



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

**The Church in the Heart of Derry**

## ***February 2023***



Welcome to the New Year - 2023. We pray it will be a year of growing closer to the God Who made us and loves us with an everlasting love, as well as a time of peace, joy and prosperity.

We've seen several of our people face serious health threats this winter and the death of loved ones, along with other family concerns. Praise God we've seen healings, successful surgeries and stays in rehab during that time. But they are challenging.

On top of that there are events across our nation and the world that cause us anxiety. Yet what we are experiencing, as hard and painful as it may be, is little in comparison to what the billions of poor and destitute across the earth are experiencing. Or other Christians facing persecution. Read up on what is happening to Christians and churches in Nigeria, Afghanistan, and elsewhere. It's frightening.

And the first Christians, on a societal level, faced far more terrifying times than we have had to endure. The apostle Paul wrote of facing death all day long, like sheep headed to the slaughterhouse; of "trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, danger and violence". (Romans 8) This is NOT to minimize what you are going through; we feel for you. But seeing them face these things successfully should be a source of hope for us.

Paul also wrote these words of assurance, inspired by the Holy Spirit - "Who or what can separate us from the love of God seen in Christ Jesus?" And his answer was clear: "Nothing. Nothing can separate us from that love." Great news! So our futures are secure. "Yet", he added, "amid all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who has loved us." Romans 8:37

On this earth we will never live in a utopia without these difficulties. We will always live "amid" them. Jesus Himself confirmed, "In this world you will have tribulation." But He gave us the same good news. "Be of good cheer. I have overcome the world."

Our Great God has promised those who are "in Christ" will win out over all problems and difficulties, even over death. And we can do more than survive or get through what we're facing. We can conquer them in some sense - as individuals facing our own troubles, and as a church facing what our culture throws at us. There are types of challenges we can push back against and conquer.

Let's pray for a growing faith in each of us that will let us rest in this truth in the New Year.

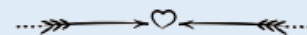
*Pastor Malcolm*



Tuesday, February 14, at noon  
In Fellowship Hall

## ***Valentine's Day Luncheon***

Join us for a potluck lunch  
Bring a friend and a dish to  
share – main dish, salad, or dessert



***We love because  
he first loved us***

1 JOHN 4:19



## Newness

Richard Gardner

Did you make any New Years resolutions this year? Have you kept them? Newness is an old idea. The Bible talks of it often. In my concordance there are over 30 references to "new." I wanted to share some and give you some Biblical views of newness.

Ecclesiastes 1:9:...there is nothing new under the sun..."

Psalms 40:3-4 says "He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God..."

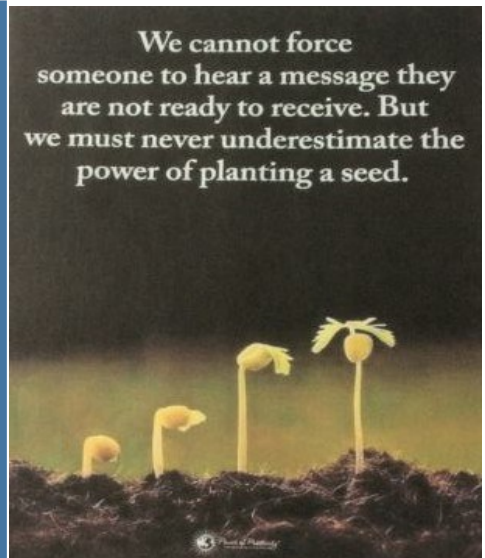
Speaking about His death, in Luke 22:20, we are told Jesus "took the cup saying 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you.'"

Some newness requires change as is seen in 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 ".....Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch - as you really are." We are made new because "Christ our passover was sacrifice for us. Therefore let us keep the Festival not with the old bread, leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

Other 'new' references look to the future, to the time of ultimate newness. God promised in Isaiah 65:17 - "See I will create new heavens and a new earth."

In Revelation 21:1 the apostle John reported, "I saw a new heaven and a new earth. God's dwelling place is now among His people. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

What will you do with the newness you find?



We cannot force someone to hear a message they are not ready to receive. But we must never underestimate the power of planting a seed.

## CHOIR Schedule

February—

12—Choir sings & Practices

19—Choir sings & Practices

March—

12—Choir sings & Practices

**MISSIONS**  
...at home and around the world

We love  
BECAUSE  
He first  
LOVED US

From Luke and Becca Perkins, missionaries to Haiti: "Merry Christmas. We wanted to thank you for your generous giving this past year. We have seen God do incredible things and you were a huge part of that."

From the Haitian Baptist Church, Manchester: "Dear brothers and sisters of the First Baptist Church of Derry. This is to express our most sincere thanks and gratitude for your generous support financially. Your efforts are truly appreciated."

From Birthright, Derry: "Wishing you all the best at this Christmas holiday."

Camp Sentinel, the American Baptist Camp in the White Mtns, is starting its 75th year of ministry!

From the Gunbhardi's serving in Albania: "Dear First Baptist Church. It is a great joy and privilege to serve our Lord together. We want to thank you for your generosity in giving toward our ministry. We don't take it for granted, therefore we are very grateful to you and to God. Praying for you as a church. With lots of love in Christ."

From Paul Roussel, Christian Aftercare Ministries: "Christmas is a good time to thank our supporting churches for your support and encouragement all these years. May the Lord richly bless you."

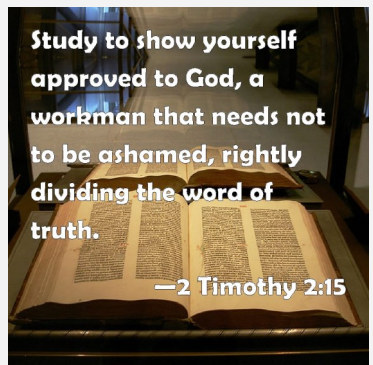
**LADIES' WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** – All Women invited to attend each Wed 10-11:30 in the fellowship hall. We'd be delighted to have you join us. For info or questions, Contact Gail 603 553-0433. February 22—New Study Begins—a 12-week study on 1,2,3 John by Dee Brestin.



**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY** – Not meeting for the month of February—See you in March! Study resumes on Thursday, March 2.

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

**IGNITE THE FIRE** – Friday nights at 6:30 – meets in Fellowship Hall. Led by Alpha Kanu. All are welcome.



As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient, it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together.

The church needs you.  
And you need the church.



## How can you get involved?

- Join Pastor Malcolm and others at the Pleasant Valley Nursing Home the second Sunday of each month. Meet at Pleasant Valley at 1:30 for a time of singing with the residents.
- Volunteers are needed to help cleanup after coffee time each week. If you would like to provide something to go along with the coffee (baked goods, bread, cookies, etc.) they are always welcome.
- If you love working with children, see Karen Tenhagen about getting involved with Children's Church.



### Media/Books



Take a look at modern day "life of Jesus" film that is available on both Prime and Netflix now - "The Chosen." It's well written and acted and shows the personal side of Jesus as He interacts with His disciples and others. It's in its 3rd season now and is so popular the last 2 episodes will be shown in theaters as well as on TV.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	4
5 9am Adult Sunday Sch. 10am Worship Service	6 	7	8	9 5pm Zoom Prayer	10 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	11
12 9am Adult Sunday Sch. 10am Worship Service 1:30 Pleasant Valley	13	14 Valentine's Day Lunch At noon—potluck	15 10am Ladies' Bible Study-Fellowship Gathering 6pm Outreach Mtg	16 5pm Zoom Prayer	17 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	18
19 9am Adult Sunday Sch. 10am Worship Service	20 President's Day Office Closed	21 Creative Fellowship Craft Group—10am	22 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall	23 5pm Zoom Prayer	24 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	25 
26 9am Adult Sunday Sch. 10am Worship Service	27	28				



# March 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall	2 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall 5pm Zoom Prayer	3 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	4
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