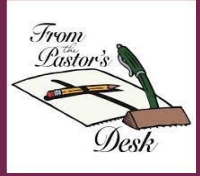




News From The Corner **The First Baptist Church of Derry**

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

November-December 2024



As we come to the end of another year - an incredibly long time for the children among us, but a blink of an eye for others - we owe the LORD a debt of thanks. For life - we've come through another year, and many have not. For His care over this Church, which has been here on this corner in Derry for 144 years. For all those here who together make up this mysterious 'Body of Christ' - those who have served the Church for decades and the new people God has brought to us.

During the summer I felt a lot of stress over Dave and Stacey leaving. Music is key to worship and great Christian musicians are hard to find. That stress was due to my own pride, thinking the 'success' of the Church was down to me and my ability to bring someone new on board. What would people think of me if I didn't come through??

Yet at just the right time God brought us Alex. It's been a joy to hear him sing and play and lead worship, and to get to know him, and his family, Mara and Webber.

If you recall we also lost Stacey, Taylor and Jayme as worship singers around that time. It looked for awhile like Alex would start here with no worship team. But again, God came through, by sending Pamela and Michele to us, and we've been blessed by them.

The lesson is - it's God's Church, He promised to build it and protect it, and He can be trusted.

We are facing a time of transition in this Church. There's a 'changing of the guard' coming. Dave and Stacey were the first. Before too long Debbie Anderson, who has meant so much to the ministry here, in and outside the office, will leave her role. Many others who have done an incredible amount of work for the LORD over the years are 'aging out'. We should be so thankful for them.

Newer, younger people will have to carry on the ministry. God will provide them. As the Hebrew people said of Him He is Jehovah-Jireh = "Our Provider"!

So as we approach this Thanksgiving/Christmas/New Year time, which is full of both darkness and light, which is so wonderful yet also definitely hard - let's look to Him. And let's do what the true believers in this Church have done for 144 years, and what Christians everywhere are privileged to do - "Show God's heart to the world."

Pastor Malcolm



FBC Food Pantry
8th PANTRY PLUNGE
Saturday, December 14 at noon
Beaver Lake/Gallien's Beach, Derry
Support the Food Pantry





Want tips about how to talk with friends and family about the Lord at Christmas time? See this from Mark Sohmer:

<https://luke-15.org/easy-christmas-evangelism-tips/>

Pat Boone has a new song, Where Did America Go? You can hear it on YouTube here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-bG_NK5C_E

Media/ Books



Bonhoeffer Movie

We'd like to get a group of 10 together to see the new movie "Bonhoeffer" at 7pm on Tuesday evening, December 3, at the AMC Cinema at The Loop in Methuen. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German pastor who was imprisoned and later executed for participating in a plot to kill Hitler. His letters from prison are inspiring. It's 2 hrs, 10 minutes long. We'll meet at the church at 6:20 and carpool. Call the office or pastor to join.

Preach THE WORD;
BE READY IN SEASON and OUT OF SEASON;
REPROVE, REBUKE, & EXHORT,
WITH COMPLETE patience & teaching. 2 TIMOTHY 4:2

Tuesday Night Bible Study

We are currently doing a study in the Christianity Explored series: Discipleship Explored.

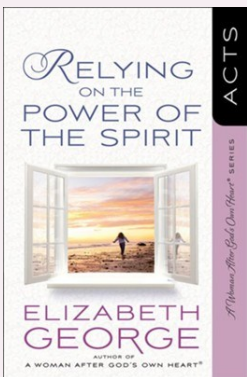
The study starts at 7:00pm. Come early for some food and fellowship that starts at 6:15pm.

The study will go on break starting Tues., November 26 through December 31. Study will begin again on Tues., January 7.

See Chris Miller with any questions.

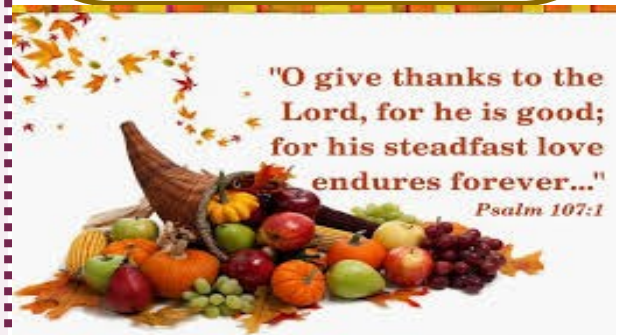
Women's Wednesday Bible Study

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



We are using Elizabeth George's book, Relying on the Power of the Spirit – part of the Woman After God's Own Heart® Bible study series. Based in the Book of Acts.

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



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

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.

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.

COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.

CHECK THE CALENDAR ON LAST
PAGE FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES
DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER



A big Thank You to Elizabeth Zikmanis for taking over as our Missions committee coordinator. We are always open to having new people come on the Committee. We anticipate having extra funds available to allocate to Missions in 2025. You can help determine which ministries we allocate them to.

Some sad news to report - John Hoover who ran a nursing home ministry in southern NH through InFaith - passed away from cancer this Fall. We are trying to determine if his wife will be carrying on the ministry. Pray for his family please.

It was wonderful to be with our missionaries from Albania, Lorena and Marin Gunbardhi, in November. They gave the same slide presentation they gave here to pastors, missions groups and individuals from 7 southern NH churches that week, and every one was impressed with their spirit and what God has done there.

It was also great to meet the people at these churches, including 2 large ones in Nashua. One gets almost 1,500 people on a Sunday, and the other hosts worship services for Indian, Brazilian and Slavic congregations. NH has certainly become diverse.

It was refreshing to hear them talk about how attractive the gospel is to people in Albania, most of whom came out of atheism or Islam. We see so little of that in America. We need to pray for God to call more people to faith, including our own friends and family. That will be the theme of our prayer time on Thursday December 3, praying for those not-yet Christ followers.

Join the folks of Lifeway Church for a Christmas celebration. December 20 & 21, 7pm at Manchester Memorial High School. For more information go to <https://mailchi.mp/Odd5fd433e42/christmas-night-of-wonder-dec-20-21-7pm?e=ab8ccb9>

PRAYER

MEETING AT FBC

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



Crossover Service

December 31 at 10:30pm

How will you spend your New Year's Eve this year?

What better way to welcome in this New Year than with other Christians praising the Lord. Come and join Ignite The Fire International Ministries in worshipping the Lord at the Crossover Service on December 31, 2024 from 10:30 pm - 12:00 am. We'll meet in FBC sanctuary for worship with song, prayer, and testimonies. This service will be led by Alpha Kanu, president of ITFIM.

Invite a friend or two and join in thankful Praise as 2025 begins anew.

Blessings,
ITFIM Team



Behold, I am making all things new. Revelation 21:5



"When my life was slipping away, I prayed to the Lord and He saved me." -Jonah 2:7,9

Christmas Night of Wonder

Songs of FREEDOM • Words of HOPE

MANCHESTER MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL
1 Crusader Way, Manchester, NH
Dec. 20 & 21 • 7:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:15 PM

\$12 PER PERSON
(10 & UNDER FREE)

LifeWay Church
www.lifewaychurch.net

Scan for Tickets



Take note

JOIN US SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 AT 4:00PM TO CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH A MUSIC CONCERT AND

SING-A-LONG FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS. ALL ARE WELCOME; BRING A FRIEND.





November 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>A thankful is a happy </p>					1 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	2
<p>3 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service HARVEST DINNER </p>	4	5 6:15pm Supper 7pm Bible Study	6 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall 5:30 Outreach Mtg.	7 1pm Video Bible Study, Fell. Hall 6pm Prayer Mtg	8 6:30p Ignite the Fire in Fellowship Hall	9 Count your Blessings
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24 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service	25	26 No Bible Study tonight	27 No Ladies' Bible Study Today	28 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> No Bible Study 	29 Office Closed No Ignite the Fire	30 Grateful to God



December 2024



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<p>1 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT No Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service</p>	2	3 No Bible Study Bonhoeffer Movie, Meet at church at 6:20pm	4 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study, Fell. Hall 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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22 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service 4pm Christmas Concert And Sing-a-Long	23	24 No 7pm Bible Study Resumes Jan 7 6pm Christmas Eve Service	25 No Ladies Study MERRY Christmas	26 No Video Bible Study	27 No Ignite the Fire	28
29 No Adult Bible Study 10am Worship Service	30 	31 New Year's Eve Crossover Service 10:30pm	No Ladies' Bible Study Today January 1 Resumes Jan. 8	No Video Bible Study Today January 2 Resumes Jan. 9	No Ignite the Fire Today, January 3 Resumes Jan. 10	