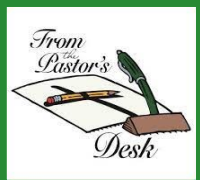




News From The Corner **The First Baptist Church of Derry**

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

March-April 2024



A friend from Ohio sent me a note about forgiveness that his priest put in their weekly bulletin. In 1974 an 18 year old shot and killed 2 people in Akron. He was sentenced to death but that was changed to life in prison. This year, after 50 years in prison, he was up for parole, and expressed regret for his crime.

The son of the couple who were murdered, Dave Anthony, decided not to speak against parole at his hearing. He said he believed his parents would have forgiven him and he wanted to forgive him. But he also said he still grieves his parent's loss 50 years later, and offered a 'Mass intention' at my friend's church. It was given to honor both his grief and the grief of the killer and his family.

This kind of forgiveness is rare. A society needs justice. Crime - especially the taking of a life - must be punished. But most of us - thankfully - won't be involved in serious crimes. We will be hurt though, sometimes intentionally, sometimes unintentionally. Can we forgive others from our hearts for those hurts and the pain they cause? Its the only way to a better, full, healthy relationship with others. To hold onto the pain hurts us more than it hurts them.

Colossians 2:13-15 - We "were dead in sins" but God gave us "a share in the very life of Christ, for He forgave all our sins...nailing them to Christ's cross." (The Living Bible)

Pastor Malcolm

THIS FRIDAY , MARCH 8 - Voice of the Martyrs has a video about the persecution being experienced by those ministering to Muslims. Two of the speakers were imprisoned for their work, and are now free, and one is a front-line worker. We will be streaming it in Fellowship Hall at 8pm Friday night.



Corned Beef Dinner
Sunday, March 17
After worship



Easter Sunrise Service
6:30am, March 31
MacGregor Park,
Derry



*Then shalt thou call,
and the LORD shall answer;
thou shalt cry,
and he shall say, Here I am.*

Isaiah 58:9 (KJV)

**Remember to change your
clocks!**

Sunday, March 10



Thank you for those who gave special gifts toward the mission trip InterVarsity students at SNHU will be on later this month. The Missions Committee matched the \$200 given with an additional \$200. We must see young people as the future - they are. Friday night's video - 7pm, Fellowship Hall - informing us about the difficulty and persecution involved in reaching people in the Muslim world is important. God loves these people even though their leaders and governments have closed them off from hearing about Him. Trying to plant gospel seed there in such dangerous, hard ground is "hard"! To see the courage of those willing to bring the Jesus story to them is inspiring. The Bible speaks of God as the One who can "call into existence things that do not exist". The Islamic world seems impossible to reach - as does Israel, Japan, North Korea, Kosovo and many other nations - including America increasingly. Hard hearts, closed minds in so many places. But the LORD can do anything, He can blow these countries wide open if we, His people, will believe that, repent, and call on Him in prayer. We want to hold onto hope. Africa seemed impossible to reach when the first missionaries went there 200 yrs ago. Yet if you watch the Reinhard Bonnke videos in the Media/Books section you'll see the miraculous things God has done there.



Media/Books



Copies of AW Tozer's How to Be Filled with the Holy Spirit book are available for free. It's a quick read, 60 pages. Also Tony Evans has a book on how to oppose bad habits and unhelpful thoughts in our lives called Winning Your Spiritual Battles. It's also concise and to the point.

I mentioned an evangelist named Reinhard Bonnke who ministered in Africa from 1980 to 2019 and spoke to some of the largest crowds ever known. A video of his life and some excellent teachings of his can be found by entering his name in the YouTube search bar.

There are also amazing videos of a man born without arms or legs who overcame that disadvantage - his name is Nick Vujicic. Same deal, enter that name in the search bar for his bio and messages



Holy Week Schedule



Sun., March 24 – Palm Sunday

Thurs., March 28 –

Maundy Thursday Service, Communion, 7:00pm

Sun., March 31 –

Easter Dawn Service, 6:30am at McGREGOR PARK, Breakfast to follow in Fellowship Hall

Morning Worship at 10:00am, No Sunday School or Prayer Meeting

**MacGregor Park located at 64 E Broadway, Derry.
(Next to Derry Public Library)**



Caleb Byron, our Youth Worker from 10 yrs ago, and his new wife, Hannah Sarah Byron. Caleb is now Student Ministries Pastor at Modesto Covenant Church in California, mcclife.net.



Choir Schedule

March–

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

24–Palm Sunday–Sing and Practice

31–Easter Sunday–Sing



Where Do You Fit?
New Englanders - is it true they're stodgy and won't try new things?? New people are always welcome at our Bible classes. We had 10 people in each one of our 4 classes this past week, including the brand new supper/study on Tuesday. There were 23 in the Adult Sunday class Sunday. Do these people, your peers, attend because the classes are stupid or boring? NO. They attend because they learn things and enjoy being face to face with others. Don't let the deadly sin of "sloth" keep you from trying something new you may really enjoy. We had 4 visitors in February who sat by themselves. Miraculously, 2 of them came back a 2nd time. Please make any visitors welcome by AT LEAST smiling at them and saying Hi. No one invited these people to attend - the LORD put it on their hearts to come. We have to honor that by making them feel valued. Can you spell and write! Will you give the church 4, 5 hours in the course of a year? We need a Clerk to take notes for 1 hour at the 2 regular, and 1, 2 special Congregational meetings we have each year (including this Saturday night), and then type them up. See Karen Tenhagen. Coffee Hour always needs volunteers, and cookie/pastry contributions.

"Serve the Lord with gladness"

— Psalms 100:2



Heavenly One-Liners

Man's way leads to a hopeless end—God's way leads to an endless hope

When praying, don't give God instructions—just report for duty.

When God ordains, He sustains.

Give Satan an inch and he'll be a ruler



TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

A new Bible study has started on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. Join us for dinner and conversation at 6:15. The meal is usually pizza, pasta, or sandwiches + salad, and brownies, cupcakes or cookies. 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

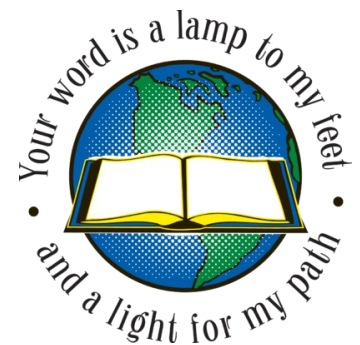
ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Sunday mornings at 9am. All are welcome to join. We are currently studying the Book of Esther.

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.



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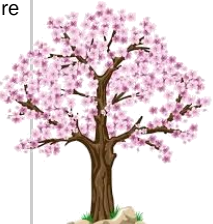



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17 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service Corned Beef Dinner	18	19 <i>1st Day of Spring</i> 6:15pm Supper 7pm Bible Study 	20 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall	21 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall	22 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	23
24 Palm Sunday 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service 	25	26 6:15pm Supper 7pm Bible 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 CHRIST IS RISEN 6:30 Easter Sunrise and Breakfast 10am Worship Service						



April 2024



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