

MANCHESTER BULLETIN

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APRIL 12, 2026

CALL TO WORSHIP	Barry Fogal
SONG LEADER	Gerry Millette
4	To God Be the Glory
117	God Is the Fountain Whence
186	Christ, We Do All Adore Thee
SCRIPTURE	Dave Skerry
VERSE	TDB
SERMON	Kevin Dawson
695	None of Self and All of Thee
332	Lead Me to Calvary
LORD'S SUPPER	Mike Girling
CLOSING PRAYER	John Ogunsuyi
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Gerry Millette
WORSHIP TECH	Caleb Oehlert
COORDINATOR	Danny Campbell

WEDNESDAY
EVENING

APRIL 15, 2026

SONG LEADER	Gerry Millette
PRAYER	Rich Therrien
DEVO	Barry Fogal
WORSHIP TECH	Caleb Oehlert

Minister

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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. [Cooks are needed starting with April 8!](#)
- **Monthly:** Ladies Dinners at Longhorn: second Monday of the month (next 4/13). Meet there at 5.15p.
- **Monthly:** Men's Prayer Breakfast: third Saturday of the month (next 4/18), starting at 8.30a.
- **Monthly:** Ladies Craft & Potlucks: fourth Saturday of the month (next 5/30 - fifth Saturday of May due to Memorial Day), from 9a-2p. Girls 13+ are encouraged to join! Let Tracy M know you're coming!

- **April 18, 9.30a - 2.30p:** 2026 Ladies Day at the Lakes Region church of Christ. "A Biblically Ordered Life". RSVPs are requested.
- ****April 25, 10a: Ladies Tea: All ladies welcome along with their daughters/grand-daughters of any age. Prepare ahead of time for a silly hat fashion show/contest. See Tracy M or Margery for details and/or how to help. (This is replacing April's Craft & Potluck day.)**

There is now a sign-up sheet in the foyer.**

- **May 9:** Seabrook Church of Christ's 5th Annual Bible Bowl - Corinthians. Registration due by 4/20.
- **May 22-25:** Gander Brook's Work & Worship weekend.
 - Register at www.Ganderbrook.org/events
- **June 6 (Sat), 9a-2p:** Warwick Church of Christ 2026 Ladies Day, "Precious in the Sight of God"

Darlene has a portable/adjustable baby changer. If anyone would like it they can call or text her.

Wednesday night suppers need volunteer cooks (beginning April 8th)! Sign up sheet is in the foyer.

New Prayer

- **Alex** is continuing to have health issues.
- **Linda T** needs continued prayers for health, healing, and staying close to the Lord

Continuing Prayer Requests

- **Justin C's sister, brother-in-law, & expected twins**
- **Kimberly C's sister & her husband, Van**
- **Cade, Paige, & family**
- **Moise & Lydia**
- **Will H**
- **Carol E**

Adisa has her sister's children as an emergency placement. She is in need of some help with clothes, and possibly food & childcare.

Please see Adisa for more information or questions.

**Please feed the coffee can! (Next to the coffee.)
Thank you!**

April Budget Vs Contribution			
DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
4/5	\$3200	\$3284	+ \$84
4/12	\$3200		
4/19	\$3200		
4/26	\$3200		
Total:	\$12,800		

There are some upcoming Friday night discussions, led by Kevin D.

- These are held on Friday nights (see calendar on Meetup)
- Start at 7p for food/fellowship, 7.30-8.30p Bible discussion
- Hosted at his home (Allenstown)

Topic: Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

-April 17: Session #1 - The Problem of Emotionally Unhealthy Spirituality

-April 24: Session #2 - Know Yourself That You May Know God

-May 1st: Session #3 - Going Back in Order to Go Forward (more listed on Meetup)

(https://www.meetup.com/southern-new-hampshire-christian-faith-group/events/?eventOrigin=home_groups_you_organize)

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.

Add mhtchurch@icloud.com to your address book - this can help your email recognize us as a trusted sender!

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

WANTING WHAT HE WANTS

From that *time* MANY of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?"

But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (John 6:66-69)

"The Jesus being preached in most mega-churches today is not the Jesus of the Bible.

At some point a lot of these churches decided that the gospel simply wasn't enough, so they borrowed from the world: concert lighting, fog machines, celebrity pastors with big sponsorship deals, sermon series with titles designed by marketing teams, church buildings engineered to feel less like a house of God and more like a music festival.

And that's entirely on purpose. The strategy is simple: make it fun, make it relevant, make it comfortable—and now come... and it works! The seats fill, the social media clips get views.

The Jesus of the mega-churches is abundantly agreeable. He wants to fix your marriage, your Monday morning. He stands at the door of your heart not as Lord but as a life coach waiting to help you become the best version of yourself.

And buried inside that theology is a lie: You are still the center of this story. Jesus just exists to serve your plot.

But the Jesus of the Bible is God. He died not to improve your circumstances. He rose not to give you a bigger paycheck but to defeat death itself.

In John 6, Jesus lost the crowd on purpose. They came for miracles; he gave them doctrine. They walked. He watched them go and didn't change a word. Then he looked at his disciples and asked, 'Do you want to leave too?'

The real Jesus knew that faithful preaching costs you the room.

The Jesus who only comforts you and never convicts you is not a savior. He's an idol built in the shape of your preferences.

Jesus loves sinners like you and me. The question is if we'll deny ourselves, follow him... Him alone."

(Source: <https://x.com/LloydLegalist/status/2042224244226924592>)

Now, I haven't seen everything every "mega-church" has done nor how they do it. So, I'm a little uncomfortable with the "broad brush" the author of the article quoted above employed. I doubt they all are broken in every way the article describes.

But we still must acknowledge that Jesus called the disciple to "deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me." (Matthew 16:24) We were not called to follow our passions and desires, but rather to submit our passions and desires to Him. And any doctrine that purports to be Christian must include the challenge to sacrifice one's wishes and preferences to Christ. Our wishes and preferences must change.

Remember – Jesus went against His preference – straight to the Cross. And if He hadn't done so, we would have no hope of salvation. Our salvation was obtained in the context of the Son of Man going against His preference to not suffer and die; how can we refuse submitting our preferences to Him?

"Yeah, but doesn't God want me to be happy?"
Ultimately, yes. I have been blessed in many ways in this life, as I chose heavenly riches rather than earthly pleasures.

But if our happiness depends on "getting ours" when our Great Example and Pattern chose against the pleasures of this world, can we truly call ourselves Disciples? We don't follow His example!

Let us learn to follow Jesus's example, along with Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abed-Nego and so many others who obeyed the Lord, taking on danger, shame or death in the process. It really is no sacrifice; we cannot keep this life in the flesh. But we can obtain Eternal Life in Christ through faith and obedience. Trust and Obey!

-Danny

