

MANCHESTER BULLETIN

The Manchester church of Christ

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DECEMBER 15, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP	Barry Fogal
SONG LEADER	Gary Diaz
76 (VERSES 1, 3, & 4)	How Great Thou Art
221	Jesus, Name Above All Names
222	There's Something About That Name
571	Something Beautiful
SCRIPTURE	Dave Skerry
VERSE	John 10:10
SERMON	Danny Campbell
381	Years I Spent in Vanity
366	By Christ Redeemed
LORD'S SUPPER	Rich Therrien
CLOSING PRAYER	Mike Girling
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Barry Fogal
WORSHIP TECH	Caleb Oehlert
COORDINATOR	Matt Saulnier
WEDNESDAY EVENING	DECEMBER 18, 2024
SONG LEADER	Matt Saulnier
PRAYER	Rich Therrien
DEVO	Gerry Millette
WORSHIP TECH	Caleb Oehlert

Minister

Danny Campbell: 804-223-2452

Elders

Barry Fogal: 603-326-8004

Gerry Millette: 603-315-1136

Deacons

Benevolence: David Skerry

Education: Doug Paul

Worship Times

Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time: 10:30 AM

Bible Classes: 11:00 AM

Sunday Evening: 6:00 PM

Tuesday Morning Ladies' Class:
10:00 AM

Wednesday Evening Devo &
Bible Class: 7:00 PM



FAMILY NEWS & PRAYER REQUESTS

DATES TO SAVE!

(More information in foyer unless otherwise stated)

- **RESCHEDULED EVENT: December 16 (Monday):**
The Ladies' Monthly Dinner was rescheduled to next Monday. Bring a wrapped gift up to \$5 for a swap! Let Kimberly know if you plan to attend.

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- **Weekly Recurrence:** Tuesdays after Ladies Class: lunch & handwork fellowship; see Tracy M with questions
- **Monthly Recurrence:** 2nd Monday of the Month Ladies' (only) dinner - Longhorn at 5:15p

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- **December 14 (Saturday): 9a-2p:** Ladies Sewing/ Crafting/Potluck time in the fellowship hall. Bring your projects, machines, and a dish to share! Contact Tracy M with questions.
- **December 14 (Saturday): 4p:** Adult Christmas Party at the Skerry's. Yankee Swap limit is \$20. Bring food to share.
- **December 15 (Sunday):** Christmas Caroling! Caroling will be at two places. The sign-up sheet is now at the back of the auditorium. There are more details on it too.
- **December 25 (Christmas day):** there will be no evening service
- **December 29 (Sunday): 6p:** Sing & Snack (bring snacks), followed by game time at 7p (bring some games!)
- **January 5 (Sunday):** starting during fellowship time will be a Gander Brook Ladies Retreat meeting. There are lots of ways to get involved. See Kimberly or Margery for info.
- **January 29 (Wednesday):** 5th Wednesday Singing Night

The Coffee Fund is running low. Please consider feeding it! (There is a can near the coffee maker.)

Wednesday night suppers are ongoing!
Cost is **\$5 per person**, which goes directly to the cooks to help cover their costs.
(There will be no supper on Wednesday January 1st.)

A letter is posted in the foyer regarding Freed-Hardeman's nursing students medical mission.

New Prayer Requests

- Lydia's brother, **Andrew, and the family**, need prayers for peace

Updated Prayer Requests

- Freda's son, **Bill**, had surgery 12/11 to have a stomach mass and his gallbladder removed

Continuing Prayer Requests

- **Freda**
- **Penny**
- **Nelcy**
- **Cade** in his deployment
- **Lee**, Dave's friend
- Alex's sister, **Sam**, and the pregnancy

December Budget Vs Contribution			
DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
12/1	\$3200	\$4233	+ \$1033
12/8	\$3200	TBD	TBD
12/15	\$3200		
12/22	\$3200		
12/29	\$3200		
Total	\$16,000		

Darlene C(hamberlain) has two metal hand sanitizer dispenser stations from Tru Hotel that are not in use anymore. (With permission) She is offering one (or both) if someone knows of anyone, a business, or an agency that could use these. They are destined for the scrapyard after 1/1/2025. Please see, call, or text Darlene if you are interested.

Margery is scheduling Larissa's rides for the next 3 months. Rides are needed for Monday and Wednesday mornings to and from her English class on Dubuque Street. Even if you can only take her a day or two, it is a huge help!

Kerstin will be sending a package (or several) to both Cade and his flight. Please see previous bulletins or speak to her if you would like to contribute.

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.

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WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

SHEEP, PIGS, AND WOLVES

Kimberly has always had people who looked out for her. When she was a young lady, her older sister's boyfriend stalked Kim's suitors, making sure they were worthy. She was so small, so thin (93 pounds on the day we married, even smaller back when her sister's friend protected her). Nobody was going to take advantage of his "adopted" little sister!

When I first met Kimberly, I worried about her because she had quit her job and was taking a month off work. She didn't know what she was going to do to "earn her bread" next. She had been working non-stop for ten years and thought she could use a break. She wasn't worried at all. She knew she'd find something. Though we weren't dating at this time, I still worried about the little girl I didn't know. My worries were needless. She found a job right on time. Never missed a payment.

So I wasn't surprised to discover later that on her first "real job" after college, where she helped roll out Colonial Williamsburg's Black History Program, my then-future bride had another protector. Her boss, Rex. Nobody was going to hurt Kim Sellers! One day on that first job; as Kimberly was praising some of her co-workers; talking about how nice they were, how smart, how well they all treated her; Rex became a little distressed. He interrupted Kimberly and told her to watch out. Why? Because, in his words, "Every pig ain't pork." In other words, one who represents himself as good is not, necessarily, good.

Along the same lines, Jesus tells us, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves." They seem to be good and kind. They seem to be looking out for us. But really, they're looking out for themselves alone. They will destroy you if they deem it necessary. (Matthew 7:15). Because they aren't sheep; they are wolves.

Wolves sneak in to corrupt the flock and deny God: "For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ." (Jude 4). And, once established, are bold in their wickedness, fearless in their selfish ways: "These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves." (Jude 12a).

Beloved, beware. "Every pig ain't pork." In fact, some who sneak in among us are wolves. Watch out for them. They don't come to help the sheep, but to feed on them. Pay attention. Protect yourselves. Protect the flock.

-Danny Campbell

