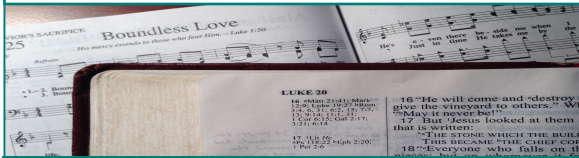


MANCHESTER BULLETIN



*"Let all things be done decently and in order."
(1 Corinthians 14:40 NKJV)*

JUNE 30, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP	GERRY MILLETTE
SONG LEADER	GARY DIAZ
625	CHRIST FOR THE WORLD WE SING
666 (VERSES 1, 2, & 4)	I AM THINE, O LORD
957	THIS WORLD IS NOT MY HOME
SCRIPTURE	RICH THERRIEN
VERSE	MATTHEW 18:19-20
SERMON	DANNY CAMPBELL
904 (VERSES 1, 2, & 4)	HAVE YOU BEEN TO JESUS?
496	O LISTEN TO THE WONDROUS STORY
LORDS SUPPER	MIKE GIRLING
CLOSING PRAYER	DAVE SKERRY
ANNOUNCEMENTS	GERRY MILLETTE
WORSHIP TECH	CALEB OEHLERT
COORDINATOR	RICH THERRIEN
WEDNESDAY EVENING	JULY 3, 2024
SONG LEADER	DANNY CAMPBELL
PRAYER	DAVE SKERRY
DEVO	MATT SAULNIER
WORSHIP TECH	CALEB OEHLERT

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Worship Times:

Sun. Worship - 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time - 10:30 AM

Bible Classes - 11:00 AM

Sun. Evening - 6:00 PM

Tuesday Morning Ladies' Class - 10:00 AM

Wed. Evening Devo & Bible Class - 7:00 PM

WHEN MY HEART IS
OVERWHELMED
LEAD ME TO THE
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HIGHER THAN I
PS 61:2

Family News & Prayer Requests

“Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”
(James 5:16, NKJV)

Other News & Notes:

- We are running low on containers. If you have borrowed any from the church, please return them (cleaned). Thank you.
- Larissa B is requesting help with mowing her lawn. If you would be willing to help her, or know someone who can, please call her at 603-391-5515. She is willing to pay someone \$40-\$45.

Thank you to those who helped move the chairs after the carpet cleaning.

New Prayer Requests

- Darlene and Alan's sister, **Marsha**, was recently moved to a locked unit at NH Veterans Home due to wandering.

Continuing Prayer Requests

- Freda's brother-in-law, **Dan**
- **Gary C's** foot & healing
- Linda P's younger brother, **Pat**
- **Linda P's** upcoming medical workup
- **Danny's** health
- Alex's sister, **Sam, and her baby/pregnancy**
- Rick's friend, **Tim**
- **Hannah's** health
- **Nicole's** recovery
- **Dan & Diane** (Will & Kathy's friends)

DATES TO SAVE!

- **June 22-August 3:** Ganderbrook camping season
- **July 27:** Free VBS at the Lakes Region church of Christ
 - More information posted in foyer
- **September 12-14:** Gander Brook Ladies Retreat, "Lead Me To them: Sharing the Bread"
 - More information to come
- **September 13-15:** Live Seminar with Jeff Miller at the Lakes Region church of Christ
 - More information posted in foyer
- **October 11-13:** The 29th Annual Northern New England Lectures at the Lakes Region church of Christ
 - More information posted in foyer
- **November 15-17:** "Is the Bible Reliable" presented by Eric Lyons at the Lakes Region church of Christ
 - More information posted in foyer

There will be no bulletin July 7th due to the holiday weekend (since Nicole will be gone).

June Budget Vs Contribution			
DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
6/2	\$3200	\$3838	+ \$638.00
6/9	\$3200	\$3879	+ \$679.00
6/16	\$3200	\$2488	-\$712.00
6/23	\$3200	\$2055	-\$1145.00
6/30	\$3200		
June Total	\$12,800		

Please remember:

- Any items for the Bulletin need to be sent to the church email by 7p on Thursday.
- Any items for the News & Notes need to be sent to the church email by **6p** on Tuesday.

DON'T WASTE GOD'S TIME

“Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.”
– Matthew 7:6.

This, to me, is difficult to execute. I mean, how does one recognize a sow or a dog in human form? I know what they look like out in the barnyard; but how does one apply this teaching to people we meet in the marketplace? How do we recognize the “dogs” or “pigs” that walk among us in human form? That's not as easy to do, especially when Jesus, just a few verses earlier in the same teaching, cautioned us against judging people harshly (“Judge not that ye be not judged . . .” - Matthew 7:1).

I've met people that, initially, I wanted to “write off” only later to discover that I had misjudged them. On the other hand, I've met others who made a great impression at first; yet later I'd always hear the squealing of pigs and barking of dogs upon their every approach.

I think I understand what Jesus is saying here: Don't waste your time on rebellious, deceitful people. Don't try to coach people who aren't “coachable “. God is the Author of Time and Eternity. Don't waste the time He has given us on rebellious, disobedient and deceitful people.

How do I apply the teaching in my life? If you ain't listenin' – I ain't talkin'. As a general rule, that

works pretty well for me.

Another answer to the question is given to us in verse 16 of the same chapter, where Jesus says, “You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?” I realize the proposition is a little problematic, because Jesus here is telling us how to recognize false prophets. But are there not false disciples as well? And Paul, who in another passage wrote that he was “in perils among false brethren” (2 Corinthians 11:26) tells us clearly that the false disciple is to be shunned (“But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one” - 1 Corinthians 5:11). A hard truth; but a necessary one.

Anyway, we all are responsible to God to bear good fruit. And our walk, under God and with His help, should bear good fruit. And, once one gives every evidence that they are rebellious and wicked with no intention enter at the “strait gate” and walk the “narrow path” (Matthew 7:14), we, being responsible stewards of the time God has given us, must move on. Because there are many others out there who are searching for God. Let's go find 'em!

-Danny Campbell

