

MANCHESTER BULLETIN

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church of Christ

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AUGUST 16, 2026

CALL TO WORSHIP	Gerry M
SONG LEADER	Will H
548	The Lily of the Valley
147	I Stand Amazed
4	To God be the Glory
SCRIPTURE	George A
VERSE	Acts 8:4
SERMON	Danny C
948	I am Resolved
342	We Saw Thee Not
LORD'S SUPPER	Mike G
CLOSING PRAYER	David S
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Barry F
WORSHIP TECH	Caleb O
COORDINATOR	Gerry M
WEDNESDAY EVENING	AUGUST 19, 2026
SONG LEADER	Will H
PRAYER	Will H
DEVO	Danny C
WORSHIP TECH	Caleb O

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 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 9/14). Meet there at 5.15p.
- **Monthly:** Men's Prayer Breakfast: third Saturday of the month (next 8/15), 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. 7th:** Labor Day Picnic at the Skerrys' starting at 12pm.
- **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 Christ Ladies Day, information in foyer
- **Dec. 12th:** Christmas party for adults at the Skerrys'

*****Wednesday Night Dinners resume on 9/16.
Sign-up sheet for cooks is in the foyer.*****

Work Day is just around the corner! Please add whatever you want done to the list on the back bulletin board. Tentative date 11/9. See Will for details.

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

New Prayer Requests

- **Families in Colombia in the aftermath of the earthquake.**
- **Priscilla C. - has begun radiation treatments**

Continuing Prayer Requests

- **Giselle and Cam**
- **Michelle's Grandfather**
- **Moise/Lydia**
- **Christine**
- **Alex N**
- **Mary V**
- **Linda T**
- **Cade, Paige and Family**
- **Juliette's mother, Sophia**
- **Carol Eskel Family**

Please be sure to submit any items for the Bulletin need to be sent to the church email by 9am Thursdays. Thank you!

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.

Sunday Women's Bible Class will be studying, Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World, starting 9/13. For more information, see Kimberly C

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.

July Budget Vs Contribution

DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
8/2	\$3200	TBD	TBD
8/9	\$3200	TBD	TBD
8/16	\$3200	\$	
8/23	\$3200	\$	
8/30	\$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.

NOTE NEW DEADLINE: During this transitional time, any items for the Bulletin need to be sent to the church email by 9am Thursdays. Thank you!

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WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

“BEFORE THE STORM”

“Now when much time had been spent, and sailing was now dangerous because the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, saying, ‘Men, I perceive that this voyage will end with disaster and much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also our lives.’ Nevertheless the centurion was more persuaded by the helmsman and the owner of the ship than by the things spoken by Paul. And because the harbor was not suitable to winter in, the majority advised to set sail from there also, if by any means they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete opening toward the southwest and northwest, and winter there. — Acts 27:9-12

Paul was a prisoner on the ship. The ship was controlled by an able helmsman. The owner of the ship, in agreement with the helmsman, who knew the business of sailing well, thought it was time to leave and find a better harbor from which they could wait out the winter. They wouldn’t go very far, and the harbor they were in was “not suitable to winter in”. Sounded like a “no-brainer”. The conventional wisdom had spoken. The experienced sailors had spoken. The owner of the ship, whose capital was at risk, had spoken. Between the weather, the harbor, and sailors and the owner, it was unanimous.

Only Paul – a prisoner unacquainted with seafaring – gave a different message. The cargo, the ship and the passengers would be in danger were they to sail on. But what did he know? That was the situation. Before the Storm.

Turns out, the non-seafaring prisoner knew enough. Because he had heard from God. And his God-given wisdom was more important to heed than any other “wisdom” available. By the end of the

journey, everyone on the ship was following Paul’s lead. Because God confirmed the message he gave.

Even as Paul warned of impending danger, but nobody listened; even as Noah warned of a coming catastrophe, but nobody listened; we who follow Jesus have a message of warning to give to people who, often, do not listen. A corrupt world believes it knows better. And at times, even circumstances would seem to be aligned against our staying in God’s harbor; according to the world’s wisdom, God’s harbor is insufficient. Not up to the task.

But God’s wisdom is different from the wisdom of the world. God’s wisdom is safe and secure, despite appearing, at times, to be much less than safe and far short of secure. You see, we follow the One who slept through the storm and, once awakened, calmed it. We follow the One who, answering the prayer of Joshua, stopped the sun and later, in response to Isaiah’s prayer on King Hezekiah’s behalf, caused the sundial to go backward ten steps. We follow the One who healed the sick, raised the dead, caused the blind to see and, one day long ago, when all hope was lost, overcame the grave by rising from the dead.

If He has done all that, why, then, can’t He help us overcome our own bad habits? If He has done all that, why, then, can’t He help us ride out our own storms successfully?

He can. And He will. If we put our trust in Him, He will not leave us alone. He’ll go through the storm with us. And, with His power, we will overcome.

Danny

LESSON NOTES

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Bible Reading/Birthday/Anniversary Calendar August, 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8/16/2026	8/17/2026	8/18/2026	8/19/2026	8/20/2026	8/21/2026	8/22/2026
1 Kings 1	1 Kings 2	1 Kings 3-4	Luke 19	1 Kings 5-6	1 Kings 7	1 Kings 8
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