



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

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

***February-March 2025***



We are to pray with a mix of confidence and humility. God is so great its remarkable He listens to Bozos such as us, isn't it? Because He is so beyond us we never demand things from Him. But His Word also tells us to come before Him "boldly", and "to make our requests known to Him". The first thing to do when we pray is to take a minute and settle ourselves. Get rid of the cares of the day. Think about what we're doing: coming before the God who created everything that exists to speak to Him as our Father. We should remind ourselves of what a privilege that is. If we have done sinful things since our last prayer time, which we haven't confessed yet, we want to confess them. If God doesn't show you anything move on. If He does, ask for forgiveness - and believe you have been forgiven, because that is one of God's promises we can rely on: "If we confess our sins He is faithful and will forgive us our sins."

We aren't speaking to God primarily in order to get things. We pray to draw closer to Him. Yet there are things we need, sometimes really important things, and He knows that. As a Church body we have several people right now who are dealing with very serious illnesses. The Lord wants to hear about those things. He will enter into our pain and suffering and walk with us in a way I can't put into words, but know to be real. Part of the reason Jesus went to the Cross was to experientially know our suffering as men and women. That's a beautiful thought. We want to thank Him for that, as well as share our fear or grief. God is faithful, He never changes or lies, and what He's said in His Word He will do. Part of having faith is believing that. He wants us to see Him as trustworthy and is honored when we trust Him. So as we pray we want to keep His promises to us in mind, and ask Him to be faithful to all He has promised. Some of those key promises are:

Romans 8:32 Since He did not spare even His own Son for us but gave Him up for us all, won't He also surely give us everything else?

1 Peter 5:7 Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

1 Corinthians 10:13 God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out

Psalms 103:17 From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear Him.

Nahum 1:7 The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.

Philippians 1:6 He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it.

Matthew 6:31-33 So do not worry or say, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the rest of the world runs after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Deuteronomy 31:8 The LORD Himself goes before you and will be with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

Romans 8:38 Nothing can ever separate us from His love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels won't, and all the powers of hell itself cannot keep God's love away.

There are MANY more of these same kinds of promises. The Psalms and Prophetic books are full of them. Memorize the short ones. Repeat them to yourselves. If our problems are severe we will be very conscious of them almost all the time so we will need to repeat these often. Don't feel bad about that. Knowing them and using them in prayer is super beneficial. Because they are the Words of God Himself there's power in them.

***Pastor Malcolm***

## ***Message from our Financial Secretary and Trustees...***

*Please remember that even though we were NOT able to gather for several Sundays, we still need to meet our obligations for bills (SNOW REMOVAL, heat, electric, payroll, etc.) Feel free to mail your tithe/or drop off to the office whenever you are not able to come to services. Thank you for your continued support of the ministries here at First Baptist of Derry.*



# What's Happening at FBC...

But my God shall supply  
all your need according  
to his riches in glory  
by Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 4:19



As a Church we should be very proud of our Creative Fellowship Craft Group. These ladies made and delivered over 100 Valentines cards for the residents at Pleasant Valley.

Our denomination, the American Baptist Churches of Vermont and New Hampshire, has called a new Executive Minister to lead our 140 churches, both administratively and spiritually - Jay Noll. Jay will be the point person for finding pastors for churches with vacancies, dealing with crises that arise in churches, organizing events and seminars across the region, and ensuring our financial viability. Jay will be introduced at our Annual Gathering on April 11, 12 and we plan to have several of our leaders there to meet him. Please pray for him and for the many small ABC churches in our region.

On that same note we want to recognize Tim and Margaret Isbell for serving one of these small ABC churches, the United Church in Danbury, NH. Tim has preached there 3 of 4 Sundays a month for the past 3.5 years. They've helped that congregation achieve not just stability but growth during that time.

Recently the Trustees approved renting the 3rd floor office at 4 Crystal Ave (the church office building) to the Lafferty Learning tutoring service. This is the space the Soup Kitchen used to use as an office but it has been vacant for over 5 years.

Our FBCC Food Pantry had a super successful Pantry Plunge in December, raising over \$30,000. Recently the Pantry also received a \$3,000 grant from the Bishops Charitable Assistance Fund in Manchester.



## Media/Books



For Black History Month, this video tells the story of Fannie Lou Hamers, a courageous Christian woman who grew up as the daughter of share croppers in Mississippi and went on to organize black Americans to gain the right to vote, and the opposition she endured.

<https://worldchannel.org/episode/america-reframed-fannie-lou-hamers-america/>



**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.

CHECK THE CALENDAR ON LAST  
PAGE FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES





David Spinale has been the Southern NH Director of InterVarsity for the past 10 years. He has worked with college students at SNHU and UNH primarily over those years. We have supported him during that time, and he has spoken here, along with his family. He announced last month he will be leaving that role as of May to pursue other ministry work. We are thankful for him!

John Hoover also spoke here 2 years ago about his ministry with to nursing home residents. John visited, encouraged and made disciples of many Seniors during his time with InFaith. Unfortunately John passed away in October. He leaves his wife Kathy, and 3 young adult daughters. Our Missions committee recognized his ministry work with a gift to his wife.

We have invited reps from Adult and Teen Challenge, a Christian addiction recovery center in Manchester, to speak for 10 minutes during a Mission Moment in early April. We will also host Camp Sentinel, the ABC camp ministry in W. Tuftonboro,



## Valentine Fellowship Dinner

**CANCELLED**

Unfortunately, the two dates we had for the dinner were snowed out. Looking forward to the corned beef dinner next month!



## CORNEBEEF DINNER

SUNDAY, MARCH 16



JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER SERVICE.  
LOOK FOR THE SIGNUP SHEET IF YOU WANT TO  
CONTRIBUTE SOME VEGETABLES



Daylight Savings Time  
Begins Sunday  
March 9

Turn your clocks  
ahead one hour

## FBC Boards – 2025

### Board of Deacons

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Karen Muise

Paul Simmons  
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**Missions Committee** (This is not a Board. It is a group of folks interested in missions both in our community and abroad.)

Elizabeth Zikmanis  
Linda Cardner  
Debbie Davis  
Ronnie Magaletta

Cheryl Masterson  
Richard Cardner  
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. 1 Peter 4:10

## Afternoon at the Movies

JOIN US SATURDAY, MARCH 1 AT 4PM  
TO WATCH "UNsung HERO"



POPCORN & PIZZA



## What are the Responsibilities of the FBC Boards?

### Deacons

Oversee worship and spiritual growth of the church

### Trustees

Maintenance of church properties and financial oversight

### Christian Ed

Sunday School, Children's Church, Bible Studies

### Outreach

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

### Missions Committee

Invites missionary speakers and decides on expenditure of missions funds.



We received a Thank You note from a woman in Vermont who visited our Church on the Sunday I was on vacation in January. It read: "Dear Pastor and Church, I wanted to thank you for your welcoming Church family. Recently I had to come to Derry as my Dad was having surgery. Sunday morning came and I was lead to the First Baptist Church of Derry. I found the message good, your people friendly and most welcoming. Thank you all for providing this special place to worship in! May our Lord bless you all richly for your fellowship."



We've been blessed with several visitors in 2025. We want them all to feel welcome. Here are some tips on how to do that. These were created by our own church 20 yrs ago.

### ***Six Steps Towards a Friendly First Baptist Church***

#### **1. Please park towards the back and sit towards the front.**

We naturally tend to park towards the front and sit towards the back. Yet for the convenience of newcomers, we want to encourage you to leave the parking spaces nearest the church building open, but please sit towards the front.

#### **2. Make a regular habit of meeting someone you do not know.**

The only way that we can insure newcomers feel welcome is if each of us takes the initiative to meet people. Often we are hesitant to greet people because we are unsure if they are new to the church. Please do not let that stop you. Introduce yourself and then ask questions to get to know them.

#### **3. If you forget someone's name, don't be hesitant to ask them.**

One of the stumbling blocks that keep us from building relationships is that we think that people will be offended because we have forgotten their names. Yet we all know how easily it is to forget people's names—even two minutes after they have introduced themselves! If you see some people you have met before, but have forgotten their name, don't be afraid to say, "I'm sorry, but I forgot your name." It is far better to have people think that you are friendly and have a poor memory than for people to think you have a great memory but are simply unfriendly!

#### **4. Offer to help newcomers find their way.**

Though we are familiar with our building, newcomers are not. If you see someone who looks lost, take the initiative to offer assistance.

#### **5. After the service, invite newcomers to coffee time in fellowship hall.**

After the service, we have a time of fellowship downstairs. Invite them to come for coffee, and then take some time to talk with them.

#### **6. Would you be willing to invite a newcomer to some event in our church's life?**

When people attend a church, what are they looking for more than anything are friends. It means so much to people when someone takes the time to get to know them. Our church offers many events to give you the opportunity to reach out to others.






We need your help! Incorporating new people into the life of the church is a big task—far bigger than our pastor or boards can do alone. If each of us takes the time to do little things such as meeting people, the corporate effect will be far reaching. We hope that these 6 suggestions will help us make First Baptist Church a friendly Church.





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# MARCH 2025



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