

THE BULLETIN

WRONG IS ALWAYS WRONG

In a period of loose and sagging morals, Satan provides many rationalizations for improper behavior. Those who will live faithful Christian lives must not be 'ignorant' of his 'devices' (2 Cor 2:11). Wrong is always wrong, despite our efforts to excuse our actions.

- **Wrong Is Wrong, Even If You Don't Get Caught.** We need to remember that 'the eyes of the Lord are in every place beholding the evil and the good' (Prov. 15:13).
- **Wrong Is Wrong, Even If You Do It For A Good Cause.** The honorable purpose does not justify a dishonorable deed or action. The end never justifies the means. All sin is transgression of the law (1 Jn. 3:4-5; 5:17, 2 Jn. 9).
- **Wrong Is Wrong, Even If Others Are Doing Worse Things.** It will be little comfort to you in the Day of Judgment if you should be lost, knowing that others did things which you considered to be worse than your sins. Remember, 'the thought of sin is foolishness' (Prov. 22:9).
- **Wrong Is Wrong, Even If It Doesn't Bother Your Conscience.** The conscience can be trained or educated to accept wrongdoing, and even 'honest sin' or 'evil done in sincerity' is sinful in the sight of the Holy God (Mt. 7:21-23; Acts 23:1, Prov. 28:26).
- **Wrong Is Wrong, Even If It's Commonly Considered Acceptable.** The Bible says,

Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil' (Ex. 23:2). The Christian should 'enter not into the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it and pass away' (Prov. 4:4-5; Mt. 7:13-14).

Remember, there is never a right way to do a wrong thing!

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Worship Time:

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



A church is great in the
sight of God when it is:
Great in love. Its love abounds
toward all sinners. The members
love one another with real
devotion.



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?

- **MAY 28** - TEEN SENIOR APPRECIATION LUNCH - grilling For lunch
- **JUNE 4** - Teen/Parent Meeting
- **JUNE 4** - Brown bag lunch then fishing at Massabesic
- **JUNE 5** - MNFM
- **JUNE 16-17** - NE States Men's Retreat

OTHER NEWS

• **MNFM - June 5** - Come join for fellowship and an opportunity to serve.



• **VBS IS COMING - June 26 - 28** - Invite your friends and neighbors! We need lots of volunteers & church help to make this possible!

EVERYBODY - please make an effort to be at VBS during the VBS days, we can use as many people as possible!

• **GANDER BROOK REGISTRATION**
There are paper registration forms, in the foyer. Online registration forms will be available soon.

• **CAMPERSHIP CANS** are in the foyer.

• **GANDER BROOK WORK & WORSHIP WEEK** - June 25.

• **GANDER BROOK CAMP SESSIONS** begin July 1.



HELP NEEDED!

Thank You!



For All
Your
Hard Work!

Grounds & Spring Clean Up

A big THANK YOU to all who came and helped with the Work Day yesterday. Many things were accomplished.

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for weekly grounds upkeep.

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. This is an opportunity for fellowship and learning more about one another.

May 24, The Plybon's are making Enchilada casserole. Please sign up at the back of the auditorium so you can have some supper. Thanks!

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. Several have joined Dave & Linda in this effort.

STILL NEED HELP!

Help either financially or hotel points!

The Davis family, friends of the Paul's from MS come into Boston today. Anni will have a minimum of 3 days of tests in the hospital, longer if they do spinal surgery.

The places they normally stay are booked. Please contact Doug or Linda if you can help

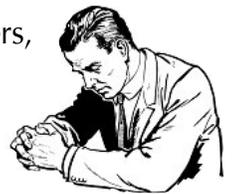


THANK YOU

- To our teachers and helpers
- To Darlene for helping with the trash bins

PRAYER

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



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.

AN ETERNAL FIXATION

Jesus gave a powerful illustration, when he said: **“No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God”** (Luke 9:62). He was not saying that there is anything wrong with the past. Instead our eyes should be fixed straight ahead and not backwards. He wants us to be concerned about what’s being done now and what’s being planned for the future. A servant of God does not dwell on the events of the past, but is interested in what can be done now and in the future. No matter how horrible or precious our memories of the past are, we need to live in the present and look towards the future.

Sometimes people talk about the “good old days” or wanting things to be as they used to be. We can see it in many forms, from the movies to campaign slogans. This can be called a nostalgia fixation. The word nostalgia is a compound of two Greek words meaning: “return home” and “a painful condition.” A good descriptive synonym to nostalgia is “homesickness.” Nostalgia is a desire to go back to a previous era. It is wanting to stick to the familiar past, which is known and perceived as safe, because the present may be hard and the future frightening.

We need to remember that our home is not in the past, but it’s waiting for us in the future. Our homesickness should be for our eternal home in the future – not the way things used to be. Paul wrote: **“I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; 24 but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me”** (Philippians 1:23–26). He longed to be with the Lord. Paul was “home-sick,” not for the past, but for a future time when he was going to be with God. Until then, he knew that there was much more work he needed to do.

Dwelling on the past can seriously hurt the growth of a church. Paul tells us: **“Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus”** (Philippians 3:13–14). He is telling us to not be nostalgia fixated, but to strive forward in serving God. Why? Not because the past was wrong. The past may have been great, but it is in the past! We can’t go back. Instead, we should have an eternal fixation. We need to grow, mature, plan, and strive forward toward our eternal home.

The future is uncertain, but as long as we are following God’s Way, we can’t go wrong. There will be problems, disappointments, and sorrows in our earthly future, but our goal is an eternal home with the Lord. We need to start dreaming about our future and praying Maranatha. We need to be planning our way home and inviting as many as possible to be with us in the future.





UPCOMING EVENTS

May calendars in the foyer. Grab one!

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. We will have a variety of grilled goods!

Volunteers Needed! We are in need of people to make a salad and bring a dessert for the Senior Appreciation Lunch. Please sign up on the paper in the back of the auditorium.

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 concentrate on the summer schedule and expectations for students moving forward.

MNFM: June 5th this month! We will work on VBS stuff! Please join us from 6-8pm. There is always food involved!

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.

VBS Set Up Days! June 23rd from 7-9 at the building and at a TBA for the 24th. There are lots of things to do and we will probably have more work days! If you can't make a work day but would like to help out contact myself or Kas Dumas to see what you can do! All levels of experience can help!

VBS: This year's Theme is "Standing on the Promises". We need lots of volunteers and church help to make this possible! VBS is June 26, 27, and 28. Invite your friends and your neighbors! Please make an effort to be at VBS during the VBS days. We can use as many people as possible!



Food for Thought...

"Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships,

persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

2 Corinthians 12:8-10

Things don't always go well in life. They can be hard and difficult to deal with. We might not always know what to do with the situations at hand and the problems that must be solved. We wonder where we will get our strength to get through the day or the knowledge to deal with our struggles. We plead that it be taken away from us.

We often wish that this was how we could deal with problems. That, if we plead with God then the issues and struggles would just be taken away. This is a nice thought but God reminds us that his grace is sufficient for us and that the power he has is made perfect through weakness. This is the reminder that we need to have. One that helps us through struggles and trials. That God's grace covers us each day and that when we struggle we find power in Him during our weak times. When everything seems to be going wrong there is a gentle reminder. That is when we are weak, then we are strong. Trust God in your journey. - Mark

Thought Provoking Question
How can we spread God's word to the Community?

Family Bible Reading and Congregational Calendar for May 21 - May 27

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>21 - Duet. 17-18 9:30am Worship 11am - Bible Class 6pm - Evening Worship</p>	<p>22 - Mark 13 Karl Davies - BD</p>	<p>23 - Duet. 7-9</p>	<p>24 - Duet. 19-20 6pm - Wednesday supper 7pm - Bible Class Jim & Darlene Cordaro - Anniv.</p>	<p>25 - Duet. 21-22</p>	<p>26 - Duet. 23-24</p>	<p>27 - Mark 14</p>