

MANCHESTER BULLETIN

The Manchester church of Christ

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FEBRUARY 23, 2025

CALL TO WORSHIP	Danny Campbell
SONG LEADER	Gerry Millette
15	Step By Step
126	The Lord My Shepherd Is
75	I Sing the Mighty Power of God
SCRIPTURE	George Abood
VERSE	Acts 2:40-47
SERMON	Danny Campbell
940	Only A Step
364	Come, Share the Lord
LORD'S SUPPER	Karl Davies
CLOSING PRAYER	Freddie Hillhouse
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Barry Fogal
WORSHIP TECH	Caleb Oehlert
COORDINATOR	Rich Therrien
WEDNESDAY EVENING	FEBRUARY 26, 2025
SONG LEADER	Gerry Millette
PRAYER	Rich Therrien
DEVO	Dave Skerry
WORSHIP TECH	Caleb Oehlert

Minister

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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)

- **Weekly Recurrence:** Tuesdays after Ladies Class: lunch & handwork fellowship; see Tracy M with questions
- **Monthly Recurrence:** 2nd Monday of the Month Ladies' dinner (next one is 3/10) - Longhorn at 5:15p
- **Monthly Recurrence:** 4th Saturday of the Month, 9a-2p (next one is 2/22): Craft and potluck lunch time will be held. All ladies welcome. Let Tracy M know when you see her if you will be coming.
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- **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 were requested **by 2/9**.
- **April 12 (Saturday), starting at 2p:** Easter Singing - 2p at Hillsborough County Nursing Home & 3.30p at Bedford Hills. Meet at the building at 12:30p to warm up our voices. The sign-up sheet is posted in the auditorium.
- **May 10 (Saturday):** Annual Bible Bowl at the Seabrook Church of Christ. Registration deadline of April 20.

Continuing Prayer Requests

- Juliette's cousin, **Dayanara, and her new baby**
- Mike G's friend, **Miguel, his brother, and their families**
- Chris's friend, **Sam**
- Darlene & Alan's sister, **Wendy**
- Darlene & Alan's brother, **Mark**

February Budget Vs Contribution

DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
2/2	\$3200	\$3426	+ \$226
2/9	\$3200	\$2920	- (\$280)
2/16	\$3200	\$575	- (\$2625)
2/23	\$3200		
Total	\$12,800		

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.

Cancellations and important public announcements will be posted to the Calendar on our website!

Check it for weather cancellations, general events, etc.

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.

Please be sure to add mhtchurch@icloud.com to your address book - this should help your email recognize us as a trusted sender!

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

RAHAB

“Her neighbors called her a woman of the night. The Lord God called her a heroine of the faith. And a man named Salmon gladly called her his wife. Meet Rahab, a former prostitute who was decidedly Bad for a Season, but Not Forever.” – Liz Curtis Higgs

“I know that the Lord has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you.” – Joshua 2:9b

She had heard the stories of God causing the water of the Red Sea to dry up. She had heard how God had delivered Israel from Sihon and Og, wicked kings on the far side of the Jordan. Not only had she heard; she believed.

Having heard; having believed; she took action. Action to deliver Israel; action to deliver her family; action we talk about even today, thousands of years after the fact; action that, ultimately, ended up with her marrying into the Royal Family, becoming a direct ancestor of Jesus, our King. You will find her in Matthew Chapter 1, in His genealogy.

Rahab, though born outside the covenant and living an unclean life, when given opportunity to bless God's people, did so. And she did so because she believed what she had heard about the God of Israel. Her obedience saved the spies and saved her family. It also gave her an inheritance in faith's Hall of Fame (Hebrews 11).

We live in a skeptical age. Many do not easily believe anything. But here, Rahab shows us a better way. Hearing. Believing. Acting on that belief.

How did she know what she had heard was true? Perhaps she came across a credible witness and believed his testimony. Perhaps there were many witnesses who traveled through Jericho. The Red Sea is a big place and the parting of the waters had happened 40 years before Rahab's encounter with the spies, so there had been plenty of time for the story to reach Jericho. Though scripture doesn't tell us how Rahab came to believe the amazing story of God's wonders with His people, it is doubtful God did what he did without leaving witnesses other than Moses to tell the tale.

What is clear in the story of Rahab and the Spies is that she was not alone among the citizens of Jericho who believed God's hand was mighty to save and protect Israel. Yet only her family was saved because only Rahab acted on her faith. She heard; she believed; she acted on her belief. And thereby saved her family and came, after a life of harlotry, to be included, by faith, in Israel.

Will you have the courage to believe the truth recorded in Scripture? Will you have the courage to act on it? I pray that you will. Because an active, obedient faith in the Living God is key to receiving Eternal Life (John 3:16; James 2:14-26).

-Danny Campbell

