

THE BULLETIN

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE

This Sunday, September 11, 2016 is the 15th Anniversary of the September, 11, 2001, attacks on our country. In reflection of that tragic day in American history, what have we learned? As a nation? as a family? As a church? Consider but just a few:

1. Life is precious. In a world filled with racism, abortion, murder and hatred, we need to stress the sanctity of life.
2. Time is fleeting. Every moment is important! May the cares of this world never cloud our vision and steal the simple moments that bring about the bigger picture.
3. Faith is powerful. Faith makes things possible! Strong faith in Jesus Christ is the ROCK upon which to build a happy, successful and peaceful existence.
4. Love is needed. The world is starving for love. Since, 'God is love,' the truth is - The World is Starving for God. Remember, love is the 'greatest' and love never fails.
5. Hope is strong. Hope is strong enough to anchor our soul in rough seas and calm waters. Hope is a great thing.

May we remember the night of 9/11/01 as we gathered as families in our church buildings shedding tears in prayer, pleading with a just God to carry our nation through the pain and healing! May we never forget that total reliance on His power and strength that we experienced that terrible day!

Mark Posey

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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

*Children close their
ears to advice but
open their eyes to
example*

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,

If you are 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

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Gander Brook Retreats:

Sept 9-11 - Teen Retreat - see Mark

Sept 15-17 - Ladies' Retreat - information at back

Sept 22-24 - Men's Retreat - information at back

WED NIGHT SUPPER: The 1st Wed. Night Supper is Sept. 21, Rich Therrien will be cooking. A signup sheet is in the back of the auditorium.

There is a sign-up sheet, to cook, at the back. Cooking for the group is, a 'real learning experience', but the fellowship is super! Get a friend, sign up to try and you'll like it. If you are willing to be put on a list of substitutes for last minute emergencies, GREAT.

LAWN MOWING: This building belongs to all members we need people to sign up and mow the lawn. Bring the children and make it a family service project.

MNFM Cooks are needed.

Sign-up sheet in the back of the auditorium.

LORD'S SUPPER to shut-

ins: There is a need for someone to take the Lord's Supper to the shut ins during the month of August & September. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the auditorium.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL:

Need someone to take the lead. It's a great opportunity to teach the Good News from home.

Family Workshop:

October 21-23 the church will host a family workshop with Dr. Joe Brumfield from Harding University



LIFELINE: Life

Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Manchester Church of Christ on 10/27/2016. See foyer for sign-up sheet. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries; abdominal aortic aneurysms; hardening of the arteries in the legs; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat; and a bone density screening, for men and women. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners

NEW - ADDITION TO LIBRARY

We are adding media to the library. There is a case with CDs arranged by topics. Please come use our assets.

PRAYER CORNER:

Barbara Lovering, Penny Ranger, Malachi Norris, Pedro Lebron & his back pain, Lynn Millette, Eva Johnson



CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Good Works: current Bible studies, our website, MNFM, food pantry, Penny Ranger's online evangelism

Health: Dick Potter, Marge Simon, Casey Jones, Tamera Silva, David Lovering and for Barbara as she cares for him and has Parkinson's herself. Judy Diaz's neighbors sorrow, Brian & Joyce Day, David Skerry's brother-in-law (Eddie), Tom Jones, Lynn Millette, Penny's niece Chelsea, Mary Jane Parker, Natalie Cleavitt, Peggy Mailloux daughter, Kim, Linda Tetrault and her brother Bob, John Matthew and Anni

Struggles: Tamera Silva and her children; Jim Kenison; the spiritually weak.

Thanksgiving: Darlene goes back to work 9/12

Leadership: Ministers, Elders, Deacons, Teachers, Parents

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be;" Matthew 5:14, NAS95.

A Word of Encouragement

“Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.” 1 Corinthians 16:13, NAS95.

WHAT'S A “SALVATION ISSUE”?

Denominational theologians use the phrase in the religious world to try to smooth over the deep doctrinal divides between religious groups. Sometimes even leaders in the Lord's church have used the phrase in an attempt to avoid splits and divisions. But what is it?

The phrase “salvation issue” (never used in Scripture) refers to teachings about how to become a Christian. In the denominational world “salvation issue” usually refers to “believing in God the Father and Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God”. All other teachings get demoted to the “they don't matter” category, because they're not “salvation issues”.

In the Lord's church there are those who will sometimes defend a controversial teaching by suggesting to everyone that it is not a “salvation issue”. And this is precisely where faithful disciples need to ask the question, “How would the Lord define a ‘salvation issue’?”

There are three categories into which most Christian teachings will fall: traditions, opinions, and commands.

Traditions are a set of teachings that leaders pass on to their students to help them keep God's law, and they can be very helpful (1 Cor. 11:2 / 2 Thess. 2:15 / 2 Thess. 3:6) as long as they aren't being taught as God's commands (Matt. 15:1-9).

Opinions (aka, judgments, liberties, or even conscience) include a wide range of persuasions that we humans hold about how to obey the Lord; they can include tastes, cultural norms, human “think-so”, scruples, or someone's experience-informed conclusions.

We are allowed by God's word to hold traditions and opinions as long as they lie within the boundaries of God's pattern and don't become divisive. But as we hold them we must remember that traditions and opinions—according to the Lord (e.g., Matt. 15:1-9 / 1 Cor. 8-10)—are not binding and can be altered or changed.

To illustrate, we are commanded to meet on the first day of the week, but each congregation has its own *traditions* about meeting times and meeting places. Some congregations (for example, Italians) hold to a *tradition* that uses fermented wine for the Lord's supper, while others (for example, the U.S.) hold to a *tradition* of unfermented “new wine”. And some hold the *opinion* Christmas shouldn't be celebrated, while others do celebrate. These traditions and opinions are not matters upon which our salvation might be endangered—“salvation issues”.

Commands, on the other hand, are a different category. A command can be recognized through direct command, necessary inference, or approved example; and once a command is given through God's word, it is neither changeable nor optional. It simply needs to be obeyed. And obedience is important (Matt. 7:21ff). The very definition of sin is disobedience to the Lord's command (e.g., Lev. 26:21; Isa. 42:24; Rom. 6:16).

And obedience to the Lord's commands is why the meaning of “salvation issue” needs to be reexamined by those who use it. The Scripture teaches us: “For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,” Hebrews 10:26. Willful, deliberate disobedience in a Christian, according to this very clear, inspired verse, will result in no further forgiveness for sins. This makes the many Biblical teachings beyond “faith, repentance, confession, and baptism” into “salvation issues”, too—including some of the hotter worship topics of our day, a cappella singing and male leadership.

While some might want to limit “salvation issues” to only what one must initially do to be saved, the rest of God's will cannot be demoted and dismissed so quickly. The truth is that **obedience** is a salvation issue.

Park Linscomb



***September & October Calendars are out!**

Upcoming Events

***Teens not going on the retreat will meet with Mr. Dion in the 5th & 6th grade classroom**

***Sept. 12 - MNFM**

***Sept. 14 - Wednesday Night Supper**

***Sept. 24 - Movie/Game Night from 7-9:30pm**

***Oct. 1 - Corn Maze Day! Get ready to have some major fun in life-size puzzles**

'When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.' Psalms 56:3

Bible Reading Schedule for this Week			Sept 11	AM	PM	Sept 14
Sunday	Sep 11	Jeremiah 37-39	Call to Worship	Park L		
Monday	Sep 12	Hebrews 3	Song Leader	Gary Diaz	Steve Johnson	Doug Paul
Tuesday	Sep 13	Jeremiah 40-42	Scripture	Mark Casella		
Wednesday	Sept 14	Hebrews 4	Lord's Supper	Fred Hillhouse		
Thursday	Sep 15	Jeremiah 43-45	Closing Prayer	Fred Hillhouse		
Friday	Sep 16	Hebrews 5	Coordinator	Rich Therrien		
Saturday	Sep 17	Jeremiah 46-47	Worship Tech	Barry Fogal		
			Devo			Gerry Millette

Our Congregational Calendar for September 11 - September 24

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 Worship @ 9:30am Bible class @ 11am Bldg sm grp-- 6pm	12	13	14 7pm Bible Study Mary Jane Parker- BD	15	16	17
18 Worship @ 9:30am Bible class @ 11am Bldg sm grp-- 6pm Fellowship Lunch -12pm	19	20 Kehinde Ogunsuyi - BD	21 6pm Wed Night Supper 7pm Bible Study Gary Chase - BD	22	23 Caleigh Chaffin - BD Parker Girard - BD	24
