

MANCHESTER BULLETIN

The Manchester church of Christ

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MARCH 9, 2025

CALL TO WORSHIP	Barry Fogal
SONG LEADER	Matt Saulnier
18	Faithful Love
290	Shine Jesus Shine
647	Soldiers of Christ Arise
SCRIPTURE	Mike Girling
VERSE	Philippians 1:27-30
SERMON	Danny Campbell
753	Farther Along
416	Footsteps of Jesus
LORD'S SUPPER	Gary Diaz
CLOSING PRAYER	Karl Davies
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Gerry Millette
WORSHIP TECH	Caleb Oehlert
COORDINATOR	Matt Saulnier
WEDNESDAY EVENING	MARCH 12, 2025
SONG LEADER	Matt Saulnier
PRAYER	Dave Skerry
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)

- **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 3/22): 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 16 (Sunday), at 12.30p:** Meeting for ladies interested in working on the Gander Brook Ladies Retreat schedule. Feel free to bring your own lunch to eat before the meeting starts.
- **March 22 (Saturday), at 10a:** Regional Gander Brook Ladies Retreat planning meeting at the Concord church. See Margery or Kimberly with any questions.
- **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.
- **May 23-26:** Gander Brook Christian Camp Work and Worship Weekend. The speaker is Aaron Tremblay, and the topic is "Faith: Shaping A Godly Lens". The flyer is hanging in the foyer with more information. Registration is required.

The use of Elexio, the online giving platform, will be discontinued sometime in April (date TBD).

New Prayer Requests

- Mary R's brother, **David**

Updated Prayer Requests

- Darlene & Alan's brother, **Mark**, is now living in his car somewhere in either NH or MA. It is unclear if he found a job. He stays in basic contact with Wendy, their sister, and is vague with details. Prayers for guidance for all siblings are requested as they continue to navigate this situation.
- **Wendy**, Darlene & Alan's sister, recently had testing for dementia. She has received the results and does NOT have dementia. From Darlene: "Thank you for the prayers and praise God!"
- **Marco III** is doing much better now

Continuing Prayer Requests

- Linda P's younger brother, **Richard**
- Mike G's friend, **Miguel, his brother, and their families**
- Chris's friend, **Sam**

March Budget Vs Contribution

DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
3/2	\$3200	TBD	TBD
3/9	\$3200		
3/16	\$3200		
3/23	\$3200		
3/30	\$3200		
Total	\$16,000		

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

CHRIST'S BODY, THE CHURCH

“Oh, I believe in Jesus. I just don't believe in the church.” Many of us have heard this idea expressed by folks who would like to describe themselves as “spiritual, but not religious.” But does this rejection of the church “hold water”? I don't think so; at least not according to God's teaching as recorded in the New Testament.

In the New Testament we discover that *Christ established the church*: not a place, but rather the worldwide brotherhood of Baptized Believers who make up what Scripture calls the “Body of Christ”.

In Matthew 16, Jesus, praising Peter's confession of Him, said “And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” (Matthew 16:18, NIV) What did Christ promise to build? His church. His assembly. His people. A people against which the gates of Hades, the place of the dead, would never prevail. No matter how many are killed, the church has endured; and will endure.

The church is Christ's body. Consider 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV): “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” All of us – every member of Christ's body – has a role to play, a task to perform, a gift to give. Many members with many different gifts. One Body.

Members of the Body of Christ are in a high position. In Ephesians 1:22-23a (NIV) we read “And God placed all things under his feet and appointed Him to be head over everything *for*

the church, which is His body . . .” If we are members of His Body; and if all things are placed under His feet; then aren't we – the church – over all things, no matter how bleak the situation? Even as His people suffer, we participate in Christ's rule over the world! What an honor! What a responsibility.

So yes – the faithful Christian believes in the Body of Christ – the church – His people. And the faithful Christian understands that the Body of Christ is marvelously powerful.

But this sometimes creates tension. Why? Because we members of the body of Christ don't always act like Him. And when we who claim to follow Him are disobedient, we create, for many Christ-followers, no shortage of stress. We also disappoint our Father, who saved us and wants us to walk with Him, fearless and without reservation. We should, therefore, pay attention, asking ourselves, “am I taking care to follow Jesus with my whole heart?”

Christ established His church; and He allows us to be in it, even though I sometimes wonder why He would! But He has. God gets His work done on Planet Earth through His body, the church. What a privilege it is to be one of His children! And a responsibility, too.

-Danny Campbell

