

News From The Corner The First Baptist Church of Derry

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

July-August 2024



Planting Seeds

You've heard, "God's ways" - His plan and power - "are not our ways", and His timing differs from our's as well. We want things ASAP. God can do anything, anytime ASAP but He chooses, for His own reasons, to do things differently, in His own time.

An example: most of you will remember The Lighthouse support group we ran here on Monday nights for almost 3 years. It ended just before Covid. It was a place for people to talk over with others the emotions associated with having loved ones who were struggling in recovery, and to pray for them. Nancy Ferrin was the main facilitator of the group and many of our people - especially Richard and Linda Cardner, and Margie Brady - were volunteer helpers.

It was hard to assess the group's impact. Only a few of the people engaged in recovery who we prayed for got better. Tragically, defeating addiction is a very hard battle. We started the first year with 15 participants. By the 3rd year we were down to 6 or so. But we faithfully kept it going. One of the women who attended had a teenage son who was in trouble with the law because of substance abuse. She wasn't a believer, she had questions about the faith, and doubts about prayer, but she was appreciative and thankful that we offered everyone the chance to share their heartache and frustration, and hear from others about how they coped with their challenges.

She got married and moved to Florida during the group's last year. Just last week Nancy got a text from her saying she had gotten baptized and was part of a church there! She thanked Nancy for our influence on her years ago. Sadly, however, her son is now in prison. But "the Light of Christ" continued to shine in the middle of that darkness, as Jesus promised.

We don't know the impact the things we say and do for the Lord will have, or when it will happen. We want it now. But as farmers and gardeners know, the growth of seeds cannot be hurried. So I hope reading this is an inspiration to "keep on keeping on", and being faithful in showing the Lord to others. Because God uses us in our imperfection, and as the Word says, 'Our work done for the Lord is never in vain.'

Pastor Malcolm







Missions Leader or Coordinator

Our Missions committee needs a coordinator/ chairperson to run meetings (4 a year, 90 minutes each), and oversee our missions giving. Last year we gave over \$20,000 to various mission efforts, so its great to be part of this work.

We have supported some missions groups for many years. Gifts are sent to them automatically by the office on a quarterly basis. The pastor calls a few each quarter and updates us on how they are doing. We also invite some in several times a year for a Missions Moment during worship.

But we regularly hear about new missions groups, or needs created by a crisis somewhere, and since we have extra monies through the congregation's generosity we assess their requests, and are often able to offer these groups special gifts. And we pray for all our missionaries of course.

The people on the committee are committed and wonderful to work with, but no one feels lead to be the Chairperson now. We will meet one evening during the week of July 8 or 15 and anyone who would like to see how things are run is welcome to attend.



2024 Salisbury Beach Christian Concert Series

Wednesday nights for 9 weeks - June 26 thru August 21 FREE ADMISSION ALL SHOWS 6:45-9 P.M.

As always, donations are greatly appreciated!

FREE PARKING FOR CHURCH VANS/BUSES—S5 PARKING FOR CONCERT GUESTS AT BROADWAY PARKING Arrive early and enjoy a great family atmosphere. Plenty of food stands, restaurants, arcades, gift stores, walk the Oceanfront Boardwalk, plus ride the new Salisbury Baach Carousel, and much more!

Please bring beach/lounge chairs to enjoy the concert as seating is limited.



Sound Provided by:

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Date	Musicians	Host Church/Ministry				
June 26	6:45 New Life Community Praise Band 8:00 Kingston FCC Worship Team	New Life Community Church, Georgetown MA Kingston First Congregational, Kingston, NH				
July 3 Special Time 6:30 3 Bands!	6:30 Campfires Worship 7:10 Wanderheart 8:00 Up and Coming National Recording Artist BEN LAINE	Fireside Church, Salisbury, MA Salisbury/Newburyport Band Revival Day of Hope, Rochester, NH				
July 10	6:45 Salt & Light Company 8:00 Matthew Jones	Epsom Bible Church, Epsom, NH Centerpoint Community Church, Salem, NH				
July 17	6:45 Grace Worship Team 8:00 Caluary Bible Worship Team	Grace Community Church, Rochester, NH Calvary Bible Church, Derry, NH				
July 24	6:45 Hope Worship Team 8:00 Granite United Worship	Hope Community Church, Newburyport, MA Granite United Church, Salem, NH. Haverhill, Lawrence				
July 31	6:45 Tenley Westbrook & Friends 8:00 BPC Praise Band	ChristianFilmProductions.org Byfield Parish Church, Georgetown, MA				
August 7	6:45 Just Worship 8:00 Groovy Grace	Just Church, Newton, NH, Haverhill, MA Danvers Church of Nazarene, Danvers, MA				
August 14	6:45 Fireside Worship 8:00 Salt & Light Company	Fireside Church, Salisbury, MA Epsom Bible Church, Epsom NH				

Wednesday, August 21 6:45-9:00 PM Final show of the season! Special appearance by the Country Gospel Band,

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Country Music Awards Four Time Christian Country Group of the year!

This multi-award winning band will be performing songs from their 9 albums for the full two hours!



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KJ FISHER





Prayer Meeting At FBC

Join us on the first Thursday night each month for prayer meeting. We meet at 6pm in Fellowship Hall.

Due to the holiday on July 4, we will meet Thursday, July 11. Our August meeting will go back to the regular schedule on Thursday, August 1, at 6pm





Media/Books



Our church bought a subscription to an online video service -

RightNowMedia - and anyone here can access their 10,000 videos for free. They have a solid collection of movies and shows for adults and kids, as well as interesting educational videos. Most of our teachers use their Bible study videos in their preparation.

We will be sending out an email with a link to click on to sign up for this next week. Please look for it if you're not already on it.

There is a group called **603Worship** I came across while networking with Christian musicians. They are singers and musicians from various churches in southern NH. They play for special events - they did music for this year's Walk for Life where Chris Muise did sound - but also create their own praise songs, and are very willing to share and teach them to church worship teams. They have their own channel on YouTube - 603Worship, definitely worth a look.

Some recommendations to start up or change up 'your daily devotions:



Books:

- Our Daily Bread, available in the narthex.
- My Comfort is Jesus, 365 Devotions for Morning and Evening by Ray Comfort
- Jesus in Red, 365 Meditations on the Words of Jesus by Ray Comfort
- Embraced, 100 Devotions to Know God is Holding You Close by Lysa Terkeurst
- Gospel, The 90 Day Devotional by J. D. Greear
- Emergency Rations by Philip De Courcy
- The Songs of Jesus: A Year of Daily Devotions in the Psalms by Timothy Keller

Online options, apps or sent to your email daily:

- Truthforlife.org—Alistair Begg—Alistair Begg Devotional, Charles Spurgeon Devotional, Reading Plans and more
- ktt.org-Know the Truth, Philip De Courcy online devotional



Thank you to the many who have helped maintain our property during Hank's absence.



We have several people joining our Church as members. If others here want to become members, or get more information about that, please see the Pastor or Hank. We are hoping one person will be baptized as well, so again if anyone is interested in publicly standing for the Lord in that way please speak up.



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

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY – Study starts at 7pm, Join us at 6:15 for supper and fellowship. All are welcome. We will meet in July but not in August. See Chris Miller with any questions.

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LADIES' WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY— All Women are invited to attend each Wed morning 10-11:30 in the fellowship hall. We'd be delighted to have you join us. Contact Gail at 603 553-0433 with any questions. We will continue to meet through the summer. 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. We will continue meeting through the summer months.

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



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