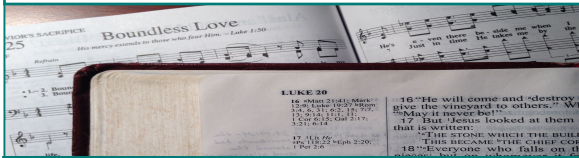


MANCHESTER BULLETIN



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

AUGUST 11, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP	GERRY MILLETTE
SONG LEADER	GARY DIAZ
76 (VERSES 1, 2, 4)	HOW GREAT THOU ART
875	HOME OF THE SOUL
916	WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE
SCRIPTURE	DAVID GIRLING
VERSE	MATTHEW 6:7-9A
SERMON	DANNY CAMPBELL
934	SOFTLY AND TENDERLY
366	BY CHRIST REEDEEMED
LORDS SUPPER	JOHN OGUNSUYI
CLOSING PRAYER	MIKE GIRLING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	BARRY FOGAL
WORSHIP TECH	CALEB OEHLERT
COORDINATOR	DANNY CAMPBELL
WEDNESDAY EVENING	AUGUST 14, 2024
SONG LEADER	MATT SAULNIER
PRAYER	DANNY CAMPBELL
DEVO	RICH THERRIEN
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

*“For I am the Lord your God
who takes hold of your
right hand and says to you,
Do not fear; I will help you.”
Isaiah 41:13*

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!

(More information in foyer unless otherwise stated)

- **NEW EVENT: Saturday, November 9:** Friendsgiving
 - More details to come
- **August 30-September 2:** Gander Brook Singles Retreat
- **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"
- **September 13-15:** Live Seminar with Jeff Miller at the Lakes Region church of Christ
- **September 19-21:** Gander Brook Men's Retreat
 - Topic: "Next?" with Park Linscomb
- **October 4:** Ladies Fun Night/Sleepover at Nicole H(artford)'s in MA. More details to come!
- **October 11-13:** The 29th Annual Northern New England Lectures at the Lakes Region church of Christ
- **November 15-17:** Manchester, CT Youth Rally
- **November 15-17:** "Is the Bible Reliable" presented by Eric Lyons at the Lakes Region church of Christ

New Prayer Requests

- **Derek** asks for prayers. He has been experiencing pain which is causing stress and temptation. He asks for prayers for his pain to go away, the situation to be managed, and strength to avoid giving in to temptation as he works through this with God's help.

Continuing Prayer Requests

- Alex's sister, **Sam**, and the pregnancy
- Linda P's cousin, **Donna**
- **Alan C's** health
- **Jayden's** health
- **Nicole H(artford)'s** health
- **Mike K's** injury
- **Judy & Gary's** health
- Dave's friend, **Lee C**
- Prayers of Praise from **Darlene C(hamberlain)**
- Joann's cousin, **Maureen**
- Noelani's supervisor's son, **Jake**

It has recently been reported that church emails are being found in people's SPAM & TRASH folders. Please check your email filter settings. You may need to also search your SPAM/TRASH folders separate from the inbox search.

Darlene C(ordaro) is looking for a dog sitter for 2 small dogs from 9/16 to 10/11 (dates subject to change at the moment). Please let her know if you can assist!

August Budget Vs Contribution			
DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
8/4	\$3200	\$2592	-(\$608)
8/11	\$3200		
8/18	\$3200		
8/25	\$3200		
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.

HEALTHY LIVING

“Many Americans say they attend church because it helps them stay grounded and gives them spiritual guidance. A new study suggests that regular attendance may also help increase their lifespan.

“Researchers looked at data on nearly 75,000 middle-age female nurses in the United States as part of the Nurses’ Health Study. The participants answered questions about whether they attended religious services regularly every four years between 1992 and 2012, and about other aspects of their lives over the years.

“The researchers found that women who went to church more than once a week had a 33% lower risk of dying during the study period compared with those who said they never went. Less-frequent attendance was also associated with a lower risk of death, as women who attended once a week or less than weekly had 26% and 13% lower risk of death, respectively.”

(Source: CNN.com, May 16, 2016)

Turns out your mother was right. Going to church is good for you, and there is good statistical evidence for the health benefit that accompanies gathering regularly with the saints.

However, when one considers the situation worldwide, we know that for some, church attendance is a risky proposition that could shorten one’s physical lifespan. And, considering the precarious situations in which God has allowed His people throughout history, we must always understand the truth that we assemble regularly for more powerful reasons than extending our lives in the flesh.

Throughout the ages, Christians have taken great risks to meet with their brothers and sisters. In the catacombs. In secret. At night. Hiding from

persecutors. Braving danger, sword, trouble of all kinds. Losing property and freedom. In some regions, persecution continues even today. Yet believers, braving dangers of all kinds, still come together in the knowledge that not only do we all need Christ, but we also need human contact with fellow disciples. Despite our flaws. Despite our sins. Despite our great ability to mess things up.

We come together for spiritual and eternal, rather than earthly and temporal reasons. We meet not because it will extend our life in the flesh, but because our Father commands it; because it helps us “hold fast the confession of our hope;” because when we gather together we “stir up love and good works;” because we “exhort one another . . . as we see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:23-25). We come together because, simply put, we are better together.

What stands in your way and keeps you from gathering with the saints regularly? Is it a work commitment? Is it a hobby? Are you tired? Are you discouraged? Do you think you’re not “good enough”? Did you have a bad interaction with someone? Whatever holds you back, keep in mind that we are commanded to gather, and that great rewards come along with our being obedient to the command. Fellowship with other disciples strengthens us and encourages us.

Our faith was never intended to be lived out in isolation.

-Danny Campbell

