

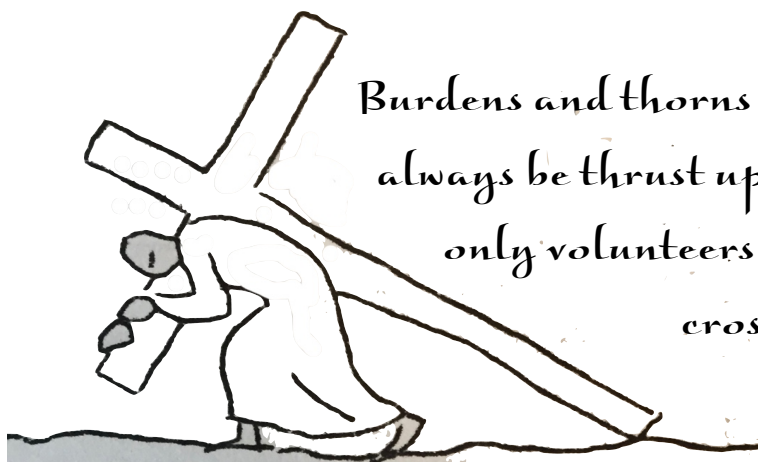
THE BULLETIN

Volunteers Wanted

What does true discipleship mean? It means bearing the cross that Jesus told us we must bear in Matt. 10:38. It means letting Jesus rule your will completely in your daily actions and thoughts. It means not suppressing that desire to talk to someone who needs the Savior about the salvation available. It means taking a stand against evil; it means loving the unlovable; it means being a fool for God

Jesus never promised His disciples any easy journey through this life; He never promised any velvet crosses. He did promise, though, that if we give ourselves totally to Him, that He would give us a crown of life.

What is true discipleship? It's a daily walk with the Master, a daily life of confession, a daily bearing of a cross. To be a true disciple, to be a true cross bearer; it takes the total effort of one's life. That's why only volunteers carry crosses



*Burdens and thorns will
always be thrust upon us;
only volunteers bear
crosses.*

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Regularly Scheduled Services

Sunday worship: 9:30am

Sunday Bible class: 11:00am

Sunday evening: 6:00pm

Wednesday Bible class: 7:00pm

HUNGRY? SOUL

FOOD SERVED

HERE!



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.

THIS AND THAT

YOUTH RALLY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING is planned for Wednesday, Jan. 13, right after Bible study. It will be short, but will get us started. Please come help.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON is next Sunday, Jan. 17. Please plan to bring something, stay, and enjoy fellowship and good food.

BIG EVENTS FOR US, JUST UP THE ROAD...



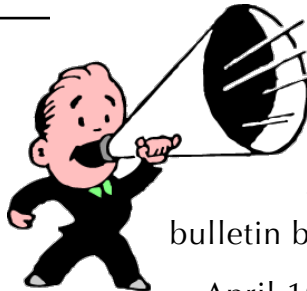
- *The Harding Spring Break Mission Group* will be here from Feb. 26-Mar. 5.
- April 1-3, the Manchester (that's us) youth rally!

FROM AROUND THE AREA...

- The Conway Youth Rally, Feb. 26-28, Conway NH.

- March 11, the ninth annual New England Church Growth Conference. Theme: Stronger Families; "Stronger Churches".

Place: the Manchester CT church of Christ. More info is posted on the foyer bulletin board.



- April 10, from 2-5, an area-wide hymn singing held at the Concord NH church, 141 Fisherville Rd., Concord NH
- May 21, a men's day at the Concord church building, 141 Fisherville Rd., Concord NH. Park Linscomb and David Rollert will be speaking.
- Gander Brook Work and Worship Week will be June 25-July 2. It's family camping and preparing the camp for the season.
- Gander Brook regular season, week 1, begins July 2.

PRAYER LIST:

New Requests: Tom Jones (health issues), Jenn Dutch (new radiation round), Penny Ranger (personal request), Susie Peacock (recovery from knee surgery), Jim Cordaro's mother (cancer), Cy Stafford (leukemia), Deb Dlutowski (health)



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

Health: Darlene Cordaro, Marge Simon, Lynn Millette, Brian Day, Penny's niece Chelsea, Mary Jane Parker, Dave Seguin, Natalie Cleavitt, David Lovering, Linda Tetrault and her brother Bob, John Matthew and Anni

Struggles: Randy Stevens, Mark Brown & Emma, Jim Kenison, and finally, brethren who have forsaken the assembly.

Leadership: Ministers, Elders, Deacons, Teachers, Parents

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

DATE	ACTIVITY	WHERE
Jan 10	Teens lunch at Ally Cat pizza	Ally Cat Pizza
Jan. 13	Youth Rally org. mtg.	auditorium
Jan. 17	fellowship luncheon	fellowship hall

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.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS FOR BETTER PRAYER THIS YEAR

Prayer is certainly an important part of a disciple's life, but too often busyness and a lack of knowledge about all that prayer can be are obstacles to a better, more meaningful, more powerful prayer life. One of the more common resolutions among many Christians is to have a better prayer life. How can you improve your prayer life this year? Here are a few suggestions...

- ✿ **Choose a regular time**—Choose a time and place at which you can give God your full attention; and make it a daily appointment. Daniel made regularity of time and place a part of his prayer life, and it empowered his spiritual life and strength to endure the challenges of his service in the life of both the Babylonian and Persian kings with distinction. Don't let a busy life crowd prayer out of your life; instead, let regular prayer crowd out some of the busyness.
- ✿ **Keep a list or journal**—This idea can help us in at least three ways: 1) provide focus, when our mind may wander, 2) give us something truly substantial to pray to God about, and 3) give us a record of things we've prayed for and that God has answered. Concerning this last thing, there's no greater way to build up faith than to make note of God's answers.
- ✿ **Pray "on the fly"**—In addition to having a daily appointment with God, engage in spur of the moment conversations with God as you drive, as you live life, between or in the midst of chores, wherever. They don't have to be long formal petitions. Nehemiah, as the king of Persia was asking him a crucial question, quickly prayed for God's help (Neh. 2:4). Pray in short bursts anytime.
- ✿ **And when you pray**, here are a few more things about the prayers themselves that will improve your prayers...
 - ✿ *Always address your prayer to the Father*—It's important to start your prayer the right way and the biblical way to pray is always to address it the Father; It's a command from Jesus (John 16:23).
 - ✿ *Pray through Jesus, our mediator*—Jesus also taught that when we pray to the Father, we should pray in Jesus' name (John 16:23,26). Paul taught that Jesus is our one mediator (1 Tim. 2:5).
 - ✿ *Don't be afraid to have a heart to heart with the Lord*—Some folks bear their burdens and trials in stoic silence, because they don't want to be complainers. But did you know that the Lord actually invites us to be "casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7) and gives us the Holy Spirit to intercede for us with "groanings too deep for words" (Romans 8:26,27)? There's a difference between critical complaining to God and unburdening our hearts in prayer—unburden your heart.
 - ✿ *Pray in faith*—This isn't about just feeling more intensely emotional about believing, but rather "... believe that you have received [things you're asking for], and they will be granted you" (Mark 11:24). Pray, then start acting like God has granted it; step out in faith.
 - ✿ *Take time to confess your sins to God*—Doesn't He already know? Of course, but it's good for you to acknowledge it. The first step to changing our lives is recognizing and acknowledging that we are doing wrong. While public prayers in assemblies may say, "...and forgive us of all our sins," our private prayers should be more specific. And once acknowledged, then we should start changing them.
 - ✿ *Be thorough in your thanksgiving*—There is a lot of wisdom in "counting your blessings", and to do so more than just at Thanksgiving. Feeling blessed is easier when we've acknowledged how richly, generously, consistently, and thoroughly God has blessed us.

Improve your prayer life this year. It's a grand privilege given to Christians, don't neglect it.

Park Linscomb

Our Congregational Calendar for Jan 10 through Jan. 23

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 Worship 9:30 BC 11am 6pm @ bldg	11	12 Penny R. BD Barbara S. BD	13 6pm dinner 7pm Bible study	14 Elisha R- BD	15 Steve Jones BD	16
17 Worship 9:30 BC 11am 6pm @ bldg	18	19	20 6pm dinner 7pm Bible study Paul anniv.	21	22 Carroll anniv.	23

Bible Reading Schedule for this Week			Service Schedule for Jan. 10 and 13, 2016		
Sunday	January 10	Job 34-35	Call to Worship	<i>Park Linscomb</i>	
Monday	January 11	Acts 15	Song Leader	<i>Mark Casella</i>	<i>Steve Johnson</i>
Tuesday	January 12	Job 36	Scripture	<i>Mike Moser</i>	
Wednesday	January 13	Job 37	Lord's Supper	<i>Will Hamel</i>	
Thursday	January 14	Job 38	Closing Prayer	<i>Gerry Millette</i>	
Friday	January 15	Acts 16	Worship Tech	<i>Ken Simon</i>	
Saturday	January 16	Job 39-40	Coordinator	<i>Rich Therrien</i>	
			Devo		<i>Phil Gould</i>



- ★ Thanks to everyone who was asked to make it to game night!
- ★ Today will be having lunch at Alley Cat Pizza at 12. The address is 486 Chestnut St.
- ★ There is a youth rally meeting after church on Wednesday. It will be about 15 minutes long hopefully. All are encouraged to attend
- ★ Monday the 18th we will be working on youth rally commercials! Check the calendar for times.
- ★ Devo will be on Saturday the 23rd from 7-9 at the Bergerons house! Guys bring drinks, girls bring snacks. If you need a ride talk to Mark.
- ★ Charlie Vazquez is here today with us. He is a youth minister from the Houston Texas area.

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