

# THE BULLETIN

## These Little Ones (Matt. 18:6)

It is heart-lifting to see how naturally small children accept the wondrous story of Jesus—that He is God, that He love them, that He did stranger things than anything in their books. Can it be that they remember our true home better than we?

They accept other strange things, of course, but even our youngest children seem to know the day will come when the lamentable truth about fairy tales will be told them. They have no such reservation about our Lord. With the slightest encouragement, they will keep their faith all their lives.

Their greatest help and hindrance come from the same source: adults. We can strengthen their spontaneous faith, or put terrible stumbling blocks in their path. By showing our Lord in ourselves—or by failing to do so. It is our glorious responsibility, and Christ was awesome in what He said about it, Matthew 18:6 “but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.”



Our world has always been filled with theories and practices which put stumbling blocks in the path of faith. The modern world is far from an exception. It is our great duty and honor to defend our children from all evils and errors with all the power of God. We are to lead them to our Lord, and teach them everything He said and did to arm them with the FULL LIFE, the BEST LIFE available—a life IN CHRIST.

Worship with us every week, pray for His grace, and strengthen these little ones all your life long!

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Worrying about something **before** it happens is **too early**, and worrying about it **after** it happens is **too late**.



# 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.

## Happy Fathers' Day!

**Fellowship luncheon** is NOT being held today, but NEXT Sunday. We'll be welcoming Mark and Ann Casella to the Manchester church to be our new youth minister. There will also be a *surprise* "pounding" to help them get started in their digs at the church's parsonage.

Make an effort to stay, meet, and greet Mark and Ann; make them feel welcome. We all look forward to Mark's leadership among the teens.

## GANDER BROOK IS THE NEXT BIGGEST EVENT ON THE HORIZON, HERE'S SOME 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](http://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.

**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 or Mark Casella (when he gets back, of course) know. There is need



for kitchen crew, storyteller, lots of escorts, including someone to be in charge of the escorts, someone to handle outdoor activities and many other good works. Crafts and decorations each have their main person but will need helpers.

**Some health updates:** Freda Potters sister is in hospice, Brian Day is still at home in considerable pain, Penny Ranger's mother's surgery went well and she'll be going in for surgery for the other eye this week, Park's mom is back at home and doing well.

**Wednesday's dinner** was wonderful—as were the many other dinners cooked for us on Wednesdays before Bible class this year. Thank you Dick and Freda (and all our other cooks this



year) for all your hard work. Our dinners have allowed many of us to come directly from work to Bible classes.

Our Wednesday dinners will take a break until the fall. Look for details about the start up date in mid-August.

## Mark your calendars...

- June 28—Fellowship Luncheon and welcome to Mark and Ann Casella.
- 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
- August 17-19—VBS (bring a friend)

## Prayer List:

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

*Health:* Freda Potter's sister is in hospice care, 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:* Mark Brown & Emma, 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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## OF HEROES AND DADS

While it is true that in youth I admired lots of heroes—Davy Crocket, Mickey Mantle, Wilt Chamberlain, Don Meredith, and the Beatles—there was always one constant hero from toddler, to teen, to adult. I'm speaking about my dad, and I'd like to tell you a bit about him. Not to brag (although I'm proud of him), and not to lionize him (I'm sure he'd appreciate it, though he'd never have looked for it), but to make a point at the end.

Dad himself enjoyed having a father for only the first 12 or 13 years of his life, his dad died at about that age. But somehow dad knew the essentials of meaningful fatherhood, practiced them, and passed them on.

Dad was a serious New Testament Christian and a church leader, who knew the wisdom of dragging me along with him as he served and I watched. He (and mom) knew intuitively the importance of all of us being at church every time the doors were open—Sunday morning, Sunday evening, Wednesday evening, Gospel Meetings, workdays, church picnics, teen events, and "zone meetings". Just speaking for myself, I'm sure he and mom wondered if it was doing any good sometimes...but it did.

Dad was a man of integrity, despite the temptations and trials he faced in his career, in family finances, and sometimes in church leadership. He lived-out privately what he appeared to be in church. And he didn't shield us from reality too much, when hard times came; instead, he with mom explained the situation and pointed out what was right, what was faithful, and assured us that God would take care of things, if we'd do what's right. Romans 8:28 became a favorite passage to everyone in the family—"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose,"—and still is down to the present day.

While dad's time was sometimes limited because of the nature of his work, when he was available, he was available—not "checked-out" to relax. We "rassled", he tickled, he taught me how to play baseball, and he came to as many games as his work allowed. Later as a teen he took me hunting every deer season (several weekends each season), where we could rough-it and "be manly men". He often told me that he loved me; and his deeds never belied his words, even when he was angry.

Dad knew how to hold the line on right and wrong, and didn't let us bulldoze him with "everybody's doing it" arguments, pouts, or nagging. If it meant we weren't his friends, he was OK with that for now, knowing that it would change. We knew where the lines were, knew they were in granite, and knew there'd be unpleasant justice to pay for crossing them.

Dad was a wonderful listening ear with great spiritual advice and psychological insight that would make a PhD psychologist envious.

Dad told us serious and funny stories of his childhood, which made him "real". And he told us as much as we were ready to hear about his time defending our country, which helped make us patriotic.

Dad was an unashamed rock-geek (a geologist by education and career) and although I resisted his enthusiasm as a kid on the outside, I absorbed more at his feet about geology than I ever learned in the college course I took later.

Dad died 18 years ago, but when I "get stuck" for the right thing to do, I often find myself wondering what dad would do. He's still my hero.

**And we need more heroes.** I am not, of course, talking about the caped crusader sort. I'm talking about everyday heroes, whose influence and legacy live on long after they have passed from this earth: dads. They are the ones we need the **most**, but seem to be

missing too often.

If you're a father, be a dad. It's not the easiest road to take, but heroes never travel the easy road—that's what makes them heroic. Villains in the form of career tracks, materialism, "what-about-me-ism", tragedy, discouragement, marital challenges, and the pursuit of short-term happiness will surely ambush and try to kill the hero, but heroes always rise to the challenge and overcome.

So be an everyday hero; be a dad and wear the "badge" with honor. It will be, without any doubt, one of the most meaningful roads you'll ever travel.

To all the dad's out there: Happy Father's Day and "Soldier on" you everyday heroes!

Park Linscomb

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## Our Congregational Calendar for June 21 through July 4

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21 Worship 9:30 Bible class 11am	22	23	24 Bible class 7PM Jon Lamarine BD	25 Don & Chris Dion anniv.	26	27 Start of GB's Work & Worship Week
28 Worship 9:30 Bible class 11am Fellowship Lunch	29 Jakob Owen BD	30	1 Bible class 7PM	2	3	4 First week of Gander Brook 4 <sup>TH</sup> OF JULY
Work and Worship Week at Gander Brook						

Bible Reading Schedule for this Week			Service	June 21	June 24
Sun	June 21	Judges 3-4	<b>Coordinator</b>	Stuart Peacock	
Mon	June 22	Judges 5-6	<b>Call to Worship</b>	Gerry Millette	
Tue	June 23	Judges 7-8	<b>Song leader</b>	Steve Johnson	Steve Johnson
Wed	June 24	Luke 5	<b>Scripture</b>	Sam Bellamy	
Thu	June 25	Judges 9-10	<b>Communion</b>	Rich Therrien	
Fri	June 26	Judges 11-12	<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Dave Skerry	
Sat	June 27	Judges 13-14	<b>Worship Tech</b>	Barry Fogal	
			<b>Devotional</b>		Barry Fogal



Take some time today and appreciate dad. I don't just mean tell him that you appreciate him—do that too—but take notice what he does for you and the family. If you pay attention, you might be amazed at how much he does that goes unnoticed, under the radar, and unappreciated. **Then**, tell him. It'll be good for you and for him.

Proverbs 10:1 "The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a father glad, But a foolish son is a grief to his mother."

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