



News From The Corner **The First Baptist Church of Derry**

**The Church in the Heart of Derry
With A Heart for Derry**

JUNE 2022

We mourn for the families of Uvalde, TX. "Oh God, heal our land. Be merciful to us. Comfort the loved ones of those who died in this horrific attack. Help us find ways to protect our children especially."

Romans 1 spoke of the evil in the people of Rome as it was declining: "They did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God..." We've done the same. America's leaders, along with many Americans, have taken us down this path, where we chose to not "retain the knowledge of God" we had here for centuries. Government, media and universities were complicit in removing any thought of Him as our Creator and Judge.

"So, God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done." That means God allowed people's free will to take its course. As they moved further away from God their minds went further into darkness. That's happened here too. "They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice." We are seeing these exact same things play out now. God's Word is true.

Certainly fewer guns would help. No one who has made threats against others, or has mental health issues, should ever be allowed to purchase guns. I see no reason why assault weapons should be sold to the public. But the problems playing out here are not about guns. Don't believe that lie.

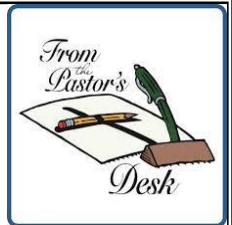
This is a spiritual problem. America's leaders have led us as a nation into a wide-spread rejection of God, His truth, and His ways. Without Him our evil natures are taking over, and the violence, hatred, and depression we're increasingly seeing is the result. The hopelessness among the young is heartbreaking. We see it in the deaths from drug overdoses, which outnumber murders by a factor of 5 to 1.

Things will not get better until Americans repent and turn back to God, and acknowledge Him as Creator and Lord. But these same leaders will never lead us in repenting. They disavow the existence of God and the Spirit world, so how could they possibly heal us spiritually? They are godless and arrogant. They will not acknowledge the harm they have caused, and are diverting attention from their own sin and failing, and the spiritual rot that exists in our land, by focusing on guns.

We as the Church, as God's people, can help by doing what the Bible says: "If My people, called by My name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their sins, I will hear, I will forgive, and I will heal their land."

We as Christians need to get ourselves right with God. We've all fallen into "the ways of the world" to some extent and need to examine ourselves. Then we can cry out to God and expect His help. Only by doing that can we oppose the great evil in our land. Only then will we be able to take on the struggle against godlessness and wickedness, and the totalitarianism we are headed toward here.

Pastor Malcolm



What's Happening

- **Memorial Day**—We will have a Moment of Silence in memory of those who gave their lives for our nation. We'll also have a Moment of Silence for those lost in Texas this week.
- Alpha Kanu's Friday night (6:30pm) **Ignite the Fire** teaching has attracted 3 new people from our church who have been blessed by it. If you've never been, check it out. He's an excellent teacher and motivator.
- Thank you to TJ Moonan for sharing his **testimony** 2 weeks ago. We'd still love to hear from others of you.
- Debbie Anderson will be on vacation June 21-28. She is looking forward to time away from the office.

For fans of the **Red Sox** who have enjoyed their recent winning streak here's an article about their new star, Trevor Story, and his spiritual journey. This website, SportsSpectrum, focuses on both sports and faith.

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Media/Books



Pastor Malcolm recommends a few websites he's found recently: WNG.org (World Magazine) a daily news report that views events from a Christian perspective; and Crosswalk.com which has great articles about social issues families and young people face. They deal with controversial but important subjects other Christian sites don't.

Did you borrow the book recommended by Pastor Malcolm? Brave by Faith, by Alistair Begg on the Book of Daniel: how to thrive in a hostile culture. If you did, be sure to return it to the narthex so someone else has an opportunity to read it. Also, be sure to share your thoughts. Would you also recommend it? Email your comments to the office—fbcderrynh@juno.com



FBC Fathers' Day—2022

Last month I wrote an article about lesser known mothers in the bible. This month I will be looking at lesser known fathers and you can use them as starting points to look further.

Philip—Acts 6: 1-7; 8: 5-40; 21:8-10 He was one of the first traveling missionaries and one of the seven organizers of food distribution in the early church. He's also one of the first to take the gospel to all people.

Reuben—Genesis 29-50 Kept the brothers of Joseph from killing Joseph. Later he gave in to group pressure.

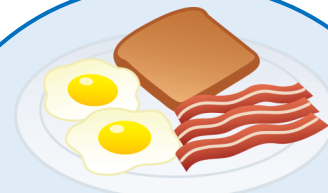
Jonathan—1 Samuel 13-31 A brave man and David's closest friend. His loyalty was costly but protected his son.

Samuel—1 Samuel 1-28 He was the last of Israel's judges. His sons were troublesome to him and he could not lead them spiritually

Richard Cardner
2022

Saturate USA DVD Giveaways

Meet after church next Sunday, June 5, if you are willing to walk a neighborhood in Derry and hand out bags with someone else, OR take bags to your own neighborhood and give them out there.



Men's Breakfast

9am, Saturday, June 4

For men who have never been—EXCELLENT food!
1 hour, 15 minutes

Father's Day Humor

"I wasn't very close to my Dad when he passed away—which was actually a good thing, because he stepped on a land mine."

"I know wherever my Dad is, he's looking down on us. He's still alive, He's just very condescending."

BE NOT THOU
THEREFORE ASHAMED

OF THE
Testimony
OF OUR *Lord.*

2 TIMOTHY 1:8

BIBLE

1. How does Moses make his coffee?
2. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

Answers at the bottom of this page

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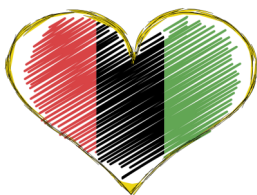
...at home and around the world

- Ben and Jessica Vreeland will be with us Sunday to share for a few minutes about their return trip to Kosovo with their 4 children where they will serve with Operation Mobilization. This is an admirable venture as Kosovo is a mostly Islamic country and experienced violence 25+ years ago when Yugoslavia broke up. We want to support them in prayer. They're also in need of a little more funding for the work there.
- Child Evangelism Fellowship (headed locally by Becca Smith) has asked for help making meals for their volunteer trainings the end of June.
- Pray for Mark Sohmer's evangelistic work at Hampton Beach this summer. Check out his website: <https://Luke-15.org> and on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SohmerFamily/>

The chairs have arrived!

Praise God for Lonnie, the only truck driver who thought our chairs (as well as those for a church in Maine) were important enough to deliver when no one else would take the job. God bless him!

Thanks to those who helped set up!



The holiday of Juneteenth celebrates the date in 1865 when US Army troops arrived in Texas and made clear to slave owners, and the 250,000 Black men and women still enslaved, that slavery had ended, and enforced the Emancipation Proclamation from 2 years earlier.



There's a good article on the CalvaryChapel.com website titled "Why Juneteenth is important for all Christians." From it: "The announcement of the formal end of the oppression and enslavement of black people in America should resonate with all who...worship Jesus, who identifies Himself as the one anointed 'to proclaim liberty to the captives.'" We have ordered Devotionals about Juneteenth from Our Daily Bread and will have them available in the narthex in mid-June.

BIBLE RIDDLES ANSWERS:

1. Hebrews it
2. Your mother ate us out of house and home

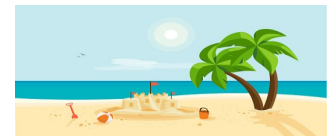
June 2022




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Pentecost Sunday 9am Adult Sunday Sch. 	6	7	8	9 5pm Prayer Time	10 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	11
12 9am Adult Sunday Sch. 1:30 Pleasant Valley	13	14	15	16 5pm Prayer Time	17 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	18
19 Choir Sings 9am Adult Sunday Sch.	20	21 Debbie on Vacation 	22	23 5pm Prayer Time	24 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	25
26 9am Adult Sunday Sch. Debbie on Vacation	27	28	29	30 5pm Prayer Time		



July 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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