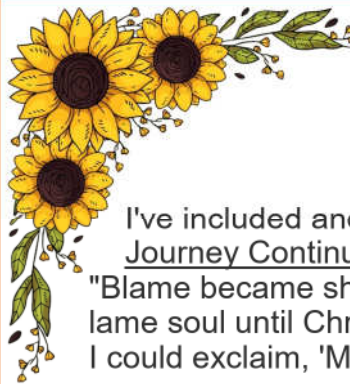




# *News From The Corner* **The First Baptist Church of Derry**

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



*September-October 2023*



I've included another poem by Richard Cardner - "Shame" - from A Poet's Journey Continued.

"Blame became shame; shame became my name. That name made claim, reframed my lame soul until Christ's flame reclaimed my soul. Head games, stage names, dissolved, and I could exclaim, 'My Lord'."

As our world becomes more materialistic there will be many people who have a lot and many who don't have as much. The gap between the 2 groups is widening. As people with fewer resources see a constant stream of pictures and images in the media of others who have so much more it causes resentment and anger. That can then lead to violence. But it also leads to shame.

We sometimes refer to each group as the "haves and have nots". Sometimes people will see themselves as "winners and losers" based on how many material things they possess. Often to not have "enough" brings the feeling, "I am not enough", and that shame greatly affects our identity. "Blame became shame. The shame became my name."

This is so wrong. As Jesus said, "Life does NOT consist in the abundance of physical possessions." Yet many live as though it does. The whole world system - "The Machine" - points us to nothing else. This hurts us spiritually.

The solution? As the poem says, "Christ's flame reclaimed my soul." The flame is the light and warmth of knowing that the Creator God loves us, gave His Son to die for us, and is willing to be our Friend, stick with us thru anything, and has prepared a future for us that is wonderful beyond our imagination.

That is our TRUE identity; we are children of a Father Who loves us in that way. No amount of the world's goods can affect that standing.

Pray for parents who are trying to instill this kind of good, Christian self-image and confidence in their kids.

*Pastor Malcolm*



Join us at Derryfest Saturday, Sept. 16  
10:00am-4:00pm  
At MacGregor Park in Downtown Derry  
If you would like to help out at our table  
for 1-2 hours, please call the office.

## Labor

The combine crept through  
golden grain filled fields.  
My grandfather called  
"Catch up and help!"

My six year old legs  
labored and ran toward the  
weathered outstretched hand  
that hauled me up.

No rest

Breathing dust,  
holding burlap bags,  
dripping sweat,  
wiping brow.

Noon rest

Savoring bread  
I had not baked.

Drinking water  
I had not drawn.

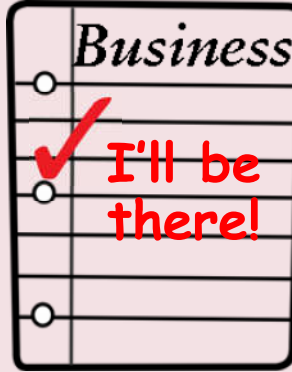
Resting in shade  
I had not grown.

Receiving love  
I had not earned.

September 5, 2006  
Richard Cardner



## Business Meeting



Saturday, October 21  
6:00pm

Join us in Fellowship Hall to  
review the proposed FBC  
budget for 2024.

We need to have a quorum of 20 FBC members  
present in order to vote on the new budget.  
Please mark this on your calendar.



## Bible Studies

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

**LADIES' WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** – All Women are 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.

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



## Media/Books



New movie in theaters now - The Hill - the story of a boy who overcomes physical obstacles to pursue his dream of playing major league baseball.

On Right Now Media (our church has a free membership, sign up yourself, or call the office for direction):

Please look at Ray Vander Laan's excellent film series, "Faith Lessons". Search on his name in "Browse" on the home page. There are several series there. I'd recommend "Faith Lessons - Walking with God". These are the same videos we use in the Thursday afternoon class. We've watched dozens and people love them. Filmed on location in Israel. 30 minutes each.

The film Jesus Revolution which tells the story of the Jesus People Movement around 1970 and the forming of the Calvary Chapel collection of churches (now over 1,800 large) is now free on Prime.





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