



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

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

June-July 2025



Beverly Ford has been part of FBC Derry since I started here 14 years ago. I remember attending her 75th birthday party 12 years ago. She's part of our Adult Sunday morning class and sang in our Choir for years too. She drove herself there into her 80s. I remember being behind her driving home one icy winter night and seeing her back wheels fishtail for a second. Nothing phased Beverly!

Bev had a great friend who was also part of our church, Virginia Enos. They were inseparable for years at church and at the Londonderry Senior Center. They had me to lunch there once. Bev gave her rides everywhere. They were a real blessing to each other. It was beautiful to see Bev keep an eye out for Ginny at church as she declined.

After Virginia passed away Christine Flanagan, another attendee here, helped Beverly in a similar way. Bev had stopped driving, and Christine faithfully picked her up and brought her places. That included a few trips to casinos! These women were not wallflowers. All of them lived life. It was great for me to see that in people I considered "older" then, which is not far from my age now.

I hope Beverly will write her autobiography one day. She's done things as diverse as ride a horse along the Pony Express trail out West with her husband Aubrey, and enter dogs in the Westminster Kennel Show in NYC. She has lived with her daughter Julie and son-in-law Peter for the past 15 yrs. She'll be moving to Oregon to live with her son Skip soon. We will miss her.

In contrast, at the opposite end of the age spectrum, are babies. We've enjoyed seeing Jon and Ryan's 2 little ones so much. Soon Alex and Mara will have a baby, as will Jim and Laurie's daughter Gina and her husband, and Karen's son Ted and his wife. My son and his wife have a newborn too. Babies are great.

Its scary caring for them when they're young of course. Seeing my granddaughter on the day she was born brought back memories of being a new parent. The sense that we are responsible for this little person's safety is strong.

It was a lot like what I felt when my father's health was failing near the end of his life and he couldn't care for himself. In both cases I didn't know what to do, and wasn't in control of what was happening.

It's beautiful that in God's great design people care for each other throughout life. We're cared for when we're young, we care for others later on, and at the end we'll be cared for again. It's the "circle of life".

Whatever we face, whether its raising a child, or seeing our own strength and ability fail, it's such an encouragement to know we can always rely on the Lord. He's with us all our lives. Even beyond this life! He formed us while we in our mother's womb, and He will welcome us to heaven when our souls leave our bodies.

The Bible says, "Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." The Heidelberg Confession, a training tool for children, asks, "What is your only comfort in life and in death?" The answer given is, "That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ." I pray that brings comfort and joy to all of us, no matter our age.

Pastor Malcolm



GOD IS MY STRENGTH

Psalm 73:26





Join us on June 1
as we celebrate

Beverly Ford

And the years she has been with us at
FBC. God bless you Bev on your move



In Loving Memory

*Memorial Service for
Shirley Anderson*

*Saturday, June 28, at 11:00am
At First Baptist Church
of Derry*

What's Happening at FBC...



Sunday, June 8—Children's Sunday. We will be celebrating
with our graduates at coffee time.

Remember our Dads on Father's Day, June 15.

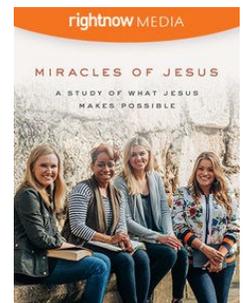
The Outreach Committee will NOT be hosting the usual
coffee hour on July 13, 20, and 27. We thank the
congregation for their patience and wish everyone a great
summer!

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join Us for Our Current Study

"Miracles of Jesus" by Jennie Allen—a study of
what Jesus makes possible. A seven-week video
study filmed on location in
Israel at the site where the
miracles took place. All
women are welcome to join
us each Wednesday at 10:00
in fellowship hall.

*10:00am on Wednesdays
See Gail Gorski with questions
or for more information*



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.



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PAGE FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES



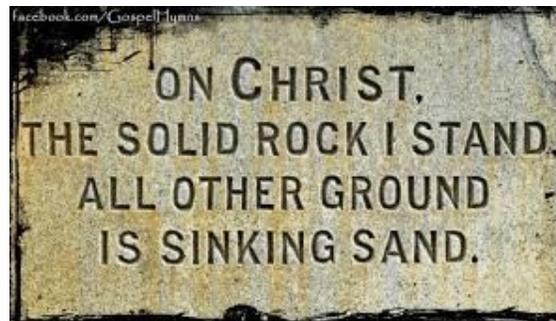
Thank you
from
Birthright of
So. NH

"We are deeply grateful for your support in our Mother's Day Flower Sale! Thanks to your generosity and dedication, we sold 4,500 carnations across 18 churches, raising vital funds to assist pregnant mothers and their babies in New Hampshire. May our united efforts continue to celebrate and uphold the precious gift of life, both before and after birth.

Your Friends in Life,
Birthright of So. NH



- For those who took the **baby bottles** to fill with coins and bills for Real Options - please return them on Father's Day Sunday.
- On Sunday June 29 Matthew Willette from Milford Baptist church (The Bridge) will deliver a 10 minute Missions Moment during worship. Matthew has worked as both a Special Ed teacher and Pastoral Intern and has found a great opportunity to serve for 3 months in South Africa with ABC missionaries who serve special needs people and plant churches. He is seeking funding toward going there.
- Rick and Grace's daughter-in-law Jessica will be in the US with her 2 oldest children, Lydia and Nathaniel, on a college tour in June. She will speak about the work she and Ben do in Kosovo at the Thursday afternoon class at 1pm on June 12. We hope to have her share Sunday June 15 as well.



VIDEOS

Our Tuesday night group watches videos by an excellent young pastor from California named Mike Winger. Check out his YouTube channel.



Media/Books

INTERNET/MUSIC

Our own Music Minister, Alexandre Rezende, also has a YouTube channel with over 1,000 subscribers.

BOOKS

Substack is a web platform for writers who want to publish their own material. One of my favorite writers there is Paul Kingsnorth. He focuses on retaining our God-given humanity and staying close to nature against what he calls the onslaught of "The Machine". He has an interesting 20 minute read that summarizes his thought in The Cross and the Machine. You can read the whole thing for free at:

<https://firstthings.com/the-cross-and-the-machine/>





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