

BULLETIN

You Can Trust Him

' I must be crazy! I put my life in the hands of a person I didn't even know!' That's what crossed my mind as I passed that huge truck. I couldn't see over the hill in front of me, and the highway was terribly narrow.

I was a little miffed when I came up behind that slow-moving truck. As usual, I was in a hurry. Then came the signal. The driver of the truck stuck his big arm out the window and motioned me to pass. Without giving it a second thought I hit the accelerator and started around him.

I put my total trust in a signal given by someone I'd never seen in my life. I literally put my life in his hands! I wondered how many times I'd done that before. Many!!!!

We do such things every day. Taking a taxi, boarding a plane, getting in a car and driving. We commit our lives to total strangers.

We also take the word of others concerning matters of health, nutrition, and finances. It may be a first-time visit to a doctor. Perhaps we take advice from an article in a newspaper or magazine - even Christian publications.

Isn't it amazing? Especially when we are so reluctant to trust in the Word of the Lord God. It's terribly inconsistent for a Christian to place such total confidence in men and refuse to trust God.

Not one promise of God has ever failed. Not one!! Yet, we listen with greater confidence to the banker, insurance salesman, realtor or stock broker than to God.

The testimony of God is certain. You can trust Him!

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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, when I become angry,
help me remember that You offer
peace. Let me turn to You for
wisdom, patience and the peace
that only You can give.**

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.



- **OCT. 31** - TRUNK OR TREAT @6-8PM
- **NOV. 3-5** - GOSPEL MEETING
- **NOV 6** - MNFM @6PM
- **NOV 11** - FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT @6PM
- **NOV 17-19** - YOUTH RALLY, MANCHESTER, CT (DRIVERS & CHAPERONES NEEDED!)

FALL MEETING

Nov. 3-5, David Rollert, minister at the Lakes Region church of Christ, will conduct a meeting -



“What is this Gospel that People Talk About?”, lessons from 1 Cor. 15. Begin to think about people to invite and pray for them and

David. Pamphlets are in the foyer.

- **Nov 3 - 7 pm - Fri. PM** - Reporting the Facts of the Good News
- **Nov 4 - 8am - Sat. am** (men) - Is it really worth it? A look at a life changed
- **Nov 4 - 7pm - Sat. pm** - Resurrection? Really? That sounds awfully mystic
- **Nov 5 - 9:30am - Sun. worship** - Unfading victory
- **Nov 5 - 11am - Sun. class** - The promise of a better life



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 it.

Turkey Baskets



If you know someone who needs a basket, please call the office.

- Sign up sheets in the foyer for contributions to the turkey baskets.
- Please bring food by Sun., Nov. 19
- Baskets will be put together on Nov. 21 at 5pm
- Pizza will be provided.

Mowing & Grounds

- We need everyone's help to keep things tended. It gives a caring impression to those around...if we care about the building, we must also care about their souls.
- *There is a sign up sheet in the foyer, including snow removal - it's coming!*



Penny is donating money from the sale of her cards to the Disaster Relief effort. You can buy the card, \$5/pack. There is a basket of cards in the foyer.



To all our teachers & helpers
To the many who have signed up to cook. It's good to have more families involved
A HUGE thanks to those who helped with the Fall Clean-Up. Many things got taken care of and the result of all the helping hands is GREAT!

Wed. Evening Suppers

Supper is every Wednesday @6pm. This week, Kerstin Dumas & Kim Daggett are making 2 kinds of chili - one for those who do not like hot & one for those of us that do!, salad & dessert. Dinner is still only \$4/person.

- Please help by signing up in the foyer for:
 - Are you coming?
 - When are you willing to cook?
- If you would like someone to team with, call the church office or grab a friend, plan your menu.
- Call the church office with your menu by Tuesday so it can be posted.

Ladies' Bible Study

Watch for details on a new Ladies' Class. Children are welcome. All interested, please talk to Linda Paul.

Family Bible Reading, Birthday and Congregational Calendar for Oct. 29- Nov. 4

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29-John 13	30- 2 Chrn. 19-20	31-2 Chrn. 21-22	1-John 14 Wed Evening Supper @ 6pm	2- 2 Chrn. 23-24	3-John 15	42 Chrn. 26-26 Work Day @ 9am
David Bellamy - BD	Tom Jones - BD	Noreen Dutch - BD				

Youth & Family News



UPCOMING EVENTS

Be on the lookout for future events. If you want to lead an event, or help, please call the church office to check that the date is free and **PLEASE volunteer!**

Trunk or Treat: Oct. 31 @ 6-8pm. Set up is at 5:30. This has been a good outreach for people around us as well as a fun time for our own families. Dress your trunk & yourselves; come join us for fun.

REMINDER: Store-bought candy

Nov. 11 - Family Movie Night - price of admission - 1 can of chicken per child

Nov. 17-19 - Youth Rally - Manchester, CT - **Need:** chaperones to go. Please call one of the elders or the church office to volunteer.

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Question of the Week

Do you always 'speak the truth in love'?

GOD IS LOSER-FRIENDLY

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ has accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

Romans 15:7

What does 'Loser-Friendly' mean? Let's face the facts, everyone has strengths and weaknesses. If you think you are the type of person who has it all, you may not like this article. You may be good at one or multiple things but probably there are one or two things you struggle with as a person and a Christian. Whether you are a CEO, 4.0 student, star athlete, or voted most popular, you have weaknesses, we all do!

It's not easy to live in the world today, but we must find a way to do it. There is so much pressure not only to be the best you can be, but also to be better than everyone else is. The competition is at an all-time high and mediocre is becoming unacceptable.

What happens if you just can't keep up with the competition? What if you are not the smartest, fastest, best looking, coolest, not peopler person around? What then?

Some suggestions:

1. Remember that God made you who you are for a reason. God loves you and wants you to love yourself and to love others.

2. God does not want you to believe what others tell you about yourself, unless they are doing so in a loving manner with the intention of helping you become a better person.
3. God is not concerned with whether or not you win the race, just as long as you finish the race.
4. God made you in His image therefore you are God's creation and as the saying goes, 'God does not make JUNK!'
5. Although you may not know what your talents are, remember that He does, and He will use them through you to further His kingdom as long as you are willing to allow it.
6. God values you, otherwise He would not have sent Jesus to suffer and die for you.
7. Surround yourself with people who build you up, not tear you down.
8. Without Him, we are nothing. But with Him, we are more important than the wisest, strongest, most influential people in the world.
9. Remember to pray for yourself and others.

Kerry Richardson

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.

FAMILY COMMUNICATIONS, PT. 3 SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

We’ve been thinking about healthy communication skills in this bulletin space for the last couple of weeks. We’ve talked about the importance of listening and letting the other person finish talking, and the clear wisdom of thinking before you speak. These, all by themselves, could lead to significant decline in misunderstandings and hurt feelings, whether in our personal families or in the church; but there are still more communication principles that will help. Another is “Speaking the truth in love.”

As a part of a lengthy list of things that Christians should learn to do, the apostle Paul taught, “*but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,*” Ephesians 4:15. There are two parts to doing this right, when we are communicating with family.

First, speak the *truth*, don’t exaggerate. It is incredibly tempting to exaggerate or use hyperbole, when we are upset: “You always...”, “I never...”, “Stop yelling at me!”, “You’re just like your (insert disliked relative here)”, etc. Exaggeration and hyperbole usually offends the other person because of what they believe to be a lie, and often only serves to escalate the emotions and sidetrack us from the real issue at hand. Not exaggerating takes deliberate thought (think before you speak) to speak the real (not exaggerated) truth. This will take effort to remember and practice, but you don’t want others to exaggerate things about you, right? So, don’t exaggerate. As the old police TV show used to say, “Just the facts, ma’am.”

Second, the truth needs to be spoken *in love*. Speaking the truth can be painful, and many times the truth is actually used as a weapon. Have you ever heard someone say something to

someone else that was actually cruel, and then heard them say, “Well, I’m just telling the truth!” This is so common that our first assumption about someone telling us the truth is often that they are just trying to hurt us (there’s an application here to effective evangelism, too, but I digress). Truth should never be “weaponized”, used to slam or maliciously hurt others. Truth should be used to help; and when it is spoken in love, in the best interest of the other person, it does. Even hard things can be said, if the one hearing them knows that you don’t say them to hurt.

This, of course, puts a burden on the one speaking truth, that the hearer knows that no harm is meant. How? Just a suggestion: “I need to tell you something, but first, do you know that I love you?” Put it in your own words, of course; but such a simple and sincere statement before telling the truth (not an exaggeration) could be extremely powerful. Taking the time and making the effort to make sure the other person knows that truth is being spoken in love is well worth both the time and the effort.

Imagine how much shorter disagreements within a family could be, if everyone were practicing the whole principle of “speaking the truth in love”. There’d be fewer assumptions made, more relational intimacy, tighter family bonds, more openness, fewer grudges nursed (because “I just can’t talk to him/her about X”), more contentious issues really resolved, and fewer old problems revisited.

Bless yourself, your personal family, and your church family with “speaking the truth in love” in all your communications.

Park Linscomb