

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 3rd Sunday Potluck Happy Birthday Logan Hazelton	21	22 Happy Birthday Becky Moser Ladies Fun Day	23	24 Happy Anniversary Rick and Karen Dugre	25 Happy Birthday John Scarlett	26 Gander Brook Week 5 Skerry Vow Renewal Happy Birthday Peter Steffensen Elder/Deacon Meeting
<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> VBS SET BUILDING </div>						
27	28 Happy Anniversary Peter & Barbara Steffensen	29 Happy Birthday Stephen Roukey	30 5th Wed Sing	31 Happy Birthday Gary Diaz, Mark Dumas & Park Linscomb	Aug 1	2 Gander Brook Week 6 Happy Anniversary Scott & Terri Apgar Happy Birthday Carol Eskel
3 Happy Birthday Cecelia Skerry & Dick Potter	4 Happy Anniversary Larry & Vicki Glass Monday Night for the Master	5	6 Happy Birthday Monica Merchant and Tom Carroll	7 Happy Birthday Jamie Hazelton & Jen Devoe	8	9 Elder/Preacher meeting
10	11 VBS starts 9 am	12 Happy Birthday Heather King Happy Anniversary Adam & Deb Dlutowski Prayer Night	13 Happy Birthday Chris Dion	14	15	16

People Now, Heaven Later

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. (Philippians 1:21-24 ESV)

More than anything else, the apostle Paul wanted to be in the presence of Jesus. He saw his eventual death as "gain" and would have gladly and willingly gone on to heaven to see Jesus face to face. Paul at the same time understood that God still had a purpose for him on this earth. It was "more necessary" for him to continue laboring and investing in a group of people (in this case the Philippians). Paul was living in this tension between heaven and earth.

Many times, Christians can embrace an escapist or even fortress mentality on this earth while waiting to go to heaven. It may seem easier to withdraw from a sinful fallen world and the messiness of ministering to people. To do so, though, would defeat our purpose for continuing to live.

If your heart is still beating, then God still has a purpose for you living. It is still "more necessary" for someone else that you remain. There is someone or a group of someones with whom God wants you to share the gospel and even invest your life. Do you know who?



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
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 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.

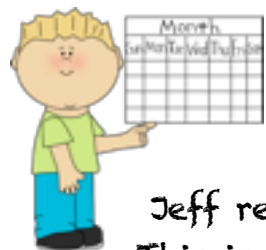
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 27	WORSHIP LEADERS
Stuart Peacock	Songs
Fred Hillhouse	Closing Prayer
Justin Silva	Scripture
Gary Diaz	Lord's Supper
Rich Therrien	Worship Tech
Mike Moser	Coordinator
Barry Fogal	Call to Worship
Park or Steve	Songs pm
July 23-Doug Paul	Wed Songs
July 23-Gerry Millette	Wed Devotional

Statistics

Sunday morning attendance:...121
 Sunday morning contribution:...\$4037.60
 Weekly budget.....\$3800.00
 Pantry Served 2 Families this week.

TEENS!



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

Jeff returns tonight! This is his last week with us as he will be at camp next 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' - Study of Acts.
 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.



NOTES FROM THE ELDERS:

In Matthew 28:19-20, we see a goal of outward focus. It is Jesus himself asking us to bring Him to those who don't know Him and grow with them into a people with hearts for God. But we also need to make sure we have an inward focus as well. We must know Christ ourselves and share our thoughts and doubts with one another as we all seek to be more like Him together. Only then will we have a vibrant, blessed, and spiritually healthy base to launch our outward reaching ministries from. 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



Make plans now to join your church family at the annual Manchester Family Retreat @ Gander Brook August 22-24. This is a wonderful time to get to know family members better and grow closer to each other and to God. More info to come!



News & Important Dates:

Today: 3rd Sunday Fellowship Luncheon

Week of July 21st: VBS set building/decorating

July 26: Dave & Cecilia's vow renewal

July 27: Alaska Jeff's last Sunday in Manchester.

August 11-13: VBS

August 22-24: Manchester Family Retreat Gander Brook

FOR THE LADIES....

July Service Project: The Moore Center. Donations of Items for a kitchen basket (food items, utensils, towels, etc) bathroom (toiletries, towels, washclothes, etc) bedroom (pillowcases, twin sheets, pillows, etc). Any item that can fit any of these 3 themes would be appreciated. Large baskets would also be appreciated.

July 22: Fun Day! Blueberry picking @ Carol Eskel's followed by fun at Pawtuckaway State Park

Aug 2: August Brunch 11:30 at Lecats "Dog Days of Summer" Bring an animal themed dish and write something about your favorite pet.

- ☀ ENCOURAGEMENT— Linda Tetrault; for Jean Cadet to come to know the Lord; Marilyn Nolan
- ☀ NEEDS EMPLOYMENT—Jim Kenison, Yann Lecat, Candy Chase
- ☀ HEALING -- Deb Dlutowski: Gary Chase; Mary Jane; David Black; Angela Beard; Rita Jones; James McLaughlin; Peggy Mailloux; Linda Tetrault
- ☀ COMFORT—Algie Beard; Families of Malaysian jet
- ☀ CANCER TREATMENTS-- Gary Cottrell, Curtis Winstead, Gina Jonston, Lynn Millette, 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.*



Share the Story of Jesus



As I have read the bible in the past, I found myself wondering if I understood a particular thing right and whether or not I was "getting it right" as I lived my life. I read the bible to look for examples and commands and wanted to make sure I was doing my best. But that is a never ending battle we can't win

(Ephesians 2:8-9) and there are many things the bible says nothing about. Take for example mental illness; I can find no specific answers for that. Rather, I find in the words a way of life in relationship with God where I can learn attitudes that help me patiently and lovingly deal with things like that. You can go to the bible and get to know the One who has the answers. We have faith in Him and know that when we don't understand, He does. We find Christ in the pages there and see principles and themes to build our lives around. And from these, we continue our journey to follow Christ and share His story not from a perspective of rules but from a gentle and humble spirit of gratitude and love.

Together, we can reach out to those looking for Jesus and share His story with them. They may have a picture of Christians as all about rules of do's and don'ts so if we act that way, we may not help much. They may not believe in the bible at all so explaining the authority of the scriptures may not help much. They may know nothing of God or Jesus other than what they've heard here and there so outlining doctrines and theology may not help much. We should try to get to know them for who they are not who we want them to be. This is their journey by their timeline. We should try to understand where they are coming from and look for ways to connect. Hopefully, it is through this relationship that they can come to see what a life with Jesus can mean. I hope we can seek Jesus and grow together with everyone both inside and outside of the building and I am thankful to God that He would allow me the opportunity to share His story.

~Mike Moser

