



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

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

October 2022



We spoke about the gift of "Helping" during our study of spiritual gifts. The more I think about the various gifts this one of helping is the one needed and used most often. So many things fall under the category of "helping". It's absolutely necessary on a regular basis in the life of a church (or in a marriage or family).

I'm proud that we have a lot of people willing to use that gift at FBC. Here's some evidence: the crowd of volunteers stuffing bags for Downtown Trick or Treat past noon this past Sunday, while the Choir practiced upstairs, and the Nominating committee met in another area; the men and women who set up and clean up for Coffee Hour each week; those who came out to sing and talk with residents at Pleasant Valley; the sound and tech people who are in church early each Sunday; those who cooked and served for the Men's Breakfast; the cooks and clean-up crew who made the Sunday luncheon a success for 60 people; the faithful women making crafts every Tuesday; Margaret and Tim Isbell who gave their time to speak about their work in Ukraine at two Bible studies; the musicians who practice and play twice a month; those who decorated and will prepare food for the Ladies Luncheon; the women and girls who lead Junior Church; the 20+ people who staffed our booth at Derryfest; the men who picked up and unloaded last week's Food Pantry delivery; the many who give rides to people; those who maintain the website; Albert taking on the role of greeter; Ron G keeping the church tower clock on time, for years, a thankless, technically-challenging, headache-producing task since no one ever comments when it's working right!

These people are like the lineman in a football game. No one knows their names, there's no glamour in the task, they get no acclaim. But nothing good ever happens without them.

It takes a humble heart to do these things. It's behaving in a Christ-like way. Jesus said of Himself He "didn't come to be served, but to serve", and after washing His disciples feet He said, "If you call me Lord and Master you must do these things too."

Good work! Thank you!

Pastor Malcolm



What's Happening

Sanctuary Dedication service/lunch - Sunday Nov. 13. We want to have a prayer of dedication for the new Sanctuary interior, show slides of how the work was done, and thank the many workers and financial supporters. Then we'll have a luncheon and hear from a few of our long time members. Former pastor Jim Smith and his wife Sharon will attend, and they have some additional pics from their time here for us to see.



Media/Books



**Any interest
in forming
a Book Club?**

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

- 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.



Music Recommendations

Search for these songs on your computer or phone; look for the "lyric videos" so you can see the words as you listen...

For a great way to start your day: "Good Morning Mercy" by Jason Crabb

Celebrating God's faithfulness: "Always" by Chris Tomlin

When you need reassurance: "Heaven Help Me" by Zach Williams



Ephesians 5:19 ...speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,

MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



Come hear NH's own Luke Perkins speak to us this Sunday. He, Becca and their 4 kids have been in Haiti for 7 yrs while Luke taught at a Bible seminary there. They can't go back right now because of civil unrest. Luke will be taking the position of President of CrossWorld, a large mission organization based in Kansas City next year so catch him while he's still local.

Please pray for Becca Smith, head of southern NH Child Evangelism Fellowship, as she faces/recovers from serious surgery.

"David Spinali from Inter-Varsity reports that their group at SNHU has 25 students in it.

Our Missions Cmte heard from a Director of the Mt Zion Christian School in Manchester at their most recent meeting.





Autumn/Fall and Christianity



The beauty of fall is hard to describe but in New England, once you have experienced it you won't forget: the colors, the smells, the leaf piles, cooling temperatures, seasonal foods, family gatherings.

Each season affects the way we think and feel. As Christians we too are influenced by the seasons; this essay is to look into that influence. A major source for many of these ideas is found on

https://www.crosswalk.com/blogs/christian-trends/what-autumn-teaches-christians-about-life-death-and-god.html#google_vignette

Some people like fall as a relief from summer heat. Some dislike it as a reminder that winter is coming.

Joseph Rhea wrote an article entitled Dying Beautifully

https://www.google.com/search?q=autumn+dying+beautifully&rlz=1C1SQJL_enUS779US780&oq=autumn+dying+beautifully&aqs=chrome..69l57j33l160l3.11611j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF

In the article one point made is that autumn refreshes us with new wonders. We have had a summer of green and we got used to it. G K Chesterton wrote that summer's green repetition inoculated him against wonder. He does not have God's capacity to delight at every new leaf, but autumn brings back a sense of wonder.

A second point is that Autumn reminds us of the promise of glory. It can remind us that our lives are more than spring/summer.

A third point reminds us that the autumn prepares us for winter. And the winter isn't the end for Christians because we are joined to a tree that winter cannot touch.

With the changing seasons we are prompted to think on the unchanging God and His blessings. As the song "Abide With Me" says "Thou who changest not, abide with me."

Richard Cardner October 4 2022



To everything
there is a
season
and a time
for every purpose
under heaven

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Opportunities to Serve, Fellowship & Connect:

- **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.
- **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
- Stop in and see our friend Erika Premoli (mother of Barbara and the 3 boys) at her new Spa - "Breeze" - next to Sabatino's. She's kept her night job and hasn't been able to be with us but we connect at Derryfest.

FBC at Derryfest 2022



This was our first year at Derryfest. We had about 20 volunteers from FBC that greeted folks and handed out 265 Jesus DVDs and information on church activities at FBC. They also handed out 450 stuffed lions with a coloring book of the story of Daniel.



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