

MANCHESTER BULLETIN

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MARCH 8, 2026

CALL TO WORSHIP	Barry Fogal
SONG LEADER	Gary Diaz
4	To God Be the Glory
845	Gentle Shepherd
957	This World Is Not My Home
SCRIPTURE	George Abood
VERSE	1 Corinthians 3:6
SERMON	Danny Campbell
904	Have You Been to Jesus?
701	My Jesus, I Love Thee
LORD'S SUPPER	Dave Skerry
CLOSING PRAYER	Karl Davies
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Gerry Millette
WORSHIP TECH	Alex Normandin
COORDINATOR	Danny Campbell

WEDNESDAY
EVENING

MARCH 11, 2026

SONG LEADER	Danny Campbell
PRAYER	Rich Therrien
DEVO	Rich Therrien
WORSHIP TECH	Alex Normandin

Minister

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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:** Tuesday ladies class (1st and 3rd Tuesdays meets at 10-11:30a at All American Assisted Living in Londonderry. Contact Margery with questions.)
 - **Weekly:** Tuesdays after Ladies Class: lunch & handwork fellowship; see Tracy M with questions
 - **Weekly:** Wednesday night suppers: starting at 6p and cost a \$5 donation, which goes directly to helping reimburse the cooks. The Cook's sign up sheet is in the foyer. *We have cooks into March. There are still other dates to sign up!*
 - **Monthly:** Ladies Dinners at Longhorn: second Monday of the month (next 3/9). Meet there at 5.15p.
 - **Monthly:** Men's Prayer Breakfast: third Saturday of the month (next 3/21), starting at 8.30a.
 - **Monthly:** Ladies Craft & Potlucks: fourth Saturday of the month (next 3/28), from 9a-2p. Girls 13+ are encouraged to join! Let Tracy M know you're coming!
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- **NEW EVENT: April 10-12, beginning at 5.30p Friday, ending Sunday morning at 10.30a:** Conway Ladies Weekend. RSVPs are requested.
 - **NEW EVENT: May 22-25:** Gander Brook's Work & Worship weekend.
 - Register at www.Ganderbrook.org/events
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- **March 15 (Sunday) at 12p:** Baby Shower and Italian Potluck to celebrate Giselle & Cam's baby girl! Everyone is welcome. Sign up sheet for food is in the foyer or see Margery for food coordination

Updated Prayer Requests

- **Carol** (Darlene's neighbor) is doing much better. Thank you for the prayers.

Continuing Prayer Requests

- **Freda**
- **Beverly**, Noreen's sister
- **Garrett**, Justin's friend
- **Giselle, Cam, & baby Noemí**
- **Moise & Lydia**
- **Steve R & family**
- **Cade & his family**
- **Kas's mom**
- **Will H**
- **Steve R**
- **Alex**
- **Mary Jane & family**
- **Carol E**

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Daitriana is graduating college in May! She is looking for someone to room with. She is also considering something temporary while she looks for something more permanent. Her contact info is in the Directory. If you don't have the Directory, see Margery.

Per Barry, Annual Contribution Tax Statement requests will be accepted until (Sunday) March 8th. Please have your requests in by then. Requests will not be processed after this date. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

March Budget Vs Contribution

DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
3/1	\$3200	\$6314	+ \$3114
3/8	\$3200		
3/15	\$3200		
3/22	\$3200		
3/29	\$3200		
Total:	\$16,000		

Cancellations and important public announcements will be posted to the Calendar on our website! Check it for weather cancellations, general events, etc.

- Any items for the Bulletin need to be sent to the church email by 6p 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

SLOW DOWN!

“Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; but they did not ask counsel of the Lord.” – Joshua 9:15

Perhaps you remember the story of the Gibeonites, Canaanite inhabitants of the Promised Land and a people devoted by God to destruction. As Israel, the chosen agent of God’s wrath against the Canaanites, marched onward God gave them victory after victory. And the Gibeonites became more and more afraid. They had to do something! Their survival depended on it.

As Joshua 9 recounts, “they worked craftily, and went and pretended to be ambassadors. And they took old sacks on their donkeys, old wineskins torn and mended, old and patched sandals on their feet and old garments on themselves, and the bread of their provision was dry and moldy.” (Joshua 9:4-5) Pretending to have come from a far country, they humbled themselves, begging for a treaty with Israel. A treaty they were successful in obtaining. A treaty that Israel honored, even though it was obtained under false pretenses. The Gibeonites had, indeed, “worked craftily”.

And the Israelites, though they had been fooled, still honored their promise. The Israelites had given their word. And they had to follow through with their oath, even though they could have, and did, complain about the deceitful way the promise had been obtained. Are we surprised when people, in our day, play “fast and loose” with the truth? Or do we just “chalk it up” to “business as usual” in an ugly world?

The thing is, Israel swore to their hurt – and honored the promise, even though to do so put them at odds with God’s command to make no treaties with the Canaanites. And God did not punish that disobedience, I suppose since they had been deceived.

But that’s not the only lesson we can learn from this passage. What role did Israel play in her own deception? Why was Israel so easily fooled? The trick took place in a particular context. What does the passage up at the top say? “... they did not ask counsel of the Lord.”

Do we ask counsel of the Lord? When I was a child, the old men would end almost every public prayer with the words, “... guide, guard, and direct us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.” Do we ask for His guidance these days? Do we ask for His direction these days? Israel did not ask for guidance or direction. And they made a big mistake because of their negligence.

We should be more careful to solicit God’s wisdom, especially before we “shake hands” and make a deal. I learned this lesson again a few years ago, when I made an agreement a little too quickly with someone who I thought was my friend. It’s easy to do, but not so easy, once done, to “un-do”. I suffered because of my hastiness. And my son, trusting in my judgment, suffered also. I’ve learned from those experiences to “just say no” whenever someone is pressuring me into deciding without taking time for “due diligence” (including prayer).

God is merciful; I haven’t had to suffer too much from past hastiness. I am blessed. But I still must live with the knowledge that I could have done better. I hate that feeling. A feeling that could have been avoided had I thought to pray on it before “launching out.”

-Danny

