

# THE BULLETIN

## ***SOMETHING IS RIGHT WHEN....***

The first item on the family budget is the contribution to the Lord. It may not be the largest, but is the most important item

When a family is more concerned about what the Lord thinks about their deductions than Uncle Sam.

When one happily spends more time in preparing his Bible lessons than in reading the news.

When a father spends more than 17 seconds (average from a survey) per day with each child exclusively and personally.

When the kingdom comes first in interest though it may conflict with some other planned activity or recreation.

When any Christian knows how to schedule his time to include what is really important and eliminate the irrelevant.

When one finds satisfaction in doing what is RIGHT, although at times it may be routine and even boring and demanding.

Harold Kenamer

## ***SOMETHING IS WRONG WHEN....***

Five talent men in business are content with a one-talent performance for the Lord.

The church must rely on a small Gideon's band to do the work, because the fearful and fainthearted majority have deserted the ranks for the comforts of home.

Christians are more interested in avoiding the conflict than in coming to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Church members would rather that the sermon to tickle their ears than to burn their hearts

Liberality declines, though saints sing, 'Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.'

A congregation will courageously face every problem except the one dealing with 'sin in the camp.'

CONDITIONS ARE SERIOUS  
BUT SOME Christians ARE NOT!

Harry Gipson

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### **Our Deacons:**

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

### **Worship Time:**

Sun. Worship - 9:30am  
Bible Class - 11:00am  
Sun. Evening - 6:0pm  
Wed. Bible Class - 7:00pm

  
**If you rise with greater love and  
compassion for other people,  
answered prayer is transforming  
your selfish nature**  


# 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.

## WHAT'S GOING ON?

### COMING EVENTS

- **MAY 5-6** - NEW ENGLAND LECTURESHIP, IN TAUNTON, MA
- **MAY 6** - MEN'S DAY, Manchester, NH. Theme - **'TAKE COURAGE, DO NOT FEAR'**. Flyers are up around the building.
- **MAY 7** - SPRING SING, Springfield, VT Church of Christ
- **MAY 13** - MOTHER'S DINNER
- **MAY 13** - LADIES DAY - Fall River, MA, 840 Rock St.
- **MAY 28** - TEEN SENIOR APPRECIATION LUNCH - grilling For lunch

## OTHER NEWS

- **VBS IS COMING - June 26 - 28** - The theme is 'STANDING ON THE PROMISES'. There will be lots of opportunities to help. Keep an eye out for them.
- **GANDER BROOK REGISTRATION** There are paper registration forms, in the foyer. Online registration form will be available soon.
- **WORK & WORSHIP WEEK** - June 25.
- **GANDER BROOK CAMP SESSIONS** begin July 1.

MAY 6  
MEN'S DAY  
'TAKE COURAGE - DO NOT FEAR'  
8:30AM - 2:30PM  
BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROVIDED

## HELP NEEDED!

### Grounds:

**Spring Work Day, May 20.** We need all to come help. There will be things for all ages to do. Will be preparing a list of specific things that need to be done around the building. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for weekly grounds upkeep. It's great family time.



### Wednesday Night Supper:

This is a grand opportunity for **you** to "step up to the plate" and serve. *If you are willing to help* please sign up at the back of the auditorium or call the church office. This is a fun opportunity for fellowship and learning more about one another.

Apr.26 - Park & Kathy are doing a Baked Potato Bar & dessert.

### Lord's Supper To Shut Ins:

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

### Pantry:

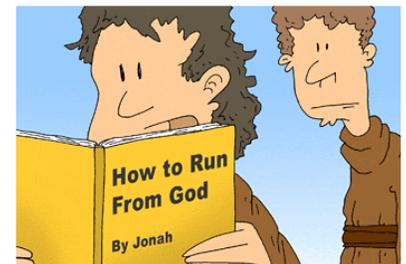
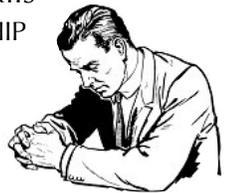
Those willing to participate on Wed. evenings between 6:30 & 7:00pm or Sunday between 8:30 & 9:30am, please drop a text or email to Dave Skerry.

## THANK YOU

- To our teachers and helpers
- To all who helped make Freda's party a Happy Birthday
- To those who leave their coffee outside
- To all who share their homes with the teens

## PRAYER

**New Prayer Concerns:** for the selection of additional elders, Lynn & Gerry Millette, and Peter Steffensen. Additional Prayer Requests and details are on the WORSHIP INSERT.



It Just Says 'DON'T'

# *A Word of Encouragement*

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“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.

## **DEVOTED TO...FELLOWSHIP... BROKE BREAD IN THEIR HOUSES**

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How much time do you spend in secular or worldly influences in your everyday life? Battling the traffic to and from work or school; interacting with friends, associates, and colleagues during the day; surfing the web for a while; talking with neighbors and friends for a while; doing home chores; watching TV (how many hours?); checking in for a while with Facebook (or whatever your favorite flavor of social networking might be); etc....times at least 5 days a week, right? Then there's the occasional secular hobbies and sports we might be involved in during the work week. And there's the Saturday activities, most of which are non-religious. Hopefully, you get the point that the vast majority of our week is spent “marinating” in secular or worldly settings. This isn't necessarily a bad thing; otherwise, as Paul said, “for then you would have to go out of the world” (1 Cor. 5:10) and no one would hear the Gospel.

It is, however, to get you to be thinking about how many of the approximately 112 waking hours of the week are spent with secular, worldly influences—in comparison to the time spent among positive spiritual influences. Also to think about what those secular or worldly situations/people/programs are usually trying to influencing you do. Godly stuff or not-so-godly stuff?

On the other hand, what will the spiritual situations and people in your life try to influence you to do? Get the point? I'm hoping that this contrast will make it clear how important Christian associations are in the life of the Christian.

The New Testament clearly teaches us, “Do not be misled: ‘Bad company corrupts good character.’” (1 Corinthians 15:33, NIV). And if this is true (and of course it is), then it is also true that good company will encourage good character and discourage bad. This is why Paul wrote, “Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope,

patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality” (Romans 12:9-13, NIV). Notice how many “together” encouragements he mentions?

This is why the very first Christian spent time with each other. They made friends with each other, they ate at one another's homes, and gave their new faith a “fighting chance” by cultivating Christian associations. God made us social creatures: we want friends, we want to fit in, and we find ourselves influenced by others. This is part of the reason that the Lord gave us the church and commanded that we assemble (Heb. 10:25). Christians of any spiritual age (Christian “newborns” to the most mature) need to be careful about the influences with which they surround themselves.

Christians of every maturity level need to be friendly towards every brother or sister, new or old. Make the effort to make friends. Invite others to your home (aka, hospitality, a seemingly lost practice these days). Accept the invitation of others. Come to even the social events of the church. Organize a social event, a youth group gathering, a golden agers gathering, a young family gathering, a singles' gathering. Make your best friends, your closest friends Christians. You might be surprised at the spiritual growth you gain in knowledge, in courage, in conviction, in moral character, in prayer, and in wisdom.

Research shows that Christians with several friends within the church are not as likely to fall away! Conversely, those with few or no friends within the church, tend to fall away back into the world. Let me encourage you to pursue friendships and relationships within the fellowship of the church.

Park Linscomb



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendars through May are in the foyer. Grab one today!

**Easter Egg Hunt!** Thank you to everyone who made the Egg Hunt a Huge Success! 18 of our wonderful children were able to participate this year with plenty of eggs to go around!

**May Devotional:** Our May Devotional will be Friday May 5th from 7-9. House has not yet been determined. Bring a snack or a drink as well as a game!

**MNFM:** Will be May 8th from 6-8. Come out and enjoy some food and fellowship followed by some service opportunities.

**Mother's Dinner:** Our first Mother's Dinner will be May 13th. We will need your help! If you are a teen please contact Mark to find out how you can help out. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer soon. We want to treat our Mother's to a special night! This is open to the congregation. If you are a Dad or a child that wants to help with the food or set up please talk to Mark.

**Chill:** May 22nd is our chill night from 7-8 at Mark and Ann's House. Come chill and relax.

**Senior Appreciation Lunch:** Is around the corner. Please plan on staying for lunch May 28th.

**Youth/Parent Meeting:** Right after Bible Class on June 4th we will have a fairly quick meeting with the youth group and parents. This shouldn't take more than 15-20 minutes and will concentrate on the summer schedule and expectations for students moving forward.

**Teen Event Ideas:** Teens! If you have ideas for events you would like to see done this year please write them down on a piece of paper and turn it into Mark or Ann. This will help us plan for the year.

### Food for Thought...

In today's society it is common for teenagers to be plugged into the world. We have the ability to see what we are up against. The issue here isn't that we need to make teenagers stop using all internet and social medias.

We aren't asking parents to unplug their kids from all sources. Instead we ask you to be aware of the facts. When we are prepared for what we face we have a better chance of dealing with it. How do we reach an age group that is so plugged in?

Being plugged in is something that most teenagers want to be. We need

to help each other understand the importance of making time for 'in person' relationships and also for giving time to God.

Knowledge is power and here are interesting statistics from Amanda Lenhart.

- 93% of teenagers 12-17 are online—the largest percentage of any age group.
- Only 8% of families with teens have no computer, and only 4% of homes with computers don't have access to Internet.
- 80% of teens 12-17 own a game console.
- 75% of all teens have a cell phone.
- A typical teen sends about 50 texts per day.
- Most teen cell phone users make 1-5 calls per day.
- 31% of teens who take their phones to school send text messages every day during class time.
- 73% of teens are on social Internet sites (like Facebook).
- Only 8% of teens use Twitter (compared to 37% of 18-24 year-olds—the largest percentage of any age group).
- 14% of teens now blog, compared to 28% in 2006.

### Thought Provoking Question

**What is your favorite Bible story? Share it with someone this week.**

### Family Bible Reading and Congregational Calendar for Apr. 23- Apr.29

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 - Num.12-13 9:30am Worship 11am - Bible Class 6pm - Evening Worship	24 - Num. 14	25 - Num. 15-16	26 - Mark 6 6pm - Wednesday supper 7pm - Bible Class	27 -Num. 17-18 <u>Scarlett Bergeron - BD</u> <u>Dave &amp; Sandy Hazelton - Anniv</u>	28 - Num. 19-20 George Abood - BD	29 - Num. 21-22