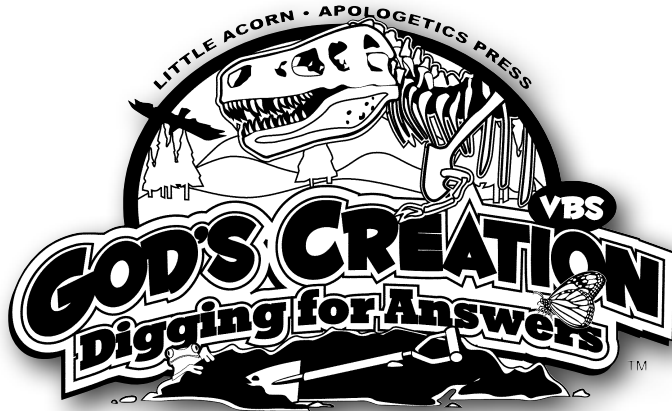


THE BULLETIN



WHAT DOES VBS DO?

Vacation Bible School is a yearly event here at the Manchester church of Christ, but we sometimes may wonder, "What's the big deal? What does VBS do?"

In a nutshell, *VBS reaches out to children and young families* with basic Bible knowledge like nothing else we do can.

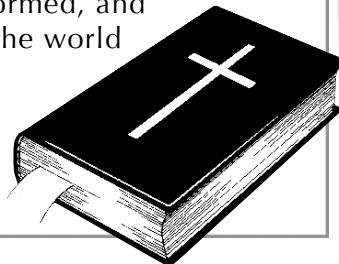
Not many young families make a point of going to church or Bible class anymore, and the natural effect of this is and will be increasing Bible ignorance—no small matter.

If you don't know what the Bible really says, then evolution and its corollaries, atheism and agnosticism, become the default setting for children and adults. Morality then becomes whatever is popular, legal, or what I can get away with. Families have no real foundation. And without the Gospel of Jesus, found only in the Bible, men cannot be saved (Rom. 1:16ff) or know the truth of religion.

VBS provides vital, fundamental, Bible information; and it encourages children and their parents to come, to study, to learn God's eternal word, and follow the Savior.

This year's VBS teaches in a clear, informed, and fun way about God as the Creator of the world and all life.

Will you invite your friends to come?



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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.

VBS— August 17-19. It's all about Creation this year. Here are things you need to know...

- **VBS needs:** newspapers and unmatched socks. There are boxes for both in the foyer. *And all the kids you can bring!*



- **Prayer:** there's no success without the Lord's blessing. Pray for families searching for the Lord's way.
- **Teens,** your help is needed for VBS. Please check with Mark about ways you can help.

Bible Classes for Adults:

- Sunday 11AM, Sharing Faith
- Ladies' class, 11AM
- Sunday 6PM, Proverbs
- Wednesday 7PM, OT History

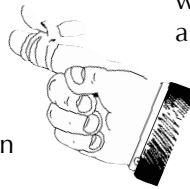
Thanks to Brian Cleavitt for mowing the church lawn last week. It looks great!

GANDER BROOK INFO...

- **Labor Day Family Weekend** Sept. 4-7.
- **Women's Retreat** September 17-19

Interested in sharing your faith?

Consider working with World Bible School, a way to teach the Gospel on-line from the comfort of your own home and computer. See details on the foyer bulletin board.



Monday Night for the Master will be August 10. Come join the good work.

Moving... Chrissy Magnusson, and Wendy O'Reilly have moved to Leominster MA and will be attending the church of Christ there. Their address is 556 Central St. #167, Leominster MA 01453. James McLaughlin will also be worshipping and working in Leominster. We wish them all well.

Lifeline Screening will be hosted by the church here again in September. Life Line Screening is a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings. They'll be here 9/10/2015.

Some health updates: Gage Dumas' eyesight is improving

little by little....Park's mom continues to do well at her own home. She gets daily helpers and is managing....Brian Day has continued pain in his legs....Debbie Garven's daughter is still being monitored for blood clots...Judy Diaz's friend who had the triplets: the babies are gaining weight and improving in health, although the youngest and smallest one still gives them occasional scares. Please continue to pray.

Job Needed - Jessica Revelle is still looking for a job. Jessica WANTS to come to this area to live and work. If anyone knows of a job, please let Park or the church office know.

Apartment needed... Deb Dlutowski is in need of a Manchester apartment as soon as possible. Contact Barb Steffensen, if you know of something.

Prayer List:

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



Health: Jennifer Dutch, 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: Randy Stevens, Mark Brown & Emma, Jim Kenison, and brethren who have forsaken the assembly.

Leadership: Ministers, Elders, Deacons, Teachers, Parents

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Date	Activity	Where
Aug. 10 - 6pm	MNFM	Ch. Bldg.
Aug. 17 - 19	VBS	Ch. Bldg.
Aug. 22 - 7 - 9pm	Teen Devo	Mark & Ann's house
Sept. 5 - 7	GB Family Camp	Gander Brook
Sept. 7 - 11am, eat about 12:30	Labor Day potluck picnic	the Potter's home
Sept. 11 - 13	Teen Retreat	Gander Brook
Sept. 10	LifeLine Screening	Ch. Bldg.

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.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP, PART 2

Thoughts on leadership for **every** Christian...

Last week we began a short series on Christian leadership. Again, this isn't a prelude to the process of appointing elders, which is usually one of the only times we visit the topic; but it about general Christian leadership issues. And while the vast majority of us are not elders, the majority of us are or will be in some sort of leadership position at some point of our lives—whether in our family, in church, in a work environment, among friends, or even in the arena of politics. And when we are, we want to be *Christian* leaders.

Last week we talked about the Christian *motivation*, the Christian need to know how to *follow*, and the Christian attitude of *humility*. But there's more to Christian leadership.

Christian leadership leads from the front; that is, it gets involved in the activity at hand. Worldly leadership leads from lofty corner offices, far from the battle line, giving orders while sipping tea. They are the "order-givers", not the doers of the project at hand; the very reason many seek to be leaders (they don't have to get their hands dirty). Jesus never led that way; Christian leaders influence others as they work side by side. A good illustration of this facet godly leadership is Nehemiah:

Nehemiah 5:15, 16 *"But the former governors who were before me laid burdens on the people...even their servants domineered the people. But I did not do so because of the fear of God. I also applied myself to the work on this wall; we did not buy any land, and all my servants were gathered there for the work."*

Lead from the front!

Christian leadership also encourages, motivates, cheers, coaxes, and uplifts others to higher ground. This is not to say that Christian leadership doesn't correct; it does and I'll mention it in the next article. The emphasis here, however, is how the Christian leader realizes that there is a need for positive encouragement

and motivation. Worldly leadership tends to operate mostly in "quality control" mode: looking only for flaws and seldom offering a pat on the back. But the apostle Paul, for instance, almost always started his letters with words of thanksgiving and encouragement—even when they were followed later with correction. Sometimes encouragement includes correction, especially when it is done kindly, gently, hopefully, lovingly, patiently, and thoughtfully. Christian leadership realizes that followers need to be told more than what they're doing wrong, but also what they're doing right. Such leadership can motivate followers to follow happily, work enthusiastically, live joyfully, surmount obstacles victoriously, sacrifice gladly, and succeed.

And Christian leadership sets the example.

This aspect of Christian leadership is similar in some ways to leading from the front, but it is also different. Worldly leaders are happy to receive the benefits leadership: authority, honors, etc., but usually not so anxious to be examples or role models to their followers—"Do as I say, not as I do;" or criticizing workers for a poor work ethic, while they themselves arrive late and leave early; or "I never asked to be anyone's role model!" *Christian* leaders, on the other hand, understand both the power and obligation of example. They encourage others to work, and then roll their sleeves up to do it, too. They encourage others to sacrifice, often after already having sacrificed. They (for example, teachers) point out the right path, and then walk it themselves. Jesus Himself practiced this sort of leadership, and great leaders of the early church followed, (e.g., Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:1) "Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ." Strong Christian leadership deliberately lives the life of example.

Christian leadership isn't "natural". It takes a conscious effort to follow the Lord and a conscious refusal to take the worldly, self-serving path of "lording" and the law of the jungle. Follow Jesus and lead—wherever you lead—God's way.

Park LInscomb

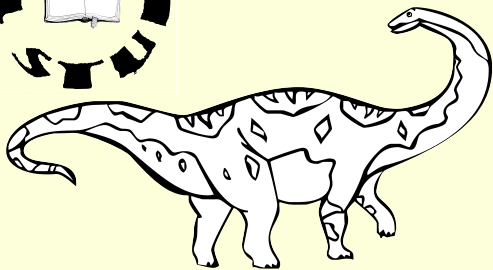
Our Congregational Calendar for August 9 through August 22

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 Worship 9:30 Bible class 11am	10 MNFM 6pm	11	12 Bible class 7PM Heather K. BD	13 Chris D. BD	14 Sara J. BD	15
Sixth week of regular camping at Gander Brook						
16 Worship 9:30 Bible class 11am	17 Linscomb anniv	18	19 VBS Open House 7PM	20	21	22
VBS - 9AM-noon daily						

Bible Reading Schedule for this Week			Date	8/9	8/12
Sun	August 9	Luke 16	Call to Worship	Park Linscomb	
Mon	August 10	2 Samuel 17-18	Song Leader	Steve Johnson	Doug Paul
Tue	August 11	Luke 17	Scripture	Dave Skerry	
Wed	August 12	2 Samuel 19-20	Lord's Supper	Will Hamel	
Thu	August 13	2 Samuel 21-22	Closing Prayer	Stuart Peacock	
Fri	August 14	2 Samuel 23-24	Coordinator	Ken Simon	
Sat	August 15	Luke 18	Worship Tech	Barry Fogal	
			Devo		Mark Casella



VBS is only a week away! Please help out if at all possible!



There is a devo on Saturday the 22nd. It will be from 7-9 location will be announced soon.

The teen retreat is quickly approaching! It is September 11-13th! Be on the lookout for a sign up sheet and try to be there if you can! We need some volunteers for cooking and chaperoning. The theme will be announced in the future.

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