

THE BULLETIN

Spring Clean-Up
June 6



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IN ACTION**

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MAY 20, WED., AFTER SERVICES

THEME: GOD'S CREATION

The task ahead
of us is never as
great as the
Power behind

US.

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.

Fellowship Luncheon is today, May 17! This is a great opportunity for the whole church to take the precious time to get to know each other. Come, bring a "covered dish", and get to know the family better. The building small group will meet later at 6pm.

Youth Rally Debrief—Following the fellowship luncheon will be a meeting to discuss the recent youth rally and plan for next year's (Lord willing).

VBS organizational meeting will be this Wednesday after services. We **NEED YOU** to help pull this off. Teachers, helpers, chaperones, refreshments, crafts, puppets, and so much more.

Next Men's Leadership Training Class: is Saturday, June 20, 10am to noon. We'll continue to work on devotional thoughts and sermons.

The Menu for this Wednesday's dinner is pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw, dessert, and potato salad. Don't forget to sign up, if you'd like to come; it helps our cooks plan and prepare enough.

Spring Clean-up Day—June 6 we'll be doing a lot of yard

work and house cleaning around the church building. Why? Part of reaching out into the community is making sure that our building is presentable—it says something to the community about us. We **need** you. Please come.

Gander Brook's camping season is not that far away; here are some things you need to know...

- **Work and Worship Week** is Gander Brook's annual week-long family camping event that aims at getting the camp ready for the kids ("Work"), and spiritually building up the Christian families that attend ("Worship"). This year it is June 27 through July 3.
- **Regular camping** weeks begins July 4. Camper registration (both online and paper) and information can be found at ganderbrook.org.
- **And speaking of registration**, many of us like to help provide camperships for kids in our congregation who need help in meeting the camper fee. If you'd like to help, please see Tony Casella, our church treasurer. If you are needing a campership, please also contact Tony.

Save the date: The Gander Brook Ladies' Retreat 2015, Sept. 17-19. And the men's retreat will be held on the

Thursday through Saturday one week later, Sept. 24-26.

Mark your calendars...

- May 17—Fellowship Luncheon
- May 17—Youth rally debrief and planning for next year.
- May 31—5th Sunday building contribution
- June 6—Spring clean-up day
- June 20—Men's Leadership Training
- June 27—Work and Worship Week at Gander Brook
- July 4—first day of regular camping for kids at Gander Brook

Prayer List:

Good Works: Bible studies in progress, Gander Brook's season, the Men's Leadership Training, our website, MNFM, food pantry

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

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



Leadership: Ministers, Elders, Deacons, Teachers, Parents

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.

FATHERS, REGRETS, AND PREVENTIONS, PART 4

Fathers, you hold a really important place in the home; don't ever let anyone tell you differently. In actual practice, it is probably more important than you would really prefer it to be. You are far more than a sperm donor or bread-winner; and to consider yourself anything less is just begging for an older life of regret.

And one of the major things that causes regret is failure to let your children know that you love them. There are, of course, lots of reasons or excuses fathers sometimes use for not communicating their love to their kids...

- "I'm busy making a living"
- "I'm just not a very emotional person"
- "I'm not really a verbal expressive person"
- "I'm just not a hugger"
- "My dad didn't show me and I don't know how"
- "I've given them everything"
- "I never restricted them"
- "They'll just know"

...but these won't really help, when you realize that the opportunities have passed and the relationships have been lost.

How can I show my children how much I love them? Here are a few easy ones...

TELL THEM DAILY

Sure, I know that some of us dads are only a little more verbal than cavemen, but it isn't rocket science to simply tell each child in the morning, "I love you, you know." Five words daily—three, if you're in a hurry—aren't much to ask; and they will mean the world to your kids. You can be sure that they'll remember those words more than many others that you'll utter in their growing-up years.

DISCIPLINE THEM FAIRLY AND INSTRUCTIVELY

We've talked about discipline already, but I think it is important to stress here again how much appropriate discipline really does mean to children. OK, not so much, when they are being disciplined, but certainly later—especially if it is done fairly and

instructively. Fair and instructive discipline says to the adult that the child will become, "I loved you and will always love you."

GIVE THEM PLENTY OF HUGS

Yes, I know that not everyone is a hugger, but the good news is that you can learn to be one and should do so, if you have kids. Tickling and wrestling ('rasling) with your kids will work just about as well, too. Children crave physical affection; and when hugs are accompanied by the words, the effect is powerful in the heart of a child.

DO STUFF WITH THEM

One of the things that most kids want with their fathers is time. They want to learn by observing one of the most important people in their lives—so, work with them, fish with them, build with them, walk with them, go to ballgames with them, ride bikes with them, hunt with them, have tea parties with them, etc. And, no, watching TV with them doesn't really count. Words can be hard to remember, but experiences with dad will last a lifetime.

TALK WITH THEM

Don't know what to talk with them about? Well, try what you did together (see above). Other things would include school, church, friends, and anything that you know interests them. Don't know what interests them? Hmmm, you need to talk more.

DON'T MAKE PROMISES YOU CAN'T KEEP

We've all seen TV or movie stories of fathers that disappointed their children by promising to come to some event, only to break that promise because of work. Perhaps you've even experienced such disappointment yourself. Make and keep your promises, because they say, "You're important and I love you."

Don't be a father with regrets. Tell your children how much you love them—early and often, as the saying goes. Use the opportunities now to build strong relationships and family ties for later in life.

Park Linscomb

Our Congregational Calendar for May 17 through May 30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 Worship 9:30 Bible class 11am Fellowship Luncheon	18	19	20 Kathy Feuerhelm BD Bible class 7PM VBS meeting	21	22 Karl Davies BD	23
24 Worship 9:30 Bible class 11am Jim & Darlene Cordaro anniv.	25	26	27 Bible class 7PM	28 Mandy Hazelton BD	29	30 Faith Hazelton BD

Bible Reading Schedule for this Week			Service	May 17	May 20
Sun	May 17	Deut 10-12	Coordinator	Rich Therrien	
Mon	May 18	Mark 12	Call to Worship	Park L	
Tue	May 19	Deut 13-14	Song leader	Steve Johnson	Doug Paul
Wed	May 20	Deut 15-16	Scripture	Sam Bellamy	
Thur	May 21	Deut 17-18	Communion	Rich Therrien	
Fri	May 22	Mark 13	Closing Prayer	Dave Skerry	
Sat	May 23	Deut 19-20	Worship Tech	Susie Peacock	
			Devotional		Barry Fogal



Proverbs 14:23 “In all labor there is profit, But mere talk leads only to poverty.” Work not only gives us a little spending money, but especially in a church context, leads to friendship, advancement of God’s Kingdom, and a sense of purpose to life.

Will you be there helping to move in our new youth minister, Mark Casella on June 9?

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