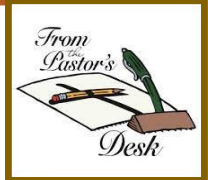




News From The Corner **The First Baptist Church of Derry**

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

September-October 2024



First and foremost we always honor God and not people in what we say at church. But when an individual dedicates much of their time and energy to the Lord's work for close to 40 years it deserves to be recognized. The Bible does the same; it's focus is always God but it calls out Abraham as a "friend of God", and David as a "man after God's heart".

Dave Gilcreast walked into our church 10 yrs ago and took over as Worship Leader/Music Director. His impact has been so great and his work such a blessing we have to pay tribute to him here, and to Stacey his wife and their daughter Taylor who also sang and played dozens of times .

Our choir had been 11 people or so at the time. Through Dave and Stacey's leadership it grew to over 20 within a year; and we grew in ability too. It sends a positive, important message to visitors when they see that many people in a choir. "There's life in this church." That leads to more people coming and honoring God. It spurred our growth here.

There are clear facts about Dave and Stacey's music ministry: They planned and played at over 500 worship services - using piano, organ, accordion, drum, violin, et al. They planned all the hymns and praise choruses, the offertories and special music, developing and coordinating many singers and musicians. They had praise song booklets compiled. Dave also procured handbells from another church and lead several handbell choirs in playing over the years. Dave found an organ repair person who rebuilt our organ at an incredibly fair price. When we were home-bound during Covid they recorded themselves singing and added that to our video services.

They lead almost 300 choir practices, each of which involved extensive preparation, collating of sheet music, and work with soprano, alto, tenor and bass groups. They put on 10 cantatas or Christmas concerts with over 30 singers from different churches requiring an additional half-dozen practices. They cheerfully invited new people to get involved. I cannot remember a time when they were late to anything. They lead prayer at every practice. And they had to work with, shall we say, a challenging range of personalities in the choir!

All of this had an impact on many people, in our church and outside it. The choir practices strengthened our church. To have 25 people singing/praising God weekly - worshipping really - learning and laughing together strengthened us spiritually. The people in the congregation or audience enjoyed the music and saw their quality work. That kept them coming back. It pointed them towards the Lord too. It amazed many of us how often Dave chose exactly the right songs to match the message in spite of us not planning that. The Holy Spirit at work.

Dave and Stacey also volunteered to lead music at VBS for several years. They arranged for the choir to sing at nursing homes. They visited seniors in their homes and sang for them.

Beyond these facts on a personal level they have been exemplary and deserve acclaim. Many times Dave stopped into the office to exchange ideas on music and worship. I'd ask his opinion on things as he was far more experienced, and he was an excellent sounding board. He talked me out of making some very dumb decisions quite a few times.

Both of them came from great families and were devoted to them. They are obviously loving parents to Taylor, doing concerts and trips together. I know Dave visited his Mom Shirley in a care facility regularly, was close to his Dad John before his death, and was a great support to his older siblings. Stacey's parents are still living, and she has a wonderful relationship with them.

There were many other unseen acts of kindness they did for many here, and for friends from other churches and from work. One I know of was Dave driving 40 minutes to drop off soup for me when I had Covid.

We haven't even touched on the other churches they served in Manchester, Danville, etc. Nor have we talked about their long careers as educators in Londonderry, Pelham and Derry! Add it all together and it is not too much to say that these 2 impacted the lives of thousands of people in southern New Hampshire.

I was involved at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church when Dave started his career - at the age of 15! Even then he had the ability and desire to serve the Lord, and took charge of large portions of the music program there. He was naturally gifted but was also taught by his Mom, Shirley, who was organist there for 50 years. Adding his 40 years of Christian service to her's and that equals almost a century of lifting up the name of the Lord in music. What a heritage and an example to others.

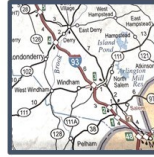
Please join us after worship on September 22 as we honor their time here.

Pastor Malcolm

10 DAYS

"For Such a Time as This"

10 Days
Meeting Schedule
NH 93 South Region
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Many churches in southern NH are joining together for 10 Nights of Prayer, October 2 thru 11, from 7-8:30pm. Our Deacons agreed to host 1 of these

nights in our Sanctuary on Thursday October 3 (the same night as our regular Prayer Time, but starting at 7pm, not 6pm). We have musicians from the Vineyard and Ark churches leading the worship portion, along with some of our people. The state of our world and nation call for crying out to God now, along with other believers. Please think about coming.

October 2nd	*October 3rd	*October 4th	October 5th	October 6th
Crossing Life Church 122 North Lowell Road Windham	First Baptist Church 4 Crystal Avenue, Ste. 1A Derry	Shiloh Community Church 55 Edmond Street Manchester	Ark Church 811 Canal Street Manchester	First Fruits Ministries 60 Bailey Avenue Manchester
October 7th	October 8th	October 9th	October 10th	October 11th
Grace Assembly of God 199 Zion Hill Road Salem	Central Congregational Church 14 Crescent Street Derry	Kingdom Awakening Ministries 3 New Boston Road Kingston	Church of The King 7 Brook Street Derry	Trinity Assembly of God 53 North Main Street Derry

All Meetings
7:00-8:30pm

*October 3rd is Jointly Hosted by Ark Church, Vineyard Community Church and First Baptist Church
*October 4th is a Joint Regional Meeting (Youth Focus)



Our Missions Committee met recently. We voted to begin regular support of the Helping Hands Outreach Ministries in Manchester, a Christian halfway house. We also agreed to end support for Mark Sohmer's evangelism work at his request (he left that ministry).

Since we had extra monies thanks to your generous giving, we approved additional amounts for Valerie Markowski in South Africa, the Gunbhardi's in Albania, the Hoovers nursing home work, and Camp Sentinel in Moultonborough. We also voted to give special gifts to 2 ministries - a local pastor, Vallerian Mganga, Southside Bible Church, for his trip to Kenya to train leaders there, and the Mt Zion Christian School. All these were in the \$200-\$500 range. We plan to meet with the Gunbhardi's when they're here in November. And we are looking for a ministry that provides help in Ukraine.



Seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:33



Join us at Derryfest
Saturday, Sept. 21
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 church office.

Business Meeting

Saturday, October 19, 6pm
We need 21 members in attendance to vote on the budget for 2025



**Ladies! Join us on Saturday,
October 5 @ 1:00pm**

ANGEL CRAFT & CLOTHING SWAP

Our ladies' craft group will be teaching how to make an angel craft. Perfect for holiday gift giving! Bring a snack to share if you'd like.

We will also have a ladies' clothing swap. You can drop off your new or gently used clothes at the church office Monday-Friday, Sept. 30 through Oct. 4, from 8:00-12:00. Clothes will be available Saturday and Sunday (Oct 5 & 6) to check out. **ALL FREE!**



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This video describes the life and conversion to the Christian faith of David Berkowitz, the Son of Sam killer in NYC in the '70s. Taking the lives of several innocent people was unquestionably wrong and he does not hide from that. He will be in prison for as long as he lives and he acknowledges that punishment is justified. But as this article and video clips show he has had a real encounter with Christ, has experienced forgiveness through Him, and has been a changed man for over 20 years. This powerful story is worth passing on to friends.

<https://heaven4sure.com/son-of-sam-david-berkowitz-story/>



You should receive an email invite to sign up for the Right Now Media video service the Church provides. It will come from "The First Baptist Church of Derry". It allows free access to thousands of videos. When you open it you'll see a "Gift for You" - and "Get Started" below it. Click on that and it will walk you thru the sign-up. We will be providing recommendations on good videos in the months ahead.

Call the office and leave your email address if you did not get this email. And if you are already using Right Now Media - as 30 of you are, according to their statistics - please do NOT sign up again.



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Join us Sunday

Sept. 22

after morning worship



Please join us for a Farewell send-off ceremony for Dave, Stacey and Taylor Gilcreast after worship on Sunday Sept. 22. We have gifts to present to them, and want to give all of you who have been blessed by their 10+ years of ministry here to have a chance to say Thank You, publicly or privately.

Refreshments will be served.



On October 6 we will welcome

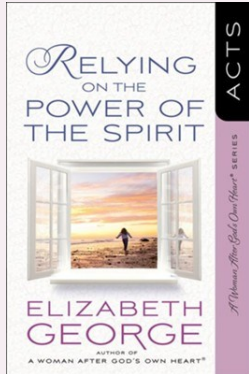
Alex Rezende as our new Worship Leader. Alex was here to play and sing 2 weeks ago. He's originally from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil where he grew up in a Baptist church. He came to the US to study music and voice in the late '90s. He has lead music and contributed as a pianist/soloist at several churches. He and his wife Mara live in Lowell, MA with his parents Leah and Walter.



Women's Wednesday Bible Study

This study meets on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 am to 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

New Study begins September 11



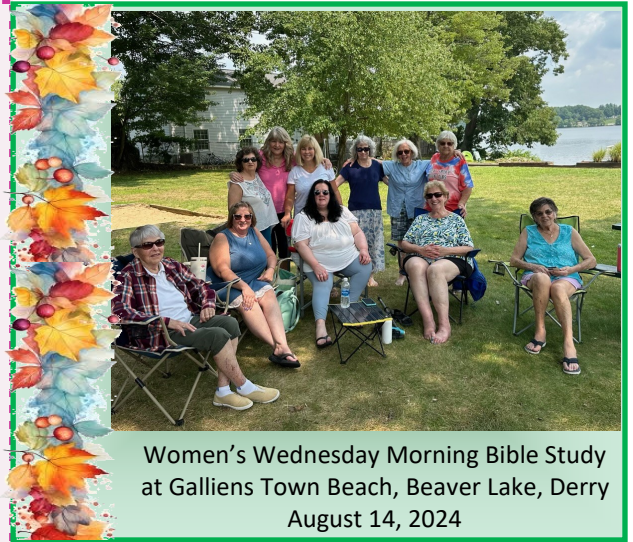
We will be using Elizabeth George's book, Relying on the Power of the Spirit – part of the Woman After God's Own Heart® Bible study series.

All women are welcome to join. See Gail Gorski for more information.

Are you living in the Holy Spirit's power? The book of Acts is filled with incredible examples of God's Spirit at work in the lives of His people. As you study along with Elizabeth George, you'll learn about...

- the Spirit's promises and provision, and what they mean to you
- your unique place in God's church and how the Holy Spirit uses you
- being a blessing to both believers and unbelievers

As a Christian you have the same commission God gave to the people in Acts. Step out in the Spirit's power...and yield yourself completely to all God wants to do through you.



Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study at Galliens Town Beach, Beaver Lake, Derry August 14, 2024

Tuesday Night Bible Study

We will be starting a new study in the Christianity Explored series: Discipleship Explored.

An eight-session journey through Paul's letter to the Philippians, looking at what it's like to follow Jesus.

The study starts at 7:00pm. Come early for some food and fellowship that starts at 6:15pm.

See Chris Miller with any questions.

**THY WORD IS A
LAMP UNTO MY FEET
AND A LIGHT
UNTO MY PATH**

~PSALM 119:105



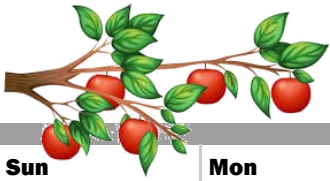
ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Sunday mornings at 9am. All are welcome to join.

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY – Study starts at 7pm, Join us at 6:15 for supper and fellowship. All are welcome. See Chris Miller with any questions.

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.

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service	2 OFFICE CLOSED 	3 6:15pm Supper 7pm Bible Study	4 NO Ladies' Bible Study Today 5:30 Outreach Mtg	5 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall 6pm Prayer Mtg	6 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	7
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October is
Pastor Appreciation
Month

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