

BULLETIN

Harding University Spring Break Mission

(HUSBM) trip - Mar. 2 - Mar. 10

The HUSBM group will be here March 2 - March 10. This is a great opportunity for our young people and all of our family to get to know some really great kids who are using their Spring Break time to come help churches in the New England area.

Park is working to get their schedule set for work in the NE area. It is going to be a busy schedule. Highlights for meals are:

- Friday, Mar. 2, supper will be at Mr. Mac's about 5:30PM, then back to the building for a devotional with our teens and the host families.
- Mar. 3, go to Southern Maine church of Christ for the 'Sing, Supper, Social' from 5-9PM.
- Mar. 4 at 5:30PM will be a potluck sandwich supper followed by a devotional for the entire congregation. No small group meetings this evening.
- Mar. 5 at 6:00PM, they will join us for MNFM
- Mar. 7 at 6:00PM, they will join us for the Wednesday Evening Supper.
- Mar. 9 at 6:00PM they will join our teens at the Mackey's for a meal, fun and devotional

There are two additional meals that you can sign-up to provide; lunch on Mar. 3 and supper on Mar. 6.

Snacks and bottled water are needed. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. There will be a long table set up downstairs for the snacks. Allergies include oats, egg, lactose, walnuts and almonds. Their list of favorite goodies include:

- ◆ Goldfish
- ◆ Gummy anything
- ◆ Granola bars
- ◆ Crackers - Cheez-it's, animal crackers, Whale crackers & packaged crackers and cheese or peanut butter
- ◆ Chips, especially sweet potato chips.

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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



Dear Lord,

You have given me a marvelous gift:
the Holy Bible, Your Word. Help me
read it, understand it, believe it, and
follow Your commandments found
there.

Amen

Family Events

"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 are a visitor to our church, welcome! If you have questions, we welcome them; please do not hesitate to ask Park Linscomb, our minister, the really tall guy, or any other church member.

THANKS!



There are many in our congregation that quietly and consistently clear sidewalks and steps, prepare the Lord's Supper, take communion to shut-ins, take the trash to the curb on Wednesday evenings, pick up bread at Panera, and minister through mail. Each of you brings glory to God and thank you.

- Prayerfully consider how you can help serve from the many following needs.

Benevolence - Pantry

The pantry is thankful for all donations. Please check expiration dates to be sure the food is still safe. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35

Lord's Supper to Shut-ins

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

Building and Grounds

Snow Removal and Grounds

- The snow is not over. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for snow removal, step and sidewalk clearing as well as the parsonage.
- We need everyone's help to keep things tended as it gives a caring impression to those around...if we care about the building, we must also care about their souls.
- Look for notice of a Spring Work Day.

Education - Teachers

- If you are going to be out of town, please let Doug Paul know so your class can be covered.
- There is a still a need for a teacher for the Junior High class on Sunday morning. Talk with Doug.

Reminder

After fellowship time when the classroom doors close the noise and discussions in the fellowship hall need to cease or move to another part of the building.

SEARCH TV Program Listings (Phil Sanders from the Edmond, OK Church of Christ)

Airs in Concord - Ch 22, Sun. at 8:00AM & Fri. at 12:30PM.

Airs in Derry - Community TV - 23; Sun. at 9:00AM, and 4:00PM, Mon. at 7:00AM, and Sat. at 7:00AM.



- **MAR. 2 - MAR. 10** - HARDING SPRING BREAK MISSION kids arrive.
- **Mar. 3** - SING, SUPPER & SOCIAL at Southern Maine Church of Christ, 5-9PM
- **Mar. 4** - SANDWICH POTLUCK at 5:30PM for all members.
- **Mar. 5** - MNFM
- **Mar. 11** - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. Watch for the time.
- **Mar. 11** - TIME CHANGE, spring forward 1 hour.
- **MAR. 24** - BIDDEFORD LADIES' DAY.
- **MAR. 31** - LADIES' DAY - ROXBURY CHURCH OF CHRIST. **Pre-registration only.** The sheet is in the foyer by the flyer.
- **APR. 6-8** - CONWAY'S LADIES' WEEKEND.
- **APR. 13-15** - MANCHESTER, NH YOUTH RALLY.

Wed. Night Supper

FEB. 28 - The Plybon's will serve Frito Chili Pie and dessert. A sign up sheet is in the foyer so they know how many to cook for. No one is signed up after this week.

- If you want to cook, please sign up, plan your menu & call the church office by Tuesday so it can be posted in the bulletin.

Family Bible Reading, Birthday and Congregational Calendar for Jan. Feb. 25 - Mar..3

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25- Ex. 21	26- Ex. 22	27 -Matt. 19 Beth Girling - BD Levi Girling Candy Chase - BD	28- Ex. 23-24 ----- Wednesday Night Supper @6PM	1 - Matt. 20	2 - Ex. 25 ----- HUSBM kids arrive. 7:30PM - devo with our youth, host families & any who would like to come	3- Ex. 26 ----- No Panera Pickup 5-9PM Sing, Supper & Social at Southern Maine Church of Christ

Youth & Family News



UPCOMING EVENTS

Be on the lookout for future events. If you want to lead or help with an event, please talk with one of our elders and check with the church office to see that the date is free, then PLEASE volunteer!

MAR. 2 - MAR. 10 - HARDING UNIV. SPRING BREAK MISSION kids are here. Be here and work or play with them as you have time and opportunity.

Mar. 4 - SANDWICH POTLUCK at the building at 5:30PM followed by a devotional.

Mar. 9 - HUSBM KIDS AND TEENS at the Mackey's for dinner, fun and devo beginning at 6:00PM.

MAR. 11 - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Input is needed from all, that means the Youth, also. Watch for the notice and plan to attend to share your input.

APR. 13-15 - MANCHESTER, NH YOUTH RALLY - The GOOD Shepherd, Psalm 23. Join us for a fun weekend digging deeply into God's Word! We will spend the weekend studying the beloved passage, Psalm 23, gaining some perspective and applying the message to our lives.

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Question of the Week

How are you going to help with the HUSBM group?

Come join them as you have opportunity.

Youth Rally, April 13 - 15, is coming quickly!

- Man in charge - Park.
- Speaker selected - Jon McKenzie.
- Theme finalized - The Good Shepherd.
- Registration completed and turned in.

The following areas have leads. Please talk with them if it's an area of interest to you and see how you can help:.

- Registration and Housing - Linda Paul.
- Public Relations - Linda Linscomb.
- Food - Therrien's, Freda and others.

Other needs will be announced and we need help from *YOU*.

The
Psalm 23 Shepherd

Join us for a fun weekend digging deeply into God's Word! We will spend the weekend studying the beloved passage, Psalm 23, gaining some new perspectives and applying the message to our lives.

Speaker: Jon McKenzie
Fort Worth, Texas

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.

Overcoming Tough Sins Part 4—Watch Others Do It Right

Over the last few weeks I’ve been writing about how to overcome especially difficult sins in our lives. I’ve discussed eliminating the bad company in our lives who encourage sinful behavior, learning how to change the channel, and finding someone to whom you can be accountable. This time I’d like to talk about the power of watching others doing it right.

There is a significant advantage to watching someone else do what you want to do. It’s the way that we first learn all the essentials of our early life about how to get along with others, how to be a parent and spouse, how to deal with emotions, and so much more—we watch and emulate. Consider what we learn in school: classroom stuff is fine, but watching the teacher, seeing how something is actually done is way more than half the learning. That’s why schools have labs and workshops and why they demand internships for many disciplines before they will give you a diploma. Seeing how things are done, the nuances, the little “tricks”, the right order in which to do them, etc. are extraordinarily important in obtaining skills of all sorts, professional and personal. The Lord Himself knows this and it is part of the reason that Jesus came to the world as God’s Word. He knew that telling us to love one another is one thing, but that showing us what love looks like and how it acts is better by far. Jesus **told** us how to live, yes; but more than that, He **showed** us how to live.

So also, overcoming the stubborn sins in our lives will often include finding someone in the church who have had godly outcomes, have gotten the upper hand over the sin or sins that you struggle with. Once you’ve found them, observe them: what they do, what they say, what their attitude seems to be, and all the other little details of how they deal with the sin you seek to overcome. You may want to tell them that you’re observing them, so that they don’t think you’re merely stalking them. Though most brothers or sisters will be humble about their struggles, most will also understand and be happy to tell

you what they know, to help you toward your growth. Mere observation can be especially effective in learning how to parent or be a godly marriage partner; find those who’ve experienced success and watch.

Perhaps, the sin you seek to overcome is one that doesn’t lend itself to casual observation: for example, what do you do to avoid getting angry and out of control? You may need to talk with them. Share with them what you seek to overcome; tell them that you’ve observed that they seem to have gained skills that you’d like; and ask them what they do, how they think, what they don’t do, how they dodge or tone down the power of the temptations. Then observe them some more and take their advice on several test runs. Come back to them and share your results, ask more questions, fix the mistakes, and obtain the spiritual skills through practice.

I mention practice, because very few will get it right the first few times. When children begin to learn how to ride a bicycle, they will watch others do it, they will ask mom or dad how it’s done, but then they will have to get on the bike and obtain the skill. It will include more than a few failures and skinned knees, a few adjustments, the coordination of pumping legs, balance, and handle bar adjustments; but in time you start to get it. There still might be further spills as you hit sand the first time, try to do a “wheelie” on the bike, or simply forget to watch where your going; but you learn and get better.

The flesh is powerful. Bad habits are stubborn. Satan is crafty. But don’t get discouraged. With the Lord’s guidance, Christ’s example, the Spirit’s help, the church’s encouragement, and your own heart’s desire to please the Lord, you can overcome! Don’t forget, 1 John 4:4 *“You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.”*

Park Linscomb