

THE BULLETIN

THE POWER OF THE BIBLE

When you carry the Bible, Satan gets a headache...

When you open it, he collapses...

When he sees you reading it, he faints...

When he sees that you are living what you read, he flees...

And when you share its message, he will try and discourage you...

But you can defeat him with...a word



“And the tempter came and said to [Jesus], “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’”” (Matthew 4:3, 4)

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Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, “Good morning, Lord,” and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, “Good Lord, it's morning.”



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're 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.

What a wonderful worship service we enjoyed this past Easter Sunday. The auditorium was as full as I've (Park) seen it in a long time (148)! Ask your friends to come with you again and make a regular habit of inviting others to come with you.

Mark Brown's father passed away on Wednesday. The family is, of course, saddened, but also grateful to the church here for their concern and prayers. The funeral service is scheduled for Monday, tomorrow, in Searcy AR.

Our Youth Rally is only two weeks away!!! Here are the assignments; don't forget your part...

- *Decorations:* Kass D., Sam B.
- *Advertising:* Rich T., Heather K., Deniza C., Casey J.
- *Housing:* Linda P., Cecilia S., Marlaine W.
- *Registration:* Linda L., Lisa M., Becky M.
- *Commercials:* Stuart P., Logan H., Thad W.
- *Food:* Kim D., LeighEllen L., Kathy F., David B.
- *Scheduling:* Mike M., Kara D., Heather K.
- *Activities:* Susie P., Faith H., Becky M., Benji P.
- *Devotionals:* Stuart P., Sam., Benji P.
- *Technology:* Park L., Jason T.

- *Photography:* Dave S., Melanie F.

Sunday PM at the building—The small group that meets at the building for devotional, communion, and Bible class just finished a great study in Revelation and will begin a study of Proverbs' Themes. Join us from 6-7pm.

Monday Night for the Master is May 4 at 6PM. Good food and good works!

Menu for this Wednesday's dinner is lasagna. Yum.

Next Leadership Training: May 16, 10am to noon. We'll continue to work on devotional thoughts and sermons. Donuts provided.



Mark your calendars...

- April 10-12—the Conway ladies' day
- April 18—Concord NH church hosts an area-wide singing, 2pm-4pm, with dinner
- April 24-26—the Manchester Youth Rally (ours)
- May 1-3—the New England Lectures in Taunton MA

Darlene Chamberlain tells us that her new job as a traffic control person starts Monday and to please keep her in prayer. Also, some of Alan's artwork is being shown at the NHHS building in Concord on Hazen Dr. til the end of April.

Prayer List:

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



Health: Anthony Davis, Natalie Cleavitt, Louise Linscomb, Peggy Mailloux, Lynn Millette, Mary Jane, Dave Seguin, David Lovering, Gary Chase Jr., Linda Tetrault, Jim Kenison, Brian Day, John Matthew

Struggles: Kathy Feuerhelm, Darlene Chamberlain, Mark Brown & Emma, Linda Tetrault, Jim Kenison.

Leadership: Ministers, Elders, Deacons, Teachers, Parents

Our Statistics for the week from April 5, 2015

Sunday morning worship	146
Wednesday evening Bible classes	70
Contribution	\$3235
Budget	\$2300
Avg contribution for 2015	\$3467

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.

LESSONS FROM REVELATION

The book of Revelation is considered by many to be the most confusing and even scary book of the Bible. But while there are plenty of mysteries (predictions that are only vaguely and ambiguously revealed), the book is one that should fortify and encourage every Christian. In a recent class we just finished this uplifting book, and came up with a number of inspiring lessons.

God is in control

Although the world looks like a chaotic mess God remains in control of the course of history, still answers our prayers, still provides for His people, and still turns bad situations into good in the end. The Lord has indeed chosen to allow men free will, but He is still firmly and irrevocably in control in powerful ways that we can only begin to imagine— His plans *cannot* be thwarted, period.

Satan loses in the end

Time and again in Revelation, the defeat of Satan is told and retold. He is crushed, his agents are defeated, his followers are defeated, his powers are stripped, his baubles are destroyed, and he and his followers are thrown into the lake of fire. In the most complete way possible, his destiny is "carved in stone", a done deal. The only thing to be determined is whether we'll follow him to certain defeat or follow the Lord to certain victory.

Things aren't always the way they look

It's easy to look enviously at the success and the ease of those who live disobediently. It's easy to suffer the difficulty of discipleship and godly living and wonder whether or not we've made the right choice. Too often, it looks like the bad guys are winning big, and the good guys are seriously taking it on the chin. But when things look this way, it's imperative to remember that this is just the way things look—that's not how they really are.

Faithfulness is required; it is possible to fall; we must overcome

Once we've been saved, we can't just lean back in our spiritual easy chairs and relax; it is important to remain awake and faithful as individuals and as congregations. Jesus is clear in Revelation that without faithfulness lampstands are removed and names are taken out of the Book of Life. It is still possible to fall, but we must and we can overcome (see Rev. 2,3).

Satan was, is, and will continue to try to make us fall right up 'til the end

Revelation 12 gives us a condensed look at the long historical struggle between God and Satan, and the bottom line is that *always* fails against God and against

God's people. But despite the fact that Satan is ultimately defeated in the death and resurrection of Jesus, he has not just "thrown in the towel". Like a psychopathic criminal, trapped without hope of escape, he's determined to take as many of us out, spiritually speaking, as he possibly can. God's victory in the war is *absolutely* assured, but Satan would still love to murder you; so he will do his best to seduce you to fall.

Bad things happen for different reasons

Some of the "evil" (bad things) in the world is a matter of being living in a fallen world: war, disease, death, and natural disasters. Some bad things are a matter of God's sovereign acts meant to call men to repent. Some of it is direct Satanic activity. And some of it, Revelation tells us, is associated with end times. It's hard to tell which is which sometimes, but the key to overcoming these situations is always to be faithful and do the right thing.

Sometimes things get worse, before they get better

The point of Revelation 20, in which Satan is loosed at the end of time, is that things will get worse before they get (much) better. The Lord warns us that sometimes, especially in the end, things will get awfully dark just before the dawn. It's not to scare us, but to fortify us that 1) things will be really bad, 2) but it won't last forever, and 3) then things will be so very much better. Think of childbirth or pulling a really painful tooth; so, hang in there—by your fingernails if you must—but hang in there!

Heaven is probably better than advertised. Hell, worse.

For centuries Christians have loved reading about and singing about the glories and rest of Heaven—especially in times of troubles, trial, and temptation. And the fires of Hell, for centuries, have frightened many a sinner to repent. But when the details of these two eternal destinations are examined in Revelation, it becomes clear that "the half has never yet been told", and that when Paul said, (1 Corinthians 2:9) "but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM,"" he wasn't exaggerating.

Rather than fear and retreat from the message of Revelation, we need to know that it has some of the more important messages of encouragement to be found in the whole Bible. Learn them, embrace them, and stay faithful with them.

Park Linscomb

Our Congregational Calendar for April 12 through April 25

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 Worship 9:30 Bible class 11am Rick Dugre BD	13	14	15 Bible class 7PM Davies anniv. Randy Chase BD	16	17 Gerry Millette BD	18 Concord Area Wide Singing 2pm Caitlyn Silva BD
19 Worship 9:30 Bible class 11am Sebas Jean- Francois BD Antony Davis' BD	20	21	22 Bible class 7PM Carroll anniv.	23	24 The Manchester Youth Rally	25 Bible class 7PM

Bible Reading Schedule for this Week			SERVICE	SUNDAY, APRIL 12	WED., APRIL 15
Sun	Apr 12	Mark 10	<i>Call to worship</i>	Barry Fogal	
Mon	Apr 13	Deut 1-3	<i>Songleading</i>	Stuart Peacock	Steve Johnson
Tue	Apr 14	Deut 4-6	<i>Scripture reading</i>	Sam Bellamy	
Wed	Apr 15	Mark 11	<i>Communion</i>	Karl Davies	
Thu	Apr 16	Deut 7-9	<i>Devo thought</i>		Dave Skerry
Fri	Apr 17	Deut 10-12	<i>Closing prayer</i>	Fred Hillhouse	
Sat	Apr 18	Mark 12	<i>Coordinator</i>	Ken Simon	
			<i>Tech</i>	Susie Peacock	



Psalms 119:9 “How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word.”

The Lord’s way is not a burden to bear, but a blessing to enjoy. While the world and your friends may boast of their worldliness, sophistication, and coolness, the end of that path isn’t pretty. There are lots of folks out there who “peaked in high school” by following that very path. God’s way is better both for here and now—and later.

Are you doing your part for the youth rally? It’s only two weeks away!

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