

# THE BULLETIN

## “GRUDGE-ITIS”...KILLER DISEASE

A grizzly bear lumbered into a clearing where garbage had been dumped. Watching tourists noticed that there was only one animal the grizzly would permit to eat with him, a skunk! Doubtless he resented the skunk’s brazen impudence. He could have easily won a fight with the two-tone intruder. But he didn’t. Why? Because he knew the high cost of getting even!

Smart grizzly! Much smarter than the thousands of humans who spend weary days and sleepless nights brooding over resentments and inventing ways to “get even”. Men never seem to learn the high cost of revenge.

Dr. S.I. McMillen insists that a disordered emotional life is a frequent cause of ulcerative colitis, toxic goiter, high blood pressure, and scores of other diseases. If the truth were revealed, thousands of death certificates would record that the victims died of “grudge-itis”. We’ve heard people say, through clenched teeth, “I’ll get even with that bum, if it’s the last thing I ever do!” Often it is.

For centuries scoffers have ridiculed the advice of Jesus: “Love your enemies.” Impractical! Idealistic! Absurd! Now psychiatrists are recommending it as a panacea for many of men’s ills. When Jesus, the Great Physician, said, “Forgive seventy times seven,” He prescribed good medication not only for our souls, but for our bodies, too.

The moment I start hating a man, I become his slave, for he controls my thoughts. I can’t escape his tyrannical grasp on my mind. He hounds me wherever I go. He may be many miles away, but he whips my thoughts into such frenzied frustration that my innerspring mattress becomes a torture rack. Every moment is filled with thoughts that fume like nitric acid and corrode as deeply. The Good Book advises: “...off with anger, rage, malice, slander...be clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and good temper—forebear and forgive each other...as Christ forgave you, so must you forgive. And above all you must be loving, for love is the like of the perfect life.” (Col. 3:8,12,13,14—Moffat)

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**WHAT WOULD YOU  
DO TODAY IF YOU  
KNEW CHRIST WAS  
COMING  
TOMORROW?**



# 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.

Press' video regarding Creation v. Evolution.

**WEDNESDAY SUPPER THIS WEEK IS** Baked ham, potatoes, veggies, salad, and dessert. Yum.

Take a moment to send a letter of encouragement...

- James Kenison #2459, P.O. Box 14, Concord, NH 03301
- *Brian Day*, in considerable leg pain... 733 Grove St., #14, Manchester NH 03102

## THIS AND THAT

**MARGE SIMON** stumbled on a curb the other day and broke her right wrist and a finger. Pray for quick healing. But also pray for a safe journey, since she's leaving for Arizona November 10.

**This weekend** is the annual "fall back" Sunday of Daylight Savings Time. But you probably already know that now. Just in case you didn't remember this morning, don't forget to set your clock tonight. :)

**CDs** of Doug Hamilton's lessons on evangelism will be ready this Sunday. **DVDs** will hopefully be ready by next Sunday.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our annual Christmas party will be December 12 at the Skerry's home.

**"TRUTH BE TOLD" VIDEO**—The West Side small group will continue to show Apologetics



## A CHANCE TO BE INVOLVED

**Monday Night for the Master** is tomorrow

night, Nov. 2. Dinner (chili or pulled pork) will be at 6pm and work from 7-8. Come!!

### Have You Signed Up?...

- **SNOW REMOVAL:** Please volunteer by signing the sign up sheet in the foyer. Please don't make us beg. :)
- **MEN TO TAKE COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS.** Usually, this includes only Penny, but occasionally others, too. Please volunteer for this real and important ministry.



### COULD YOU DROP A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

## THANK YOU SO MUCH...

**To everyone** who came to our Gospel Meeting with Doug Hamilton. It was a great encouragement to everyone else who came and we all got really encouraged about sharing the good news—It Can Be Done!

**To Rich Therrien** for Wednesday's meal!

**To everyone who participated in Trunk or Treat!** A great time was had by all!

### 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:* Deniza Chase's niece and her children, 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
Nov 2 - 6 pm	MNFM	Church Building
Nov 4 - 6 pm	Wed. night supper	Church Building
Nov 11 - 6 pm	Wed. night supper	Church Building
Nov 18 - 6 pm	Wed. night supper	Church Building
Dec 2 - 6 pm	Wed. night supper	Church Building

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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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## WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST PART 7, HIS REIGN AND PART ON THE LAST DAY

We've looked at a number of aspects of the Bible's teachings about the Christ, but one about which I'll be speaking this time, may be the most misunderstood in modern times—Christ's reign and His part in the Last Day.

### **The Reign of Christ**

It is commonly thought and taught in many religious circles that Jesus will be coming back to earth a second time to establish His kingdom, a millennial paradise on earth. Regardless of how popular the teaching is these days, the Bible is very clear that Christ already established His kingdom on earth in the form of His church. Passages like Mark 9:1, Col. 1:13-14, or Rev. 1:9 are explicit about the fact that the kingdom would be established, had been established, and already existed in the days of the apostles; and would not be physical. Indeed, Jesus plainly told Pilate, "...My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm" (John 18:36). Jesus is reigning now as the King of kings and Lord of lords; and we must obey Him to be in His kingdom.

### **The Return of Christ**

Last time we talked about His ascension and its importance. As the apostles gazed into the heavens, at the ascending Jesus, angels appeared to the apostles and said, Acts 1:11 "...Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven"—apparently, in the air and accompanied by the angels (Matt. 24:31). We're also told that when Jesus does return, it will be when the Father says so. He told His apostles, "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone" (Matt. 24:36).

### **The Resurrection of All Men**

When He does return, there will be a number of things happening pretty close together. It *won't* be to establish a kingdom (see above), rather it will be draw this material world to a close—an appropriate deed for the One who created it all. 2 Peter 3:10 tells us "...the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the

earth and its works will be burned up." At roughly the same time we're told, (1 Cor. 15:52) "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed." This resurrection will be of both the good and the sinful (John 5:28,29). Our immortal resurrection bodies will no longer need the physical world to exist.

### **The Judgment**

But these resurrection bodies will be useful—even needed for the next phase, which appears to happen quickly, standing in judgment before the fully glorified Son of God. While it is true that judgment is often called "God's judgment" it is a biblical fact that it will be the Christ who will judge—2 Cor. 5:10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." And (John 12:48) "He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day." Yes, His judgment will also be the Father's (they are One); but this is also logically so, because He is designated the King.

### **Handing the Kingdom over to the Father**

Lastly, the Christ, after the judgment, will hand the kingdom back over to the Father, (1 Cor. 15:24-26) "then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death."

### **So...?**

This aspect of the Christ powerfully highlights the need to obey Him. The Lamb has become the Lion. He is the King of kings and final authority over all. It is He who will return for His own, the church, defined by His word and no one else's (Mt. 28:18). It is His authoritative and omnipotent call that will raise all the dead, and empty out Hades for all time. It is He who will judge with righteousness based on His own word (the Bible). Obedience to the reigning, returning, resurrecting, and ruling Son of God just makes good sense.

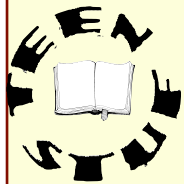
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## Our Congregational Calendar for November 1 through November 14

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov. 1 Worship 9:30 BC 11am 6pm @ bldg	Nov. 2  MNFM	Nov. 3	Nov. 4 Bible classes 7pm	Nov. 5	Nov. 6  Deniza C. BD	Nov. 7  Teen Devo, 7-9pm
8 Worship 9:30 BC 11am 6pm @ bldg Teens: Chipotle	9  Judy D. BD	10  Lauren K. BD	11 Bible classes 7pm Ken S. BD	12  Darlene Cordaro BD	13  Diaz anniv.	14

Bible Reading Schedule for this Week			Week of November 1, 2015		
Sun	Nov 1	2 Chron 21-22	<b>Call to Worship</b>	<i>Gerry Millette</i>	
Mon	Nov 2	John 14	<b>Song Leader</b>	<i>Steve Johnson</i>	<i>Stuart Peacock</i>
Tue	Nov 3	2 Chron 23-24	<b>Scripture</b>	<i>Phil Gould</i>	
Wed	Nov 4	John 15	<b>Lord's Supper</b>	<i>Fred Hillhouse</i>	
Thur	Nov 5	2 Chron 25-27	<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<i>Dave Skerry</i>	
Fri	Nov 6	John 16	<b>Worship Tech</b>	<i>Barry Fogal</i>	
Sat	Nov 7	2 Chron 28-29	<b>Coordinator</b>	<i>Stuart Peacock</i>	
			<b>Devo</b>		<i>Park Linscomb</i>



Thanks to everyone who helped with Truck or Treat and for everyone that joined us!

Youth rally forms are due TODAY for the Manchester CT youth rally. Talk to Mark if you want to go.

There will be a devo at Mark and Ann's house on Saturday! Be there from 7-9pm. Guys bring drinks, girls bring snacks. Don't forget your Bibles and song books.

Youth advance is right around the corner. Please be praying for the trip and for those who are going.

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