

# THE BULLETIN

## “HE IS ALWAYS WITH US”

In the Gospel of Luke chapter 24 verses 13-35, a story confirms the trust that we should have in Jesus, because He is not as far from us as we sometimes think.

Two of Jesus' disciples were on their way to a village called Emmaus. They were talking with each other everything that had happened (Jesus crucifixion). Then, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you



walk along?” So the two disciples narrated to Him what had happened and added: “But we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.” Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”



How many times Jesus is with us and we can't see Him? How many times do we not allow ourselves into His presence and His power into our lives, because of our troubles? How many times do we discourage Him because we don't recognize Him?

The Lord is with us and for us, let us not undervalue His

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### Worship Time:

Sun. Worship - 9:30am  
Bible Class - 11:00am  
Sun. Evening - 6:00pm  
Wed. Bible Class - 7:00pm



My house was sure neglected,  
I didn't sweep the stair -  
In twenty years no one on earth  
Will know, or even care.  
But that I've helped a boy or girl  
To noble adulthood grow  
In twenty years the whole wide world  
May look, and see, and know.



# Family News

"So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith." Galatians 6:10, 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **JUNE 24-25** - VBS SET-UP (NEXT SAT. & SUN)
- **JUNE 25 - 30** - GANDER BROOK WORK & WORSHIP WEEK
- **JUNE 26-28** - VBS!!!! (MON.-WED.)
- **JULY 10** - MNFM

## OTHER NEWS

**SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS - HOSEA** and what God shares with us.

**GANDER BROOK REGISTRATION**  
There are paper registration forms, in the foyer.

**GANDER BROOK CAMP SESSIONS:**

- **SESSION 1** - July 1 - 7
- **SESSION 2** - July 8 - 14
- **SESSION 3** - July 15 - 21
- **SESSION 4** - July 22 - 28
- **SESSION 5** - July 29 - Aug.4
- **SESSION 6** - Aug. 5 - 11

**Gander Brook CAMBERSHIP CANS** are in the foyer.

**THE GLENN'S** - are looking for handyman for several significant building/repair projects around the house. Please contact them if you know someone you recommend. On some of the more challenging projects we need someone that specializes in carpentry work, etc.

## COME HELP

### Grounds Clean Up

There is a need for people to sign up to keep our property looking inviting to our neighbors and visitors. The sheet is at the back of the foyer to sign up for a week. It's a great family activity!

### Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday night suppers are ended until school starts. Watch for the 1<sup>st</sup> one.

### Lord's Supper to shut-in

Volunteer needed, **now**. Please talk with Doug Paul about this.

### Pantry:

Those willing to participate at the pantry either on Wed. evenings or Sunday mornings, please drop a text or email to Dave Skerry.

## GREAT JOB!

🎓 **CADE DUMAS** graduated yesterday....now to work then to the Air Force.

🎓 **GAGE DUMAS'** parents, Mark & Kas are hosting an Eagle Scout Ceremony on July 8. Watch for additional details.

## THANK YOU

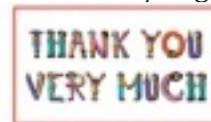
• To all who have cooked for Wednesday night supper this year. We were VERY spoiled by Dick & Freda.

Thanks for keeping that fellowship time going.

• A HUGE thank you to those who made the Dad's Cook-out a success.

• To Will & helpers who installed the cabinet & did the electrical work.

• To the good Samaritans who mowed & took care of the flowerbeds the last couple of weeks.



## PRAYERS

**New Prayer Concerns:** for Don Dion, Alan & Darlene, Robyn Mackey, all our families as school is winding down and for the teachers that they continue to impact their classes for God. Additional Prayer Requests and details



### VBS is June 26 - 28

- Invite your friends & neighbors!
- We need lots of church volunteers & help to make this possible!
- **Everybody** - please make an effort to be at VBS during the VBS days, we can use as many people as possible!

# 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.

## FLESH AND SPIRIT, PART 3

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We've been talking in this bulletin space for the last few weeks about the works of the flesh. Last week was about relational sins of strife, enmity, etc. which seems particularly relevant this past week given the violent shooting of congressman Scalise. Just a brief thought before proceeding to drunkenness and carousing: ideas and words do have consequences. Disagreements will occur between humans, but they needn't devolve into either thoughts or words (the fancy term is rhetoric) of violence, the very language of hatred and evil. But on to the subjects at hand.

These last two works of the flesh have to do with, as some put it, "PAR-TAY".

**Drunkenness** — While drunkenness is directly associated with alcohol, the principle extends to being inebriated or under the influence from any substance used "recreationally", from marijuana to speed to barbiturates to opioids. Drunkenness of any sort dulls the mind's ability to make good judgments, control the impulses, or even control the body. It loosens inhibitions, dissolves our "filters", and tarnishes our influence. The Christian constantly lives in a spiritual battlefield, and he needs to have his mind fully functioning, to exercise good judgment, control the impulses, and conduct himself as true light and salt in a lost world.

In a darker way, there is another reason for drunkenness other than partying, dulling emotional pain. To address this fully would take too long here, but suffice it to say that dulling pain this way only makes things worse, not better. How many families have been broken, how many careers have been ruined, how lives have been lost (in drunk driving and overdoses), and how many have suffered due to various kinds of substance abuse. To use a figure, it is better to deal with a wound with healing medicine than to just take painkillers, until the wound turns into gangrene. If you're in pain, if you're lonely, if you feel the weight of guilt, if you feel hopeless, if you feel powerless, if you feel shame; bring it to the Lord (the Great

Physician with the healing medicine), not the bottle, the joint, or the "hit" (the painkillers).

**Carousing** — Here's a word that speaks to what happens when one becomes drunken, when good judgment is gone, when decency is cast aside, when even the worst moral choices seem like good ideas. The Greek word is *komos*; and translators use "revelings", "orgies", "riotous feasting", "disorderly dancing", and even "rioting" to convey its meaning. Now, when we think of orgies, we think of the ancient Greeks and Romans, but this isn't just an ancient problem; it persists even today. Carousings are where life-changing deeds are often committed: embarrassments that follow us the rest of our days, deeds that effect our family life for the rest of our lives, crimes for which we must answer, and sometimes even deaths. How many lives have been ruined, how many souls have been lost, in a party that got "a bit" excessive? This is not to say, of course, that celebration and parties are sinful. God commanded certain annual celebrations among the children of Israel. Jesus Himself went to weddings and feasts. Such celebrations are good and healthy for the heart and soul. It is to say, however, that fun does have proper limits that the Christian must observe as he or she lives in the presence of the Lord. But carousing recognizes no such limits, and so it consequently sins against both God and man.

The Lord isn't a "cosmic killjoy"; fun and celebration is definitely something that Christians can and should enjoy. But like many other good things that God has granted to men, it is possible to turn a blessing into a curse through crossing the boundaries God has given. Stay away from these and other works of the flesh, avoid their curses, and receive the blessings of walking in the Spirit.

Park Linscomb



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

June calendars in the foyer. Grab one!

**Father's Day Weekend Grill Out!**

Thanks to all of you who came out for the cookout!

**Teen Event Ideas:** Teens! If you have ideas for events you would like to see done this year please, let us know so we can try to make them happen! This will help us plan for the year.

**VBS Set Up Days!:** June 23rd from 7-9 at the building and at a TBA for the 24th. There are lots of things to do and we will probably have



more work days as well. If you can't make a work but want to help contact myself or Kas Dumas to see what you can do! All levels of experience can help! **We NEED Your Help!**

**VBS:** This year's Theme is "**Standing on the Promises**" We will need lots of volunteers and church help to make this possible! VBS is June 26, 27, and 28. Invite your friends and your neighbors! Please make an effort to be at VBS during the VBS days.



We can use as many people as possible! You don't have to have kids to participate in helping with

VBS. Come one come all! It will be a great time of service and fellowship.

**Camperships!:** There are coin jars in the back of the foyer. If you can grab one and throw your spare change into it we would appreciate it! We are trying to send all of our children to camp this summer and help lift the burden off the families.

**Gander Brook:** Camp is about to be getting underway for the summer. Will you be a part of it? Make sure you sign up send in your registration.

**Please Note:** If you need to get a hold of Mark the week of VBS please email me! I will be at work when I'm not at VBS. I have to shuffle my schedule around so I will be there when I'm not at VBS. I'm not ignoring you!

**From the Youth Minister**

**VBS: Will you be there?**

VBS is right around the corner. I mean right around. Unlike the car you pulled out in front of last winter that you didn't see because of the snow piles, you can actually see VBS. It is almost here! Just like every year we can use your help! We can use your skill-set, your talents, your smile, your humor! VBS is a time where we can all work together to spread the word of God to our children.

It is also a time where we can spread the word of God to the children around us. Look around your neighborhood. There are lots of places where you can reach out and ask someone if they would like to attend VBS. There are games, crafts, stories, songs, and so much more. There are plenty of opportunities to share the story of our Lord. You never know where the seeds will land and grow.

Another thing that is mentioned every year is how many people are there. Not only children and guests but members. To me a number is a number. VBS is about spreading God's word to the people who are present. However, if you are one who looks at numbers don't forget to include yourself! If you are there then you can add to the number who are helping or learning!

We can use anyone who is available! It can be June or it can be August - there is always a need for help! Please consider and join us to help serve our members but to also reach those members of the community if they are there. - Mark

**Thought Provoking Question**  
*If Christ returned today would you be ready?*

**Family Bible Reading and Congregational Calendar for June 18 - June 24**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>18 - Luke 3</b> 9:30am Worship 11am - Bible Class 6pm - Evening Worship	<b>19 - Judges 1-2</b>	<b>20 - Luke 4</b>  Mark & Ann Casella - Anniv.	<b>21 - Judges 3-4</b> 6pm - Wednesday supper 7pm - Bible Class	<b>22 - Judges 5-6</b>	<b>23 - Judges 7-8</b>	<b>24 - Luke 5</b>  Wes & Wendy Plybon - Anniv Jon Lamarine - BD