

THE BULLETIN

*Everything I need to know,
I learned from Noah's Ark*

ONE: *Don't miss the boat.*

TWO: *Remember that we are all in the same boat!*

THREE: *Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.*

FOUR: *Stay fit. When you're 80 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.*

FIVE: *Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.*

SIX: *Build your future on high ground.*

SEVEN: *For safety's sake, travel in pairs.*

EIGHT: *Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.*

NINE: *When you're stressed, float awhile.*

TEN: *Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.*

ELEVEN: *No matter the storm, there's always a rainbow waiting.*

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Worship Time:

Sun. Worship - 9:30am

Bible Class - 11:00am

Sun. Evening - 6:00pm

Wed. Bible Class - 7:00pm



Dear Lord, I want my words to help other people. Let me choose my words carefully so that when I speak, the world is a better place because of the things I said.

Amen



Family Events

"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.



- **TODAY, SEPT. 3 - BIBLE CLASS** 'MOVE UP' DAY, for Cradle Roll through High School. If you are in an 'age class', i.e., '2s & 3s', stay with your age. If you are in school stay with your grade.
 - 1st & 2nd grade class,
 - 3rd-5th grade class,
 - Middle School class (6th-8th grade) and
 - High School Class
- **SEPT. 4 - LABOR DAY PICNIC AT FREDA'S.** Sign up sheets at the back of the auditorium
- **SEPT. 9 - FAMILY NATURE WALK @ 10AM** at Cedar Loop Trail
- **SEPT. 10 - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING @ 6PM**
- **SEPT. 11 - MNFM - 6-8 PM**

FALL EVENTS

- **SEPT. 14-16 - LADIES RETREAT -** Registrations forms in the foyer
- **SEPT. 21-23 - MEN'S RETREAT**
- **SEPT. 23 - FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**
- **OCT. 31 - TRUNK OR TREAT**
- **NOV. 3-5 - GOSPEL MEETING**

FALL MEETING

Nov. 3-5, David Rollert, will conduct a meeting - "What is this Gospel that People Talk About?" Begin to think & pray about the meeting and who you will invite.



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 needs serious attention. A new building would cost \$750K+, so we will need to completely overhaul it— at the cost of about \$450K.

At this point \$225K has been pledged, but requires matching gifts of \$225K. 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Mowing & Grounds

The rains have been good to replenish the water supply. They also help the grass and weeds grow - a lot. WE need your help to keep things looking good. It gives a caring impression to those around.....if we care about the building, we must also care about souls.

Lord's Supper to shut-in

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

Pantry:

The pantry is thankful for all donations, please check expiration dates on food . If it's expired, don't bring, please. Anyone willing to participate at the pantry either Wed. evening or Sun. morning, please let Dave Skerry know.

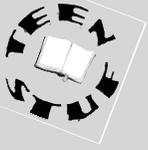
THANKS

To all who step up to help with Youth Activities
 To our teachers who make sacrifices each week
 For those who sneak in to mow, trim and keep our grounds looking nice

Family Bible Reading and Congregational Calendar for Sept. 3 - Sept. 9

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 - 2 Kings 3	4- 2 Kings 4 ----- Labor Day Picnic @ Freda's house Will & Kathy Hamel - Anniv	5- 2 Kings 5-6	6 -Luke 23 Randy & Candy Chase - Anniv Kris & Jolene Karafelis - Anniv	7 - 2 Kings 7-8 Noah Mackey-BD	8 -2 Kings 9-10	9- 2 Kings 11-12

Youth & Family News



UPCOMING EVENTS

Be on the lookout for future events. If you can help lead an event, please volunteer! You can call the church office.

Family Movie Night: Sept. 23

Because we are without a Youth Minister, the elders announced that we will not take a group to either:

The Teen Retreat at Gander Brook on 9/8, or

The Roxbury Youth Rally on 9/16

Thought Provoking Questions?
What lessons did you learn from the story of Noah?

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PRAYER CORNER

New Prayer Concerns: for the safe travel as summer comes to an end & school begins, for Peter Steffensen, Will Hamel, Wendy Plybon's mom, our elders, deacons, teachers, minister, and all our families.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

- **Health - Family**
 - Continuing Recovery
 - Kerstin Dumas
 - Lynn Millette
 - Don Dion
 - Linda Linscomb
 - Gage Dumas
 - Marge Simon
 - Pete Steffensen
 - Casey Jones
 - Brian Day
 - Mary Jane Parker
 - Tom Jones
 - Penny Ranger - health issues & her niece, Chelsea
- **Health - Family & Friends**
 - Jim Cordaro's mom is home on oxygen. Continued prayers as they weigh her care options - each of which has substantial risk.
 - A friend of the Cordaro's, Charlotte Gurney, a 2 time cancer survivor, has been diagnosed with full body bone cancer. Pray for this family.
 - Diane Beard's cousin, Denise Noland has begun a new chemo treatment, continued prayers.

- David Lovering (Cancer)
- Natalie Cleavitt
- Linda Tetrault, illness

Struggles

- For those in the path of Hurricane Harvey. Many of us have family & friends in those areas. They are continuing to deal with a variety of things, chemical explosion, opening the dam, etc.
- Darlene Cordaro and her daycare
- Barbara Lovering, David's declining health and her Parkinson's
- Those who have been absent in the assembly
- **Thanksgivings**
 - That Lynn Millette, Don Dion, Linda Linscomb, Marge Simon and Kerstin Dumas have been in worship with us.
 - That TJ, Jason & Junia Ogunsuyi were baptized this week



When you feel as though you are **DROWNING** in life situations, Don't worry! Your lifeguard walks on water!

A Parting 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.

ANGER AND PROVERBS

Sunday I shared a lesson from God’s word on anger and how the Christian should deal with it. In it I mentioned that there were many more things that could be said, but for lack of time couldn’t be brought up. Here are a few more things from the book of Proverbs that can help us *“BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN...” Ephesians 4:26.*

Self-control is obviously a key factor in controlling anger, but how can we gain some control over anger, since it just seems to sneak up on us before we have a chance to control it?

First of all, Proverbs counsels us to watch over our hearts: *“Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.” Proverbs 4:23.* If our hearts are already close to the boiling point over something (related or not related), even minor irritations can add that extra “degree” that causes a quick-tempered “boil over” of anger, before we even know what happened. Most all of us have been guilty of “kicking the dog”, unleashing a hail of angry words at an innocent person (spouse, child, friend or literally a dog) over a minor irritation, because we were really angry at other people, ourselves or about other things. Resolve the various issues that trouble your heart, and then when the extra “degree” of frustration is thrown your way, your self-control will be able to successfully rein in your anger. Take care with your heart, your thoughts and things that you dwell on; and you will find renewed self-control over your anger.

Second, be careful to avoid letting others “stoke the fire”. Proverbs advises, *“Do not associate with a man given to anger; Or go with a hot-tempered man, Or you will learn his ways And find a snare for yourself.” Proverbs 22:24, 25.* Our associates influence us in both obvious and subtle ways. Hang out with an angry man or an angry mob, and it won’t be long until you find yourself worked up and “out of control”. Paul put it this way, *“Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company corrupts good morals.’” 1 Corinthians 15:33.* Do you want more self-control over your anger, become more selective of the people you befriend.

With these first two pieces of advice in place, gain more control, thirdly, by taking care with the volume and tone of your speech. *“A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.” Proverbs 15:1.* This piece of wisdom applies not only to how to get the other person to moderate his anger, but it works to moderate our own anger, too. Angry exchanges that get increasingly louder and harsher ultimately sink beneath the waves of rage and perhaps even violence. On the other hand, softer and gentler exchanges become more rational and controlled.

Lastly for this article, let’s notice that the Proverbs counsel us, *“A man’s discretion makes him slow to anger, And it is his glory to overlook a transgression.” Proverbs 19:11.* How do I become slow to anger (self-controlled)? Use discretion, good judgment. About what? For example, the seriousness of the cause of anger. Whether the offense was done deliberately or accidentally. Or the price of “getting into it”—for yourself and others. What if, instead of merely counting to 10, we asked questions like this as we feel provoked to anger? Wise and great men take a moment to use good judgment before going ballistic over minor misdeeds.

Anger is a powerful emotion. But the Bible seeks to help us do more than simply lock it away and squelch it; we need to properly and constructively control it. A wild horse can do a lot of damage; a caged horse will make a lot of noise and do a lot of damage, if it busts loose; but a bridled and harnessed horse can do a lot of good. Which will your anger be?