



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

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

November 2022



Since we in America today have the highest standard of living, and more "things" to use and enjoy, than any people in earth's history, its surprising so many are either angry or depressed much of the time.

Those who are angry watch for things "the other side" does that show how corrupt "they" are. For those on the Left these things are more evidence of a right-wing conspiracy; for those on the Right they're evidence woke-ness is taking over.

Those who are depressed talk about how broken our institutions are, how low the birth rate is, or the continuing opioid crisis. As a writer in First Things put it - "rage and despair, the two dominant flavors".

There's a 2nd century Jewish legend about 2 rabbis walking through Jerusalem after it was destroyed by the Romans. They saw wild animals running in the spot where the Temple's Holy of Holies had been. One of them laughed. The other said, "How can you laugh when what was once the earthly home of God is now rubble?" The first one pointed out that God's promises to rebuild the city and make it a place where people lived again in joy and peace could not be fulfilled until it had been destroyed. He saw the destruction as the first phase of new life, and so he rejoiced even sadness.

Until things break down they can't be rebuilt into something better. We see this in nature where the ground must be torn up for anything to grow. Look at it right after its plowed and it looks awful. But it's necessary for future seeds to sprout there. That can only happen in places that are torn. To watch anything break down is to be closer to a new beginning.

Who knows where America is going? It's possible things fall apart in the short-term but grow back and flourish long-term. In fact when Jesus predicted Jerusalem's fall He told His friends, "When all these things begin to take place, stand and look up, for your redemption is coming nearer." (Luke 21).

For those of us who trust that a just and loving God is in control of history, **hope in Him** is what should characterize our lives. "His mercies are new every morning." Can we experience that, and show it in our conversation with others? "He gives us beauty for ashes, joy in place of mourning." Trust in His promises.



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. Outreach will prepare a soup and sandwich luncheon. Signup in the narthex or call the office if you would like to help with the luncheon.



Media/Books



Any Interest In Forming A Book Club?

HARVEST BIBLE CONFERENCE
 CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
 5 ROCKINGHAM RD., LONDONDERRY, NH
 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11th — SUNDAY, 13th

GUEST SPEAKERS WILL BE:

Friday Evening @ 6:30 pm
 PASTOR MALCOLM WIDNESS

Saturday @ 8:00am, Men's Breakfast
 PASTOR JOHN "STRETCH" WHALEN

Saturday Evening @ 6:30 pm
 DR. MARK BALLARD

Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:45 am
 PASTOR CRAIG LAWRENCE

Sunday Fellowship Meal

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A HARVEST MEAL FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

- **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!
- 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 until November 13 and then Glen Pomeranz will teach 2 classes on Jewish holidays and their tie to Jesus.
- **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.

MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



From the Pastor: I attended a luncheon this week put on by CornerstoneNH to celebrate all the "right to life" pregnancy counseling centers in NH that worked so hard for decades to protect the lives of the unborn, and provided support for women who chose to have their baby. Two ministries we give to, BirthRight on Crystal Ave. and RealOptions, were honored by the crowd of 200 people. I sat next to 2 women from BirthRight who have each worked there, unpaid, for 37 years! One of the worship leaders, an ABC pastor from Milford, spoke of his own Mom walking into an abortion clinic 40 yrs ago and said he was only alive today because a woman (and they were mostly women) like one of those honored spoke to her and urged her to "choose life". CornerstoneNH did a lot of the work to get the bill banning late-term abortions in NH passed this year.

Calvary Bible Church on Hampstead Rd is holding its annual Missions Conference this weekend. They're hosting missionaries working in Albania, Brazil, Puerto Rico, the Arab world, and Cuba.



InterVarsity

MINISTRY UPDATE FROM DAVE

DAVE SPINALE

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Manchester, NH



This could be one of the 'seeds' God is growing now - a return to faith among the young.

Photo of fall retreat with New Hampshire college students.



Thanksgiving

As I was thinking about Thanksgiving, I became curious about the different ways the idea of thanks was presented in the Bible.



Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34

Two choirs were assigned to give thanks for the building of the wall. Nehemiah 12: 31

I will give you thanks in the great assembly; among all the people I will praise You. Psalm 35: 18

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Colossians 3:15

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. Hebrews 12:28

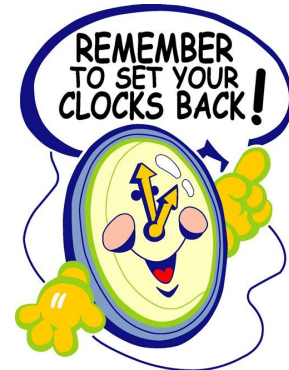
It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, Psalm 92:1

"I will bless the Lord at all times and His praise shall continually be in my mouth" Psalm 34:1

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6

Submitted by Richard Cardner
10/30/22

Sunday, November 6



I AM THANKFUL
for
YOU

*Sing and make music
from your heart to the
Lord, always giving
thanks to god the
father for everything,
in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ.*

Ephesians 5:19b-20

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 . . .



He Is — by Crowder
Me on Your Mind — by Matthew West
Joy To Be — Citizens (featuring Chaunda Jefferson)



Psalm 104: 33-34 I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to Him, as I rejoice in the LORD.

We Need You!



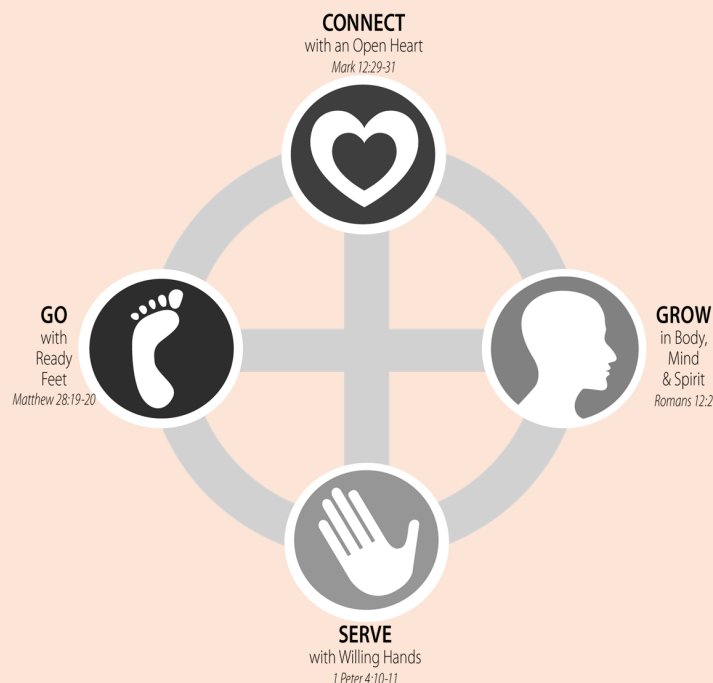
Opportunities to Serve, Fellowship & Connect:

New Opportunities:

- Walk in the Derry Parade to support the FBC Community Food Pantry. Saturday, November 26. Call the office for more details. We need 2 people to carry the Pantry banner and another 1 or 2 to hand out Plunge flyers. It's a fun way to see the parade from the other side.
- If you can help clean (light vacuuming) the church building while Hank and Gail are on vacation for two Sundays in November (20th & 27th), please call the office or speak to Hank.
- If you are able to help out at the church office one day a week (8:00-noon) answering the phone, greeting visitors, and other small tasks, please see one of the Trustees or call the office.

Ongoing Opportunities:

- Coffee Hour Setup and Cleanup — Sunday after worship. There is a signup sheet at the coffee station.
- We have coffee time after service every week, please join us. Introduce yourself to a visitor and invite them to join you for a cup of coffee.
- Do you love working with children? Talk to Karen Tenhagen about Children's Church





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