

**Brady's "Squared-Off-Edge-of-the-Paper"
DUE TODAY!!!**

OV WORK CAMP: The last day to sign up for work camp is TODAY! If your teen wants to go, they must have their name on the sign up sheet today. Make sure your teen is on it! This is going to be an amazing trip! (Dates of trip: June 20-25, Cost: \$75-\$100)

WATERBURY YOUTH RALLY: Your registration and money are due TODAY! It's going to be a great rally with our friends at Waterbury and your teen should be there. If you need a registration packet, see Brady. (Dates: April 30-March 2, Cost: \$17)

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP: If you want to go to Honduras this year, your \$100 deposit is due TODAY! It can be given to Mike St. Germain, Jeff Hannington, or Brady Easter. This is an incredible, life-changing trip and if you can go, you should be there.

"You Are Exceptional" (1)

Romans 12:3-8.

I. God has given us a special gift (vs. 3-6).

A. Instruction vs. 3

B. Paul encourages his readers: "Not to think too highly of themselves, rather think of yourself with sober judgment." Not too High and Not too Low.

C. Paul compares the human body to the church vs.4f.

II. Four Applications:

A. Every Member of the body has one or more gifts, no one is left out.

B. Not all gifts are the same.

C. Every gift is important.

D. Every gift is to be used.



One of the amazing characteristics of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ is the amount of time He spent among the people. In Mark 10:1, "Again crowds of people came to Him, and as was His custom, He taught them." Jesus wanted to be with people and even called the crowds to Him (Mk 7:14; 8:34). It seems the only reason that Jesus left the people was to be with His disciples (Mk 4:35) or to get away and pray (Mk 1:35). Today we face the challenge to be among the people. Jesus' relationship with the crowds around Him illustrates His ministry and encourages us concerning ours in at least three ways:

1. **Jesus Drew Crowds:** Jesus drew large crowds. Many of the people who came to Jesus were distressed and hopeless, whether centurion or leper. In Jesus, the people saw someone who was willing to reach out when others pulled back. To the plea, "If you are willing," Jesus replied, "I am willing." Many Christians would cite an unwillingness to recognize their needs as the biggest problem in society today; maybe, however, a bigger problem is that too few Christians allow themselves to feel compassion for helpless multitudes around them, and fewer still are perceived by the community as someone who genuinely cares. When we meet the needs of those around us at work, classrooms or neighborhood, large crowds will be drawn to Christ through us. More amazingly, those changed people will turn around and spread the Word to others (Mark 3:7).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 11th Baby Shower for Amanda Cadiz
 - April 11th Leadership Group Mtg. 4:30 pm
 - April 17th Men's Breakfast @ building
 - April 18th Fellowship Groups Meeting
 - April 19-21 Family Fest
 - April 24th "Come & Go" Baby Shower for Kim Main
 - April 25th Conversation with the Elders w/ young adults@ noon.
 - April 25th 4th Sunday Special Programming
- AREA EVENTS***
- May 1st Area wide Ladies Day
 - May 1st-2nd John Clayton "Does God Exist?" Groton C of C.
 - May 8th Fall River Ladies Day
 - May 23rd Regional Worship in Song @Concord C. of C. N.H.
 - June 17th Bridgeport C. of C. 1year anniversary

* See the bulletin board for more information

Welcome To Our Worship

If you are visiting with us today, you are our special guest. We ask that you fill out the PRAYER REQUEST CARD in the packet you received as you entered and please drop it in the collection plate. We hope that you are encouraged and grow closer to God as a result of being here today.

Assembly Times

- Sunday:**
Bible Class: 9:00 a.m.
Worship: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.*
Wednesday: Bible Classes: 7:00 p.m.
*Small groups at homes 3rd Sunday eve.
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PRAYER LIST

Our Manchester Family

- Beverly Bouffard-home recuperating.
- Becky Todd (waiting for heart transplant).

Our Family & Friends

- Trudy Wright- Marsha's mother
- Don Bennett - Northside Minister
- Regina Wilson—Harriet Bronson and Karen Wilson's sister Mild Stroke. St. Francis Hosp.
- Daniel Gipson-Don's son
- Chris Kelley—Jean's son (cancer)

Sympathy

- Jennifer Garcia-her sister Alexandra passed away in California.

Those Traveling

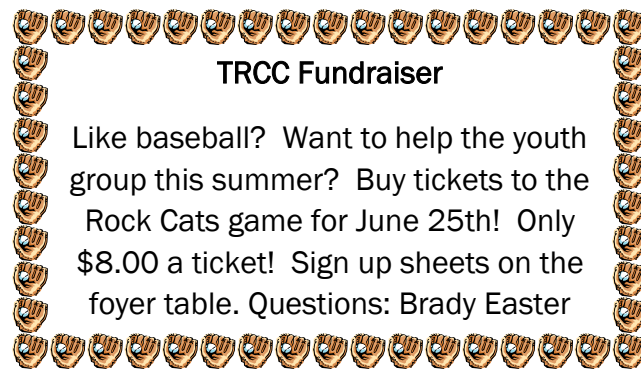
- Dorothy Marshall
- Jennifer Garcia
- Dick & Joel Anne Courtney

Special request of all members:

If you have photos of church members or church activities over the last 48 years, please bring them to Janet or Phil Stice at church, or send them electronically to pcstice@cox.net. They will be scanned and returned to you, and then later used for a 50th anniversary presentation.

Disaster Relief Collection

Next Sunday, the 18th, we will be taking up a special collection for the Victims of the flooding in Rhode Island. This team has already made one trip to the South Country Church of Christ and they are coordinating the relief efforts. This is an opportunity for us to help our neighbors.



TRCC Fundraiser

Like baseball? Want to help the youth group this summer? Buy tickets to the Rock Cats game for June 25th! Only \$8.00 a ticket! Sign up sheets on the foyer table. Questions: Brady Easter

WEEKLY RECORD 4/4/2010

Bible Class	219
Morning Worship	366
Evening Worship	96
Wednesday Evening	115
Offering to God	\$11,531.55

There are a few more items that we need for Family Fest. Please check around and see if you have any of these you could lend to us. Be sure to put your name on them so we can return them to you.

- hula hoop (we need 6)
- small swimming pool (we need 2)
- mop (we need 10)
- beach ball (we need 8)
- empty 2 liter soda bottle (we need 24)
- pool noodle (we need 10)

The 3rd Annual Family Fest is right around the corner!

- April 19-21 (Monday-Wednesday nights)
- 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- This year's theme is High Seas Expedition - Exploring the Mighty Love of God. We'll learn that God's Word is true, comforting and surprising. Get ready to set sail!
- Pre-register your child today to be sure they get a t-shirt.
- Take a flier to your friends and neighbors
 - For adults - plan to join us each night: Marriage videos Monday and Tuesday nights
 - Guest speaker Bud Fenner from the Ward St Church of Christ on Wednesday night
- o Lots of info in the foyer - Sign up to be part of this church-wide event!

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Song Leader—Phil Stice

Prayer—Darren Miller

Communion Thought—Scott Stafford

Lord's Table

Offering

Scripture—Jim Todd

Sermon "You Are Exceptional"

Scripture Romans 12:3-8

Announcements-Arnie Holmes

Closing Prayer—Leroy Washington

Children's Bible Time Irida Dautaj/Natalie Y

Toddler's Bible Time Charmaine/ Abby C.

Evening Lesson: 7 Disciplines For Discipleship #2 "Meditation"

Welcome To Gary Ealy

Welcome to Gary Ealy from the Generis Group who will be speaking this afternoon at 4:30 to the Leadership Group.

NEWS AND NOTES

- * Dick and Joel Anne have gone to New Mexico to visit Joel-Anne's mother.
- * Andre McMillian's mother is here visiting the family.
- * Hailey Melakian is in the hospital in Westport, keep her in your prayers.
- * We rejoice with Eric Johnson, who was baptized on Saturday. Eric is the son of Nick & Angie, who placed membership with us as well. Eric is the grandson of Brenda and Maynard Johnson.
- * We also rejoice with Connor Bray, who was baptized on Sunday by his friend Seth Bamburg and Emma Hescocock, friend of Cindy Hogan, who was baptized on Sunday as well. Their directory information is in the bulletin insert sheet this week.

ANTHONY'S CORNER

I had not watched much of the NCAA men's basketball tournament this year, especially with spring training baseball as well as hockey being much more to my liking. Yet when the final game of the tournament came down to perennial powerhouse Duke vs. upstart Butler University, I had to watch in hopes of seeing a major upset in the making. Though we as a society generally like to identify with winners, there is still something within that draws us to the underdog. Even when the underdog fails to come out on top as was the case with Monday night's men's final, we still applaud the effort as we continue to appreciate those who seek to overcome great odds in order to achieve their goal.

With those thoughts in mind, I wonder if the world or even if we ourselves regard those who follow after Jesus as the underdog in this life. As we Christians constantly go against the grain of this world system, a system controlled by the devil (I John 5:19) and subscribed to by the great majority of people, we may have the appearance of being the underdog. As Jesus characterizes His people as only being numerous enough to populate a narrow path (Matthew 7:14), the appearance of Christians as being in the underdog role continues. Yet the big difference between God's people and the average run of the mill underdog is this: the final score has been determined and we are going to win. In fact, you can take that to the bank. In Revelation 2:10, the Lord has these words to say to a group of embattled Christians from 1st century Smyrna, "*Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life*". Those in the world may see themselves as the odds-on favorite to prevail, but the inerrant Word of God clearly states that the ones perceived as the underdogs are really the "stone-cold lead pipe lock" to win the crown and go on to eternal life. Jesus has already won the battle for us; our continued faithfulness to Him will help us to realize the victory over sin and death for ourselves.



Annual Clothing Collection For MACC!

It is Spring and time for our annual clothing collection for MACC. A box will be in the coat room for your donations. All types of clothing are needed and are welcomed. The Senior Saints will pack and deliver them at our May 15th meeting.