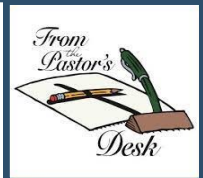




News From The Corner **The First Baptist Church of Derry**

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

January-February 2024



All of us are fearful at times - of new things, of events we can't control, of the future, of aging. The way to push back against fear is thru trusting the Word of God and His promises to us there as our Almighty Father. Here are 4 fears most people feel, especially more mature people:

1. Fear of being alone. A shocking statistic: the share of people ages 18 to 35 who are married fell from 59% in 1978 to 29% in 2018. Fewer people are marrying, world-wide, so more people are single. Some people are single because they lose a spouse or go thru a divorce. But being single does not equate to being alone. The promise of Jesus is, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Always means "every minute of your life". Claim that promise when loneliness strikes.
2. Fear of being useless. This applies to men and women but I see it more in men. Ephesians 6:8 offers an amazing promise: "Whatever good thing each one does, they will receive this back from the Lord." We don't need to contribute at work. We can do acts of kindness anytime. They are useful and valuable in the Lord's plan. No one even needs to see us do them. God sees them, they are useful, and He will reward us.
3. Fear of suffering. Romans 5: "We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope." James 1: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete." God is looking for mature disciples! Don't think of the pain; think of what it can produce in you.
4. Fear of death. It will come for all of us one day. As the cemetery headstone says: "Remember stranger, as you pass by, as you are now, so once was I. As I am now so you will be." But death is the result of the Fall, and those of us who have been saved need not fear it, because Jesus' resurrection overturned the Fall's effect, and assures our life will continue past death. Here is the promise of God from 1 Thessalonians 5: "God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep (dead), we may live together with Him." God's promises are sure. "How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word." May God give us all faith to believe Him!

Pastor Malcolm



**Save the Date:
Business Meeting
Annual Reports
Saturday, March 9, 6pm**

MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



Our Missions Committee was in touch with most of our missionaries over Christmas, and they continue to be active and prosper. Through the Church's generosity we were able to give almost all of them extra financial support at year-end, praise God.

There is a huge need for **affordable housing** in southern NH. People in all the towns around here are struggling to find a place to live, especially downtown. Those who live in the suburbs don't see it unfortunately.

Shelters exist, but they're not safe, and don't provide a home. Our State and local government have talked about "solving" this problem for a long time but the profit motive favors large single-family homes and commercial developments, and they are not succeeding. In the office we were recently approached by a pregnant woman living in her car. This is not right morally, and God will judge our nation for this social injustice. Pray that He would intervene.



The Engagement

By Richard Cardner

In his ardor, he proposed marriage and was accepted. He determined to make his sweetheart a hope chest, but being unskilled he asked his grandfather for help. They bought the materials from a Tennessee company. He lied to his fiancée as to why he could not be with her on Saturday mornings, scratching and scouring the engagement. Then he went to his grandfather's shop with its cedar smell and worked on the chest.

Near the end of the project, as he was fastening some knobs on the front of the chest, he slipped with a screwdriver and made a large gouge in the cedar. He gasped, but his grandfather, as usual, caught and taught him. The old man mixed the cedar sawdust with glue and filled in the damage. When the young man gave his love the chest, the Saturday morning scars were healed, just as the chest had been smoothed. Neither wound is visible today, forty-eight years later; the smell of the cedar lingers.

December 18, 2014

I want to recommend again 2 books I've mentioned from the pulpit: How to Be Filled with the Holy Spirit by AW Tozer, and Jesus Continued by JD Greaser. Tozer's book is very short, just 4 chapters, and can be bought on ChristianBook for \$5. The Kindle version is only 99 cents.

The Choral/Bells Winter concert at Pinkerton Academy back in December which 5 of us attended was excellent, with lots of Christian Christmas songs. Mark your calendars and don't miss it next year.

Online - Cliffe Knechtle is an exciting Christian apologist who goes onto college campuses and the streets of NYC and engages strangers in discussion/debate about the existence of God and the truth of Jesus. PLEASE watch this. These are exactly the same questions and responses we will get from friends and family when we talk about the Lord. You can find him on YouTube via: Cliffe, Knechtle, Ask Cliffe, or Give Me an Answer. He can also be seen on TikTok.



Media/Books



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 will be looking to fill Board positions again at the end of this year. Please think about where your gifts lie and where you might be willing to participate.

**“Serve the Lord
with gladness”**

— Psalms 100:2



**Remember to change
your clocks!**

Sunday, March 10



Choir Schedule

February—

11—Sing and No Practice

18—Sing and Practice

March—

10—Sing and Practice—Set Clocks,
Spring forward!

24—Palm Sunday—Sing and Practice

31—Easter Sunday—Sing



FBC Board Members – 2024

Deacons – Oversee worship and spiritual growth of church

Dominic Whitmore
Hank Gorski
Paul Simmons
Karen Muise
Cheryl Masterson

Trustees – Maintenance of church properties and financial oversight

Jim Harrington
Rod Jackson
Albert Abele
Chris Muise
Ron Gagnon
Harrison Desjardins

Christian Education – Sunday School & Children's Church programs

Debbie Davis
Alane Zsolnay
Liberty Whitmore
Karen Tenhagen

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

Gail Gorski
Karen Day
Gary Anderson
Judy Jurentkuff
Richard Jurentkuff
Elysia Desjardins
Elizabeth Zikmanis
Laurie Tebo
Jim Tebo

Missions Committee – Inviting missionary speakers and expenditure of missions funds

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



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1Peter 4:10

Church Ladies with Typewriters

(these sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services)



The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM . Please use the back door.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.



Laughter is the Best Medicine

NEW TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

A new Bible study has started on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. Join us for dinner and fellowship at 6:15. All are welcome! We will meet in Fellowship Hall. The first study will be on 2 Timothy. After that we will pick topics based on what the group wants. See Chris Miller with any questions.



Bible Studies

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Sunday mornings at 9am. All are welcome to join. We are currently studying the Book of Esther.

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY – Study starts at 7pm, Join us at 6:15 for supper and fellowship. All are welcome. We will meet in Fellowship Hall. The first study will be on 2 Timothy. After that we will pick topics based on what the group wants. See Chris Miller with any questions.

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.



There's a Bible Study Group for You!



Ladies






Wednesday Morning
Bible Study at 10:00am

All women are welcome to come. We are currently using the book Living with Passion & Purpose by Elizabeth George. This is a study on the Book of Luke. All women are welcome to join. See Gail Gorski for more information.



February




2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall	2 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	3
4 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service	5	6 10am Crafts, meet at church office 7pm Bible Study on 2 Timothy	7 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall	8 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall	9 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	10
11 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service 1:30 Pleasant Valley	12	13 6:15pm Supper 7pm 2 Timothy Study	14 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall 	15 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall	16 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	17 
18 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service	19  Office Closed	20 6:15pm Supper 7pm 2 Timothy Study	21 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall	22 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall	23 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	24
25 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service	26	27 6:15pm Supper 7pm 2 Timothy Study	28 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall	29 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall		



March 2024



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					1 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	2
3 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service	4	5 6:15pm Supper 7pm 2 Timothy Study	6 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall 	7 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall	8 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	9 6pm Business Meeting
10 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service 1:30 Pleasant Valley	11	12 6:15pm Supper 7pm 2 Timothy Study	13 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall	14 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall	15 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	16
17 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service Corned Beef Dinner	18 	19 <i>1st Day of Spring</i> 6:15pm Supper 7pm 2 Timothy Study 	20 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall	21 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall	22 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	23
24 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service	25	26 6:15pm Supper 7pm 2 Timothy Study	27 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall	28 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall	29 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	30
31 6:30 Easter Sunrise and Breakfast 10am Worship Service		