

# THE BULLETIN

## Do You Know Him?

"Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God...for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher. For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day." 2 Timothy 1:8, 11, 12, NAS95.

Paul was a man that suffered a lot for the name of Jesus, just like it had been foretold of him just before the time of his conversion (Acts 9:16). He had been imprisoned, flogged, beaten, ship-wrecked, constantly on the move, in dangerous situations, hungry, naked, and worried about the churches. Being a disciple had meant trouble to him since the beginning, when King Aretas of Damascus had tried to arrest him only a few days after his baptism. How could he be now inviting (2 Tim. 1:8) Timothy to suffer with him?

Perhaps he could endure the suffering and invite Timothy, or any of us, to join him in suffering, because he knew the One he had believed. It was Paul's knowledge, his personal knowledge as of a long-time friend, of Jesus, the One whom he'd believed, that led Paul to the confidence that nothing he or any disciple suffered or did for Christ's name would be forgotten or overlooked.

What did he know about Jesus? He knew Jesus to be fair. Never would Jesus allow evil deeds to go unpunished, unjust actions not receive their due recompense, or inequities remain unbalanced. He knew that Jesus is good, and never would He let His people remain impoverished, disadvantaged, or handicapped forever. Paul knew about the trustworthiness of Jesus and knew the Lord's word about the reward, the rest, the crown, and eternal life were more solid than the very earth itself. All these things and more were the absolute proof to Paul that nothing done for the Kingdom's sake would go unrewarded and forgotten.

It freed Paul to refuse to trifle with revenge on those who had treated him so shamefully, had insulted him, had tried to have him killed; the Lion of Judah was his avenger. It liberated him from the foolishness of striving for fame and boasting, because there was only one recognition to seek, the Lord's. He had no need to worry about worldly reputation, because being a good and faithful servant of Jesus was the only reputation Paul had ever really wanted or needed.

But the trick is to *know* Him. Paul had spent time with Him in prayer, in His word, and in observation of the Lord's deeds (that He is faithful). So he wasn't ashamed—not of the Gospel, not of his sufferings, not of other faithful disciples.

Do you *know* Him?

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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

  
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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.

## WHAT'S GOING ON?

**Teachers workshop**—On June 12th after Bible class we will have the first of a series teachers' workshops. Please plan on attending, if you currently teach or would like to teach. We will be talking about how classes are going, what we would like to do, a vision for the future, getting a better rotation going so teachers can have a break, and also giving people a chance to teach classes! If you have any interest at all please come and help us help each other!



**Our next fellowship, June 19, luncheon will be a cook out** and will be in honor of our high school graduates! Come enjoy the food, fellowship, and time of congratulation to our grads.



## Church Camp

**VBS** is August 15-17. Mark your calendars and get ready for some fun, great Bible stories, and meeting some new friends.

**June 6**—is our next MNFM. The meal looks like your choice of taco soup or biscuits and gravy.

**Fishing trip**, organized by Nick B., for Massabesic Lake after

worship on June 5. The whole church is invited.

**Wednesday's Meal** Chicken Cacciatore, bread and dessert Please help our cooks plan by signing up, if you intend to come.

**Phil Gould's uncle** died this past week, and Phil has been down south at the funeral.

**FRED HILLHOUSE** has resigned from being deacon, citing increasing job and personal demands that prevent him from fulfilling this ministry. He is thankful for all who helped him in his service to the Lord and His church.

## AREA EVENTS COMING SOON...

**Work and Worship Week**— June 25-July 1—a week of family camping, a great way to contribute to Gander Brook, and a great spiritual uplift each evening. This year's speaker is Arnie Holmes.

**Gander Brook Regular Camping Season**, July 2 through August 13. Registration can be done both online or by paper.

## NEEDING HELP

- **GB Camperships**—It's that time of year again to help out our church youth who wish to attend Gander Brook this summer. Camper fees this year are \$365.
  - Checks for *any amount* can be written to the Manchester church of Christ (write GB

campership in the memo), and they are tax deductible.

- If you need help to send your child to camp this year you can contact Tony Casella ([mht\\_church\\_treasurer@comcast.net](mailto:mht_church_treasurer@comcast.net)) for a campership. We would love to see every child who wants to go have an opportunity to go.
- **If you'd like to help rebuild Gander Brook's director's cabin**, the camp has a webpage where you can contribute online. Otherwise, checks can be given to Park who'll forward them to GB's treasurer.
- **Gander Brook is going to be building a new dorm soon**, and likewise needs donations toward that project. Again checks can be given to Park to forward to camp's treasurer.

## PRAYER CORNER:

### Good Works:

Bible studies in progress, our website, MNFM, food pantry, Penny Ranger's evangelistic efforts online

**Health:** Dick Potter, Tom Jones, Deb Dlutowski, Marge Simon, Lynn Millette, Penny's niece Chelsea, Mary Jane Parker, Natalie Cleavitt, David Lovering, Linda Tetrault and her brother Bob, John Matthew and Anni

**Struggles:** Randy Stevens; Jim Kenison; and finally, brethren who have forsaken the assembly.

**Leadership:** Ministers, Elders, Deacons, Teachers, Parents



# 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.

## WHO YOU GONNA SERVE?

*"When the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, 'They have humbled themselves so I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some measure of deliverance, and My wrath shall not be poured out on Jerusalem by means of Shishak. But they will become his slaves so that they may learn the difference between My service and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.'" 2 Chronicles 12:7, 8, NAS95.*

God was going to place Judah under Egypt's thumb; Judah was going to be serving Egyptian masters again. Not, of course, like the days between the times of Joseph and Moses, but it would be hard and harsh. Egyptians would be oppressing the young and old, rich and poor. Pharaoh's taxes would be overburdening and the Egyptian armies would be eating everything else like locusts.

Why? Because Judah hadn't wanted to obey or serve their true king, the LORD. Serving the LORD was just too hard; God's ways were too burdensome; He just wanted too much. So the LORD had decided to remind Judah what hard servitude was really all about. They needed to remember the difference between service to God and the slavery to men.

Here's a lesson for us to remember always, too, because we tend to forget: sin is the cruel taskmaster paying us death as our wages, God is the loving Father giving us life.

But we do often have a rather selective memory like Judah. We forget about the harshness of sin. The temptations we face give us temporary amnesia about the iron-fisted despotism of sin that prompted Paul to write, "For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate," Romans 7:15, NAS95. Somehow the shame, guilt, and degradation of slavery to unrighteousness conveniently skips our minds. And as Satan whispers to

our hearts again, "You shall not surely die," we willingly, obviously walk into the the same old consequences of sin, like lambs to the slaughter. And Paul adds, "Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death." Romans 6:21, NAS95.

We need instead to remember that Jesus came "...that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10), that "...this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome," (1 John 5:3), and that Jesus is "...gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS." (Matthew 11:29). Have we forgotten?

May we never reach a state of forgetful rebelliousness, so that God might need to teach us the difference between His service and the slavery to sin.

*O Lord, please do not turn us over to slavery of sin again. We know You to be a loving Father, whose commands are not burdensome, whose intent is not to crush us or kill, but to lift us up and give us true life. Thank you for our great deliverer, Jesus, who delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into His Kingdom of life and freedom. In our great Deliverer's name we pray, Amen*

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\*Congrats to all of our High School Grads! You have all worked very hard to get to this point in life. It is a major achievement.

\*June 11th is a "Chill" at Mark & Ann's - 7-9.

\*Teacher workshop is June 12th from 12-2ish. Teens are invited. Please plan on coming if you have ever had an interest in teaching. Please give Mark or Ann a heads up if you are coming so we can plan accordingly.

\*Devo will be June 17th from 7:30-9:30. Place TBD

\*Senior Sunday! Is June 19th. We will have a cookout after

Bible Class. Sign up sheet for things to bring is in the back of the church auditorium. Seniors... Please make every effort to be there that Sunday!

\*Movie Night is June 25th from 7-9:30 at Mark and Ann's.

\*Chuckster's Day! We are currently planning on going to Chuckster's on June 27th. We need to have 10 people go in order for us to get the rate we are looking at! We will be spending 3 hours there. You may bring friends as well. This is a 6th grade and up event.

\*Its An Animals Tale! VBS is around the corner! How can you help?

### Bible Reading Schedule for this Week

Sunday	June 5	Proverbs 30-31
Monday	June 6	2 Corinth 11
Tuesday	June 7	Eccles 1-2
Wednesday	June 8	Eccles 3-4
Thursday	June 9	Eccles 5-6
Friday	June 10	2 Corinth 12
Saturday	June 11	Eccles 7-9

### Service Schedule for June 5 & June 8

Call to Worship	Barry Fogal	
Song Leader	Steve Johnson	Mark Casella
Scripture	Mark Casella	
Lord's Supper	Karl Davies	
Closing Prayer	Dave Skerry	
Worship Tech	Rich Therrien	
Coordinator	Ken Simon	
Devo		Park Linscomb

### Our Congregational Calendar for May 5 - 18

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Worship @ 9:30am Bible class @ 11am Bldg sm grp-- 6pm	6 Monday Night for the Master 6pm Birthdays: Doug P., James K., and John Ogunsuyi	7 Daggett anniv.	8 Birthdays: Beth King, Nancy Kerrins 6pm dinner 7pm Bible study	9	10 Girling anniv. Stuart P. BD	11 Teen "Chill" at the Casellas'
12 Worship @ 9:30am Bible class @ 11am Bldg sm grp-- 6pm	13	14	15 6pm dinner 7pm Bible study	16 Katrina L. BD	17 Teen devo @ TBA	18