

MANCHESTER BULLETIN

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JANUARY 26, 2025

CALL TO WORSHIP	Barry Fogal
SONG LEADER	Matt Saulnier
509	I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
483	Is It for Me?
417	Where He Leads I'll Follow
SCRIPTURE	George Abood
VERSE	Matthew 4:18-22
SERMON	Danny Campbell
695	None of Self and All of Thee
361	Nailed to the Cross
LORD'S SUPPER	Rich Therrien
CLOSING PRAYER	Freddie Hillhouse
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Gerry Millette
WORSHIP TECH	Caleb Oehlert
COORDINATOR	Rich Therrien
WEDNESDAY EVENING	JANUARY 29, 2025
SONG LEADER	Matt Saulnier
PRAYER	Gerry Millette
DEVO	Gerry Millette
WORSHIP TECH	Caleb Oehlert

Minister

Danny Campbell: 804-223-2452

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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)

- **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
- **Monthly Recurrence: Starting January 25 (Saturday), 9a-2p:** Craft and potluck lunch time will be held every 4th Saturday of each month. All ladies welcome. Let Tracy M know when you see her if you will be coming.

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- **New Event: February 2 (Sunday) during fellowship:** A send off party for the Cordaro's is planned. Bring some treats and your well wishes!
- **New Event: May 10 (Saturday):** Annual Bible Bowl at the Seabrook Church of Christ. Registration deadline of April 20.

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- **January 29 (Wednesday):** 5th Wednesday Singing Night
- **March 8 (Saturday), 9a-1p:** Church of Christ in Roxbury presents their 14th Annual Ladies' Day, "Labor of Love" - a program for women and girls ages 12 and up. RSVPs are requested. Flyer is hanging in the foyer with more information.

Updated Prayer Requests

- Noelani's boss, **Erik**, is back at work. Thank you for your continued prayers as he deals with some health issues.

Continuing Prayer Requests

- **Darlene, Alan**, and their **other siblings**
- **Juliette's cousin, Dayanara**
- **Gary C's** recovery
- **Julia O's** recovery
- **Mary R and the family**
- **Max G**
- **Cade** in his deployment

The Cordaro's are moving! They could use some help packing up. Please call or text Darlene's cell number (603-818-1412) to make arrangements. Darlene & Jim's last Sunday is planned for 2/2.

Freda is moving to All American Assisted Living in Londonderry on January 30th. Her new address is in the directory. Calls, letters, and visits are not only welcome, but strongly encouraged.

January Budget Vs Contribution			
DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
1/5	\$3200	\$2403	- (\$797)
1/12	\$3200	\$2571	- (\$629)
1/19	\$3200	\$2699	- (\$501)
1/26	\$3200		
Total	\$12,800		

Margery is scheduling Larissa's rides for the next 3 months. Rides are needed for Monday and Wednesday mornings to and from Dubuque Street. See Margery if you can help.

Wednesday night suppers are ongoing!
Sign up sheet is in the foyer.
Cost is **\$5 per person**, which goes directly to the cooks to help cover their costs.
Contact Linda C with questions.

Gary C could use some supplemental meals over the next 2.5 weeks while he's recovering at Hackett Hill. He is not getting the proper diet foods he needs.
-He likes meat, salad, and cooked green veggies;
-Low carb, low sugar foods are best for his diabetic diet;
-He needs one serving at a time. No casseroles, please.
If you'd like to bring him a meal or two, please contact Margery.

From Darlene C(hamberlain): Tru Hotel of Concord passed the Hilton inspection again with an "Excellence" in QA and stay score. They did 3% better than last year, which puts them in the running for best in the Northeastern regions. "To God be the glory as this fine hotel continues to provide shelter to those who need it".

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

HIS PLANS

“And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace.”
– Jeremiah 29:7

“Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works *are* truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.” – Daniel 4:37

Long ago, God, after warning His people over and over for centuries, finally allowed them to be defeated. He allowed Jerusalem, including the beautiful temple of Solomon, to be destroyed. Carried off into captivity, God’s people were at their lowest point. How could they ever come back from such devastation? Would they ever come back?

God sent a message to his prophet, Jeremiah, who had warned them for years. They had ignored him for years. But now, trouble having arrived, the people needed to know what to do. And the verse listed above gives us an important piece of the message. If you read Jeremiah 29 in its entirety, you discover that their destruction was not to be permanent. His people would return, eventually, to the Promised Land. But in the meantime, they were to keep on living life as best they could. Work. Live. Marry. Give daughters in marriage. “And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace.”

Really? They were just to “take their medicine” as it was delivered by their captors? Their heathen captors? Their wicked, cruel captors?

Yes. Because God had a plan for them. They would, eventually return home. They would be

gathered from the nations and brought back. “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

Their defeat would not be permanent. They (or, at least, their descendants) would return home. Isn’t that good news? God has a plan for you and me, too!

But He also had a plan for proud, idol-worshipping, King Nebuchadnezzar, defeater of God’s people. Warned of God’s coming judgment, he didn’t listen. So God sent him outside for seven years. He lost his authority, position and sanity. Lived like an animal. “. . . until (he knew) that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses.” (Daniel 4:32)

Disciplined by God, Nebuchadnezzar humbled himself, finally acknowledging the Almighty’s authority to raise up and put down kings and kingdoms – even his.

I think about this a lot whenever “kingdoms” change in our land. Sometimes, the change is to my liking. Other times, the change is not to my liking. But always, God has allowed what God has allowed. So we can take a lesson from Israel of old. “. . . seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace.”

And do this, secure in the knowledge that God has a plan for His people. And for those who are against Him.

-Danny Campbell

