

# MANCHESTER BULLETIN

## The Manchester church of Christ

66 Mammoth Rd  
Manchester, NH 03109

Phone: 603-623-5559  
[mhtchurch@icloud.com](mailto:mhtchurch@icloud.com)  
[mhtchurch.org](http://mhtchurch.org)

### MAY 3, 2026

CALL TO WORSHIP	Barry Fogal
SONG LEADER	Gary Diaz
2	We Praise Thee, O God
202	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
712	Jesus Is Coming Soon
SCRIPTURE	David Girling
VERSE	Luke 4:18-19
SERMON	Danny Campbell
948	I Am Resolved
366	By Christ Redeemed
LORD'S SUPPER	Karl Davies
CLOSING PRAYER	Rich Therrien
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Barry Fogal
WORSHIP TECH	Alex Normandin
COORDINATOR	Gerry Millette

WEDNESDAY  
EVENING

MAY 6, 2026

SONG LEADER	Danny Campbell
PRAYER	Dave Skerry
DEVO	Gerry Millette
WORSHIP TECH	Alex Normandin

### 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:** 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 in May!](#)
- **Monthly:** Ladies Dinners at Longhorn: second Monday of the month (next 5/11). Meet there at 5.15p.
- **Monthly:** Men's Prayer Breakfast: third Saturday of the month (next 5/16), 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!  
\* \* \*
- **NEW EVENT:** May 3-6: Concord Church of Christ Spring Gospel Meeting - TOPIC: Heaven and Hell; Speaker: Dayle Taylor, minister Glendale Street Church of Christ Newton, NC
- **NEW/MOVED EVENT:** June Craft Saturday will be 6/20 (instead of 6/27) - there will be a Grammama celebration/shower for Margery starting at 11a. She is "expecting" a grandbaby boy by the end of July! Please let Tracy M know if you're attending or would like to help.  
\* \* \*
- **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](http://www.Ganderbrook.org/events)
- **June 6 (Sat), 9a-2p:** Warwick Church of Christ 2026 Ladies Day, "Precious in the Sight of God"

The Ladies Tea was delightful! Thank you to those who worked so hard in planning and for those who attended. Next time, it's Ladies Fall Luncheon on 9/26, 11a. Save the Date!

Wednesday night suppers need volunteer cooks (starting in **May**)! Sign up sheet is in the foyer.

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

It's that time to think about Gander Brook Camperships again! Coin savings cans are in the foyer. Take 1... or 2!

## New Prayer Requests

- **Priscilla's** brother, Doug, passed away 4/24. Please keep **her and her family** in your prayers.
- **Christine** requests prayers for health issues

## Continuing Prayer Requests

- **Linda & Doug P**
- **Marco T**
- **Alex N**
- **Linda T**
- **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**

Marco is unable to work or drive for awhile due to his Achilles injury. Meals & some chore help would be greatly appreciated. See Margery if you can help out.

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
- May 8: Session #4 - Journey Through the Wall
- May 15: Game Night!
- May 22: Session #5 - Enlarge Your Soul Through Grief & Loss ([https://www.meetup.com/southern-new-hampshire-christian-faith-group/events/?eventOrigin=home\\_groups\\_you\\_organize](https://www.meetup.com/southern-new-hampshire-christian-faith-group/events/?eventOrigin=home_groups_you_organize))

From Darlene: "Thanks to everyone who prayed for my new used car. I picked up and drove home my white 2023 Subaru Forester. Her name is Pearl. The thanks goes to God who worked through my sister, Wendy."

April Budget Vs Contribution			
DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
4/5	\$3200	\$3284	+ \$84
4/12	\$3200	\$2388	- (\$812)
4/19	\$3200	\$7359	+ \$4159
4/26	\$3200	\$2222	- (\$1000)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$12,800</b>	<b>\$15,253</b>	<b>+ \$2453</b>

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](mailto:mhtchurch@icloud.com) to your address book - this can help your email recognize us as a trusted sender!

## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

### FOLLOWING WHEN IT'S HARD

“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.’” (John 6:66-68)

Jesus never hid the cost of following Him. In John 6, after teaching hard truths about the bread of life (“He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.” – John 6:56), the crowds began to leave. They had come for miracles and free bread, but they weren’t ready for *that* – many turned away. Jesus did not soften His message to keep the crowd. He simply looked at the twelve and asked, “Do you also want to go away?”

Peter’s answer (“Lord, to whom shall we go?”) is one of the most beautiful confessions in Scripture. Difficult as it was, they had no choice but to stay with the Master. There was nowhere else worth going.

Following the Master has always been difficult. Moses knew this well. God told him to confront Pharaoh but also warned him that Pharaoh’s heart would be hardened. Moses had to obey, step-by-step, even when success seemed impossible. The Lord had already determined the victorious outcome, yet Moses still had to walk through the difficult days.

We face similar moments today. Jesus calls us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him (Matthew 16:24). We are called to submit our wishes and preferences to Him, no matter the cost: comfort, popularity, so-called “progress”. In a world that promotes self-fulfillment and personal happiness as the highest good, this teaching feels strange.

But we must understand that the Jesus of the Bible went against His own preference in the Garden of Gethsemane. He prayed, “Not My will, but Yours, be done”, choosing the cross – on our behalf! If the Son of God submitted His desires to the Father to save us, how can we refuse to submit ours to Him?

Dale and Maddi waited a long time before their son Samuel arrived. There were setbacks, tears, temptations to give up. Yet they continued to trust and obey. Now they hold in their arms a living reminder of God’s faithfulness and grace that has brought joy, not only to them but to many others.

The disciple of Christ learns to follow, even when it’s hard.

Like Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego, who embraced danger as they obeyed their Father.

Like Moses, who chose obedience over comfort.

Like Peter, who chose to stay with Jesus when many others left.

Their examples remind us that faith means trusting God when we cannot see the full picture.

But as we embrace this unusual walk of faith, encourage yourself with the knowledge that the same Lord who strengthened Moses; who sustained the young Hebrews in Babylon; who Peter stayed with as others departed; is with us today. He promises grace sufficient for every trial.

Knowing this, remember the cross when obedience feels costly. When the way seems “rough and steep”, remember Peter’s question: “Lord, to whom shall we go?” There is still no better place to be than walking with Jesus. It’ll be difficult at times.

But you’ll be glad you did.

-Danny

