

MANCHESTER BULLETIN

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AUGUST 2, 2026

CALL TO WORSHIP	Barry F
SONG LEADER	Gerry M
145	All Hail the Power of Jesus Name
387	Tell Me the Story of Jesus
507	Does Jesus Care
SCRIPTURE	Freddie H
VERSE	Acts 8:36
SERMON	Danny C
501	Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet
176	Lamb of God
LORD'S SUPPER	Gary D
CLOSING PRAYER	John O
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Barry F
WORSHIP TECH	Caleb O
COORDINATOR	Rich T

WEDNESDAY EVENING

AUGUST 5, 2026

SONG LEADER	All Song Leaders
PRAYER	David S
DEVO	Barry F
WORSHIP TECH	Caleb O

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 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.**

- **Sept 5-7:** Gander Brook Singles Retreat. Online registration is now open.
- **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"; Online registration is now open, Ganderbrook.org
- **Oct. 3rd:** New Haven Church of Chriss Ladies Day
- **Sept. 7th:** Labor Day Picnic at the Skerrys'
- **Dec. 12th:** Christmas party for adults at the Skerrys'

New Prayer Requests

- **Sophia - Juliette's mother, mass in chest, possible cancer**
- **Angelica-neighbors dealing with the loss of their baby, Wrenley**
- **Moise - move and job interviews**

Continuing Prayer Requests

- **Giselle and Cam**
- **Michelle's Grandfather**
- **Caleb**
- **Christine**
- **Alex N**
- **Carol E**
- **Linda T**
- **Cade, Paige and Family**

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Labor Day Picnic at the Skerrys' on Sept. 7th at 12pm. Bring a dish to share. Contributions for meat can be given to David or Cecilia.

*****Prayers of thanksgiving! Both Caleb and Candy are healed from surgeries. Continued prayer for Candy's recipient.*****

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.

Congratulations to Josh & Noelani on the arrival of their son Raffi, born 7/28 @ 8:35pm! Mother and baby are doing well.

Wednesday the 29th will be a song service

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

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

July Budget Vs Contribution

DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
7/5	\$3200	\$3999	\$799
7/12	\$3200	\$4246	+\$1046
7/19	\$3200	\$2260	-\$940
7/26	\$3200	\$2169	-\$1031
Total:	\$12,800	\$12,674	-\$126

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

“BIT”

In the world of cryptocurrency, the Coldcard hardware wallet was, to many, the “gold standard” for protecting one’s investment in Bitcoin – secure, immune from being hacked. Yet this week, it was hacked. The hack – resulting in the theft of over 500 bitcoins – serves as a stark, modern parable. The sudden disappearance of many people’s life savings is profoundly tragic. What can we learn from it? The stolen funds sit in plain sight on a public ledger (a digital address on the Bitcoin blockchain), yet the thief, the owner of that digital address, is anonymous. Visible treasure. Hidden identity. Vulnerable security. All this reminds me of some things our Master taught us about wealth, accountability, and the Christian life. For example:

(1) Jesus said, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.” (Matthew 6:19-20) No earthly vault, no matter how advanced, is completely secure.

When Jesus spoke of thieves breaking in and stealing, He utilized the Greek concept of *dioryssō*, meaning to “dig through” a mud-brick wall. Modern-day thieves “dig through” lines of code and firmware vulnerabilities. The medium has changed from mud to silicon, but the vulnerability remains the same. However we might choose to secure our assets or our persons, ultimate security cannot be anchored in “earthly treasures”. They are always, eventually, vulnerable. And inferior to “treasures in heaven” that are immune to the law of entropy (If you don’t know what that is, ask Gerry!)

(2) The thief is a ghost, concealed behind a mask of cryptographic keys. He committed the perfect crime. No one knows who owns the location on the blockchain where the stolen funds reside. But he’s not truly anonymous because our Heavenly Father, omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent, sees the perpetrator perfectly. And He has a plan for him. “And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.” (Hebrews 4:13)

(3) The thief, one day, will be exposed: “For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light.” (Mark 4:22)

This reality serves to both warn and comfort us. He warns against secret sins, reminding us that we live before an all-knowing Creator. Simultaneously, those who grieve losses like this theft can take solace in the fact that, despite one’s wiliness, divine justice will not be mocked.

The Bible does not minimize awful losses. Yet, Jesus provides the ultimate perspective on our existence during an encounter with a man disputing an inheritance:

“And He said to them, ‘Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.’” (Luke 12:15)

This tragic theft is a painful reminder of what has been true since the days of Job – abundance can vanish in a moment. However, for the Christian, true wealth is found not in a ledger, but in a restored relationship with God through Jesus Christ – we have a treasure that no one can touch. Hold on tight to it!

Danny

LESSON NOTES

“Gooooaaal!”

“And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, ‘See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?’” Acts 8: 36

Bible Reading/Birthday/Anniversary Calendar August, 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8/2/2026	8/3/2026	8/4/2026	8/5/2026	8/6/2026	8/7/2026	8/8/2026
2 Samuel 5-6	2 Samuel 7-8	2 Samuel 9-10	Luke 15	2 Samuel 11-12	2 Samuel 13-14	2 Samuel 15-16
Carol E Bday	Cecilia S Bday			Monica C Bday		