MANCHESTER BULLETIN



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

JULY 21, 2024						
CALL TO WORSHIP	GERRY MILLETTE					
Song Leader	GARY DIAZ					
4	To God Be the Glory					
514	REDEEMED					
452	STANDING ON THE PROMISES					
SCRIPTURE	MIKE GIRLING					
Verse	Јони 14:12-14					
SERMON	DANNY CAMPBELL					
904	Have You Been to Jesus?					
350	WHEN MY LOVE TO CHRIST GROWS WEAK					
LORDS SUPPER	RICH THERRIEN					
CLOSING PRAYER	WILL HAMEL					
ANNOUNCEMENTS	GERRY MILLETTE					
Worship Tech	ALEX NORMANDIN					
Coordinator	MATT SAULNIER					
WEDNESDAY Evening	JULY 24, 2024					
Song Leader	MATT SAULNIER					
PRAYER	DAVE SKERRY					
Devo	GERRY MILLETTE					
Worship Tech	ALEX NORMANDIN					

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Benevolence - David Skerry Education - Doug Paul 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



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)

DATES TO SAVE!

- **NEW DATE:** August 30-September 2: Gander Brook **Singles Retreat**
 - More information posted in the foyer
- NEW DATE: September 19-21: Gander Brook Men's Retreat
 - Topic: "Next?" with Park Linscomb
 - More information posted in the fover
- June 22-August 3: Gander Brook camping season
- July 26-27: Littleton Church of Christ sponsors a free seminar "How We Got the Bible" with Denny Petrillo, PhD.
 - More information posted in the foyer
- July 27: Free VBS at the Lakes Region church of Christ
 - More information posted in the fover
- July 31 (Wednesday): Singing night at the building
- September 2 (Labor Day): The Skerry's are hosting a Labor Day picnic! More details to follow.
- September 12-14: Gander Brook Ladies Retreat, "Lead Me To them: Sharing the Bread"
 - More information is now posted in the foyer
- **September 13-15:** Live Seminar with Jeff Miller at the Lakes Region church of Christ
 - More information posted in the foyer
- October 11-13: The 29th Annual Northern New England Lectures at the Lakes Region church of Christ
 - More information posted in the foyer
- November 15-17: Manchester, CT Youth Rally
 - More information to come
- November 15-17: "Is the Bible Reliable" presented by Eric Lyons at the Lakes Region church of Christ
 - More information posted in the foyer

Darlene C(ordaro) would like to thank everyone for all the prayers over the past 12 or so years. She has felt the prayers as she has had to deal with some really difficult situations over the years. She could not have done it without the prayers. "Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart!" Please continue to pray for the school, as it is always facing issues.

New Prayer Requests

• The **Potter family** requests prayers at the sudden passing of Freda's daughter and Candy's sister, Barbara, on Monday 7/15

Updated Prayer Requests

• Darlene & Alan's sister Marsha continues to be in the NH Veteran's Home locked unit. The facility is in lockdown at this time due to an increase in covid there, which makes things more difficult for Marsha.

Continuing Prayer Requests

- Juliette's friend, Alicia
- Judy D's son, Gary Jr
- Hannah's improving health

July Budget Vs Contribution								
DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE					
7/7	\$3200	\$2428	- (\$772.00)					
7/14	\$3200	\$4673	+ \$1473.00					
7/21	\$3200							
7/28	\$3200							
July 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.

Words of Encouragement

"Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard lest we drift away."

(Hebrews 2:1 NKJV)

SAYING "GOOD-BYE"

"A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of birth." – Ecclesiastes 7:1

"Do not put your trust in princes, *Nor* in a son of man, in whom *there is* no help.

His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish." – Psalm 146:3-4

In my office there hangs a painting done by a college classmate of mine who passed away a few years back. It's a painting of my big sister, Linda, herself "absent from the body" and "present with the Lord." She always looked out for me, counseled me, listened to me, corrected me (a little too often, in my book). When she called me one day in 1986, telling me she had an apartment; needed another person to share it with her; and I should move to New York, I didn't bat an eye. I moved up there within a week. That's the kind of relationship we always had. I always trusted her, looked up to her and tried to be a good brother to her. By the end of that first week in New York City, I had met my Kimberly. What if my sister hadn't called me? Who knows?

When a lifetime of Type 1 Diabetes finally took its toll on Linda about eight years ago, it was difficult. She had always been so strong and reliable, and I hated to see her struggle. She had very serious health struggles for many years (two transplants, three years of dialysis), yet through most of it she kept on moving and for many years, kept on working. Despite diabetes. Despite painful arthritis. Despite three rounds of kidney failure.

Through it all, Linda kept a sunny disposition and trusted in the Lord to keep her healthy. I admired her for that. But it was still difficult for me, seeing my strong, funny, reliable, constant and content big sister get older and older, weaker and weaker, until she finally, in October of 2016, slipped away.

Having seen her endure, with grace and serenity, so many difficulties, I was truly glad that her journey in the flesh came to an end. She doesn't hurt anymore, and she is in Paradise. But still, something in her departure seemed "wrong". I, along with many others, had depended on her wisdom and friendship for so long. Why would such a blessing be taken away? I didn't like it. Didn't seem fair. Not to Linda, who had suffered so much. Not to me, who loved her and still misses her. Why do the ones we love, leave?

But maybe in all this death Our Lord is trying to remind us of something. Perhaps about not depending so much on folks we can see and touch. Maybe He allows us to see our heroes grow old and eventually die because He knows we need to learn to depend on Him and not on frail flesh that will always let us down. I think that's it. In fact, I'm sure of it.

No matter what may happen and who we may lose along the way (temporarily, if the departed loved one is in Christ), our God is constant and reliable. He will never leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5b)

-Danny Campbell

Lesson Notes

"Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away." (Hebrews 2:1 NKJV)

From Whence the Power?

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these wi he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it." John 14:12-14 (ESV)							

Bible Reading/Birthday/Anniversary Calendar July 21-27, 2024								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
7/21	7/22	7/23	7/24	7/25	7/26	7/27		
1 Samuel 19-20	1 Samuel 21-22	1 Samuel 23-24	Luke 12	1 Samuel 25	1 Samuel 26-27	1 Samuel 28-29		
			Rick & Karen anniversary		Peter S bday			