

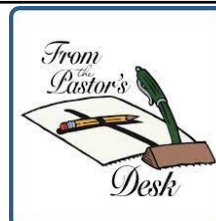


# ***News From The Corner*** **The First Baptist Church of Derry**

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

**JULY 2022**

Our nation - "God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night with the Light from Above". We sang this on Sunday and the words stayed with me. President Reagan gained fame in the early 80s by saying, "It's morning in America." He meant we'd be "Prouder, Stronger, Better" than we were after the Carter years. That became his campaign theme.



How many would say that now? We are going through a dark time. Will we make it "through the night"? How many Americans believe in or rely on "the Light from Above"? I'm convinced only turning to God will save us. But the good news is that God graciously accepts all who say they're sorry for how they've let Him and themselves down, and promises to heal and restore us. And He has the power to do it. We cannot make others turn to Him. How then can we bring about that spirit of repentance in other Americans? Through prayer. Let's pray for our country.

Cell phones/devices - Western Civilization advanced so far in the past 500 years because it recognized and encouraged the worth of the individual. Previously, only the wealthy and powerful were able to be educated, own land and homes, or advance materially. But "self-determination" - the ability to find/choose our own path and move along it - has brought fulfillment to millions of people since. Determining where we want to go and moving ourselves forward - "succeeding in life" - largely involves using our time in the best way possible, matched up with our goals and priorities. Time is our greatest resource.

My fear with phones is that they are so useful we keep them near us all the time, and their output indirectly robs us of our freedom to determine how we use our time. With so many texts + updates + news alerts + ads - do we really determine how we use our time? Don't these devices dictate how we use it? How can we find the time to concentrate on accomplishing our goals - to be truly self-directed - with all these other things distracting us? Are they all necessary?



*Pastor Malcolm*

## **What's Happening**

- **POTLUCK LUNCH**—Tues., July 19, 12:00-1:30. Join us for a potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share. Everyone welcome.
- 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.
- **Adult Sunday School** will continue through the summer months. Please join us when you can. We meet Sundays at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall. We will finish the books of Titus and Philemon in July and do a short study of Revelation in August.
- **Ladies' Wednesday Morning Bible Study** starting soon. All ladies are welcome! Join us Wednesday, July 13 at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall for brunch and study introduction. See or call Gail Gorski for additional info at 603 553-0404.

## **Saturate USA DVD Giveaway Update**

We've had about 10 people give out around 1,000 bags! That's a great accomplishment. Our goal is 2,000 so we'll keep at it in the weeks ahead. If you want to help but don't want to walk alone we can pair you up with a leader.



# Pot Luck

Tuesday, July 19, 12:00-1:30

Join us for fun, food and fellowship. Bring something to share—main dish, salad, or dessert

EVERYONE WELCOME!



Grow where you're planted

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever.

## New Ladies' Bible Study

# REDEEMED

Seeing the Messiah in the Book of Ruth



Join us for this six-session study as we:

- Get a close-up look at the lives of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz
- Dive into the fascinating history and culture of the book of Ruth
- Explore its rich symbolism of love and loyalty
- Find out how Boaz, the kinsman-redeemer, points to Jesus as our ultimate Redeemer
- See how God redeems tragedies and transforms lives
- Deepen your understanding of what it means to be loved and redeemed by God

**BIBLE STUDY**—ALL Ladies Welcome! Wednesdays beginning July 13, from 10:00-11:45am at FBC fellowship hall. See or call Gail Gorski for additional info at 603 553-0404.

**Weds., July 13 at 10am – Join us in Fellowship Hall for brunch and study introduction.**



### Media/Books



There's a Catholic Christian magazine/website - firstthings.com - that is very much worth visiting. One thing I learned there in the "Snapshot of Culture" section: Publishers Weekly has listed the top books published each year for 150 years. This year for the first time it no longer includes a category for "Religion."

### New Recommended Reading:

*Pray Big—Learn to Pray Like an Apostle*, by Alistair Begg. There are copies available in the narthex. Please read then return for someone else to enjoy. Share your thoughts.

## Connection

We have all endured the coronavirus in one way or another. To name a few effects: home schooling, working from home, missing activities such as bible class, hospitalizations, retirement, temporary location, and family separation.

In all this, Christian churches are exhorted to assemble. So, a question is, what can we do to maintain connectedness for those who cannot attend a formal face to face assembly?

Here are some ideas.

- Pray
- Share testimony, perhaps in the newsletter.
- Share fruits
- Be obedient to God
- Connect with other people in similar situations
- Send birthday cards
- Send get well cards
- Eat outdoors like state park
- Provide a list of safe computer sites
- Be part of committees of church
- Personalize communication
- Use first names
- Make specific comments
- Act as encouragers
- Love those who have different conclusions
- Digitalize bulletins
- Ask sermon visitors to give online
- Start a book club
- Provide Bible study group
- Livestream



The following site provides some pointers  
<https://churchanswers.com/blog/five-ways-to-reach-those-who-stopped-attending-worship-services/>

This has been a difficult time for many of us. Let us find some of the opportunities in it.

- Richard Gardner, July 2022

Grow in Christ

**Adult Sunday School Meets Through the Summer**  
 9:00am Sunday Mornings  
 Join Us When You Can!

1. *Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible?*
2. *How long did Cain hate his brother?*

Answers at the bottom of this page

## MISSIONS

...at home and around the world

- **Ben and Jessica Vreeland** Ben and Jessica Vreeland and their 4 kids will be leaving for Kosovo in early August. They will be ministering to Albanian Kosovo people, most of whom are muslim. Please pray their housing situation there will get settled soon.
- **Mark Sohmer - Great News Ministry** Mark continues to do evangelism on college campuses, and in Boston's subways, asking strangers to think about who God and Jesus are, and the claims they make. He's faced some opposition but keeps at it. You can see an 8 minute YouTube video of that ministry here: <https://movie.luke-15.org>. The number and variety of people he has interacted with is incredible. He's also teaching at 3 summer camps this summer, helping teenagers answer questions from friends about God, creation, and sexuality, and in general defend the Christian faith. He added prison ministry to his outreach list, and preached to 80 inmates in June. He's been invited back this month too. Pray for Mark, his wife Shelby, and his family. Check out his website: <https://Luke-15.org> and on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SohmerFamily/>. Mark's YouTube channel has over 10,000 subscribers! Here's a 3 minute clip of him teaching at a church camp this summer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BE2B88Bj1M>

### From the FBC Missions Committee...

#### Camp Sentinel

The FBC Missions Committee reviews and makes donations to about twenty missions. This section will review one of those missions, Camp Sentinel

According to their website they declare their purpose:

*"The purpose of Camp Sentinel is to continue to provide a safe and welcoming environment for relationship building with God and others."*

They also note

*"Camp Sentinel is located in the foothills of the Ossipee Mountain range in Center Tuftonboro, New Hampshire. Established in 1949, Sentinel offers fun, quality Christian overnight and day camp for youth, adults, and families. Sentinel also hosts year-round rustic retreats for groups up to 200 guests."*

There are many ways the camp accomplishes the purpose. There is over 1 mile of shorefront and 600 acres for the activities. A few of them are overnight camping experiences, retreats, a family campground, a camp theme. This year it is Engage. *"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" 1 Peter 3:15*

My wife and I have attended the Seniors' camp: it is all it is purported to be.

You can get more information at the camp website  
<https://www.campsentinel.org>

Submitted by Richard & Linda Cardner  
FBC Missions Committee Members



"The

HARVEST

is Plentiful

but the

LABORERS

are few"

Matthew 9:37




### BIBLE RIDDLES ANSWERS :

1. When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.
2. As long as he was Abel.



# July 2022



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