



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

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

May-June 2023



We've had 2 encounters with people experiencing homelessness in the last 4 months. They came to us for help because State and Town government often can't do much for them. One 67 yr old man knocked on our door during our New Years Eve service. We 1. found him a safe place to stay that night (the office porch). 2. helped him get a housing voucher enabling him to afford an apartment (which took a few months vs. the normal several years because of his advanced age); 3. found him a bed at the Nashua Rescue Mission until the Center for Life Management found him an apartment.

This past Sunday night a 46 yr old looking for work was seen in the parking lot with all his belongings - 2 suit cases, 10 bags. A tenant notified our property manager Tim who offered him our porch for the night. Several people spent time with him Monday verifying he was a good person to help. He had a background in manufacturing, and found an interview in Somersworth, NH on Tuesday. We took him there and he was offered the job which he will start Monday. We brought him back to that area on Wednesday to be drug tested, and got him situated at a motel for a week. But we had to pay the \$500 weekly charge. He's searching for something less expensive. He has no car so he's also looking for a bike to get to the job. Pray for him please. His name is Orion.

I'm proud and grateful that we had the resources to help both. But it brings up some issues. The number of homeless and people begging for money is growing. Our location makes it likely more people will approach us. There is no emergency housing in Derry, nor are there inexpensive housing options.

In the Bible after Cain killed Abel, God confronted him and asked him where his brother was. Cain answered, "Am I my brother's keeper?" That's a fundamental question for society - "Are we responsible for others, and how much do we owe them?" Jesus told us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves and our own families, and to especially care for those who are "the least" in our world's eyes. That's a good starting point.

We had almost 90 people at worship last Sunday! That's back near where we were pre-Covid. Having a group of teens with us has been great. It certainly brings down our median age! LOL It shows God is working among the young, maybe in answer to our prayers. It is so important that we interact with all the visitors God sends our way, and welcome new people. Just to say, "Hello how are you?" or "It's nice to see you, have a good day" is very helpful.

Pastor Malcolm



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, June 3, 9:00am
in Fellowship Hall at FBC



All men are welcome,
please join us for great



Join us for our 2023 Spring Ladies' Tea
At First Baptist Church of Derry
Saturday, May 20 at 11:00am



Our speaker will be:

Nancy Ferrin

What does it mean to be

Anchored?



All ladies are welcome; feel free to bring a friend.
Please RSVP to the FBC Office at 603 432-3482 to
help us prepare enough seating.

First Baptist Church of Derry
44 Broadway, Derry, NH

How can you get involved?

- Join Pastor Malcolm and others at the Pleasant Valley Nursing Home one Sunday each month. Meet at Pleasant Valley at 1:30 for a time of singing with the residents. Join us May 21 for our next visit.
- 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.



MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



From Valerie Markowski's Newsletter—Beautiful Gate Ministries—South Africa

With the celebration of Easter recently, I have been thinking of how even broken things can be put back together & made new again.

As you enter Beautiful Gate (the children's home where she ministers) one of the first things you see is this lovely mosaic. When it was being designed, we gathered all the staff & even some children to place pieces in a pre-designed outline. Each piece by itself looked broken and useless. But all of them put together in a design made it something beautiful. It reminds me of how God has us in his pre-designed plan.

At times, WE may think we are broken & cannot possibly be used in God's plan or purpose for us. Maybe because of something we have done or maybe something that was done to us, or even because we've had too few or too many birthdays.

Some thought that Jesus was too broken on that cross, too damaged, too dead to possibly be their king. And then.... AND then... AND THEN... all the broken pieces, the scarred and bloody pieces, were put back together and He rose from the dead just like He and the prophets said. What broken pieces do you have? Will you hand them all over to the Lord and see what only He can do? We are all in the process of being put back together and forming new and amazing works of art for our good & God's Glory.



The flowers for Mothers Day are from **Birthright of Derry**, one of the pro-life missions our church supports.

Please pray for **Camp Sentinel**, the American Baptist Camp in Moultonboro as they enter their busy season, hosting hundreds of kids.

Homelessness continues to be a serious problem. Pray for the work of the **Nashua Rescue Mission** (and their new Women's shelter), the **1269 Cafe** in Manchester, and the **Isaiah 58** ministry in Salem.

Some of you will remember the Romanian couple, Ovidiu and Ana, who worshipped with us for a month each summer for 4 years until Covid hit (they sat behind the Gagnons) - they have adopted a 3 yr old boy named Steven (Shtefi). Ovidiu is 70 - so pray for them! Ana is quite a bit younger. Ovidiu lost his adult daughter to cancer right before the adoption was completed. They also hosted Alpha Kanu for a week long Mission trip in Romania during 2018.

Sunday June 4, David Spinale of **InterVarsity** will share on his work with college students during our Mission Moment.



GREAT NEWS MINISTRIES



IS THERE EVIDENCE FOR THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS? [Home](#) Is There Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus?

Is There Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus?

April 4, 2020 Posted by [Mark Sohmer](#), Missionary and Director of Great News Ministries

Jesus' historical resurrection from the dead is the "smoking gun" that cements the truth of Biblical Christianity. If Jesus actually supernaturally rose from the dead, then we can know with absolute certainty that the following are true:

- God exists
- There is an afterlife (Heaven and Hell)
- Jesus is God
- What Jesus says is True
- The Bible is True (because Jesus said so)
- Sin is our biggest problem
- Jesus is the only solution

Not only does the resurrection positively prove those things, but the reverse is true as well. If Jesus has not actually historically risen from the dead, then Christianity is a sham.

The Bible says it this way:

And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world (1 Corinthians 15:17-19).

Clearly Jesus' Resurrection is not merely an important issue to consider, but THE MOST IMPORTANT issue. If Jesus raised, we must all Repent and Believe. If he didn't, then those who do believe should be pitied.

The Resurrection has lead many skeptics and Atheists to come to faith. It is worth studying.

Many world-renown Scholars have written books and volumes and articles and essays on the Resurrection. I see no reason to reinvent the wheel when others have done such an exhaustive job.

One of my favorite resources on the Resurrection is Josh McDowell's short essay, *Evidence for the Resurrection*.

Please feel free to read it in its entirety in the "Flip Book" below.

If the "flip book" doesn't show up in your browser, then please feel free to download the article here: <https://great-news.org/Evidence-For-The-Resurrection.pdf>.

This video is long, but **very thorough and convincing**. Please watch it give it careful consideration.

If you have trouble viewing this video on this site, you can find it on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/Q936WqiD7j8>

And if you'd like a longer, more extensive work, please see [Dr. Gary Habermas'](#) comprehensive work, *The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus*.

There is compelling evidence for God.

But knowing in your head about God is not enough. We must humbly turn to him. That's repentance, and **our pride is what keeps so many people from coming to Jesus for salvation, not lack of evidence.**

God has made his existence clear to us through the creation and our conscience. Also the Resurrection.

[Everybody knows] the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God (Romans 1:19-20).

I speak to people about Jesus all the time. Often, after answering questions with evidence, I'll ask them, "If I could answer every single objection you have to faith in Christ, and you knew that Jesus is who he says he is, would you worship him?"

And you know what, nearly 100% of the time, the person thinks about it and answers, "No, I wouldn't worship him."

And that's the issue right there. It's not lack of evidence, because God has kindly given us overwhelming evidence. It's just that **as humans we want to do what we want to do, and we don't like the idea of anybody, even our Creator, telling us what to do.**

The Bible says it this way:

Yes, [everybody knows] God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused (Romans 1:21).

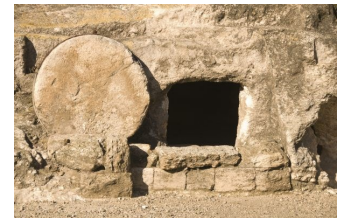
Please don't let your pride keep you from the GREATEST GIFT ever. There's plenty of evidence for Jesus. But pride stops us from turning to him.

Will you please turn away from your pride and turn to Jesus? Jesus said, "unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God" ([John 3:3](#)). We are born with a disposition against God, and we need a new way of thinking. We need to be adopted into God's family.

We become adopted into God's family when we are Born Again. This is done through Repentance and Faith. That's how one becomes a new creation in God's eyes. And how God sees us is way more important than how anybody else does.

Please Repent and Believe today. You might not have tomorrow.

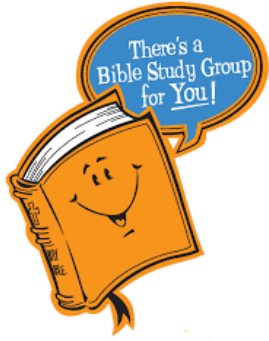
Please [contact us](#) if we can help you in any way! God bless you!



About Mark Sohmer, Missionary and Director of Great News Ministries

I'm a husband and a daddy of 4. I'm also a Jew who believes in Jesus. Do you think that's odd? Can I share my story? <https://mystory.great-news.org>.

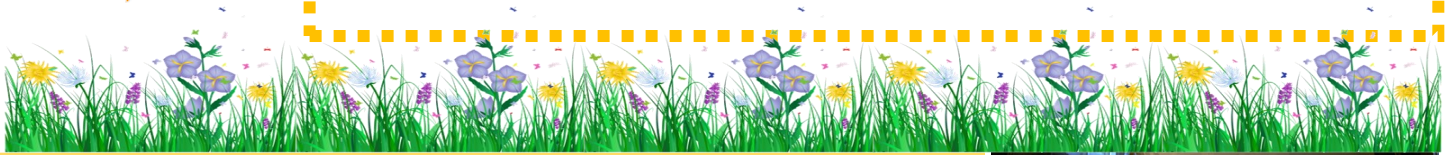




LADIES' WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – All Women invited to attend each Wed 10-11:30 in the fellowship hall. We'd be delighted to have you join us. Contact Gail 603 553-0433 with any questions or for information on the current study.

THURSDAY VIDEO BIBLE STUDY – This study meets Thursdays at 1:00 in Fellowship Hall and is open to everyone. We view DVDs that have great information and insight into the Bible. Please join us if you are able.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Sunday mornings at 9am. All are welcome to join.



FBC Board Members – 2023

Deacons – Oversee worship and spiritual growth of church

Dominic Whitamore
Debbie Anderson
Hank Gorski
Paul Simmons
Karen Muise

Outreach – Provide opportunities to connect within the church and in the community – dinners, community events, etc.

Laurie Tebo
Jim Tebo
Gail Gorski
Karen Day
Gary Anderson
Judy Jurentkuff
Richard Jurentkuff

“Serve the Lord with gladness”

– Psalms 100:2



Trustees – Maintenance of church properties and financial oversight

Jim Harrington
Rod Jackson
Albert Abele
Chris Muise
Ron Gagnon

Christian Education – Sunday School & Children's Church programs

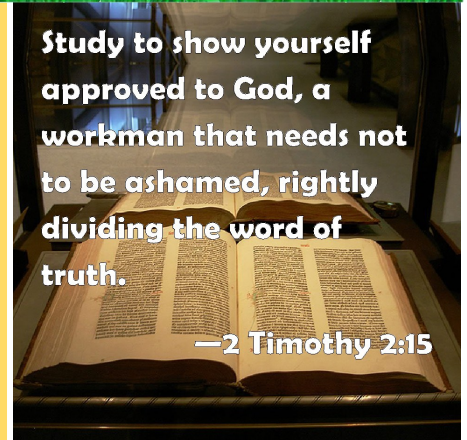
Debbie Simmons
Deby Jackson
Karen Tenhagen

Missions Committee – Inviting missionary speakers and expenditure of missions funds

Jane Hill
Linda Cardner
Cheryl Masterson
Richard Cardner
Debbie Davis
Elizabeth Zikmanis
Karen Muise

Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

—2 Timothy 2:15



CHOIR Schedule

May –
28 – Sing and Practice

June –
4 – Sing only



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; now on the Angel channel.






Also highly recommended is the new movie "Jesus Revolution" starring Kelsey Grammer, which tells the story of the "Jesus people" of the '60s, which gave birth to one thousand Calvary Chapel churches being started across the US. FYI - the same actor who plays Jesus in The Chosen stars in Jesus Revolution.

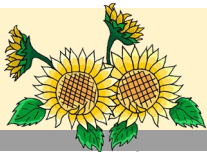
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has not given us
a *Spirit* of fear
but of
POWER
LOVE
& self-discipline.
2 Timothy 1:7



May 2023





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	1	2	3 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall 6p—Trustee Mtg.	4 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall 5pm Zoom Prayer	5 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	6 Men's Breakfast 9:00am
7 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service	8 	9	10 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall 6p—Outreach Mtg	11 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall 5pm Zoom Prayer	12 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	13
14  9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service	15	16 6p-Missions Mtg.	17 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall	18 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall 5pm Zoom Prayer	19 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	20  Ladies' Tea At FBC 11:00am
21 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service 1:30 Pleasant Valley	22	23	24 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall 6p—Deacons Mtg.	25 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall 5pm Zoom Prayer	26 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	27 
28 Pentecost Sunday 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service	29 Memorial Day Office Closed 	30	31 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall			



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