



Cape Neddick Tide

What's Coming and Going at the Cape Neddick Baptist Church

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Holy week is upon us, and we do know what happened. The Scriptures are clear!! Yet *what if* things had gone differently??

What if Jesus had decided as He rode into Jerusalem that He would settle for being an earthly thing??

What if the disciples had successfully hidden Jesus?

What if Jesus had not submitted to His Father's will in the Garden of Gethsemane??

What if the people had decided to release Jesus instead of Barabbas?

What if Pontius Pilate had prevented the crucifixion of Jesus??

What if the tomb had not been empty??

What if?? What if there had been no cross or resurrection?? It's a scary thought, for then we

wouldn't have forgiveness of sins, salvation, hope, or eternal life.

Thankfully, these *what ifs* didn't happen!! Instead, all the details worked according to God's plan. God's plan was wonderfully fulfilled. As Jesus said again and again and again, '*The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised up.*' (Matthew 18:22-23).

I encourage you as Holy Week progresses to reflect upon the events of the week that changed the world and that can change our lives. Then when Sunday morning arrives celebrate with joy the fact that Jesus is risen!!!

One other note, as a reminder: Gloria and I are having an **Open House** on Sunday, April 19, from **2:30 to 4:30 PM**. I hope that YOU will be able to stop in, and stay as long as you'd like!

HOLY WEEK

Thurs., April 2 6:00 PM
Maudy Thursday Pot-Luck

Supper followed by an informal service at approximately 6:45 PM. Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share.



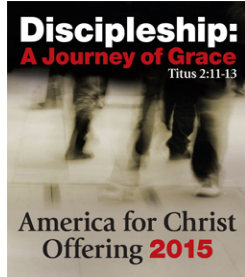
Fri., 7:00 PM **Good Friday**
Service in our sanctuary

Sun., 6:15 AM **Easter**
Sunrise Service by the lighthouse on Marginal Way. Breakfast follows at the Ogunquit Baptist Church.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST

The annual America for Christ offering will be taken from April 19 to the middle of May. This offering supports our denomination's home missions, 'transformational ministries that manifest the

grace of God's love to neighborhoods and communities throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.



Our goal as a church is \$850. Please use the special envelopes, and please keep in mind that a portion of the offering goes to support the ministries of our region, the American Baptist Churches of Maine.

MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Iron Sharpens Iron conference on Saturday, **April 25** in Greenland, New Hampshire, is drawing near!! This is always a time of wonderful worship, inspirational speakers, good fellowship, and interesting workshops. The two main speakers will be *T.C.*

Stallings, who starred in the movie 'Courageous,' and *Rod Cooper*, once a chaplain for both a professional baseball and football team, now a professor of Discipleship at Gordon-Conwell Seminary.

Cost is \$55.00 plus \$8.00 for lunch. Brochures and the sign up list are at the back of the sanctuary. It's important that you sign up as soon as possible since the conference sells out. Also at the back is a partial list of the workshops that will be offered. Some of the topics are 'Anger: If you Don't Control It--- It will Control You,' Men, Money,

and Masculinity,' and 'Leaving a Godly Legacy.'

Already a number of guys have signed up. How about adding your name to the list!! It will be well worth your while.

COME AND LEARN

Bill and Fran Atchison, home missionaries serving at the Alford Youth Center in Waterville, will share about their work on Sunday, **April 12**. Food and fellowship will follow worship; a door offering for their ministry will be taken.

ANOTHER WORD FROM PASTOR DON

It made quite a noise, I am told, when on **March 11**, a huge chunk of **ice** fell off the main roof of the parsonage, hit the roof of the bathroom, and then landed in the snow. Gloria and I had left for Pennsylvania a couple of hours before, yet *Alva Hilton* 'happened' to be going by when the ice gave way. I am glad he was!!!

It turns out that the ice came down between the rafters, denting the roof and breaking the trim. We are now waiting for word from the insurance adjuster. Many thanks to *Bo Kinsman* and *Frank Hludik* for immediately checking things out, and to Bo for climbing up to the roof and covering up the damage with a tarpaulin. I understand that some snow shoes were used in the process!

LIBRARY NOTES

After this long winter are you ready for some light

reading?? The church library has lots of Christian fiction. Four selections will be at the back of the sanctuary this month: *Cape Light* by Thomas Kinkade, *Julie* by Catherine Marshall, *Hometown Legend* by Jerry Jenkins, and *Abraham and Sarah: The Long Journey* by Roberta Dorr. Take and enjoy!!! You'll find the entire fiction section in the hall by the door to the ramp.

SOME RANDOM NOTES

***Muffins** for the Easter Breakfast need to be at the church by Saturday evening, the 4th. Many thanks.

*Don't forget, all children are invited to the joyous **Easter Celebration** from 9:00 to 10:00 AM Easter Sunday.

*April's **Men's Breakfast** will be a week later than usual, on Saturday, April 11th.

*Baby Bottles for the **Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center** can be picked up in the sanctuary anytime.

*Dates to save-----July 20-24
Vacation Bible School

ABW

Our April meeting will be on Wednesday, the **8th**, at Gloria's home. There will be a program and time to rejoice over the generosity of our church family in helping us fulfill out White Cross responsibilities.



The York Association ABW spring meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25 in Saco. Please let Gloria know if you are interested in attending. It is always an uplifting event

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

- April 5** *Liar, Lunatic, or Lord*
- April 12** The Atchisons
- April 19** *Remember Joseph?*
- April 26** Women's Sunday

CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

The Life Together Christian Book Club will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Tuesday's of the month. Anyone is welcome to join and at ANY point. We

meet at Pam Trafton's house at 10am. Come and join us for fellowship, sharing, and socializing...book reading too! The book we are reading is *"The Hiding Place"* by Corrie Ten Boom.

Here is a brief overview:

"Every experience God gives us . . . is the perfect preparation for the future only He can see."—

Corrie ten Boom was a Dutch watchmaker who became a heroine of the Resistance, a survivor of Hitler's concentration camps, and one of the most remarkable evangelists of the twentieth century.

Please contact Sheri Nadeau ([603-436-8289](tel:603-436-8289)) if you are interested. Books are available in the vestry; please see Sheri or Pam to get one. ALL are welcome!

LOOKING AHEAD

- 4/2 6:00 Supper and Service
- 4/3 NO BIBLE STUDY
- 4/3 7:00 Service
- 4/5 6:15 Sunrise Service
- 4/5 9:00 Celebration Time
- 4/5 10:15 Worship
- 4/7 10:00 Book Club

FAITH CRAFTING

Friday April 17th 10:00-12n
Church Vestry

Bring your photos to create a page to display
Please RSVP to Crystal 363-7036

SCRAPBOOKING

Saturday April 18th 9a-9p
POT LUCK DINNER 4p

RSVP A MUST as space is limited!

A donation offering will be asked for our ABW Project.

- 4/7 5:00 Trustees
- 4/8 9:00 ABW
- 4/8 2:00 Church Health
- 4/9 6:30 BCE
- 4/11 7:30 Men's Breakfast
- 4/15 7:00 Quarterly Mtg
- 4/16 2:00 York Extension
- 4/17 10:00 Faithcrafting
- 4/18 9:00 Scrapbooking
- 4/19 2:30 Open House
- 4/21 10:00 Book Club
- 4/25 8:30 Iron Sharpens Iron
- 4/25 9:00 York ABW Spring Meeting in Saco
- 4/26 Food Pantry Sunday
- 5/30 8:00 Work Day

ABW READING CONTEST

Each year American Baptist Women takes a survey of how much Christian literature Christians are reading. If you are reading the Bible and other Christian literature, would you please fill out the information form on the table near the food bank box. Book titles are not necessary, only the total number of books, Christian magazines, devotionals, and of course, the Bible. It is fun to see how much we are reading! The contest goes from June 1, 2014 - May 31, 2015. You can turn your forms in to Sue Norton or any ABW gal.

Please let me know by April 6th either by phone 363-7036
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