

# BULLETIN

## Perfect Love

Someone has written the following  
description of true love:

Slow to suspect - quick  
to trust,  
Slow to condemn - quick  
to justify,  
Slow to offend - quick to  
defend,  
Slow to expose - quick to  
shield,  
Slow to reprimand -  
quick to forebear,  
Slow to belittle - quick to  
appreciate,  
Slow to demand - quick  
to give,  
Slow to provoke - quick  
to conciliate,  
Slow to hinder - quick to  
help,  
Slow to resent - quick to  
forgive.

This description  
reminds us of the one  
given by Paul in I Cor.  
13:4-7(NKJV): *“Love suf-  
fers long and is kind;  
love does not envy; love  
does not parade itself, is  
not puffed up; does not  
behave rudely, does not  
seek it's own, is not pro-  
voked, thinks no evil;  
does not rejoice in iniq-  
uity, but rejoices in the  
truth; bears all things,  
believes all things, hopes  
all things, endures all  
things.”*

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Building & Grounds - Will  
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Education - Doug Paul

**Worship Time:**

Sun. Worship - 9:30AM  
Bible Class - 11:00AM  
Sun. Evening - 6:00PM  
Wed. Bible Class - 7:00PM



Dear Lord,

Please help me develop a heart that is  
loving and patient and kind. Help me  
remember that You answer every

prayer.

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 are a visitor to our church, welcome!** If you have questions, we welcome them; please do not hesitate to ask Park Linscomb, our minister, the really tall guy, or any other church member.

THANKS

Help

There are many in our congregation that quietly and consistently clear sidewalks and steps, prepare the Lord's Supper, take communion to shut-ins, take the trash to the curb on Wednesday evenings, and minister through mail. Each of you brings glory to God and thank you.

- Prayerfully consider how you can help serve from the many needs following.

## Lord's Supper to Shut-ins

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

## Pantry

The pantry is thankful for all donations. Please check expiration dates to be sure the food is still safe. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35

## Snow Removal and Grounds

- The snow is not over. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for snow removal.
- We need everyone's help to keep things tended as it gives a caring impression to those around...if we care about the building, we must also care about their souls.

## Teachers

- If you are going to be out of town, please let Doug Paul know so your class can be covered.
- **There is a need for a teacher for the Junior High class on Sunday morning.**

## Reminder

After fellowship time when the classroom doors close the noise and discussions in the fellowship hall need to cease or move to another part of the building.

## Other Notes

We need a couple of people to be in a rotation to help get communion and coffee ready on Sunday mornings. Call the church office to sign up to help.



- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.** Watch for the date and time. Your input is valued.
- **MAR. 24 - BIDDEFORD LADIES' DAY.**
- **MAR. 31 - LADIES' DAY - ROXBURY CHURCH OF CHRIST.**
- **APR. 6-8 - CONWAY'S LADIES' WEEKEND.**
- **APR. 13-15 - MANCHESTER, NH YOUTH RALLY.**

## MNFM - Tomorrow Night

Come join us tomorrow evening for fellowship and an opportunity to serve. Dinner will be at 6PM.

## Wed. Night Supper

**FEB. 7 - Kim Daggett and Kerstin Dumas** are making meatball subs and a sign up sheet is in the foyer. Once you sign up, call the church office if you want someone to cook with. Plan your menu and call the church office by Tuesday so it can be posted in the bulletin.

## SEARCH TV Program Listings

**Airs in Concord** - Ch 22, Sun. at 8:00AM & Fri. at 12:30PM.

**Airs in Derry** - Community TV - 23; Sun. at 9:00AM, and 4:00PM, Mon. at 7:00AM, and Sat. at 7:00AM.

## Family Bible Reading, Birthday and Congregational Calendar for Jan. Feb 4- Feb. 10

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4- Gen. 43-44	5 - Gen. 45-46	6 - Gen. 47-48	7- Matt. 13 ----- Wednesday Night Supper @6pm	8 - Gen. 49-50	9 - Exodus 1  Ryan Mackey - BD	10- Ex. 2-3

# Youth & Family News



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Be on the lookout for future events. If you lead or help with an event, please talk with one of our elders and check with the church office to see that the date is free, then PLEASE volunteer!

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** - Input is needed from all, that means the Youth, also. Please watch for the notice and plan to attend and share your input.

**FEB. 23-25 - CONWAY YOUTH RALLY** - Forms will be on the Youth Board. Registrations and fee are due by Feb. 10. There is a need for chaperones.

**APR. 13-15 - MANCHESTER, NH YOUTH RALLY** - The GOOD Shepherd, Psalm 23. Join us for a fun weekend digging deeply into God's Word! We will spend the weekend studying the beloved passage, Psalm 23, gaining some perspective and applying the message to our lives

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**Question of the Week**  
How do you show your love?

## Youth Rally, April 13 - 15, is coming quickly!

- Man in charge - Park.
- Speaker selected - Jon McKenzie.
- Theme finalized - The Good Shepherd.
- Registration completed and turned in.

The following areas have leads. Please talk with them if it's an area of interest to you and see how you can help:.

- Registration and Housing - Linda Paul.
- Public Relations - Linda Linscomb.
- Food - Therrien's, Freda and others.

There are other needs and we need help from *YOU*. Please watch for announcements and flyers about these needs.

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## *Psalm 23* Shepherd

Join us for a fun weekend digging deeply into God's Word! We will spend the weekend studying the beloved passage, Psalm 23, gaining some new perspectives and applying the message to our lives.

Speaker: Jon McKenzie  
Fort Worth, Texas



# 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.

## OVERCOMING TOUGH SINS GET SOMEONE TO BE ACCOUNTABLE

The last couple of bulletin articles in this series have dealt with the influences around us and how to "change the channel". But there is more that can be done to help us in making the Christian changes in our lives. Especially tough sins may require someone to be accountable to, an accountability partner (AP).

Now, of course, we're always accountable to God, to Whom everything in our lives is completely transparent. He sees everything we do, knows everything we think, hears everything we say. From Him nothing can be hidden; so, He'd make a great "accountability partner". The problem is that we human beings don't see Him with our eyes of flesh; we don't literally see His disappointment at our lapses; and we don't literally hear His correction, when we need it. And this is why it can be useful to ask a trusted brother or sister to hold us accountable regarding those difficult things in our lives that we want to change.

The New Testament gives us a foundation for such helpers in our lives. Galatians 6:1, 2 tells us, "*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. Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.*" One of the reasons we gather together weekly is for such encouragement: (Hebrews 10:24, 25) "*and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*" Likewise, 1 Thessalonians 5:11 says to, "...*encourage one another and build each other up...*"

There are a number of things that could be said about incorporating an accountability partner to help our transform into the likeness of Christ, but here are a few rules to work with...

- Find a trusted and reliable brother or sister to be your AP. Once chosen, take the him or her fully into your confidence. Share what you want to change, what your temptations are, what your challenges are, where you are likely to fail, and some of the reasons that you want to change (there ought to

be more than one—the most important being the Lord, of course).

- The second step is one that is easy to do, but hard to live with: Give permission to your AP to ask tons of tough, uncomfortable questions. Generally speaking, one of the biggest obstacles to changing the tough sins in our lives is that most of us are pretty at generous excusing ourselves. Part of having an AP is keep us honest with ourselves, expose our excuses, and call sin a sin. This is possible, only if the AP has your permission to ask you hard personal questions. And when the hard questions come, confess freely. Nothing is gained by keeping things back.
- Meet regularly without fail. You and your AP will have to work out the details of when, where, and how long to meet; but when those plans have been made, you must **commit** yourself to faithfully to make your appointment. Sometimes when we fail, our instinct is to hide (just like Adam and Eve). This comes in the form of discovering that you had another not-to-be-missed appointment, or conveniently forgetting the AP appointment, or something else. There are things to be learned from failure, that you and your AP can and should talk about.
- Set up a number of small goals and celebrate wins. As you and your AP set things up, it can be really useful to set up goals—tiny goals—for yourself. Why tiny goals? First, tiny goals are more doable than big ones. Second, just because they are tiny doesn't mean that progress isn't being made; lots of tiny successes start adding up to larger and larger successes. And as you find success in the tiny goals, celebrate! Another reason to have an AP is to have someone to celebrate your success with.

If overcoming some sins in your life is proving more difficult that you thought, an accountability partner just might help.

Park Linscomb

