

# THE BULLETIN

WE BELONG TO HIM

**Set-up:** Woody a toy cowboy, has some bad news for his friend, Buzz Lightyear. Buzz, an astronaut, is only a toy.

**Synopsis of the scene** (show and tell): Early in the movie Woody shouts, "You're not a space ranger! You're an action figure—a child's plaything."

Only after failing to fly, Buzz realizes the truth of Woody's statement. Grief-stricken and disillusioned, Buzz hangs his head in resignation, declaring, "I'm just a stupid little, insignificant toy."

Woody seeks to comfort his friend by underscoring the love of the boy who owns them both. "You must not be thinking clearly. Look, over in that house, there's a kid who thinks you're the greatest, and it's not because you're a space ranger; it's because you're his."

As Buzz lifts his foot, he sees a label affixed to the bottom of his boot. There in black permanent ink is the name of the little boy to whom he belongs. Seeing the mark of his owner, Buzz breaks into a smile and takes on a new determination.

**Concluding statement:** We are not our own, Scripture tells us. We are bought with a price, bought by Jesus. We are His. The value of our lives is not determined by our rank, our heroic action, or our accomplishments. Our value is determined by the One who has marked us—with His own blood—as His own.

*Leadership, Fall 2001, "Show and Tell."*

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Stuart Peacock- Worship  
Pete Steffensen- Facilities  
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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

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The church that would  
grow must have  
Bible-centered teaching

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# Our Family

"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?

### REJOICE

Pedro Lebron and his son, Pedro were baptized Wednesday evening!



### 4th Week

**Camping— July 23-30** this is the fourth week of camp this year, and a great spiritual benefit for all who attend.



### Families stay in touch!

There are forms in the foyer to complete. When you complete it, please give it to Kathy F.,

Mark or leave in the basket in the foyer by 8/14 . Please complete even if your info hasn't changed. We will be taking updated pictures.



VBS is August 15-17.

"Animal Tales" is our theme. Mark your calendars.

**Gospel Meeting**, Aug. 28 - 31, West Kennebunk, ME. Flyer in the foyer with additional details,

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.

**LORD'S SUPPER:** There is a need for someone to take the Lord's Supper to the shut ins during the month of July. 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.



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

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

### 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:

Dick Potter, 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



"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.

# *A Word of Encouragement*

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

## S U M M E R F I N G E R P R I N T S O F G O D

Summer is a grand time take notice of all of God’s great evidences, morning, noon and night.

It starts early in the morning, when it seems all but the human world wakes up. Dew on the grass, rosy pink colors beautifying the sky before the sun comes up (right on time, every single day), there’s even a fresh smell to morning, and a melodious chorus of birds welcoming another day of life. Without a countdown or audible command the whole world begins its perfectly choreographed interdependent march through a new day—each specie, and each individual of each specie, doing its part, just as God designed it all. Trees and plants recycling carbon dioxide and waste that the animal kingdom can’t use and replacing it with oxygen, food, and energy that animal life needs.

And once the day has begun the wonders continue on. Grasses and flowers, grains and fruit trees, and every other plant good for food or beauty growing taller, greener, fuller, and more fragrant daily—quietly, steadily, and (with proper moisture) to full fruitfulness. Just as God designed. The animal kingdom, too, fitting into their niche, following their instinctual instructions, gathering food, fattening up for winter, procreating, and sometimes filling their part in the food chain—all part of the Creator’s grand plan. Take a moment and quietly watch the grand orchestra of life flourishing all around us, led by the divine Composer and Conductor, God.

And as the evening approaches and descends, a whole new multitude of evidences appear for the careful observer to take in. The sunset gives us additional pause for meditation and appreciation of God’s beautiful aesthetic; painting sky and clouds with reds, yellows, and purples, often brilliantly gilding the western clouds with the last of the day’s sunlight, while the evening stars add a tasteful, creative touch of “bling” to His great heavenly canvas.

And then, as the light of the sun fades, the “lesser lights to rule night” make their presence known. You’ve doubtlessly done it a few times, but never miss an opportunity to take in the awesome Milky Way, the vastness of the night sky, or the luminescence of a full moon flooding the night’s landscape with a soft glow. As you absorb the exquisite grace of the heaven, listen for something inaudible but very real: “The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; Their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their utterances to the end of the world....” Psalms 19:1-4. And then listen to an audible, new, nighttime chorus—of crickets, frogs, and night birds on top of that.

Evidences, evidences, evidences. Everywhere. Every hour of the day. The fingerprints of God! How did they get here? How did they grow so beautiful, so awe inspiring, so powerful, so fascinatingly complex? How did they all manage to mesh so intricately and perfectly so that they work together with more perfect precision than a Swiss watch?

The summer provides thousands of reasons to “be still and know that I am God.”

*Park Linscomb*



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

\* Mini Golf and Ice Cream will be the 26th. from 1 - 4ish. Bring \$15

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

\* **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WILLING TO WORK DURING VBS.**

\* **VBS NEEDS:**

\* Someone to head up the snacks

\* Chaperones to help with each class

\* empty toilet paper rolls

\* unused trash bags

\* newspaper

\* August & September calendars will be out soon - stay alert!

Bible Reading Schedule for this Week			July 24	AM	PM	July 27
Sunday	July 24	Colossians 4	Call to Worship	Park L		
Monday	July 25	Isaiah 41-42	Song Leader	Ken Bell	Steve Johnson	Steve Johnson
Tuesday	July 26	1 Thess 1	Scripture	Phil Gould		
Wednesday	July 27	Isaiah 43-44	Lord's Supper	Will Hamel		
Thursday	July 28	1 Thess 2	Closing Prayer	Mark Casella		
Friday	July 29	Isaiah 45-46	Coordinator	Stuart Peacock		
Saturday	July 30	1 Thess 3	Worship Tech	Rich Therrien		
			Devo			Phil Gould

### Our Congregational Calendar for July 24 - August 6

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 Worship @ 9:30am Bible class @ 11am Bldg sm grp-- 6pm Karen & Rick Dugre - Annie	25	26 Peter Steffensen - BD	27 7pm Bible study	28 Peter & Barbara Steffensen's Annv	29 Stephen Roukey - BD	30 5th week of GB Tamera Siva - BD
31 Worship @ 9:30am Bible class @ 11am Fellowship Lunch Bldg sm grp-- 6pm Gary Diaz , Mark Dumas, Park L - BD	1 Carol Eskel - BD	2 Scott & Terri Apgar - Anniv	3 7pm Bible study Cecilia Skerry - BD Dick Potter - BD	4	5	6 6th week of GB Thomas Carroll - BD