



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

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



## *November-December 2023*



When we had Hannah from Joni and Friends visit I left out a few key points in my message about special needs people - especially regarding Jesus' attitude toward those who were disabled. We spoke of how He got "up close and personal" with sick people and "unclean foreigners" others wouldn't go near. That was gracious. But line that up next to what we saw of the Lord when we studied Revelation.

There, at the end of time, when the kingdom of this world becomes God's Kingdom, we saw vivid pictures of Christ majestically ruling over ALL - all other rulers, powers and kingdoms, worshiped, adored, feared even, by every being in creation, earthly or heavenly. So for One so great to show such care for people who are weak or incapable is a beautiful thing.

We asked the question, 'Why didn't Jesus' followers want the blind men to bother Him?' It may have been because they sensed He was the Messiah - this supernatural agent of God who would one day rule the earth in His place - and that for Him to interact with people who were disabled would be a misuse of His time. But for Jesus, caring for the less fortunate was key to His standing as the Savior/King. He came to serve as He said. And this is what He came to teach and prepare us, His Body, to do as well.

*Pastor Malcolm*

From William Barclay in regard to the many reference in Revelation to "martyrs": "A great and uplifting truth here. When a good person dies for the sake of goodness, it may look like tragedy, like the waste of a fine life, like the work of evil people; and indeed it may be all these things. But every life laid down for right and truth and God is ultimately more than any of these things—it is an offering made to God."



Join us for a Potluck  
Luncheon on  
Friday, November 3  
At noon in  
Fellowship Hall  
Bring a favorite dish  
to share.



Sunday, December 3, at 3:00pm

Join us for our  
**Christmas Sing**



## Nominating Committee

Baptist churches are known to be led by their own people, their lay leaders. The way FBC Derry organizes itself is through Boards. Deacons act as spiritual leaders and are responsible for worship, prayer and helping people develop spiritually. Trustees oversee care and maintenance of the buildings and properties (minimal amount of hands-on work) as well as financial oversight. Christian Education oversees adult and children's teaching. Outreach organizes fellowship events, including coffee hour and dinners/luncheons.

We are looking for 1 or 2 participants to share in the work on each Board.

**“Serve the Lord  
with gladness”**

— Psalms 100:2



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

## MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



At their last breakfast the men of the church decided they'd like to get out and do things together for others in the church. Over the past two weeks 6 guys made several visits to Joan's home and got most of the front and side of her house painted. We would be glad to do similar projects for others. Let us know if there are projects we can help with please.



Congratulations to Lorraine Butler who was voted "Favorite Local Personality" for 2023 by the Derry News.

**Congratulations!**



## Media/Books



Journey to Bethlehem - is a new musical movie about Mary, Joseph, Herod and the birth of Jesus featuring well-known actors which will be in theaters in November. See the preview at: [JourneytoBethlehemmovie.com](http://JourneytoBethlehemmovie.com). Karen T. saw an advanced screening and said ,while it's message is more historical than Christian, it is well done. It opens November 9 in both Londonderry and Methuen.

Last Christmas season 10 of us went to see Pilgrim's Progress performed live on stage. It was a great evening. This Christmas season there are some shows around we could attend as a group.

Any interest in a Christmas concert by a Christian country group called Mark 209 at St Annes Parish in Hampstead, 7pm Friday Dec. 8?

There's also "Christmas with the Celts", an Irish Christmas musical special, at the Stockbridge Theater in Derry, on Thursday evening Dec 21.

Or the Pinkerton music students are putting on 2 concerts, Wednesday Dec 13 and Thursday December 14 - one instrumental, one choir and bells. Any interest in attending these? Do you know of any others? Any other ideas for an outing??



## Halloween Happenings



We'll be hosting Downtown Trick or Treat from 11:30 until 3pm on Saturday October 28. Please join us to hand out snacks and tracts. That evening there's a Trunk or Treat at Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, 5 Rockingham Rd, from 4-7pm and they've invited us to come. Our teens will be running games for younger kids there.



## Fall Back!

Remember to move your clocks back one hour.



2:00 → 1:00

**Sunday, November 5**



Jesus Messiah  
Light of the World  
Hope for All

**HANUKKAH** and *Christmas*

Illuminations on Advent, hope, and redemption from Chosen People Ministries. 

**Date:** Sunday, November 19  
**Time:** 10:00am  
**Place:**  
**Speaker:** First Baptist Church of Derry



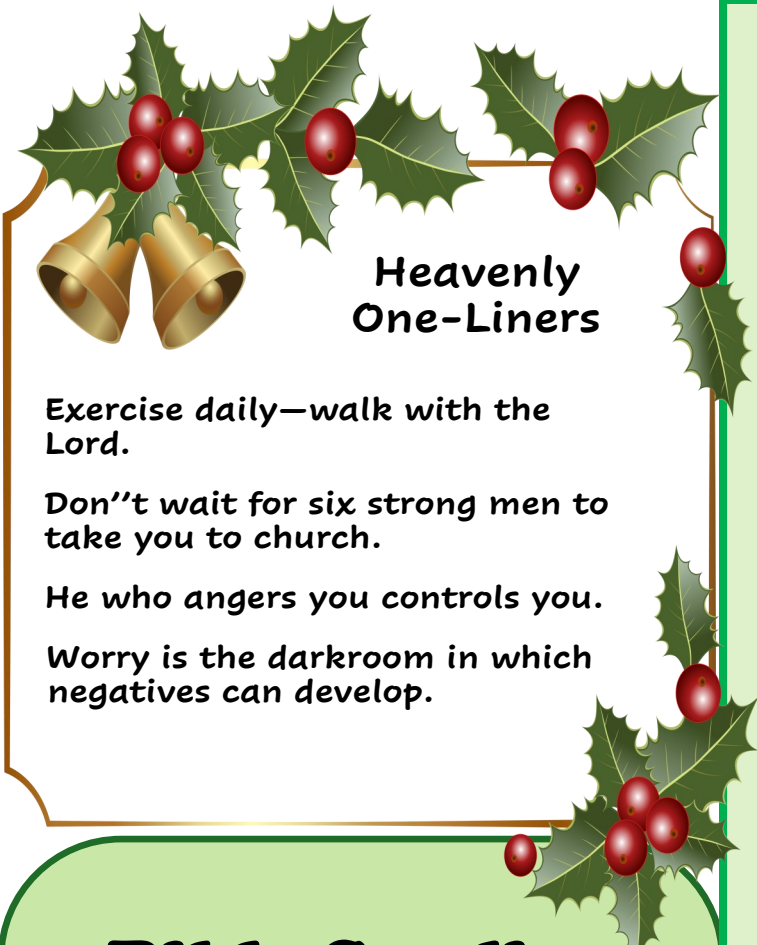
**FBCC Food Pantry  
Fundraiser  
7th Annual  
Pantry Plunge 2023  
Saturday, December 9  
At noon**

The Food Pantry has been helping the hungry here in the Greater Derry area for 35 years, and currently serves approximately 350 individuals & 150 families a month. No one who comes to the Food Pantry for assistance is turned away.

This fundraiser is our largest source of income to give the pantry the ability to provide food and necessities to those in need. The pantry serves Derry and 7 surrounding towns.

For more information or to donate, please check out the food pantry website at: [fbcfoodpantry.org](http://fbcfoodpantry.org) or at: [pantryplunge.org](http://pantryplunge.org)

We will be marching in the Derry Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 25, handing out flyers for the plunge. We welcome anyone who would like to participate with us. Please call the church office if this is something you are able to help us with.



## Heavenly One-Liners

Exercise daily—walk with the Lord.

Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.

He who angers you controls you.

Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.

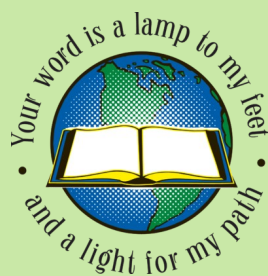
## Bible Studies

**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.



## Choir Schedule

### November—

1—Weds. Night Rehearsal, 7:00-8:00

12—Sing and Practice

15—Weds. Night Rehearsal, 7:00-8:00

26—Sing and Practice

29—Weds. Night Rehearsal 7:00-8:00

### December—

3—Sing and Practice

3:00pm —Christmas Sing

10—Sing and Practice

17—Sing and Practice

24—Morning: Sing, NO Practice

Evening: Sing

January 14—Rehearsal only



## Ladies

Wednesday Morning  
Bible Study at 10:00am

All women are welcome to come, please see our Nov/Dec schedule below and plan to join us.

**Nov. 8-Dec. 6**—a new Advent series begins. "An Unlikely Advent" by Rachel Billups.

**Dec. 13**—Christmas Celebration

**Dec. 20 & 27**—NO STUDY

**Jan. 3, 2024**—Study resumes.

See Gail Gorski for more info





# November 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall 7pm Choir Practice	2 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall 5pm Zoom Prayer	3 <b>Potluck at noon</b>  6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	4
5 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service	6	7	8 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall New Study begins	9 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall 5pm Zoom Prayer	10 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	11
12 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service Choir Sing & Practice 1:30 Pleasant Valley	13	14	15 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall 7pm Choir Practice	16 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall 5pm Zoom Prayer	17 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	18 
19 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service With Mitch Forman	20	21	22 NO Ladies' Bible Study	23 	24 Office Closed	25 FBCC Food Pantry in the Derry Parade
26 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service Choir Sing & Practice	27 	28	29 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall 7pm Choir Practice	30 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall 5pm Zoom Prayer		



# December 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3  9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service Choir Sings 3pm Christmas Sing	4 	5	6 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Christmas Celebration	7 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall 5pm Zoom Prayer	8 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	9 Pantry Plunge at Beaver Lake at noon FBCC Food Pantry Fundraiser
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24 No Bible Study 10am Worship Service 6pm Christmas Eve Service—Choir Sings	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> 	26	27 NO Ladies' Bible Study 	28 NO Video Bible Study Today NO Zoom Prayer	29 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	30 
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