

BULLETIN

THE YOUTH RALLY IS COMING!!

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 new perspectives and applying the message to our lives.



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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,
Help me think on pure and lovely
things so I will grow pure and lovely
and in Your image.
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.



Thank you to those who work quietly in the background, around the building and in other services and keep things moving. Each of you brings glory to God.

- Thank you to all who remained for the Congregational Meeting on Sunday and for your questions and support.
- Prayerfully consider how you can help serve from the many following needs.



- ◆ **MAR. 24** - BIDDEFORD LADIES' DAY.
- ◆ **MAR. 31** - LADIES' DAY - ROXBURY CHURCH OF CHRIST. **Pre-registration only.** The sheet is in the foyer by the flyer.
- ◆ **APR. 2** - MNFM
- ◆ **APR. 6-8** - CONWAY'S LADIES' WEEK-END.
- ◆ **APR. 28** - CONNECTICUT LADIES' DAY.
- ◆ **MAY 5** - LADIES' DAY - BENNINGTON, VT. church of Christ.
- ◆ **MAY 6** - A CAPPELLA HYMN SING, SPRINGFIELD, VT church of Christ
- ◆ **MAY 12** - LADIES' DAY - TILTON church of Christ.
- ◆ **June 15-16** - NE MEN'S RETREAT.
- ◆ **JUNE 24 - 30** - WWW AT GANDER BROOK.



There are several things coming up of special significance to the family here.

- 🕒 **Mar. 18** - YOUTH RALLY TEAM MEETING in Ladies' classroom, pizza will be provided.
- 🕒 **APR. 13-15** - MANCHESTER, NH YOUTH RALLY.
- 🕒 **June 23-30** - WORK & WORSHIP WEEK - GANDER BROOK.
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Benevolence - Pantry

This ministry helps people out weekly. Talk with *Dave Skerry* about helping.

Lord's Supper to Shut-ins

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

Building and Grounds

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. Please talk with *Will Hamel* to help.

Education - Teachers

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

Wed. Night Supper

MAR. 21 - Kathy will make pasta and sauce. The sign up sheet to eat is in the foyer.

- If you want to cook, please sign up, plan your menu & 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 Mar. 18 - Mar. 24

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 - Lev. 4-5 Youth Rally Team meeting in Ladies' Classroom after class, pizza will be provided.	19 - Lev. 6 Anne Davis -BD	20 - Lev. 7	21 - Matt. 25 Wednesday Night Supper @6PM	22 - Lev. 8-9 Nicole Spence - BD	23 - Lev. 10 Louise Roy - BD	24 - Lev. 11-12 Biddeford Ladies' Day Jolene - Panera Pick-up

Youth & Family News



UPCOMING EVENTS

Be on the lookout for future events. If you want to 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!

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Question of the Week

Have you read Psalm 23 to be ready for the Youth Rally?

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 to see how you can help:

- Registration and Housing - Linda Paul.
- Public Relations - Linda Linscomb.
- Food - Therrien's, Freda and others.
- Decorations - Kerstin Dumas
- Other needs will be announced and we need help from *YOU*.



If there is something you can do, please let Park know or call the church office. If you want to help with one of the items listed above, call and let the people in charge know of your interest and willingness.

- Registration forms are in the foyer on the Youth Board. Please take one, sign up and turn your form in. Even though you do not need housing, we want all of our kids registered.
- Public Relations: check with Linda Linscomb about how you can help get the word out to other congregations.
- Registration & housing: check with Linda Paul about how you can help. There is a need for people to host both young people and chaperones.
- Food: Teenagers love to eat! Freda and the Therrien's are coordinating meals. There is a need for help in the kitchen.
- Decorations: Check with Kerstin Dumas as to what help she needs and when.
- Other help needed:
 - Clean up: after meals, at the end of each evening; including taking our trash, sweeping, mopping, checking bathrooms.
 - Possible transportation on Saturday to activities.
 - Need a teen emcee.
 - Program design - teens, need your help.
 - Commercials - teens, need your help in creating & doing commercials.
 - Games.

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 PRAY AND FIGHT FOR IT

Over the past several weeks I've been writing occasionally about overcoming tough sins. We started right after New Year's Day, because that is the traditional time for making resolutions about improvements for our lives. We have talked about how some sins are just tough to overcome and we've considered the strategies of separating ourselves from bad company and bad influences, changing the channel, getting someone to be an accountability partner, and watching how others overcome similar problems in their lives. This will be the last in this particular series of bulletin articles on this subject but I think this “strategy” point is utterly crucial: we must persevere in prayer and in fighting to overcome. These were the two things that we see in Jesus' own life most often as He Himself wrestled with temptation.

Jesus prayed, and prayed, and prayed. In fact, before His greatest temptation and trial, the trial and cross, He prayed from the moment He arrived at Gethsemane to the moment the soldiers arrived to arrest Him—likely hours. He prayed so earnestly and intensely that He sweat drops of blood according to Luke 22:44. Not only this, He urged the apostles, especially Peter, James, and John, (Mark 14:38) *“Keep watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”* Did you get that last part? The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak; does that sound like a familiar struggle in your resolution? Jesus' solution: pray; stay awake and pray!

It is often said, but too seldom grasped, we have no idea how much power we neglect, when we fail to earnestly and persistently pray in faith. The same Person who created the entire universe (seen and unseen) is “at the other end of the line”—and we even have a mediator and advocate appealing to Him on our behalf! We

can overcome even the toughest of sins by praying to God about them in faith. The prayer won't take away the temptation; but we can be strengthened in the inner man through the Spirit, and as we obey the Lord's command, we will find increasing ability to resist the sin and continue to obey God.

And we must persevere in the fight. It would be wonderful if saying no to the sin once would defeat it forever, but it's not that way. At the end of what is known as the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness Luke records (Luke 4:13), *“When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time.”* Satan didn't take this defeat as final; he only left Jesus until another opening presented itself. Satan is nothing if not persistent. This means that we must continue to fight for the progress and victories that we've won. Sin and temptation will continue to wait at the doorstep of our hearts hoping to wear us down and wear us out until we give in. But we must be vigilant, watchful, and determined to stand firm against Satan's ambushes, traps, and surprise attacks. We must be like Paul, who was concerned about the attack of discouragement against the Corinthian brethren: (2 Corinthians 2:11) *“so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.”* You have to continue to fight for the gains.

Some temptations are really tough; they've sunk their claws deeply into our hearts and our “flesh”. But just because they are tough doesn't mean that they're indomitable. Our God is tougher than any sin and His wisdom has given us the strategies we need to overcome even the toughest ones. Even better, when we occasionally do fail and later repent, our God forgives. How great is our God!???

Park Linscomb