BULLETIN

A Human Jesus

"Whom say ye that I am?"
Matt. 16:15

The Gospel Accounts present a truly human Jesus, not a ghostly figure who only appeared to be flesh and blood.

Jesus spoke of His own body - Make 14:8;

His head - Luke 7:44-46

Hands, feet, flesh and bones - Luke 24:39:

His blood - Matt. 26:28

He also displayed distinctly human feelings and qualities:

He was moved to pity - Mark 1:41

He was moved to compassion - Mark 8:2

He was distressed - Mark 7:35; Luke 8:24-25

He was angry - Make 3:5

He was annoyed - Mark 10:14

He was surprised - Mark 6:6

He was disappointed - Mark 8:17; 9:19

He was hungry - Mark 11:12.

Although He was born of a virgin, Jesus was a true human being.

Yet after seeing Jesus clam a savage storm by simply "rebuking the winds and the waves," His disciples "were amazed and asked, "Who can this be?" (Matt. 8:27)

Mike Benson, via House to House

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Benevolence - David Skerry Building & Grounds - Will Hamel / Peter Steffensen Education - Doug Paul

Worship Time:

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

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Dear Lord, I can be so impatient, and I can become so angry. Calm me down, Lord, and make me a patient, forgiving Christian, today and every day of my life.

Amen

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"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.



- Oct. 21 Teen Devo @ the Paul's
- Oct. 28 Fall Work Day @9am
- Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat
- Nov. 3-5 Gospel Meeting
- **Nov 6 -** MNFM
- **Nov 11 -** Family Movie Night
- Nov 17-19 Youth Rally, Manchester, CT (Chaperones NEEDED!)

FALL MEETING

Nov. 3-5, David Rollert, minister at



better life

the Tilton church of Christ, will conduct a meeting - "What is this Gospel that People Talk About?", lessons from 1 Cor. 15. Begin to think

about people to invite and pray for them and David.

- **Nov 3 Fri. PM** Reporting the Facts of the Good News
- **Nov 4 Sat. am** (men) Is it really worth it? A look at a life changed
- **Nov 4 Sat. pm** Resurrection? Really? That sounds awfully mystic
- **Nov 5 Sun. worship** Unfading victory **Nov 5 Sun. class** The promise of a



Penny is donating all money made from the sale of her cards to the Disaster Relief effort. You can buy the card, \$5/pack. There is a basket of cards in the foyer. Leave your money in the envelope in the basket.



Lord's Supper to shut-in

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

Pantry:

The pantry is thankful for all donations. Please check expiration dates on food & if it's expired, don't bring it. Anyone willing to participate at the pantry either Wed. evening or Sun. morning, please let Dave Skerry know.

Mowing & Grounds

- Oct. 28 Fall Work Day. This is a time to get the building ready for winter & to spruce it up prior to our fall meeting.
- •Will is working on a list of specific things to be done.
- •We need your help to keep things looking good. It gives a caring impression to those around...if we care about the building, we must also care about their souls.
- There is a sign up sheet in the foyer, including snow removal it's coming!



To all our teachers & helpers To all who serve each week

Wed. Evening Suppers

Supper is every Wednesday @6pm. This week, the Plybon's are making sausage gravy & biscuits, scrambled eggs & apple crisp. Dinner is still only \$4/person.

- Please help by signing up in the foyer. There are sign up sheets for:
 - Are you coming?
 - •When are you willing to cook?
- If you've never done this, and would like someone to buddy with, call the church office for a list of people willing to help.
- Grab a friend, plan your menu and prepare to have fun. Call the church office with your menu so it can be posted.
- By working together, these times of fellowship will continue through the year.



We will host this on Dec. 7. Watch for additional information & a chance to sign up to help.

Family Bible Reading and Congregational Calendar for Oct. 15- Oct. 21						
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
15-2 Chron. 1-2	16- John 8	17-John 9	18-2 Chron. 3-4 Wed Evening Supper @ 6pm Robyn Mackey - BD	Freddie & Margery Hillhouse - Anniv Leah & Chris Yancey - Anniv	20-John 10 Luke & Jessica Bergeron - Anniv Kaleb Owen - BD	21-2 Chron. 7-8 Teen Devo @ the Paul's - 7-9pm Lucille Levesque - BD

Youth @ Family News



UPCOMING EVENTS

Be on the lookout for future events. If you want to lead an event, or help, please call the church office to check that the date is free and **PLEASE volunteer!**

Oct 21: Teen Devo: @ the Paul's from 7-9pm - 6th-12th grades

Trunk or Treat: Oct. 31 @ 6-8pm. Set up is at 5:30. This has been a good outreach for people around us as well as a fun time for our own families. Dress your trunk & yourselves; come join us for fun.

REMINDER: Store-bought candy

Nov. 11 - Family Movie Night - price of admission - 1 can of chicken per child

Nov. 17-19 - Youth Rally -

Manchester, CT - **Need**: chaperones to go. Please call one of the elders or the church office to volunteer.



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Question of the Week

What kind of communicator are you?

PRAYER CORNER

New Prayer Concerns: Rick Potter, our elders, deacons, teachers, minister, & families as well as the victims of the natural disasters.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

• Health - Family

- Kim Daggett's dad, diagnosed with a very aggressive type of leukemia
- Kathy Hamel's 's sister, Roberta, diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer
- Continuing Recovery
 - *Lynn Millette
 - *Kerstin Dumas
 - *Don Dion
 - *Linda Linscomb
 - *Peter Steffensen
 - *Lynn Millette
- Robyn Mackey
- Marge Simon
- Casey Jones
- Brian Day
- Mary Jane Parker
- Tom Jones shoulder surgery
- Penny Ranger's niece Chelsea

• Health - Family & Friends

- Jim Cordaro's mom is home. Continued prayers as they weigh her care options.
- A friend of the Cordaro's, Charlotte Gurney, has been diagnosed with full body bone cancer.
- Diane Beard's cousin, Denise Noland's cancer has spread to her brain.

- David Lovering (Cancer); has spread through his entire body
- Natalie Cleavitt
- Linda Tetrault, illness
- Tom Jones' brother after an accident

• Struggles

- Darlene Cordaro and her daycare
- Barbara Lovering, David's declining health and her Parkinson's
- Devastation in the US many have family & friends
 in areas affected by the
 disasters around the world
 & especially in the US.

• Thanksgivings

- Darlene Cordaro sincerely thanks each person for all the prayers on behalf of the daycare. Things are beginning to be more positive. Prayers are still requested.
- For the generosity shown last Sunday in the Special collection.
- Lynn Millette is able to be back in worship with us
- That many who have been sick or hospitalized have been in worship with us.
- Kim Daggett's mother is home, feeling pretty good, still some numbness in her arm and foot.

A Parting 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.

FAMILY COMMUNICATION RULES, PT 1

One of the reasons most commonly given for family breakdown and breakup is communication. We all complain about it in our families — "X never listens/talks to me!" — but we often don't seem to know what to do. For the next few weeks in this bulletin space I'd like to talk about some sound, Biblical rules for communication. These rules of communication will apply to more than just families — in case you're single — they also apply to churches, friends, and even enemies. So, let's start with...

Rule 1, Listen and let the other person finish talking

Communication is about way more than just talking. It is also about listening. It is often hard to remember this, when we are in the midst of a heated discussion. Com'on now, we all know what we tend to do in such "discussions": 1) we want to make sure that we get in our side of the argument and we want to persuade the other person, and 2) while the other person is speaking we are either a) thinking about what we want to answer to their side of the issue or b) (even less helpful) we are interrupting. But God's wisdom says *listen*.

The wise king Solomon taught, "He who gives an answer before he hears, It is folly and shame to him." Proverbs 18:13. Listen. You may have been in the frustrating position of starting to say something and a spouse or child has answered sharply to what they thought you were going to say—and they were wrong. That's why it's folly and shame. That is not communicating. Real communicators always grant to others the courtesy of listening.

What is listening? It's not about just hearing the noise being made. Listening is about really hearing what's being said. It's not about creating a withering response while pretending to listen. It's not about only hearing the first 3 or 4 words. It's about giving someone our full

attention and focus. It's about hearing *their* words and meanings and intentions—not your boss' from today or your parents', when you were 15. Are you really listening to what is being said?

And listening actually takes a little time. This is captured in what James said about listening, "This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger;" James 1:19. Please notice the "slow to speak and slow to anger" part. In other words, good listening requires a bit of self-control, reining in our impulse to "get our side out there". Are you slow to speak?

Someone has well said that it is more important to understand than to be understood. While we all want to be understood, when we understand the other person, we are far more likely to be able to answer their complaint and find a real solution. Do you seek more to be understood or to understand?

Now, of course, the other side of this is that if you are the one talking, don't dominate the conversation. Nothing will turn a sincere listener off quicker than a lengthy monologue. Few people listen to a rant. You don't have to completely vent your entire spleen at one time. It's only fair to take turns; and it will give your listener a chance to *really* listen and understand you—and communicate with you, too. Sometimes when people complain most about poor communication in their home, they're really saying, "Nobody is listening to *me*." Do you do more talking than listening?

Are you a good communicator? Are you a good listener? Even when you're in an argument? Let's all be better communicators.

Park Linscomb