <i>Elder/Preacher meeting</i>

TEENS!



**TUESDAY-chill 7:00-8:00 at Jeff's!**

Stay tuned and check the Facebook page for upcoming activities!



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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' - Study of Acts.  
Merrimack: 5:30 - youth studies @ Peacocks  
Concord: 5:30 at the Wilsons'  
Wednesday PM Devotional/Bible Classes: 7:00

Contact David Skerry with Benevolence/Pantry needs.



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

June 15	WORSHIP LEADERS
Steve Johnson	Songs
Brandon Hombs	Closing Prayer
Rich Wilson	Scripture
Rich Therrien	Lord's supper
Barry Fogal	Worship Tech
Mike Moser	Coordinator
Mike Moser	Call to Worship
3rd Sunday	Songs pm
June 11-Doug Paul	Wed Songs
June 11-Fred Hillhouse	Wed Devotional

**Statistics**

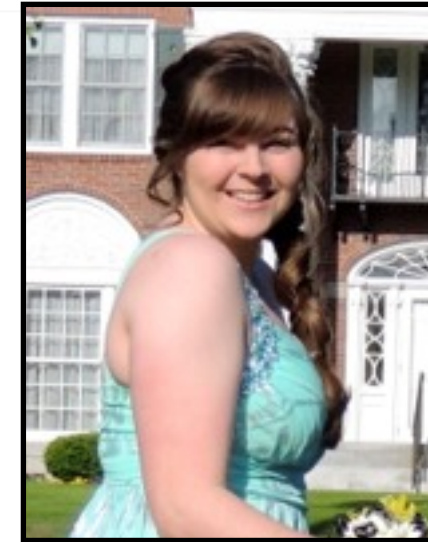
Sunday morning attendance:...121  
Sunday morning contribution:...\$2308.06  
Weekly budget.....\$3800.00  
*Pantry Served 3 Families this week.*

SENIORS



**James Casella**

James will be going to Universal Technical Institute, Norwood MA



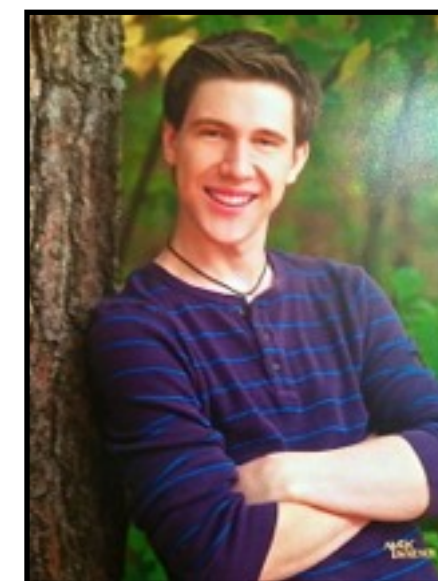
**Lauren King**

Lauren will be attending David Lipscomb University, Nashville TN



**Liam Mattox**

Liam will be attending Sierra Nevada College, Incline Village NV



**Nate Moser**

Nate will be attending the University of Rhode Island, Kingston RI



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. You are also invited to stay for a potluck lunch today!

**Our Ministers:**

Park Linscomb 540-0287  
Jeff Smith 907-632-0171

**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: June**

Larry Glass 887-1741  
[larrycalling@yahoo.com](mailto:larrycalling@yahoo.com)  
Gerry Millette 497-3105  
[TaeKwonDoM@comcast.net](mailto:TaeKwonDoM@comcast.net)

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

**NOTES FROM THE ELDERS:**

Revelation 3:20 states "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." God is clear in wanting a close relationship with each and every one of us. Open the door to Him, welcome Him in, and share your life with Him and He will share His blessings with you. He promises! Have a great week.

# Our Family

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." ~John 16:33



**YOUNG ADULTS**  
If you are no longer "youth group" age and would like to enjoy Bible study and discussion with your peers, join us

in the annex conference room Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings during class time. Mike Moser has volunteered to facilitate the class. Bring a friend! There is also a Facebook page for the group!

## News & Important Dates:



**Today: 3rd Sunday Potluck & Senior Recognition**

**June 22:** Work & worship week at Gander Brook

**June 27:** Outreach & Service Meeting 6:00

**July 2:** Life Line Screening @ the building

**New Directory-** If you do not have a smart device or internet access, please sign up in the foyer for a printed directory. If you haven't had your picture taken, please see Susie ASAP.



### Service Opportunity!

There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for mowing the church yard over the summer. If several sign up for just one week, everyone would only have to mow one time!

Please consider pitching in to help keep our grounds looking neat and well-kept! (and since we don't have any goats, we really need PEOPLE to sign up. Thanks!)

✿ ENCOURAGEMENT— Alan Chamberlain; Ansar Rana; Judy Diaz; Mark Brown & his daughter Emma; Jim Kenison; Linda Tetrault; for Jean Cadet to come to know the Lord; Marilyn Nolan

✿ NEEDS EMPLOYMENT—Jim Kenison, Yann Lecat, Candy Chase

✿ PRAISE—For our graduates!

✿ HEALING & COMFORT -- Pauline Paul; Deb Dlutowski; Gary Chase; Bob Neveux; Mary Jane; David Black; Angela Beard; Rita Jones; James McLaughlin-leg & back pain; Peggy Mailloux; Linda Tetrault; Nedra Kinyon (Leah Yancy's grandmother); Debrah Parsons; Sherman Keenan (Susie's uncle).

✿ CANCER TREATMENTS-- Gary Cottrell; Curtis Winstead, Gina Jonston, Lynn Millette, Algie Beard, Dave Seguin, David Lovering, John Matthew-experimental chemo; Barbara Ann (Margery's cousin), Truman Gist.

✿ OUTREACH-- FriendSpeak, GAD contacts, Bible studies in progress, food pantry.

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

## FOR THE LADIES....

**June Service Project:** "Granite State Children's Alliance Center"

**June 20—Fun Night "Africa" theme 6:00**

**June 30—Field trip to Ogunquit Beach**

**July 5—Luncheon 11:30 "All American" theme**

**July 18—Fun Night "Night in the Tropics" 6:00**



# Reclaiming the Influence of Fatherhood



There is no more powerful position in a child's life than his or her father. Peer pressure, as powerful as we think it is, is only a poor substitute for the influence of a father-relationship. As unbelievable as you may find it, even rock stars pale in comparison. You may be thinking, "Really?" And more, you may be wondering, "How?" Let me share a couple of things.

### Cultivate real relationships

Psychological study after sociological study comes up with the same conclusion: nothing compares to good parenting relationships as a the foundation for beliefs, values, and behavior—and fathers in particular are especially important.

- 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes (US Dept. Of Health/Census) – 5 times the average.
- 90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes – 32 times the average.
- 85% of all children who show behavior disorders come from fatherless homes – 20 times the average. (Center for Disease Control)
- 80% of rapists with anger problems come from fatherless homes –14 times the average. (Justice & Behavior, Vol 14, p. 403- 26)
- 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes – 9 times the average. (National Principals Association Report)

...and the statistics could go on and on. But let me emphasize, it is not just a two parent family structure alone that is important here; it is the two-parent family structure in which the parent-child—and especially the father-child—relationship is strong. While two parents are important, the relationship is the key element. And by the way, we're not talking about being "buddies" with your child (a huge mistake); we're talking about a relationship! You see, rules without relationships results in rebellion. Truth, doctrine, values, morals without relations results in rejection. You can be the world's best teacher, but if love is missing, your children will walk away without your values. It sounds an awful lot like 1 Corinthians 13:1, 2, doesn't it? "If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing."

### Be at the dinner table

One way of cultivating a relationship is at the dinner table. It's not just about the act of eating at the same time; it's much more. It's at shared meals that humans bond. It is where we humans share, talk, tell our stories, laugh, discuss, and make connections. It's where you'll find out about the events of your children's day—their friends, their activities, their victories, their disappointments. You'll get the chance to discuss things and set the direction for your family. You'll get the chance to tell about your own day, which kids need to know. It's a key place and event where relationships are cultivated and maintained. It may be hard to get home in time, but the pay off is worth every effort made.

### Be a conscious, deliberate teacher

Here's a short list of the things your kids need to learn from you: things that you know well (your skills, interests, hobbies, etc), your family's history (stories of relatives they know and that they've never known), memories from your own past, values, some school subject—but most importantly, Scripture. For many fathers leading one's home in spiritual matters is a little like groping in the dark. Sadly, too many fathers have neglected this

part of their duty—yes, I say duty—to lead their family in spiritual matters; so, a lot of dads have to "reinvent the wheel". Sadder still, sometimes moms aren't as supportive as they could be about it arguing that we all go to church on Sundays and Wednesday night—isn't that enough? But God didn't think so: Deuteronomy 6:6, 7 "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up." It doesn't have to be long or formal. Did you notice in the Deuteronomy passage that it happens in the midst of everyday activities? Your kids *want* to learn from you—so, teach them!

### Be an example

The saying goes, "I'd rather see a sermon any day, than hear one." They still need the "sermons", but the things you say will lose their credibility, if you don't practice it yourself. Never fall for the foolish self-deception of believing that you can effectively say, "Do as I say do, not as I do." It will not work. Not only will they resent such an command, it will break your relationship with them. It will not matter how well-meant "Do as I say do, not as I do" might be; bad examples will negate and nullify your words. On the other hand, a good example is truly powerful and will inscribe your words on the memory of your children's hearts forever. I'm 61 years old as I write this, yet my father's words, because they were coupled with his example, are just as vivid to me today as they were when I was 11. Model the Scriptures, morality, courage, perseverance, truth, manhood, husbandhood (for girls and boys), and fatherhood.

### Discipline

And be a disciplinarian, not a coward. I'm not talking about being harsh, grim, and picky. But fatherhood requires corrective talks and sometimes corrective measures. Discipline (biblically) also includes strengthening measures in things like hard work, responsibility, the proper handling of emotions, etc. And such discipline, by the way, isn't absorbed by osmosis or mind-reading. As you discipline, it is important to 1) make any punishment fit the "crime", 2) make it clear what might be wrong, 3) be clear about what should be done in the future, 4) pointing to your own practice, and 5) assure your child before-during-and-after of your love. Your children will actually thank you for it—later.

Be the father that the Lord requires, the father your children need, the father that will will pass down a legacy of more than genes or perhaps money. Pass down a legacy of real "family" and an eternity in Heaven to your children, grandchildren, and more!



Deuteronomy 6:7