

# THE BULLETIN

## YOU can Make A Difference

Perhaps the best known Biblical passage by members of the Churches of Christ is Acts 2:38, which says, "Peter replied, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." The very next verse, verse 39, tells us that this promise is "for all who are far off-for all whom the Lord our God will call." Hey, guess what? That is you and me who are living today and hopefully wishing to be obedient followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus, the early Christians taught those people around them the truth about Jesus Christ being their Lord and Savior. As a result several thousand became His followers right then and there. What a beginning that was to the Christian faith!

The point I wish to make is to ask us who are current members of the Lord's church, are we also teaching others around us the Gospel and



particularly how one can be saved and become a disciple and follower of the Lord Jesus Christ? Numerous passages in the Book of Acts show clearly that the first step in conversion is to hear the gospel story of Jesus and His love and death and resurrection. But obviously that great truth must be shared and communicated by you and me today. Then people can hear the

way of salvation through Christ and are then in a position to obey or reject the way to become Christians. That is where you and I, today, come in. We can and should make a difference in the growth of the Church universally and certainly make a difference for our local congregation. Are there people you know who would allow you to begin a Bible study with them? Are there those who would gladly accept your invitation to come with them to a church service to hear the Gospel preached and explained? I think you will agree with me that the answer to both questions is a resounding YES!

What a great opportunity we have to touch peoples' lives right now in this very year in which we live! Will you make a difference? Will I be willing to make a difference? May both of us, you and I, consider this question carefully and seriously as we continue to live our Christian lives.

Will you join me in thinking this through carefully and then making a list of you can ask for the opportunity to teach them the message of salvation from the Bible? Or will you be willing to make a list of friends, neighbors, other folks you know that you would be able to invite to worship service with you? Let's make a difference for our Lord Jesus Christ. You can!



Adapted Mike Anglin

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Building & Grounds - Will  
Hamel / Pete Steffensen  
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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 Christian living. Its  
members live a dedicated  
Christian life. It has no place for  
worldliness.



# 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **TODAY** - Teen/Parent Meeting
- **JUNE 5** - MNFM
- **JUNE 11** - Brown bag lunch after class then fishing at Massabesic. If you have questions, call Nick Bonzagni.
- **JUNE 16-17** - NE States Men's Retreat
- **JUNE 17** - DAD'S NIGHT COOKOUT

## OTHER NEWS

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

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

**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 CAMP SESSIONS:**

- **1 - July 1 - 7**
- **2 - July 8 - 14**
- **3 - July 15 - 21**
- **4 - July 22 - 28**
- **5 - July 29 - 4**
- **6 - Aug. 5 - 11**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Need to come to the office prior to service time, please.

**WE NEED HELP!!!**

### Grounds Clean Up

The sign-up sheet for mowing, etc., along with a list of what needs to be done, is in the foyer. Make it a family affair and help keep our grounds beautiful. More than one family can sign-up for a week.

### 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.

**June 7**, Kim Daggett & Kerstin Dumas are making ??????. 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.

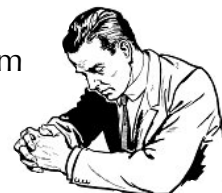
## THANK YOU



- To Penny for making card for our use. There are some in a basket in the foyer for \$5/bag. Penny will donate all proceeds to Thom Forestburg.
- To all of our teachers & helpers
- To those who host various activities for the congregation

## PRAYER

**New Prayer Concerns:** for the selection of additional elders, Lynn & Gerry Millette, Jim Cordaro, Thom Forestburg, and the Karafelis family. Additional Prayer Requests and details are on the WORSHIP INSERT.



### VBS is coming - June 26 - 28

- Invite your friends & neighbors!
- We need lots of church volunteers & 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!

# *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.

## **FLESH AND SPIRIT, PART 2**

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Last week I began a series on Galatians 5:19-23, the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit. Last week we gave our focus to the sexual sins catalogued in this list. This week we'll give attention to the pagan elements of these works of the flesh.

### **IDOLATRY**

Idolatry is the worship of things in this created world rather than the Creator. Paul put it this way, “Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.” Romans 1:22, 23. Man always seems to have chaffed at the idea of worshipping what he cannot see or touch, and this is the origin of idols.

Often idolatry is considered just another name for pagan worship, but this is not entirely true. While pagans use images, there were times in Israel's history when they made the attempt at using golden calves to represent the true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. These stories are told in Exodus 32 and 1 Kings 12. In both cases, as the golden calves were being utilized as objects of worship, they were identified as the God, “who brought you up from the land of Egypt” (Ex. 32:8 and 1 Kgs. 12:28). Not even the one true God is to be “image-ized”, an important warning even among modern folks who believe in Jesus.

But idolatry can also take another form, the looking to “saviors” other than God. This is why greed is called a form of idolatry (Eph. 5:5 and Col. 3:5). God alone is God. Wood, stone, images, money, things, armies, and science are frail and vain substitutes. Isaiah crystalized the folly of idolatry, when he wrote by God's inspiration, “No one recalls, nor is there knowledge or understanding to say, ‘I have burned half of it in the fire and also have baked bread over its coals. I roast meat and eat it. Then I make the rest of it into an abomination, *I fall down before a block of wood!*’” Isaiah 44:19.

### **SORCERY**

The Old Testament forbade the occult practices (sorcery) of witchcraft, divination, spiritism, and necromancy (see Deut. 18:9-14). Such information and powers were not from God, but from evil spirits (e.g., Acts 16:16-18). Instead, God's people were to get all the information that they needed from God's prophets (Deut. 18:15ff). Just as then, everything we need to know spiritually speaking from God's word, “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16, 17.

The original Greek word found in Galatians 5 is *pharmakeia* and it had to do with using drugs. We get the word pharmacy from it. Originally, it was used in a medical sense, but as time passed the word began to take on the meaning of misuse of drugs for poison—an interesting meaning given the recent spate of opioid deaths. Later still the word came to be associated with witchcraft, calling upon evil spirits to curse others, the casting of malevolent spells, and occult visions.

Today, witchcraft and the occult are on the rise in popular culture—interestingly enough, along with the use of drugs and neo-paganism. But God's judgment about those who practice such things remains the same; the practice is sinful. Christians must look to the Lord alone both for what can be known about the future and the afterlife and for what power might be exercised beyond human control.

Idolatry and sorcery as works of the flesh are from the same rotten root that seeks to deliberately neglect or reject the one true God in favor of a god or outcomes of our own choosing. And they are not trivial matters; such practices will exclude men from inheriting the kingdom of God.

Park Linscomb



## UPCOMING EVENTS

June calendars in the foyer. Grab one!

**Senior Appreciation Lunch:** Was a great success! Thank you to all who were involved. It is always important for us to all invest in our youth.

**Youth/Parent Meeting:** Right after Bible Class, TODAY. It will be 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!

**Church Game Night:** There will be a church wide game night on June 9th starting at 7pm. We will be at the building! Bring your favorite game and a snack or drink to share! We are looking forward to a good time of fellowship and friendly competition. Young, Old, or somewhere in between we hope to see you there!

**Father's Day Weekend Grill-Out!** Saturday, June 17th will be a night of food and games! Bring the whole family down to celebrate Dad! We will have outdoor games around the property and lots of burgers and hot

dogs at a minimum! We hope the whole family can join us from 6-8 pm. There will be a sign up sheet soon!

**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 time 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:** 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!



### From the Youth Minister

VBS is right around the corner. That means there are lots of crafts going on around the building, snacks being planned,

songs being sung, and stories being prepared for telling. With all of that being said there is a lot of work that can be done. How can I help?

- 1) Help by being at VBS. Let Mark know if you can be there. We need people to help run stations, watch halls, and keep the water pitchers full! We also need people who are willing to talk to any of the visitors.
- 2) Help create the decorations! Kas Dumas is our decoration mastermind. It isn't always about hanging paper or painting something. You can be used if you have wood working ability, among other things!
- 3) Volunteer Snacks. We will have lots of children and we give them snacks. Help us provide something to eat. We also have our ice cream social on Wednesday Night.
- 4) Invite people! VBS is a good time to have fun and meet people! Invite a neighbor or a friend to come to VBS! The more the better!
- 5) Pray! We need prayers for the kids, the teachers, the volunteers, and the community!

Hope you can help us out! -Mark

**Thought Provoking Question**  
**How can you be involved in the work that's going on?**

## Family Bible Reading and Congregational Calendar for June 4 - June 10

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4 - Josh. 3-4</b> 9:30am Worship 11am - Bible Class 6pm - Evening Worship  Stuart & Susie Peacock - Anniv	<b>5 - Mark 16</b>  Doug Paul - BD James Karafelis - BD John Ogunsuyi -BD	<b>6 - Josh. 5-6</b>	<b>7 - Josh. 7-8</b> 6pm - Wednesday supper 7pm - Bible Class Kim & Zane Daggett - Anniv Beth King - BD Nancy Kerrins - BD	<b>8 - Josh. 9-110</b>	<b>9 - Josh. 11-12</b>	<b>10 - Luke 1</b>  Mike & Beth Girling - Anniv Stuart Peacock - BD