



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

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

September 2022



The Books section this month includes 2 books by nationally known authors: "My Pillow"'s Mike Lindell is on TV a lot (too much LOL), and Andrew Klavan has written books that have sold in the millions. They led wild lives before coming to faith. But we don't want to fall into celebrating celebrity culture.

The real heroes of the Christian life are those who quietly, humbly, without publicity, follow Christ in their daily lives and make a difference in the lives of others. That's been true for 2000 years. I think we all want to follow "the way of Christ" more closely and live it out with others, inside and outside the church. That's what it means to be a disciple. Unlike celebrities we don't get fame or fortune for doing that. That's why such people are called "unsung heroes". But they are building the Kingdom of God.

How can we grow disciples here? Partly through worship and the Bible studies we offer - they impart knowledge about God and as participants discuss what's taught we learn more about how He wants us to see the world and live in it.

But there are opportunities to be together outside of classes or Sunday mornings, real world ways for us to be together. The model Covid pushed us into - people watching alone or with their family from home - was necessary for a time and is convenient, but it's not the best way to strengthen the Church or add people to it. I know some of you are super-busy and for you this - and reading - are all you can do now. That's understandable. But for those less busy there are other ways.

We hold monthly lunches at church and the Men will meet for breakfast on the 24th. 6-8 women do Crafts weekly. The Praise Team and Choir build relationships. So does the Sound team. Some go to lunch with others after worship. A few regularly invite newer people over to their homes for a meal. Some women pray together online each Thursday afternoon. A few guys even went to a rock concert. These are great! They allow us to learn about others, deepen friendships and some of them take "church" outside the 4 walls where others can see us, and we can see what's happening with them.

Could we form other walking groups? Hold an acoustic guitar sing-a-long some evening? A Patriots game watch party? Form a group to gather items needed by recently settled refugees up in Manchester? A work day to help the Haitian Baptist Church in Manchester? Another young adult Game Night? Get on Zoom with our pets and "show and tell" with other pet owners? We're open to your ideas.



PS - I'm not knowledgeable about current music so if anyone who is would like to recommend new songs or artists for the newsletter each month we'd welcome that.

Pastor Malcolm

What's Happening

- Alpha Kanu's Friday night (6:30pm) **Ignite the Fire** teaching continues to attract new people who have been blessed by it. If you've never been, check it out. He's an excellent teacher and motivator.
- **Adult Sunday School** meets at 9:00 in Fellowship Hall. Please join us when you can. We will be studying the book Philemon.
- **Ladies' Wednesday Morning Bible Study** meets from 10:00-11:30am in Fellowship Hall. Our new study is "Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn From Them" by Liz Curtis Higgs. See or call Gail Gorski for additional info at 603 553-0404. All ladies are welcome!
- **Thursday Bible Study** meets at 1:00pm. This is a video study of the Bible and is open to everyone. Please join us as we learn together.



Media/Books



The Great Good Thing by Andrew Klavan. Klavan is a successful crime author, of both books and movie scripts. He grew up in a Jewish home on Long Island, had some serious conflict with his father, resulting in a violent and unsettled youth. Then he suffered from depression and hypochondria as a young man. But through reading the great works of Western Literature he came to believe that our whole civilization was based on the person of Jesus Christ. He was baptized as a Christian 10 yrs ago. His account of how he came to faith is fascinating. The way his wife stood by him is a great subplot.

What Are the Odds? From Crack Addict to CEO Mike Lindell (My Pillow)

I was given this book 2 yrs ago but didn't read it because I found the author so obnoxious in his TV ads, but I picked it up on vacation and couldn't put it down. Lindell was a wild man who lived on the edge. He was a drug addict and gambling addict, coming close to losing his house (and the bar he owned) many times, and constantly getting in and out of serious (and amusing) scrapes. In Mexico a drug dealer put a gun to his head while his wife and friends slept in a nearby hotel. for such a person as this to get clean, come to faith, and become successful - it's a remarkable story.



It is the duty of every Christian to be Christ to his neighbor.

Martin Luther



Book publishers report there were over 2,700,000 books published in 2015. You'd have to read 7,437 a day to read them all! One group of publishers votes on the book with the strangest title each year. Here are some recent winners:

- The Joy of Chickens
- Highlights in the History of Concrete
- Reusing Old Graves
- People Who Don't Know They're Dead: How They Attach Themselves to Unsuspecting Bystanders and What to Do about It
- Managing a Dental Practice the Genghis Khan Way
- The Dirt Hole and Its Variations.
- Is Superman Circumcised?

Reading some may help - but try the Bible first. "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free."



Adult Sunday School Meets at 9:00am Sunday Mornings Join Us When You Can!

Upcoming Events

Get Involved!



- **Derryfest—Saturday, September 17, 10:00-4:00.** We have a table at Derryfest to hand out information on FBC, DVDs, stuffed animals for the children. We still have opportunities for folks to work the table for a one or two hour block of time greeting everyone as they pass by.
- **Men's Breakfast—Saturday, September 24, 9:00am.** Men of all ages are welcome to join us for a time of great food and great conversation.
- **Ladies' Brunch Event—Saturday, October 15, 10:00am.** Our guest speaker will be Tori Hammond. This is open to all ladies, feel free to bring a friend.
- **Downtown Trick or Treat—Saturday, October 22, 12:00-3:00.** We will be handing out candy and tracts in the parking lot. If you are able to help out, Please see Karen Tenhagen or call the office.
- **Craft Fair—Saturday, October 29, 9:00-2:00.** The Creative Fellowship Group will be holding a Craft Fair in Fellowship Hall. Come and check out the array of gifts they have; bring a friend.
- **Mommy & Me/Grammy & Me Playgroup—**We are in the in the process of assessing the need for offering such a group. This would be open to parents/grandparents of toddlers in our church and in the community. Please be praying about whether this is an opportunity we should be getting involved in as well as how to reach out to those who would benefit from it in our community.



Biblical examples of good marriages, researched and compiled by Richard Cardner (married to Linda for 56 years).

Ruth and Boaz (found in the Old Testament book of Ruth)

Even before Boaz fell in love with Ruth, when she first came to work for him, he took care to protect her and provide for her (Ruth 2: 8-9). He also complimented her for caring for her mother-in-law. The book highlights strong inter-generational relationships, also helpful for healthy marriages.

Boaz showed integrity by following Jewish law and helping restore Naomi's property to her and Ruth, even though it cost him significantly. (Ruth 4:1-12)

Ruth and Boaz' child, Obed, became the ancestor of both King David and Jesus.

Elkanah and Hannah (found in 1 Samuel)

Hannah at first could not have children and Elkanah was sensitive to the hurt that caused her, and entered into it. "Why do you weep? Am I not better to you than 10 sons?"

They helped each other religiously. Hannah went from anguish in not having a child to contentedly giving to God a son she did not even have yet, and again Elkanah supported her. 1 Samuel 1:21-23

Mary and Joseph (Luke 1, 2)

Jesus' earthly parents maintained their commitment to each other to marry in spite of attacks by others. They traveled together to Joseph's ancestral home even though Mary was pregnant, a sign of being willing to suffer to do what had to be done. And they took Jesus to the temple when he was a boy, an example of raising children up to know the Lord.

What can be learned from this brief inquiry? Seek God's will. Trust and be trustworthy. Work with the extended family. Connect with your religious organization.

We don't believe something by merely saying we believe it, or even when we believe that we believe it. We believe something when we act as if it were true.

Dallas Willard



Opportunities to Serve:

- Pleasant Valley Nursing Home—Sunday, September 11 at 1:30
- Coffee Hour Cleanup—any Sunday after worship. There is a signup sheet at the coffee station.
- Do you love working with children? Talk to Karen Tenhagen or Debbie Simmons about Children's Church



MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



Camp Sentinel - a camp the American Baptist Church of VT/NH owns up near Moultonborough. Camp Director Kevin Van Brunt reports that they had ZERO Covid cases again this summer - and they hosted almost 700 campers. The camp Bible verse/theme this summer was 1 Peter 3:15: "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."

Valerie Markowski received her Permanent Residency status in South Africa so she intends to minister there at Beautiful Gate into her retirement years. She still cares deeply for the children there and her co-workers. She reports that mask mandates were finally lifted there after 2+ years and that the economy was badly hurt by the lack of tourism.

Ben and Jessica Vreeland their 4 children are in Kosovo now, and thrilled to have found a wonderful home to live in after a promised one fell through.

The Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission is holding a Fall Fund Raiser on Friday Sept 23 at 6pm at Alpine Grove in Hollis, NH. There will be an update given on the Women's Shelter they are hoping to open soon.

The Missions Cmte gave a special gift to the children's ministry in Romania that Jane Hill traveled to a few years ago and received a nice Thank You note.

Prayers for:

Becca Smith, Child Evangelism, facing surgery.

Luke Perkins wife Becca, recovering from surgery.

Haitian Baptist Church in Manchester - one of many hurt by Covid. They have a serious heating problem because of stained glass windows that are poorly insulated. They still owe \$3,000 from last winter's bill. We are working with the ABC office to get plastic sheeting put up over the windows.

Our denomination ABC-VNH is using much of its financial resources to help other churches affected by Covid.



joni&friends

In August I attended a Pastor's Day at a Joni and Friends Special Needs Family Camp in Greenfield, NH. There were 20 families there with at least 1 child or adult with a disability and they hold 3 of these camps each summer. There were many volunteers of all ages there. Most of them cared for the kids, giving parents and siblings a much needed break, and others taught Bible lessons, or lead music, games or crafts. All told there were about 100 people there.

The man who gave the devotional to the parents said something beautiful: these young people who are disabled will be made whole one day at the Resurrection. Therefore to love and care for them now shows people in the world the hope that is in the gospel, that God will make all things beautiful in His time. It's in this way that the weaker among us really are indispensable, because they give the rest of us the chance to show that we believe. Let's all look for opportunities to show God's goodness in the way we care for the less fortunate.



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