

THE BULLETIN

What Are You Looking For?

They were looking for a lion; He came as a Lamb, and they missed Him.

They were looking for a warrior; He came as a Peacemaker, and they missed Him.

They were looking for a king; He came as a Servant, and they missed Him.

They were looking for liberation from Rome; He submitted to the Roman's stake, and they missed Him.

They were looking for a fit to their mold; He was the mold maker, and they missed Him.

They were looking for their temporal needs to be met; He came to meet their eternal need, and they missed Him.

He came as a Lamb to be sacrificed for your sin. Will you miss him?

He came to make peace between God and man. Have you missed Him?

He came to model servanthood for all mankind. Have you missed Him?

He came that we might have true liberty. Have you missed Him?

What were you looking for? Lion? Warrior? King? Liberator?

When we submit to the Lamb, we will meet the Lion.

When we join with the Peacemaker, we will meet the Warrior.

When we work with the Servant, we will meet the King.

When we walk with the Submitted, we will meet the Liberator.

When we concern ourselves with the Eternal, we will have the temporal.

If Jesus is not fitting into the mold you have, then come to the mold maker and get a new one. Submit to His plan for your life, and you will see the eternal need met first; then all other needs will be met as well.

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”

Matthew 7:7

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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. Participating in the privileges of the church, I shall also share in its responsibilities, not grudgingly but with JOY.


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.



- **AUG. 7** - MNFM - 6-8PM
- **SEPT. 4** - LABOR DAY PICNIC AT FREDA'S
- **SEPT. 11** - MNFM - 6-8 PM

FALL EVENTS

- **SEPT. 14-16** - LADIES RETREAT
- **SEPT. 21-23** - MEN'S RETREAT
- **OCT. 31** - TRUNK OR TREAT
- **NOV. 3-5** - GOSPEL MEETING



GANDER BROOK CAMPSHIP CANS need to be returned. Due to the overwhelming generosity, we were able to send all our kids to camp with this money.

Gander Brook Camp Sessions:

• **THIS WEEK IS THE LAST SESSION.** Park is there for the week.

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.

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, or go to www.ganderbrook.org/retreat-house.

This is Mark, Ann & Emmett's last week with us. They will pack and leave the end of this week. We wish them God's speed and will miss them. You can always come back!



Grounds Clean Up

Help keep our grounds looking nice and inviting. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Please sign up your family for a week. There are new locks on the sheds. Check with Will Hamel for the combination.

Lord's Supper to shut-in

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

Pantry:

The pantry is so thankful for donations, but please, check the expiration date on food you bring. If it's expired, donate it to your trash, please.

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

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER (MNFM)

Tomorrow night, Aug. 7, is MNFM. Dinner will be served at 6pm. There will be a time of fellowship and then time for prayer, visits, doing some small jobs around the building and writing cards to those who are sick, struggling, birthdays, anniversaries and notes of encouragement.

If you haven't taken advantage of this way to get to know your brothers and sisters, please do. You will be more blessed than anyone you minister that evening.

FALL MEETING

Nov. 3-5, David Rollert, the minister at Tilton, will conduct our Gospel meeting. Begin to think & pray about the meeting and who you will invite.

PRAYERS

New Prayer Concerns: for the safe travel of all returning from and going to Gander Brook, Jimmy Cordaro's mother & family, the continued health of many who have been in our prayers, for our elders, deacons & ministers and all our families & the safe move for the Casella family. 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, PART 4

The last few weeks we've been giving a little deeper thought to the fruit of the Spirit. While we probably know the basic meaning of these qualities, I hope you've been made to reflect and examine “inspect” the fruit of the Spirit in your life. This last look will concentrate on faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.

Faithfulness

This aspect of the fruit of the Spirit has to do with loyalty and reliability. It is the quality of a steward that the master need never worry about Matt. 24:45. It is the kind of man to whom the teachings of “the Faith” should be entrusted (2 Tim. 2:2). In Paul's writing it is the quality of a statement that the hearer can absolutely rely upon (e.g., 1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Tim. 3:1; 1 Tim. 4:9; et al). It is also said of those who chose to die rather than deny their Lord Jesus (Rev. 2:10 and 3:14). And it is said of God who called us into the fellowship of His Son (1 Cor. 1:9). It is this loyalty, this reliability, this trustworthiness that the Spirit of God seeks to produce in the Christian. This is a man whose word can be trusted, whose loyalty can be relied upon, and who would rather die than deny the Lord who redeemed him.

Gentleness

The Greek word is *praus* and is difficult to translate precisely. The classical Greek writers defined it as the middle between the extremes of passion / apathy or pride / abject degradation or violent grabbing / completely hands-off, etc. Bible translations have used meekness, courtesy, modesty, and gentleness to express the meaning—all of which are trying to find a word to express “appropriate restraint”. This fruit of the Spirit is about finding “appropriate restraint”, especially in human relations. This makes sense of Gal. 6:1 “Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a

one in a spirit of **gentleness**; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted”, 2Tim. 2:24,25 “The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with **gentleness** correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth”, and other similar passages.

Self Control

The Greek word means to be in possession of something. In an ethical sense it describes the strength of spirit in which a man grasps control and holds control of himself, his desires, his lusts, and his passions. Self control, however, is not merely holding back from giving in to the works of the flesh; this is critical to realize. Self control must be exercised in two important ways: keeping the Christian from certain sinful things *and* deliberately engaging in commanded things. Christianity is not merely the religion of “no”; it is also about “yes”. It is true that self control will say no to the temptations of, for example, sexual sin; but it will also press us to be deliberately active in, for another example, practicing gentleness. Indeed, self control is the foundation for so many aspects of the fruit of the Spirit.

So, about your discipleship...are you living by the Spirit, walking by the Spirit, and producing the fruit of the Spirit? It makes a difference: Ga 6:7,8 “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.” Don't let the weeds of the works of the flesh choke out the good fruit the Spirit wants to produce in your life.

Park Linscomb



UPCOMING EVENTS

Be on the lookout for future events. If you can help lead some volunteer!

Family Movie Night: Sept. 23

From the Youth Minister...

Thank You!

It is hard to find a place to start. There are so many different words that I want to say all at the same time. I want to start with a thank you. Our time here in Manchester has been a good time. It has helped us to grow as a family and has helped me grow as a minister. I have gained tools that I will use in the future and have grown spiritually. You have allowed me to fill in the pulpit from time to time. I feel comfortable there and have grown in confidence and ability because of your willingness to let a young man preach God's word from there. There are so many blessings that we have gained from our time here.

I also want the youth group to know how much I care and appreciate them. Although we are moving it isn't because of the youth. We love working with you. You have challenged me and worked with me. We have had lots of good times and times of growth. We have learned a lot about God, a lot about our spiritual lives, and a lot about ourselves. But that isn't all that I

want to leave you with. I want to challenge you.

One of the most talked about Bible verses is the Great Commission found in Matthew 28. In Verse 18 and following says, "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This passage is really important. We are to go out into the world and to spread the Gospel. We are to teach about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. But I want to look at the end of the section. At the end it says, "I am with you always". I love how clear this passage is. Always. Always is a very strong and clear word. It leaves no room for wiggling. Always covers the beginning of time to the end of time. No matter where you go in life there will be someone with you. When you feel that family, friends, workers, school mates, and many others have left you know that you are not alone. God is with you. God will protect you. God will give you strength. God will support you. God will help guide you. God is always with us. Even when everyone else fails you, God will be there. Lean on that understanding. Trust in God's word. Live for Him.

This is one of the things that we have learned together and worked through together. I am thankful for the adventures that we have had through the Bible and through life as well. No matter where you go in this lifetime know that God will be with you. I might not physically be with you but I am supporting you and praying for you from where we are at. Don't hesitate to call me, message me, or Snap Chat me. Just because I live somewhere else doesn't mean that I don't care. I pray that our relationships will continue to stay in tact. That we can grow them and support each other. Build a network of friends in many places. As you go through storms in life you will have people who will help you get through them no matter how hard the boat rocks.

Finally, know that you are loved. You are loved by peers, other church members, and families. Even when you are fighting with someone you still love each other. But above all God loves you. He loves you so much that He sent His Son to die for you. Jesus covered all of your sins. No matter what you have done if you give it to Christ, He will take care of you. Live your life in the love of Christ. Know that He is always there for you. Even when things are difficult you can count on the love of Christ. Love God and trust Him always!

-Mark

Thought Provoking Question

How can you study God's word more this week?

Family Bible Reading and Congregational Calendar for Aug 6 - Aug 12						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 - 2 Sam. 11-12	7- 2 Sam. 13-14 MNFM @ 6pm	8 - 2 Sam. 15-16	9 - Luke 16	10 - 2 Sam. 17-18	11 - Luke 17	12 - 2 Sam. 19-20
Tom Carroll - BD	Jamie Hazelton - BD			Luke Bergeron - BD		Heather King - BD Lincoln Bergeron - BD