

THE BULLETIN

Gospel Meeting

*It's the time of year for our Gospel Meeting.
Think about who you will invite, pray about them
and for David.*

*Fall Gospel Meeting
Oct. 27 - 29 or Nov. 3 - 5*



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Worship Time:

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



**I need the church. I shall not wait
to be drafted for service. I shall
volunteer, saying, "Here am I,
send me."**

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.



- **JULY 10** - MNFM - 6-8PM
- **JULY 21** - FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - 7-8:30PM
- **AUG. 7** - MNFM - 6-8PM
- **SEPT. 4** - LABOR DAY PICNIC AT FREDA'S
- **SEPT. 11** - MNFM - 6-8 PM

FALL EVENTS

- **SEPT. 8-10** - TEEN RETREAT
- **SEPT. 14 16** - LADIES RETREAT
- **SEPT. 21 23** - MEN'S RETREAT
- **OCT. 27-29 OR NOV. 3-5** - GOSPEL MEETING



GANDER BROOK CAMBERSHIP CANS are in the foyer. So many have been so generous that we are able to send all our kids to camp one week with Campership money.

GANDER BROOK CAMP SESSIONS:

- **SESSION 2 - JULY 8 - 14**
- **SESSION 3 - JULY 15 - 21**
- **SESSION 4: - JULY 22 - 28**
- **SESSION 5 - JULY 29 - AUG. 4**
- **SESSION 6 - AUG. 5 - 1**

GB DORM PROJECT - The church here has been associated with and enjoyed Gander Brook for years. We all know how much the camp has meant to kids and adults alike. But now Gander Brook has a challenge before it; our dorm really needs replacement. Replacement will cost \$450k, and already over \$150k has been given. Now we need help especially from the churches and Christians of New England. One-time gifts are appreciated, but a monthly pledge from now through Dec. 31, 2018 may be more manageable.

Imagine a year 'round facility for congregational retreats in late October, youth weekends January, deeper Bible study classes in February, or leadership classes in March! Imagine Gander Brook's hiking trails turned into cross country skiing trails or snow shoe paths—or even our waterfront turned into a skating area.

Please consider helping us. There are brochures in the foyer, complete with a tear-off section, if you should decide to provide a monthly pledge toward this great project.



Grounds Clean Up

There is a need for people to sign up to keep our property looking inviting to our neighbors and visitors. The sheet is at the back of the foyer to sign up for a week. It's a great family activity!

There are new locks on the sheds. If you need the combination, please check with Will Hamel.

Lord's Supper to shut-in

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

Pantry:

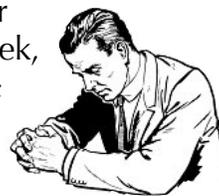
Those willing to participate at the pantry either on Wed. evenings or Sunday mornings, please drop a text or email to Dave Skerry.

THANK YOU

- The Manchester church has some of the most loving, giving people around. Nothing is too small or insignificant for people to help with. No one does it for 'the glory' but all to glorify God. How truly I and thank you for your example & encouragement to the rest of us.
- Thanks to those who continually take the trash bins out on Wednesday evenings.

PRAYERS

New Prayer Concerns: for Melanie Fogal, her grandmother died this week, Don Dion & Lynn & Gerry were with us



Wednesday evening, & Rene Pierce's friend's 2-yr old is home. 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.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, CONTINUING GAL 5:19FF

Before we begin talking about the individual qualities of the fruit of the Spirit, we should talk about *concept* of fruit of the Spirit.

First, let's notice that this fruit is from the Spirit of God; the result of His influence in our lives. It is not the fruit of philosophers, scholars, “my truest self”, the latest from daytime talk shows, science, business, or anyone's personal “think-so”. We see *that* “fruit” everywhere; we know its fruit, the “works of the flesh” in Galatians 5:19-21. The fruit of the Spirit is different from anything the world pushes. His influence in our lives is rooted in the Father, found in the Scriptures (of which He is the Inspirer), and perfectly modeled in Jesus Christ. It is not irresistible; sadly, we can resist and sin. But when we are abiding in the Spirit's influence, the result is a holy life, transformed from the inside out, one of light and salt...and good fruit.

Fruit? We're not talking about apples and oranges, of course. Fruit as used here and elsewhere in the Bible refers to a result, an outcome, or an effect in our lives. Some have tried to limit the meaning of fruit to simple evangelistic outcomes; but even a quick study out of a concordance

will show that fruit is much more. For example...

- “Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance;” Matthew 3:8, NAS95
- “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit,” Matthew 12:33, NAS95

Notice in the last verse that a person can produce either good or bad fruit. The thoughts of our hearts—guided by our choice of the flesh or the Spirit—result in good or bad fruit, in the form of our words, attitudes, deeds, responses, or goals.

Lastly, notice that the word “fruit” isn't plural. There are places where Jesus talked of “fruits”, “You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they?” Matthew 7:16. However, the qualities in Gal. 5:22,23 aren't the “fruits” of the Spirit, even though there are 9. There's a good reason: when we look at them as “fruits” of the Spirit, it is possible, perhaps even common, to choose some “fruits” and ignore others, as if it were a spiritual cafeteria—“I'd like two of those, but none of that.”

Instead, Paul describes it as a single fruit, a single outcome of the Spirit's work in us. The fruit (singular), is a whole changed life, containing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Perhaps we could think of it like holding an orange with peel, sections, pulp, juice, seeds, and all. The whole changed life (thoughts, words, attitudes, and deeds) of the Spirit should be forming and present in the Christian—not just a little joy here and a smattering of goodness there, if you please.

It is done by...

- daily dying to all of self (Gal. 2:20 and Lk. 9:23),
- daily abiding in Christ (Gal. 2:20 and John 8:31,32),
- daily letting the Spirit given Scripture teach, reprove, correct and train us (2 Tim. 3:16,17),
- daily allowing the Spirit to strengthen our inner man (Eph. 3:16)
- and you letting go and letting God's Spirit control

What fruit are you bearing, brother? Let us walk in the Spirit and produce the fruit of the Spirit every day in every way in our lives.

Park Linscomb



UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendars for July will be in the foyer shortly, be on the lookout.

Thank You! - To everyone who helped out with VBS. From Volunteers to teachers and set up crew! Your help made everything possible!

MNFM is Monday!

Children's Movie Night : July 21st from 7-8:30. Come join us for a family friendly movie in the auditorium! Bring pillows and blankets! You could make it an indoor camp out like thing!

Campership Jars: If you have a camper ship jar please start bringing them back! This will help us send kids to camp this summer!

Back to School Bash! Let Mark know when you will be gone in August. We will have a cookout and game day when there are the most people in town!

Fall Retreat: Fall is coming soon! School is coming soon! That also means the Fall Teen Retreat is coming soon! The date will be in early September!

Be on the lookout for other events. We will add more as we learn about plans for people this summer! If you will be in town let

us know! Camp season is also upon us right now!

From the Youth Minister...

We love our teenagers. They are a big part of our lives and the church. Many of our teens are either driving or will be driving in the next few months. I gathered some information that I thought was interesting from a few different sources. What can you do to help our teens?

As recently as 2010, 13 to 19 year olds accounted for 33% of car accident fatalities.

16 Year olds have the highest crash rate of any age group.

56% of teenagers admit to talking on the phone while driving (Ouch)

For 16 - 17 year olds, the rate of a fatal crash increases with each additional passenger.

Only 44% of teens would speak up if they were in a car with someone who made them scared.

A teen driver who is involved with their parents is twice as likely to wear a seatbelt.

A young person who talks and drives is twice as likely to have an

accident. Their reaction time is the equivalent of that of a 70 year old.

1 in 5 new drivers will have an accident in their first year of learning.

56% of teenagers rely on their parents to teach them how to drive.

Each mile per hour over the speed limit increases the chance of a crash.

Only 55% of high school students report wearing a seatbelt.

Late nights and weekends are the most dangerous times to be on the road.

These facts aren't ones that we hold over our teenagers heads and say how bad they are at driving. Instead they are tools we can use as we help our teenagers prepare for the road and to be safe drivers. It takes people they are close to who are willing to work with them to help them prepare for the things that they will encounter in life. That being said it leaves me with a question. What can we do to help our teenagers grow and be safe at the same time? - Mark

Thought Provoking Question
How can your family be more Christ-centered this week?

Family Bible Reading and Congregational Calendar for July 9- July 15

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 - I Sam. 5-6 9:30am Worship 11am - Bible Class 6pm - Evening Worship	10 - Luke 10 Kathy Hamel - BD	11 - I Sam. 7-8 Jerome Paul - BD	12 - I Sam. 9-10 7pm - Bible Class	13 - I Sam. 11-12	14 - I Sam. 13	15 - I Sam. 14