

THE BULLETIN

P R A Y E R

Many of us lose confidence in prayer;
because we do not recognize
the answer.

We ask for strength; God gives us
difficulties through which to
make us strong.

We pray for wisdom; God gives us
problems to solve.

We plead for prosperity; God gives us
brain and brawn with which to
work and think.

We ask for courage; God gives us
dangers to overcome.

We pray for favors; God gives us
opportunity.

We plead for
abundance; God
gives us talents.



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"It would be more unworthy of
God to spare an evildoer than to
punish him, especially the
supremely good God, who cannot
be fully good unless He is the
enemy of evil, so that His love for
good is exercised through His
hatred of evil and His defense of
the good is fulfilled through the
overthrow of evil."

Tertullian



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.

Spring Clean-up Day—Thanks to everyone who came and worked around the

church building Saturday. Great work was done, great fellowship was enjoyed, and building and grounds look

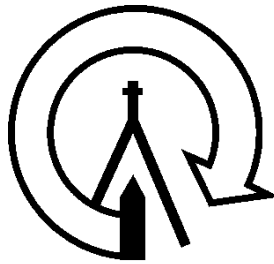
much better.

Move in day for Mark Casella in , Tuesday, June 9—about 7:00 or 7:30pm. Please come and help Mark Casella and his bride to be, Ann, unload their truck. They only need help unloading, NOT unpacking.

Leadership Training Class is scheduled for June 20 at 10. Come learn new skills and enjoy the fellowship

George & Sharon Abood are grandparents, Abraham Joseph Abood was born on Tuesday, June 2, weighing 7'14". Adam, Carrie and family are doing well

Vacation Bible School— August 17 - 19—It's all about Creation this year. If anyone is interested in working in VBS this summer, please let Linda Paul know. There is need for kitchen crew, storyteller, lots of escorts, including someone to be in charge of the escorts, someone to



OUR CONGREGATION IN
Action

handle outdoor activities and many other good works. Crafts and decorations each have their main person but will need helpers.

The Lawrence church invites us all to an area wide singing for June 14 from 2:30 to 4:30. See the bulletin board for info.

The Menu for Wed.'s dinner is oven baked boneless pork chops, potatoes, veggies and dessert. By the way, the last Wed. evening supper until the fall will be June 17.

Phil Gould is looking for a room to rent. Contact Phil or the church office, if you can help.

GANDER BROOK'S INFO...

- **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** season begins July 4. Camper registration (both online and paper) and information can be found at ganderbrook.org.

- **Camperships** for kids in our congregation needing help can be made by contacting Tony Casella, our church treasurer. If you are needing a campership, please also contact Tony.

Mark your calendars...

- June 9 - Move in Day for Mark Casella.
- June 14 - Singing at the Lawrence Church of Christ
- June 20 - Men's Leadership Class
- June 21 - 3rd Sunday Potluck
- June 24 - 28 - Meeting at Concord Church of Christ with Philip Sanders - flyer on the bulletin board in lobby
- 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 niece 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.

GET INVOLVED!

Most folks in leadership in the Lord's church know the struggle of getting people involved in the Lord's work. From a leader's perspective there is truly "much to do, there is work on every hand! Hark, the cry for help comes ringing through the land"—to quote from the hymn, "Here Am I, Send Me". For a wide variety of reasons (or excuses) there seems to be reluctance to get involved. The consequence is that often some good work goes begging, or some brother or sister pulls the load of two or three (or sometimes more). And this is tragic. It is tragic not only because some brother or sister gets overloaded (and sometimes discouraged), and not only because the uninvolved also put their own souls at risk (remember the parable of the talents and also James 2:14ff?), but also because they are missing out on something really important and really good.

Have I got your attention?

Did you know that involvement, putting your faith to work, is the only way to taste how good the Lord really is? Christianity is more than a life of observing a long list of "thou shalt nots"—much more. A faith full of "don't" is an uninspiring faith, to say the least. But that's not real discipleship, because Jesus Himself was busy doing the Father's work and seeking and saving the lost. There's a lot of great stuff to do, and it's the "doing", the involvement, the activity (changing lives, feeding the poor, comforting the sick, encouraging the hopeless, and turning the world upside down) that makes Christianity vital, alive, happy, and exciting. The strongest and most excited Christians are the ones that are active and involved—it's not that they're active and involved because they are strong and excited already, rather they became strong and excited because of their activity and involvement. A beloved hymn goes, "But we never can prove the delights of His love, until all on the altar we lay; for the favor He shows and the joy He bestows are for those who will trust and obey." Dear brother or sister, "O taste and see that the LORD is good..." (Psalms 34:8, NAS95) by getting involved!

Did you also know that by being inactive, you're missing the opportunity to show God your love. Love, by nature, strongly desires to show itself; indeed, love not shown dies. And strong love wants to prove itself, growing stronger with each demonstration. When Jesus speaks

with the church in Ephesus in the book of Revelation, He says this, "But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place--unless you repent." (Revelation 2:4, 5, NAS95). Did you get that? They had left their first love; and the solution, the path of repentance, was to "do the deeds you did at first". In all honesty, is your love for the Savior stronger or weaker than it used to be? Get involved and watch what it does to your love for the Lord!

And there's also a great honor in being involved: you can be the tool in God's hand. Paul said, "...present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God." (Romans 6:13, NAS95). As Solomon notes in the book of Ecclesiastes the things that we do, build, or

accomplish in this world are, in the end, vanity; they decay, crumble, and return to dust in time. But involvement in God's things is a completely different sort of endeavor; work in God's kingdom can bear fruit that lasts through eternity. Construction people often like going by buildings that they've had a hand in putting up and they take pride in something they did that lasts decades, a century, or perhaps more. Imagine the fulfillment in Heaven of being with souls you helped bring to Heaven. Imagine the souls of children or adults you kept faithful

through faithful examples and teaching. Imagine your own family for which you did more than feed and clothe, you established a firm spiritual foundation of teaching, example, correction, and encouragement that brought them to the Lord.

But now that I've theoretically got you primed for getting involved in the Lord's service, what should you do?

Many might think, Next time someone asks me to do something, I'll say yes and become more active. Dear brother or sister, let's do more than that. Let's volunteer!

Next time you see or hear of a need in bulletin, announcement, or conversation—volunteer. Say, "Here am I, send me." Even better yet, open your eyes and start actively looking for things that need to be done. And do them.

Park Linscomb



Our Congregational Calendar for June 7 through June 20

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 Worship 9:30 Bible class 11am	8 MNFM Beth King, Nancy Kerrins BC	9 Mark Casella comes to unload	10 Bible class 7PM Stuart Peacock BD	11	12 Andrew Franklin BD	13
14 Worship 9:30 Bible class 11am Singing at the Lawrence Church of Christ	15	16 Katrina Lecat BD	17 Bible class 7PM	18	19	20 Men's Leadership Class Jeff Moser BD

Bible Reading Schedule for this Week			Service	June 07	June 10
Sun	Jun 7	Joshua 7-8	Coordinator	Rich Therrien	
Mon	Jun 8	Joshua 9-10	Call to Worship	Park L	
Tue	Jun 9	Joshua 11-12	Song leader	Gary Diaz	Doug Paul
Wed	Jun 10	Luke 1	Scripture	Justin Silva	
Thu	Jun 11	Joshua 13-14	Communion	Fred Hillhouse	
Fri	Jun 12	Joshua 15-16	Closing Prayer	Stuart Peacock	
Sat	Jun 13	Joshua 17-18	Worship Tech	George Abood	
			Devotional		Fred Hillhouse



Proverbs 29:23 "A man's pride will bring him low, But a humble spirit will obtain honor." Pride seeks to be first and has no interest in service, but humility is willing to do whatever needs to be done. Although Jesus was/is God, He nevertheless willingly put Himself last and served us all to save us (Php. 2:5ff). Never let pride get the upper-hand in your life. Serve someone this week

Mark and his new bride will be here soon. Will you be there helping to move him in on June 9? It would be a great way to serve and get to know our new youth minister.

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