

THE BULLETIN



IS IT IMPORTANT *ENOUGH*?

I don't even have to ask, I know—you're probably busy. Everyone is these days. And usually among the things we never seem to find time for is reflection on our souls, eternity, the truthfulness or falsehood of the Bible, the church, and Jesus. We only seem to have time enough for the really important things.

OK, so I'll just take a moment to ask, "Is my eternity important enough to merit some of my time in my busy world?" Many would agree that it is, but is it important *enough*?

Is my soul important *enough* to warrant some investigation about what Jesus said about sin, forgiveness, and discipleship?

Is Hell important *enough* to make the attempt to avoid it?

Is my eternity important *enough* to not gamble with?

Is it important *enough* for me to make it a priority?

Are the souls of my precious children important *enough* to teach the Bible to?

Are their hearts important *enough* to give the comfort of a loving God and Savior?

Are their lives important *enough* to give a solid anchor of right and wrong?

Is the reality of my own mortality important *enough* to learn of the hope of Christ?

The questions don't take long to ask—or answer. But the answers could change your life and its priorities. It's good to be busy, but sometimes we miss the important question, "What are we busy with?" Wouldn't it be a shame to be busy climbing the ladder of success, only to discover that the ladder was leaning against the wrong wall? What wall is your ladder leaning against?

Is it important *enough* to find out?



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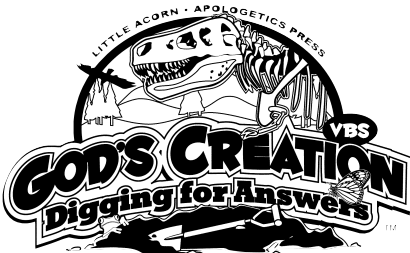
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Our Family News

"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...



- **Open House** will be this Wednesday evening, so our usual Bible classes will be replaced by VBS parents' and children's Open House ceremonies. Please come and meeting these parents and kids. Make them feel welcome!
- **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

GANDER BROOK INFO...

- **Labor Day Family Weekend** Sept. 4-7.
- **Manchester Teen Retreat**, September 11-13
- **Women's Retreat** September 17-19

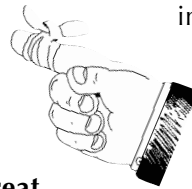
Interested in sharing your faith?

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

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 con-

tinues 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 found... Deb Dlu-towski found an apartment and moved yesterday into Manchester—we'll be able to see her more often, now.

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

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. 17 - 19	VBS	Ch. Bldg.
Aug. 22 - 7 - 9pm	Teen Devo	Kathy F.'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 3

Thoughts on leadership for *every* Christian...

The last two weeks we've been considering the Bible's teaching about leadership. These considerations are different from worldly, secular exercises of leadership. It begins with the motivations of service, the knowledge of how to follow, and the Christian attitude of humility. It goes on to lead from the front, lead by example, and finds ways to not just correct but to coax and encourage. But there's more

For example, Christian leadership self-sacrificially considers the needs of others weaker than itself, especially when mere human tastes, personal desires, and traditions are at stake. Worldly leadership tends to think only about itself and seldom thinks about how easily tripped-up, mixed-up, or overcome weaker folks might be—children, newer Christians, outsiders, or others without Biblical knowledge. Both 1 Corinthians 8-10 and Romans 15 teach a kind of leadership that practices self-denial, when it comes to matters of opinion, in favor of the weaker brother. In these passages Paul called on more mature men (leaders) to refrain from what they wanted to do, eat meat or drink wine, if it caused a weaker brother to stumble. Jesus' own life, of course, provides us with the perfect example of it—a life of self-sacrifice on behalf of those who were confused, tempted, fallen, and in need of grace and instruction. Christian leaders, in matters of opinion and judgment, consider the good of the weaker brethren.

Christian leadership teaches, corrects, and interacts (with great patience and instruction). Leadership, being the exercise of influence in the lives of others, naturally is a great deal about instruction—not just about letting the world watch me (as if I were the center of everyone's attention). Worldly leadership merely commands imperially; it has no interest in changing the other person's life for the better, but rather is interested in having the other person comply to his desires. Such "leadership" in the church doesn't result in

real change, only in getting one's way. Christian leadership, however, uses the teachings of Jesus Himself (Matthew 28:20 "teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."), correcting (the pointing out of what is being lived wrong and teaching of what is right—2 Tim. 3:16), and interaction (showing the other person how through example and "hands on" demonstrations). And Christian leadership does it with great patience—because, of course, nobody "gets it" the first time, or...sometimes not even the 100th time. Christian leaders actively instruct.

Christian leadership is willing to stand alone with God. One of the harsh realities of Christian or godly leadership is that there will be times in which the world (and sometimes even brethren) will disagree with the Lord about teachings/doctrine/truth. In such circumstances it is tempting to "go along to get along", "go with the flow", call it an opinion, and "follow the popular trend". But the Lord's kingdom has never been a democracy; it has always been a monarchy with leaders below the throne who are charged with carrying out the will of the King of kings. And sometimes that means standing alone. The prophets of the Old Testament often did, Jesus often did, and the apostles died for the unpopular truth about sin, righteousness, truth, and the way of salvation (Jesus and His cross). Christian leaders must, too.

Christian leadership isn't easy, it isn't intuitive, and it runs counter to what we have seen among most leaders in our lives—but it is critically important to the health and well being of the Lord's church. In Jeremiah 23:1ff we find the LORD taking to task the foolish and selfish leaders of Israel (priests, princes, and prophets), whose actions had led Judah to its destruction—which helps us understand that God does hold leaders (of every variety) to account for his leadership. What kind of leader are you?

Park Linscomb

Our Congregational Calendar for August 16 through August 29

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 Worship 9:30 Bible class I lam	17 Linscomb anniv <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">VBS—9AM-noon daily</div>	18	19 VBS Open House 7PM	20	21	22
23 Worship 9:30 Bible class I lam Skerry anniv.	24 J. Ferris BD	25	26 Bible classes 7pm	27 D. Chamberlain BD	28	29

Bible Reading Schedule for this Week			Date	8/16	8/19
Sun	August 16	1 Kings 1	Call to Worship	Barry Fogal	
Mon	August 17	1 Kings 2	Song Leader	Gary Diaz	VBS Open House
Tue	August 18	1 Kings 3-4	Scripture	Jonah Peacock	
Wed	August 19	Luke 19	Lord's Supper	Fred Hillhouse	
Thu	August 20	1 Kings 5-6	Closing Prayer	Steve Johnson	
Fri	August 21	1 Kings 7	Coordinator	Stuart Peacock	
Sat	August 22	1 Kings 8	Worship Tech	Rich Therrien	
			Devo		VBS Open House



VBS is this Monday-Wednesday, talk to Mark if you can help out at all. We still have some openings left.

Devotional will be August 22nd at Kathy's house! We will meet at 7 and leave at 9. Her address is 3 Blackberry Way #113. Guys bring drinks and girls bring snacks! There will also be games for the second half of the night.

Teen Retreat at Ganderbrook is September 11-13. There will be a sign up sheet in the auditorium after VBS. It will also be passed around during class on Sunday. The price will be announced soon but I am trying to keep it around \$15.

You will also need to have some money for dinner on Friday night. We are planning on trying to leave at 4:30 from the church building but that will be solidified hopefully soon! Also make sure you bring shoes! The ropes course will be available that weekend unless things don't go to plan.

Thank you to everyone for being flexible. Calendars should start coming out here in a week or two. I have been trying to work on those in the midst of camp, VBS, and teen retreat.

Consider this as you go through this week... How does your faith impact your friends, family, and fellow church members? How can we improve our faith and how we express it?

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