

MANCHESTER BULLETIN

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JULY 12, 2026

CALL TO WORSHIP	Barry F
SONG LEADER	Will H
464	Because He Lives
238	You are the Song
539	Higher Ground
SCRIPTURE	Rich T
VERSE	Matthew 9:36-37
SERMON	Danny C
909	There's a Fountain
349	Ten Thousand Angels
LORD'S SUPPER	John O
CLOSING PRAYER	Karl D
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Barry F
WORSHIP TECH	Kim C
COORDINATOR	Rich T
WEDNESDAY EVENING	JULY 15, 2026
SONG LEADER	Will H
PRAYER	Gerry M
DEVO	David S
WORSHIP TECH	Joann J

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 10am, meets at church building. (Contact Margery with questions.)
- **Weekly:** Tuesdays after Ladies Class: lunch & handwork fellowship; see Tracy M with questions
- **Weekly:** Wednesday night suppers will resume on 9/16.
- **Weekly:** Friday night discussions, led by Kevin at his home in Allenstown. See the calendar on meetup for more information. (https://www.meetup.com/southern-new-hampshire-christian-faith-group/events/?eventOrigin=home_groups_you_organize)
- **Monthly:** Ladies Dinners at Longhorn: second Monday of the month (next 7/13). Meet there at 5.15p.
- **Monthly:** Men's Prayer Breakfast: third Saturday of the month (next 7/18), starting at 8.30a.
- **Monthly:** Ladies Craft & Potlucks: 9a-2p: **Resuming 9/12 with 11a Luncheon and devo. See Tracy M.**

- **NEW EVENT: Sun, July 26:** Kids' Day! 11am - 2:30 pm. Lunch provided. All teachers, please see Kimberly C for info.

- **Sept 5-7:** Gander Brook Singles Retreat. Online registration coming soon.
- **Sept 18-20:** Martha's Vineyard Ladies Retreat, hosted by Niagara Falls Church of Christ
- **Sept 17-19:** Gander Brook Ladies Retreat "Light in the Darkness." Online registration is open. Paper reg. is in foyer.
- **Sept 24-26:** Gander Brook Men's Retreat "Reaching Your Potential as a Leader"; guest speaker: Bob Turner. More details to come this summer.

*****New Event-Lakes Region VBS, 7/18, from 9:30-1:00pm. Flyers are in the foyer.*****

Kevin D is being considered for a deacon role. Please take time and get to know Kevin & Janah.

Donations are needed for Gander Brook Camperships. See Rich T for more info.

Gander Brook needs kitchen help the week starting 6/27.

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

New Prayer Requests

Continuing Prayer Requests

- Giselle and Cam
- Candy
- Caleb
- Christine
- Alex N
- Linda T
- Moise & Lydia
- Carol E
- Cade, Paige, & family
- Kimberly

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Lawn mowers are needed for our grounds and Larissa's home. Sign up sheets are on the

Ladies Craft/Potlucks will be resuming 9/12 with a special luncheon at 11am. and will continue to meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month. See Tracy M for info/to help.

*****There are flyers in the foyer to advertise our Kids' Day, Sunday, July 26th. Please take some to give or post.*****

June Budget Vs Contribution

DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
6/28	\$3200	\$4530	+\$1330
Total:	\$12,800	\$14,798	+\$1998

July Budget Vs Contribution

7/5	\$3200	\$3999	+\$799
Total:	\$12,800		

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

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WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

“DESIRE VS. DIVINE TRUTH”

A March 2026 study from Kennesaw State University highlighted how emotional triggers drive belief in and sharing of fake news far more than facts. In such a world; a world where feelings “trump” reason and logic; speaking biblical truth feels increasingly countercultural.

The prophet Jeremiah understood the tension between desire and truth. Tasked with delivering truth to people chasing idols, comfort and unrestrained lust, he lamented, “Then I said, ‘I will not make mention of Him, nor speak anymore in His name.’ But His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, And I could not.” (Jer. 20:9). Unrestrained sin broke Israel's ability to hear God, but Jeremiah spoke God's word anyway. He didn't change the message to please men; he proclaimed repentance.

Facing a world trapped by Roman power, Pharisaic legalism, and sinful urges, Jesus declared, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6). When crowds wanted bread and miracles, He offered hard teachings: “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life” (John 6:54). Many left, offended by the truth He told. But He didn't dilute the message. Desire to save His people, desire that overrode any impulse to be adored by the crowd, compelled Him. He loved them; therefore he told hard truths.

The Apostle Paul warned Timothy of times when people “... will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for

themselves teachers” (2 Timothy 4:3). Sounds like today's world. In our day, popular culture promotes and celebrates sin - sexual sin, sexual deviance, materialism, self-worship - all the while calling the promotion of Biblical Morality “hate speech” to the point of criminalizing it in some countries. Recent CNN polling on culture war issues shows deep division, with many feeling society has gone “too far” in lowering standards, yet the appeal to continue lowering those standards hasn't stopped yet.

As Christians, we must speak truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). with humility, compassion and confidence that God's Word stands firm despite what the world proclaims and promotes. Nathan confronted David over Bathsheba - “You are the man!” (2 Samuel 12:7) Like him, we must have the courage to call sin, “sin”, even when doing so puts friendships at risk. Are we true friends if we do not warn our friends when they are in danger?

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death” (Proverbs 14:12). The church's role is to point to the solid rock of Christ. We do this by living truthfully first - repenting of our own sin - then gently correcting, teaching, and exhorting.

Beloved, don't shrink back. The same Holy Spirit who empowered prophets and apostles equips us. Tell the truth. Lives depend on it. In a storm of feelings, God's Word is the anchor. Cling to it, proclaim it, and watch the Father draw hearts to lasting joy in Him.

Danny

