



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

### ***December 2022***



Devotional: The Christmas story is full of surprises. That God Himself, Immortal, Invisible, would become human; that He'd choose a young, uneducated girl to give birth to His Son; that Jesus spent His first night on earth in an animal's trough because there was no room for Him in any of the inns in Bethlehem; and that His birth would be announced first to poor shepherds who were shunned by many of that day.

"No room at the inn". A great parallel lesson for us in that phrase is that we need to make room and time for Christ in our lives. We want to spend time each day talking with Him, committing our activities and our loved ones to Him. Make note of prayer requests each Sunday and pray for them on your own.

And of course reading about Him in the Bible. He's the Living Word and the Bible is the Written Word - but it's alive too. Give reading it a chance and God will surprise you. There are great devotionals on the tables in the narthex. Things you read there will be brought back to you in the days afterward, and will be a help to you and others.

But please "make room" for Him by joining with others here in serving Him, or being in a group where others read and talk about Him. Every person who sings in the Choir enjoys it and is blessed by it. Those who served at Derryfest or helped insulate the Haitian Church's windows felt a wonderful sense of accomplishment. Those who attend our various Bible classes feel the same. Can you find an hour a week to deepen your relationship with God here? "Make room." If we take a step towards God He will surprise us too.



*Pastor Malcolm*

THIS SUNDAY - 3PM - our big Christmas celebration will take place



### *Singing in the Christmas Season*

Dave will lead the congregation in singing Christmas hymns, carols and songs on the organ, piano and accordion, and our choir will sing a few pieces too. Refreshments to follow.

Christmas singing = Christmas joy



Christmas Eve Service, 6pm

Christmas Morning, 10am Worship

New Year's Sunday—We'll celebrate Communion and hear a testimony by Paul Simmons in addition to the Pastor's message.

# PANTRY PLUNGE

Annual FBCC Food Pantry Pantry Plunge fundraiser Saturday, December 10, at Beaver Lake, at noon

Please support the cause. Come out and swim, or come watch those who take the plunge. This is our church's ministry, begun here and located here for 30+ years, and one we should be proud of - because it fills a great need in our community. I see the crowds of people each Tuesday out my office window. Many of you bring food here and regularly support the Pantry financially. Thank you. Perhaps you can mention to other people with good hearts how valuable it is - helping relieve hunger for 150 families each month - and ask them to give at: [pantry-plunge.org](http://pantry-plunge.org).

And please pray for Margaret Isbell and others as they interact with guests.

Below are photos from previous Plunge



**LADIES' WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** – All Women invited to attend each Wed 10-11:30 in fellowship hall. We'd be delighted to have you join us. For info or questions, Contact Gail 603 553-0433

Dec 14 – Christmas Lesson

Dec. 21 – Christmas Celebration/time of fellowship sharing the Joy of Jesus birth

Dec. 28 & Jan. 4 – NO STUDY

Jan. 11 – New study begins



**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY** – Thursday Bible Study meets in Fellowship Hall at 1:00pm. Please join us, all are welcome. This is for both men and women. We watch and discuss videos about the Bible. Come and learn with us, no homework!

Dec. 22 & 28 – NO STUDY

January and February—NO STUDY ALL MONTH

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** – Sunday mornings at 9am. All are welcome to join.

December 25 & January 1 – NO Class

**IGNITE THE FIRE** – This group is holding a "Crossover" service on New Year's Eve that our Church will join in. It's new for us, but many other churches do it because it's a great way to give thanks for the past year's blessings and enter into the New Year. 10-12:30am.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall 5pm Zoom Prayer	2 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	3
4 9am Adult Sunday Sch. 10am Worship Service	5	6	7 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall	8 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall 5pm Zoom Prayer	9 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	10 12:00 Pantry Plunge at Beaver Lake, Derry
11 9am Adult Sunday Sch. 10am Worship Service Singing in the Christmas Season, 3:00pm	12	13	14 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall	15 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall 5pm Zoom Prayer	16 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	17 
18 9am Adult Sunday Sch. 10am Worship Service	19	20	21 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall	22 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall 5pm Zoom Prayer	23 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	24 Christmas Eve Service, 6:00pm
25 10:00 Worship Service  OH HOLY NIGHT!	26	27	28 No Ladies' Bible Study	29 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall 5pm Zoom Prayer	30 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	31 New Year's Crossover Service, 10p-12:30a



# JANUARY

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 No Sunday School 10am Worship Service Communion	2	3	4 No Ladies' Bible Study	5 No Video Bible Study 5pm Zoom Prayer	6 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	7
8 9am Adult Sunday Sch. 10am Worship Service 1:30 Pleasant Valley	9	10	11 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall -New Study Begins	12 No Video Bible Study 5pm Zoom Prayer	13 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	14
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