

# THE BULLETIN

## IF HE CAME TO YOUR HOUSE

? If you saw Jesus coming,  
Would you meet Him at the door  
With arms outstretched in welcome  
To your heavenly visitor? ?

Or would you have to change your clothes  
before you let him in?  
Or hide some magazines,  
and put the Bible where they'd been?

? Would you hide your worldly music  
and put some hymn books out? ?  
Could you let Jesus walk right in,  
or would you rush about?

? And I wonder - if the Savior spent  
a day or two with you,  
Would you go right on doing  
the things you always do? ?

? Would you go on saying  
the things you always say?  
Would life for you continue  
as it does from day to day?

Would you take Jesus with you  
everywhere you planned to go? ?  
Or would you maybe change your plans  
for just a day or so?

? Would you be glad to have Him  
meet your very closest friends?  
Or would you hope they stay away  
until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay  
forever on and on?  
Or would you sigh with great relief  
when he at last was gone? ?

? It might be interesting to know  
the things that you would do,  
If Jesus came in person  
to spend some time with you.

---Guideposts, edited

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There is the story of a preacher who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

# 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.

**Today is fellowship luncheon day.** Why stay? The church is about more than sermons, Bible studies, and evangelism. It is also about fellowship, and there's no better way to enjoy it than over a meal. Stay and enjoy the uplift from time spent together.

**Our Youth Rally** is next weekend!!! 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., Marlane 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.

**Interested in some midweek spiritual inspiration?** Log on to [www.gbntv.org/live](http://www.gbntv.org/live) a brotherhood associated network bringing sound

Gospel messages. Share with a friend, too, and see what results from it.

**A baby shower** for Leah Yancey will be held at the church building on May 2 at 11am. RSVP to Wendy Lecat, Noreen Dutch, or Judy Diaz. Leah is registered at Target and Babys-R-Us. Come help out and rejoice with this sister, who is a new mother-to-be.

**Gloria Dion** is getting married on May 11, but is not able to come home for a bridal shower (school), so we'd like to shower her with cards and gift cards. She's registered at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond. See Susie Peacock or Beth King for details.

**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.



## Mark your calendars...

- 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

- May 2—baby shower for Leah Yancey **The Ladies' Day** in Tilton (May 16) was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

**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.

## Prayer List:

*Good Works:* Our youth rally, Bible studies in progress, our website, MNFM, food pantry

*Health:* Lynn Millette, Louise Linscomb, Brian Day, Peggy Mailloux, Mary Jane Parker, Dave Seguin, Gary Chase Jr., Anthony Davis, Natalie Cleavitt, David Lovering, Linda Tetrault, John Matthew, Geneva's nephew, Rich Therrien's brother-in-law

*Struggles:* Kathy Feuerhelm, Mark Brown & Emma, Linda Tetrault, Jim Kenison, Brethren who have forsaken the assembly.

*Leadership:* Ministers, Elders, Deacons, Teachers, Parents



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# A Word of Encouragement

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"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.

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## FATHERS, REGRETS, AND PREVENTIONS, PART 1

King David was good at a lot of things. He was courageous warrior; he was a man after God's own heart; he was the sweet psalmist of Israel; and he was a loyal friend. But although he fathered many children, he wasn't always a good dad. Under his own roof one of his sons, Amnon, raped one of his daughters, Tamar. When this heinous sin was revealed to David, king David did exactly nothing. And when Absalom, Tamar's brother, did do something about it—it was sheer, premeditated, revenge murder. But rather than bring justice to Absalom, David just let it go, and let Absalom return (he had run away for fear of consequences to his deed) to Jerusalem. And when Absalom mounted a full-fledged rebellion, David could still not bring himself to put a stop to it. The result of the inevitable battle was the death of Absalom.

Upon hearing about the death of his son, (2 Samuel 18:33) "The king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And thus he said as he walked, 'O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!'" Words of deep, deep regret. But regret can't rewind time and fix the missed opportunities, the missed corrections, the unspoken words, or the poor examples.

Regret is a common human experience; it has to be, since we're so sinful. But there are few things that we will regret more than those of poor parenting. This article is for dads especially.

Fathering is easy, even pleasurable. Earning a living to support your family—well, you know you'd be going to work anyway, so, no extra sweat really. Right? But the parenting part—ah, there's a horse of a different color! And for many dads it doesn't come as naturally as mothering seems to come to moms. There's discipline, example, teaching, mentoring, coaching, playing, helping, encouragement, love, and time. So many places to slip up. Have I got your attention?

For the next few weeks I'd like to talk to Christian dads about some of these matters. And I'd like to start with example.

We've all seen and been moved by the scene of a toddler (or older) trying to walk in dad's big shoes. Too

bad the lesson doesn't always stick with us. There are little ears and little eyes that are taking everything in. We'd like to hide some things from those little ears and eyes, but as they say in Jersey (aka, Joisey), "F'get about it!" All the language (good and bad), all the attitudes (good and bad), all the habits (good and—well, you get the point), all the priorities, all the traditions, all the husbanding and fathering things you do, your values, your integrity, your honor, and your discipleship to Jesus. How you deal with frustration, how you deal with anger, how you deal with family, how you deal with stress, how you cope, how you respond to personal attacks, and so much more—your kids are absorbing it all like little sponges—for replication and patterns for life. Even after they've gone to bed, they're listening to what mom and dad are doing, saying, watching on TV, etc.

This is really hard, because it means that I have to behave myself, even in the privacy of my own home. I actually have to be the person that I want my children to become. So, I need to curb my tongue, check my attitudes, get rid of the bad habits, and be a person of integrity. I need to show the way.

One of the major reasons (though not the only reason) that the Son of God became a man is to give mankind an example of righteousness, of love, of compassion, of courage, and more. The Word became flesh and showed men what God looks like and what holy living is. Why? Because while words are good, examples are best.

Of course, living a sincere, 24-hour/day, 365 days a year is exactly what we need to be doing anyway, but maybe children are a gift from God to us, to remind us that He is also expecting full-life integrity, full-life discipleship, in every nook and cranny of our lives—that He's also always listening, seeing, and even reading our hearts.

Dads, please take the time to take a long look at what your children see in you (good and bad), and make the changes—for your children and for the Lord.

And live a life without regret.

Park Linscomb

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## Our Congregational Calendar for April 19 through May 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 Worship 9:30 Bible class 11am Sebas Jean-Francois BD Antony Davis' BD	20	21	22 Bible class 7PM Carroll anniv.	23	24   <b>The Manchester Youth Rally</b>	25   Bible class 7PM
26 Worship 9:30 Bible class 11am	27 David / Sandy Hazelton anniv.	28	29 Bible class 7PM	30	1   <b>New England Lectures</b>	2 Leah Yancey baby shower

Bible Reading Schedule for this Week		
Sun	Apr 19	Numbers 7
Mon	Apr 20	Numbers 8-9
Tue	Apr 21	Numbers 10-11
Wed	Apr 22	Mark 5
Thu	Apr 23	Numbers 12-13
Fri	Apr 24	Numbers 14
Sat	Apr 25	Numbers 15-16

SERVICE	SUNDAY, APRIL 19	WED., APRIL 22
<i>Call to worship</i>	Park L.	
<i>Songleading</i>	Steve Johnson	Doug Paul
<i>Scripture reading</i>	Jonah Peacock	
<i>Communion</i>	Fred Hillhouse	
<i>Devo thought</i>		Barry Fogal
<i>Closing prayer</i>	Stuart Peacock	
<i>Coordinator</i>	Stuart Peacock	
<i>Tech</i>	Rich Therrian	



Proverbs 20:29 "The glory of young men is their strength, And the honor of old men is their gray hair."  
We're getting excited about the youth rally! Call some of your Gander Brook friends to encourage them to come.

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