

# THE BULLETIN

G R E A T S U C C E S S !



## NOW THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!

It would be hard to overstate how great Vacation Bible School was this past week! Let me list just a few great things about this week...

- ◆ We had an average of 43 kids every day.
- ◆ We had a high of 15 children (ranging in age from 3 through 9) from Darlene Cordaro's day care.
- ◆ We averaged 20 adults and teens daily to work our VBS (this puts the number of kids, adults, and teens at about 63 people Monday through Wednesday).
- ◆ We had many of Darlene's day care parents at our Open House, who came to our church building for the very first time. The auditorium was fairly packed.
- ◆ Many parents expressed a desire to come to our regular worship services.
- ◆ We invited our attending parents to an excellent video series we're beginning on Sunday evening at the building entitled "Truth Be Told". It's on evidences for Creation and against Evolution.
- ◆ We involved numerous other adults and teens in preparation for VBS (decorations, food, advertisement, etc.). Involvement feeds and strengthens our faith!
- ◆ We had an impressively decorated church building—upstairs and down—thanks to the ideas of Kass Dumas and Ann Casella and the hard work of numerous adults and teens.
- ◆ Park (and perhaps Mark) will be going to Darlene's day care once a week to do an hour of VBS-style songs and a Bible story.
- ◆ We made contact with a local religious group's leader to start discussing the Bible on a regular basis.

There are so many people to thank for all the hard work and involvement that it's hard to know where to start—and I'd probably forget someone! But you all should not only be given heartfelt thanks but you should also held up as great examples of Christian dedication—backing up your profession of faith in Jesus with deeds in keeping with your faith.

Most of all, however, we need to thank the Lord for blessing our efforts with good results. Please continue to pray for happy outcomes as we follow up on the opportunities we've been given to share the message of Jesus to more and more precious souls.

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RESPONSE**



# 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—Prayer:** there's no success without the Lord's blessing. Pray for the families we met this past week, and encourage them, when you see them coming to our assembly. Help them in their search for the Lord's way.



**Bible Classes for Adults:**

- Sunday 11AM, Acts
- Ladies' class, 11AM
- Sunday 6PM, "Truth Be Told" video
- Wednesday 7PM, OT History

**Labor Day Picnic**—Would it be Labor Day without a cookout at the Potter's home in Londonderry? Things start happening at their house about 11, food is often ready by noon or so. Bring a dish or two, a guitar, or a game, and enjoy some relaxed

fellowship time together as God's family.

**Monday Night for the Master** will happen a little later this month, since the first Monday is Labor day. But meet with us at 6pm on September 14 to pray, send cards, do maintenance work around the church building, visit folks, and more.

**Parents of teens**, the annual teen retreat at Gander Brook is scheduled for September 11-13! The cost will be \$15 for the weekend, plus a little money for dinner on Friday on the way to camp! There will be more details released as Mark works all of them out.

**Interested in sharing your faith?** Consider working with World Bible School, a way to teach the Gospel *online* often to people overseas 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. We'll need a few people as greeters; could you help?

**Some health updates:** Gage Dumas' eyesight is improving little by little. He was at Open House at VBS...Brian Day has continued pain in his legs, his knees especially...Lynn Millette's cancer has returned, so she's going to be at home a lot... Jennifer Dutch, has started chemo for her cancer. She sounds upbeat but this will take a toll on her, please keep her and Jason in your prayers...David Lovering, Barabara's husband, is not doing well.

**This and That:** Penny R. is being appointed to the Granite State Board of Directors to advocate for the disabled...

**Prayer List:**



*Good Works:* Bible studies in progress, 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 and Anni

*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. 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.
Sept. 14	Mon. Night for the Master	Ch. bldg.

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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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## LOVE MANKIND BY LOVING PEOPLE

The creator of the comic strip "Peanuts", Charles Shultz, was remarkably perceptive of the human heart in a remark in one of his famous comic strips. Linus, one of the main characters, says with a perfectly straight face, "I love humanity, it's people I can't stand!" We're supposed to laugh at the irony, but sadly it is all too common and true to laugh much.

Often, as we hear great lessons from God's inspired word on the topic of evangelism, we find ourselves soaring to great, new levels of commitment, urgency, and dedication. And as we are exhorted to love men's souls, urging us to be great souls winners, we may find ourselves saying, "Yes, I do love men's souls and I want to be a great soul winner for Christ!!"

But what happens after the last soulful "Amen, let's win the world for Jesus!" is uttered? After the last echoes of all the noise and excitement fades? As we go back into the world? We begin to meet individual, lost souls, and we get tongue tied and lose our nerve. The newfound zeal for sharing Jesus suddenly just dissipates like steam from a tea kettle—to someone's eternal loss. And when we reflect on our day, we wonder, "What's wrong with me? I was sure that I loved the lost world; what went wrong?" Maybe it is that we have the same problem with people as Linus does—we love humanity but have a difficult time with individuals on a personal level.

Many times it has to do with one of two rather unflattering problems:

- we're afraid of what others will think of us. We want to be cool, want people to think well of us, don't want them to ridicule us, or hurt our feelings or...
- we are so self-absorbed that we become unconscious about the eternal needs others have for the truth of the Gospel.

Both have the problem of having self "front and center" and ***in the way***.

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Jesus didn't have such problems dealing with people, because He *loved* them. As He talked to individuals about their souls, His popularity wasn't in view, being cool wasn't a consideration, and being attacked by those opposed to His message wasn't even on His "radar". He just loved them. It was *not* about Him; it was *all about us*. Jesus came to serve, not to be served—to provide eternity for others, not be the coolest rabbi of the day. Isn't that the way it should be in our lives? Isn't that one of the things that attracts you personally to Jesus—that you know He cares for you as one person? That He died for your personally? When we can instill that same love in our own hearts for one person, and just "get out of the way", we really will have the evangelistic zeal God's people should have doing the work He commissioned each of us to do.

When was the last time you personally came up and shook a visitor's hand, got his name and address, and visited him because you were *interested* in *his* soul? The last time you asked the preacher about a contact that could use a visit? Called and encouraged a wayward member to return to God's fold? The last time you cared enough about an individual's soul—so precious that its worth is more than the wealth of a million worlds, so precious that Christ bled and died for it—that you did something?

Don't get caught in Linus' error. We cannot say that we love men's souls, and yet not make any effort or attempt to win an individual to Christ; nor can we say that we love the Lord's church, but make no effort to know names of its people, encourage its members to greater faith, or to work side by side with its individuals.

You can only love mankind by showing love to its individuals.

Park Linscomb

## Our Congregational Calendar for August 23 through September 5

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 Worship 9:30 Bible class 11am Skerry anniv. 6pm "Truth Be Told" video	24 J. Ferris BD	25	26 Bible classes 7pm	27 D. Chamberlain BD	28	29
30 Worship 9:30 BC 11am 6pm "Truth Be Told" video Randall C. BD	31 Ken Bell BD	<b>Sept. 1</b>	2 Bible classes 7pm	3	4 Hamel anniv.	5

Bible Reading Schedule for this Week			Date	8/23	8/26
Sun	August 23	Luke 20	<i>Call to Worship</i>	Gerry Millette	
Mon	August 24	1 Kings 9-10	<i>Song Leader</i>	Stuart Peacock	Steve Johnson
Tue	August 25	1 Kings 11-12	<i>Scripture</i>	Justin Silva	
Wed	August 26	1 Kings 13-14	<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Karl Davies	
Thu	August 27	Luke 21	<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Dave Skerry	
Fri	August 28	1 Kings 15-16	<i>Coordinator</i>	Rich Therrien	
Sat	August 29	1 Kings 19-20	<i>Worship Tech</i>	George Abood	
			<i>Devo</i>		Gerry Millette



Thank you to everyone who helped out with VBS! VBS was a huge success and we look forward to trying to take that momentum and to grow with it! One of the things we are planning on doing is growing the ministry options for our children. October will be the first of the children's ministry events but details will be released at a later date. I have talked to our teens and they are excited to be a part of this ministry and to see where we can take it to help the Kingdom of God grow in Manchester and also the New England area.

TEEN RETREAT is coming! September 11-13th at Ganderbrook! The cost will be \$15 for the weekend, and also some money for dinner on Friday on the way to camp! There will be more details released as I work all of them out.

There are so many good things going on right now because of God, we ask that you join us in prayer that God's work can be done here in Manchester and in New England.

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