

THE BULLETIN

IT WORKS BOTH WAYS

The newly appointed manager of a chain of hotels was on his first inspection trip. In the kitchen of one of the hotels observed a particularly unhappy looking dishwasher.

“Cheer up, my good man,” the new manager said, giving the gloomy fellow a friendly pat on the shoulder, “I started as a dishwasher, and now I am the general manager.”

“I know,” came the startling reply, “but I started as general manager and now I’m the dishwasher.”

In Romans 11:19-23 Paul teaches this important spiritual point for all to hear and heed: it’s not how you start, it’s how you finish. The Jews mistakenly thought that being born (starting off) Jewish was enough to save, but God’s salvation was through faith in Jesus; they needed to believe in Him. Gentiles had lived abominable, shameful lives as pagans, but their sinful start didn’t have to determine their spiritual destination; faith and obedience to Jesus had the power to change everything. And some Gentiles who had just been saved seemed to have mistakenly thought that once that they had believed in Jesus that they could live as they pleased; but God expected newness of life, led by the Spirit.

Starting poorly doesn’t mean that we have to finish poorly. Hell is not a foregone conclusion for even the worst of sinners; faith and obedience to Jesus still has the power to change everything. And just as true, starting well doesn’t mean that we will finish well. It’s not enough to have simply been baptized, we must live as and remain a faithful disciple.

Our eternity is not based on how we start, but on **how we finish**.

Jesus’ promise to the church in Smyrna was “...Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.” Revelation 2:10, NAS95. Are you growing toward a strong finish, or are you slouching toward a weak one?



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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


**Be considerate of
the feelings of
others**


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?



Families stay in touch! We will be updating our directory, so when a form is given to you, please fill it out

and return it as soon as you can, even if your info hasn't changed. We will be taking updated pictures—so everyone will be able to recognize you.

Gander Brook Christian Camp
CAMPING WITH A MISSION

Week 3 Camping— July 16-23 this is the third week of camp this year, and a great spiritual benefit for all who attend.



VBS is August 15-17. "Animal Tales" is our theme. Mark your calendars.

Family Workshop: This October 21-23 the church here will be hosting a family workshop with Dr. Joe



Brumfield from Harding University. This is going to be a great opportunity to sharpen and improve our family skills and will be very worthwhile for visitors. Invite, invite, invite!

LIFELINE: There will be a lifeline screening here at the building October 27. Needs: greeters and people to remove & set up chairs.

NEEDING HELP

LAWN

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

LORD'S SUPPER: There is a need for someone to take the Lord's Supper to the shut ins during the month of July. See Doug Paul. Also there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the auditorium.

MNFM Cooks are needed after August. Sign-up sheet in the back.

Gander Brook's director's cabin, is making progress. - there is a roof, windows, and doors! If you'd like to help through a contribution, you can do so online or through a check given to Park who'll forward them to GB's treasurer.

PRAYER CORNER:



Dick Potter was moved to Aurora Nursing Facility in Derry, Room 22, Casey Jones, Tamera Silva, David Lovering is getting worse and for Barbara and she is caring for him and has Parkinson's herself. Darlene Chamberlain's continued recovery

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

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

Health: Judy Diaz's neighbors sorrow, David Skerry's brother-in-law (Eddie), Tom Jones, 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; the spiritually weak.

Thanksgiving: Casey Jones is home; the Steffensen's have a new great grandson; Tamera Silva's new job

Leadership: Ministers, Elders, Deacons, Teachers, Parents

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10, NAS95.

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.

Giving Glory to God

Glorifying God is not something that ends at the conclusion of a worship assembly. Giving glory to God for a Christians is a 7 day a week, 24 hour a day endeavor. But how do we do this? Some believe that it is done by peppering our speech with a lot "hallelujah" and "praise the Lord". I'd like to suggest that there are other even more effective ways of doing this.

Evangelism—This is the most obvious way in which we may glorify God, by talking to others about how much He has done for us and all of mankind through the cross. How He has saved us and how He can save others, too. Glorify God through the telling of the Gospel.

Speech—But there are also other kinds of words that can give glory to God: kind words, gentle speech, clean expressions, and wholesome exclamations. The kind of words that are devoid of using the Lord's name in vain, or of vulgarity, or of gossip, or lying, or dirty jokes (Eph. 5:4). People can tell a Texan by his speech (I know), and so also one's Christian speech will give away one's belief in God. When people notice, tell them it is because of the Lord.

Attitudes—God will *not* be glorified by grumpiness, vengefulness, snootiness, impatience, curtness, or judgmental attitudes. Such attitudes have given Christianity and the Lord a bad name. Especially when worldly people are jovial, friendly, understanding, patient, loving, and pleasant to be around. When people wonder how you could be so upbeat on a cold, rainy day, tell them that it's the Lord in your heart—glorify God. (Php. 2:5ff)

How We Dress—I've seen a lot of dress that glorifies a lot of *bad* stuff: sensuality, anarchy, obscenity, liquor, pride, and worse. But the **Lord** can also be glorified by what we wear and how we wear it. Modesty, appropriateness, and righteousness (if you're wearing a t-shirt with a message on it) all give glory to God (1 Tim. 2:9,10). When people ask why you dress this way, let them know that the Lord is your fashion consultant.

Possessions—Paul told the Corinthians (2 Cor. 9:13) that their use of their monies for support of the poor in Judea would glorify God, and the way that we use our money and other possessions today still can glorify God or embarrass Him.

Entertainment—What would you deduct about a person who often views "adult" movies, listens to "gangsta rap" without conscience, and wouldn't think twice about skipping church for something fun? Worldly? Fitting in? What would you deduct about a person avoids "adult" movie ratings, prefers wholesome entertainment, and refuses to skip church for a sports event or special concert? Different? A prude? Get the point? Even your entertainment can give glory to or dishonor God. If your entertainment choices are wholesome, people are likely to ask you, "Why?" Because of the Lord, of course.

Secular Job—The New Testament commands a good work performance of disciples, because it reflects well on the Lord. "Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect." (Titus 2:9, 10).

Neighborhood Relations—What image do unbelieving neighbors have of the Lord and His church? They get one from you, you know. What have they seen? Neighborliness, friendliness, faithful attendance, sound morals, Bible respect and knowledge? Is God glorified in your neighborhood?

Home—Here we sometimes let our light go dim, we become "ourselves" and God fails to be glorified in front of our children, parents, and spouses. Even here we should glorify God with a civil tongue, right behavior, integrity, and love (Eph. 5:22ff).

Are you glorifying God in your everyday living?

Park LInscomb



*Our Hiking Trip looks like it will be on Thursday July 2nd. If this date does not work out then we will do our hike later in the year!

*July 23 - Devo at Kathy F's from 7-9. Bring snacks & drinks.

* Mini Golf and Ice Cream will be the 26th. More details will be released soon!

* Many will be at camp throughout the summer, please keep them in your prayers.

* LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WILLING TO WORK DURING VBS.

* VBS NEEDS:

* empty toilet paper rolls

* tuned trash bags

* newspaper

* August calendar will be out soon - stay alert!

Bible Reading Schedule for this Week			July 17	AM	PM	July 20
Sunday	July 17	Isaiah 32-33	Call to Worship	<i>Barry Fogal</i>		
Monday	July 18	Colossians 1	Song Leader	<i>Mark Casella</i>	<i>3rd Sunday</i>	<i>Stuart Peacock</i>
Tuesday	July 19	Isaiah 34-36	Scripture	<i>Jonah Peacock</i>		
Wednesday	July 20	Colossians 2	Lord's Supper	<i>Gary Diaz</i>		
Thursday	July 21	Isaiah 37-38	Closing Prayer	<i>Steve Johnson</i>		
Friday	July 22	Colossians 3	Coordinator	<i>Ken Simon</i>		
Saturday	July 23	Isaiah 39-40	Worship Tech	<i>George Abood</i>		
			Devo			<i>Gerry Millette</i>

Our Congregational Calendar for July 10 - July 23

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 Worship @ 9:30am Bible class @ 11am Bldg sm grp-- 6pm Karen & Rick Dugre - Annie	18	19	20 7pm Bible study	21	22	23 4th week of GB
24 Worship @ 9:30am Bible class @ 11am Fellowship Lunch Bldg sm grp-- 6pm Pete Steffensen - BD	25	26	27 7pm Bible study	28 Peter & Barbara Steffensen's Annv	29 Stephen Roukey - BD	30 5th week of GB Tamera Silva - BD