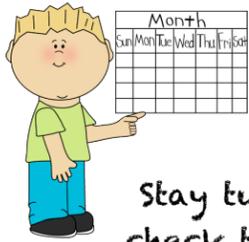


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Happy Birthday Jakob Owen 5th Sunday Contribution	30 Ladies Outing to Ogunquit 	July 1 Happy Anniversary Gerry & Lynn Millette	2 Life Line Screening	3 Happy Anniversary Steve & Mary Roukey Happy Birthday Natalia Hombs	4 Happy Birthday America! 	5 Gander Brook Week 2 Ladies Luncheon 11:30 Happy Birthday Karen Dugre
6 Happy Birthday Kathy Hamel Happy Anniversary Barry & Melanie Fogal	7 Monday Night for the Master	8 Happy Anniversary Bob & Carol Eskel	9	10	11 Happy Birthday Jerome Paul	12 Gander Brook Week 3 Elder/Preacher meeting
13	14	15  Family Prayer Night 7:00	16 Happy Birthday Cade Dumas	17	18 Ladies Fun Night 	19 Gander Brook Week 4
20 3rd Sunday Potluck Happy Birthday Logan Hazelton	21	22 Happy Birthday Becky Moser	23	24 Happy Anniversary Rick and Karen Dugre	25 Happy Birthday John Scarlett	26 Gander Brook Week 5 Skerry Vow Renewal Elder/Deacon Meeting
VBS SET BUILDING						

TEENS!



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

Stay tuned and check the Facebook page for upcoming activities!



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 6	WORSHIP LEADERS
Alaska Jeff	Songs
Brandon Hombs	Closing Prayer
Dave Skerry	Scripture
Fred Hillhouse	Lord's supper
Barry Fogal	Worship Tech
Rich Therrien	Coordinator
Park L.	Call to Worship
Steve or Park	Songs pm
July 2- Stuart Peacock	Wed Songs
July 2-Mike Moser	Wed Devotional

Statistics

Sunday morning attendance:...137
 Sunday morning contribution:...\$4311.31
 Weekly budget.....\$3800.00
 Pantry Served 2 Families this week.



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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 @ Mosers
 Concord: 5:30 at the Wilsons'
 Wednesday PM Devotional/Bible Classes: 7:00

Contact David Skerry with Benevolence/Pantry needs.



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 Deliverer FAITHFUL AND TRUE
 King of Kings Lover of
 Lord of Lords my Soul
 Lamb of GOD **JESUS**
 EVERLASTING FATHER
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NOTES FROM THE ELDERS:

We focus on the number of people in our congregations a lot. Not all churches are as healthy as numbers may indicate. Some may have 1000 members but do next to nothing to spread God's message of love while others with only 50 members are thriving. Numbers never tell the whole story and in the end aren't all that important. We have to be proactive, intentional, biblical and passionate about our Lord and His church with whomever we have sitting next to us. People will see our love no matter how many are there and want to know why we are they way we are (John 13:34-35). Have an awesome 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:
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 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: July
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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.

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



This coming Tuesday July 2nd starting at 9 am

call 888-653-6450 to sign up or visit

www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners



News & Important Dates:

Today: 5th Sunday Building Fund Collection

July 1: Monday Night for the Master

July 2: Life Line Screening @ the building

July 8: Family Prayer Night

Week of July 21st: VBS set building/decorating

July 26: Dave & Cecilia's vow renewal

August 11-13: VBS

☀ 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

☀ HEALING & COMFORT -- Zach Roehl (HU student); 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

☀ 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" Tours will be July 2nd and 9th. RSVP to Wendy.

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

Save the Date: Sept 11-13 Ladies Retreat



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!)



Relevant



The term "relevant" has almost always been an important word, especially among the young. It is a powerful weapon that has been wielded against people, ideas, and technology to marginalize, neutralize, and ostracize. Everyone who aspires to being cool, important, or influential seeks to be "relevant", and trembles at the possibility of being labeled "irrelevant".

The problem is "relevant" can be a squishy word; sometimes it kind of depends on who you are and what you want. There are things that are truly irrelevant; and there are things that are "irrelevant", simply because I don't like them. Let me illustrate.

There have been times in my life, when I was on the wrong side of "relevant". As a child, I wanted ice cream, bikes, toys, etc. When my parents answered my requests by pointing out the family bills and a certain finite income, it didn't always connect for me. After all, the ice cream was relevant to "now" and the bills were so "later" and irrelevant to "what's happenin' now". The ice cream was a desirable and concrete pleasure, and bills were only abstract and boring. My parents, thankfully, understood and held to the relevance of paying the bills—favoring the family's long-term welfare rather than the real irrelevance of ice cream. It would seem that there's relevance and then there's **relevance**.

And have you noticed, irrelevance seems one of the commoner critiques of Christendom? Especially, these days, from some of those who claim expertise in the field of church growth. The church, it is said, doesn't speak a message that really resonates with current society in all of its post-modern, post-Christian complexities. The topic of sin just doesn't connect with people today. Truth, in the classical sense, is a concept of a by-gone era. Older forms of worship don't uplift anymore, and even biblical concepts of the church have out-lived their ability to hold people. They are "irrelevant". And under such dire indictments, their doom seems certain enough, right?

Except...

- Except... that God keeps insisting on the message of the Gospel of Christ as His power unto salvation to all that believe (Romans 1:16). Not the power of positive thinking. Not a message of social equality or social justice. Not universalism or inclusivism. Not a gospel of psychological health, altruism, or philanthropy. This is what the world sees as relevant; but God insists on the relevancy of the Gospel of Christ, even today. And the Gospel of Christ will remain supremely relevant to getting to Heaven—nothing else will do.
- And except... that sin remains the crux of men's problems, the reason for the cross, and a topic that men have always sought to avoid. It is the reason for the fall in the Garden of Eden; it is the reason that the world is still full of tragedy, violence, injustice, and hate; and its confession is the first step to spiritual recovery. "Repent" was the first word of John the Baptist's and Jesus' message about the Kingdom. The central event of the Bible was the cross, which Peter explained this way, (1 Peter 2:24) "and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed." No preaching of the Gospel omitted the issue of sin either explicitly or implicitly. Though the world may deem the matter "worn-out" and even offensive, and though the world would like to change the subject; God finds it highly relevant.
- And except... that the patterns of worship given in the Bible are not just for mankind's enjoyment, but to please God Himself. In an entertainment saturated world, it would make sense that "relevant" worship would adapt to

the spirit of the age; and God will just have to graciously "make do". This is the "tail wagging the dog". While edification of the church is one of the aims of the assembly (e.g., 1 Cor. 14:5,12,26), the goal of *supreme* importance is to please the One who we worship (e.g., John 4:24). That makes His pattern of worship given to us supremely relevant, regardless of whatever the tides of fashion or culture may do. Whatever is popular and contemporary must take a back seat and remain only secondarily relevant.

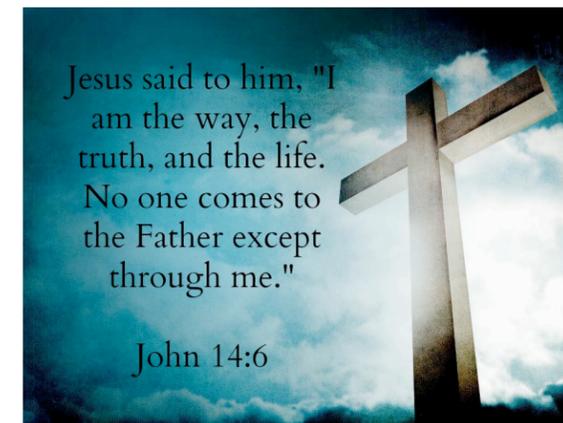
- And except... that the church is the very body of Christ, the refuge and identity of God's saved ones. No, it has never been about being a "hip" place to belong; nor has it ever been about democracy. But it is a place of sincere love and encouragement to do right. It is where we can find compassion, uplift, guidance, true worship, a place to unite our efforts in the Lord's service, and a place to anchor us to the unchanging truths of faith, hope, and love. Such things are always relevant, in the modern age and forever, even if the world wants to label the church "unconnected" as God has revealed it.

Please don't misunderstand; true relevance is truly important. For example, there is definitely a place for speaking the language of the people you want to share the Gospel with—language shouldn't change the message (e.g., Acts 22:2). There is room for cultural or even congregational variance and tradition, as long as God's truth and pattern is not altered (e.g., 1 Cor. 9:22). And the most important relevance of all is application—that's where the real connection is made (e.g., Matt 7:24ff or James 1:22).

But though the relevancy of faith and religion to mankind is and has always been both strong and "spot on", mankind's opinion will often be that it is otherwise. One could say that one definition of worldliness is the opinion that what God says is irrelevant. Men will always think that sin is "irrelevant" (e.g., Psalm 10:13); the world will always deem the truth as "inconvenient" (e.g., John 18:38); modern times (whatever the era) will always feel that worship by God's pattern is "out of step" (e.g., 1 Kings 12:25ff; notice "it is too much for you", v. 28); and the worldling will always view the church as God designed it as "behind the times" (Jude 1:16). Such evaluations are terrible miscalculations with eternal consequences (see 1 Cor. 1:25).

Our job as Christians is not to sympathize with these terrible miscalculations of the world, but to persuade the sinful world, by speaking the truth in love, to see the profound relevancy of the Gospel for their lives. Paul said, (2 Corinthians 5:11) "Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men..."

Park Linscomb



Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6