
THE BULLETIN

ONE BY ONE

The importance of soul winning can never be stressed too much. Consider the following illustration:

A grasshopper discovered a bin of wheat and took one kernel. On the following day, he came back with his lady friend, and each took one kernel. The next day they returned and brought another couple, and each took a kernel, and so on; they doubled the number each day for thirty day, until the last grasshopper took the last kernel. How many kernels of wheat were in the bin? There were 1,073,741,823 kernels. Now change the grasshoppers to Christians and the kernels to human souls. And to be more generous, change the days to years and figure how long it would take us to win the world to Christ, if we would work to win souls like these grasshoppers worked after grain.

Makes you think, doesn't it? Brethren, let's get busy today. The world is dying in sin!

Bill Swetmon

Let us Count...

No COST too great

No SACRIFICE too extensive

No TOIL too arduous

No TASK too exacting

...to accomplish the

WINNING OF SOULS!

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Elder Notes: Our prayer for each of you is that your relationship with God grow deeper and more meaningful every day. One of the most important things in any relationship is communication. Don't forget to talk with your Father in heaven, He wants to hear from you! May the love of God be in your heart this week.

Our Family News

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household," Ephesians 2:19, NAS95.

If you a visitor to our church, welcome! If you have questions, we welcome them; please don't hesitate to ask Park Linscomb our minister (the really tall guy) or any other church member.



A PIZZA AND PLANNING

Meeting—Last Sunday the snow really diminished our numbers, so we decided to postpone the "Pizza and

Planning" to this Sunday, after Bible classes this morning. All adults and teens interested in getting involved in putting together our annual youth rally are invited to meet. Pizza cost will be \$4.

What needs to be organized and done? Glad you asked...

- General oversight (honcho)
- Decorations
- Advertising
- Housing
- Registration
- Speaker
- Commercials
- Food
- Scheduling
- Activities committee
- Devotionals and leadership
- Technology
- Photography

It's a big job and will need lots of help. If you can't come, please contact Park (phone, email, or face to face) about what you can do.

Next Leadership Training:

February . Every young man and every (ahem) older man is welcome to come to a special series of monthly classes learn more about leading in the worship. We'll talk about how to lead prayer in worship, read Scripture, lead singing, and give devotionals. Learn how to exercise the leadership God calls us to in ways that will glorify God and encourage the whole church. We'll start at 10am and go to 12pm each time. Older brother, invite a younger brother to come with you!



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Curtis Winstead is

reportedly not doing well. His cancer seems to be getting worse. Please pray for him and his family. Curtis was an elder in the church here in the early 2000's and is an retired, veteran Air Force officer. If you'd like to drop a card of encouragement, you can address it to Christi Winstead, 2205 Haviland Dr., Henrico, VA 23229.

Prayer List:

Evangelism: Bible studies in progress, our website, MNFM, food pantry, Brethren who have forsaken the assembly

Our college sstudents who'll be returning to school soon

Health: Anthony Davis, Natalie Cleavitt, Louise Linscomb, Peggy Mailloux, Curtis Winstead, Jean Cadet, Lynn Millette, Mary Jane, Dave Seguin, Barbara Ann, David Lovering, Gary Chase Jr., Linda Tetrault, Jim Kenison, Brian Day, John Matthew, Jamie Hazelton

Struggles: Mark Brown & Emma, Linda Tetrault, Jim Kenison.

Leadership: Ministers, Elders, Deacons, Teachers, Parents

Our Statistics for the week from January 1-7, 2015

Sunday morning worship	65 (snow)
Wednesday evening Bible classes	c.80
Contribution	\$2900 (snow)
Budget	\$2300

A Word of Encouragement

"For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it." Hebrews 2:1, NAS95.

LET'S BE FISHERS OF MEN

One of Jesus' more famous invitations was to some of His apostles as He called them from their fishing nets, (Matthew 4:19) "And He *said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" It's an interesting metaphor that has application to us today.

Fishermen have to go

Unless you're living on a boathouse, if you want to catch fish, you have to go where the fish are. Being fishers of men is similar; it requires going. Fish go, because the fish are not where you live, and the lost rarely come up to us and ask us to tell them the Gospel. We'd like that, of course, but the truth is that we have to go.

Fishermen get inconvenienced

For most fishermen, it means getting up earlier than you wanted, driving to the lake or river, getting gear out, fighting the bugs, and hiking or boating to where you think the fish are. "Rarely" (never) does a fish just jump into your comfortably warm bed, practically begging to be fried up for breakfast. And evangelism will also have its inconveniences: going out to someone's home to teach on an evening you'd prefer to be at home, the gas to drive, the preparation for the class, and helping the student to work through emotionally tough stuff like repentance or the cost of discipleship. It's par for the course.

Fishermen go in faith

Fishermen realize that they could come back empty handed, but they go anyway. They will certainly ask other fishermen where they've recently caught some, and after some experience you start figuring out where the best fishing spots are likely to be, but they still throw their line in the water in faith. (OK, I know that there are gadgets that look below the water

these days, but just "go with it" for a minute for the sake of illustration.) So also the Christian "fishermen" go out in faith, never knowing if any of the lost will "nibble"; they "fish" in faith.

They've got to put the line or net in the water

This seems pretty obvious, but there are some "fishers of men" who never seem to throw out the Gospel line or net. They live among the lost, but never invite them to church, never offer to study, and never confess the name of the Lord. Such a "fisherman" will always be guaranteed to come back "skunked".

They need to bait the hook

Paul once put it this way to the young evangelist Titus (Titus 2:9, 10) "Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will **adorn the doctrine of God our Savior** in every respect." I hope you noticed the bold type: **adorn the doctrine of God**. Living the Christian life is challenging and to persuade others we need to teach and demonstrate the great benefits of discipleship to Jesus. People will look for different things, of course; some are looking for a better life, some for forgiveness, some for solutions, some for hope, and some for ultimate truth. Whatever they are looking for, speak the Gospel in a way that appeals to them (see Acts 17:22ff) and then live "the life" in front of them.

Our Congregational Calendar for January 4 — 17

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 Worship 9:30 Bible class 11am "Pizza & Planning" 12pm	12	13	14 Bible class 7PM	15	16	17 Leadership Class at 10am-12pm
18 Worship 9:30 Bible class 11am Fellowship luncheon	19	20	21 Bible class 7PM	22	23	24 Elder/deacon meeting



Today after Bible classes there'll be a Pizza and Planning session for our annual Manchester Youth Rally. If you can, bring

along \$4 for the pizza. If you can't afford it, come anyway—there's always plenty. Come help make this the greatest youth rally ever!

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SERVICE	SUNDAY, JAN. 11	WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14
<i>Call to worship</i>	Gerry Millette	
<i>Songleading</i>	Gary Diaz	Doug Paul
<i>Scripture reading</i>	Rich Wilson	
<i>Communion</i>	Rich Therrien	
<i>Devo thought</i>		Park Linscomb
<i>Closing prayer</i>	Steve Johnson	
<i>Coordinator</i>	Stuart Peacock	
<i>Tech</i>	George Abood	

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