



Cape Neddick Tide

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

Thursday morning Cyndi and I will be on our way to the American Baptist Mission Summit in Portland, Oregon. The Mission Summit, which used to be called the ABC Biennial (even churches are into “rebranding”), is the national gathering of American Baptist Churches that takes place every two years. It is our good fortune that our daughter and son-in-law both work at the Home Mission Society, and he is a native Oregonian. Thus, not only are we able to go, but also spend some relaxing time with them after the gathering.

It has been some time since we have been to a national gathering, and while I am sure that there are changes, I am also sure that there is much that is familiar. That which hasn't changed is the inspirational speakers, many with national reputations, and equally inspiring music. There is something uplifting about singing great songs in a congregation of several thousand voices. There are also workshops, college and seminary breakfasts and lunches, the exhibit hall with all of the ABC institutions represented, and of course the ever popular bookstore. Cyndi and I may even be recruited to man the Home Mission booth, as we have connections who may want an afternoon off.

A famous congressman of another time once said that all politics is local. Meaning that while his constituents cared about national and international affairs, what they cared about more and what got him elected was fixing potholes in local neighborhoods. What is immediately before us is what concerns us the most. The same is true of the church. While we may receive the letter from the missionary on a distant continent and rejoice in the work, what really concerns us is our own church and its place in our community. It is mission at the grass roots level that you and I carry out our discipleship.

However, just as I am concerned about who fixes the pothole on my street, so I also have concerns beyond my national and global neighborhood. So it is with the church. Since the days of the Apostle Paul the gospel has been spread “to the ends of the earth.” While most of us cannot go to the ends of the earth, just as it was with Paul so it is with us, we support those who do go. Just as those in Jerusalem learned from believers in the rest of the world, it is good to get together with our faith family nationally and internationally. We are the only non-majoritarian denomination in the U.S. There is no racial or ethnic majority in the American Baptist Churches. That adds richness to the experience of who we are and gives us insights into the gospel that we may not have had otherwise.

The time in Portland promises to be such experience. I am thankful to represent you as a delegate and will report back next month.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dave



News from the Pulpit Committee

Wow, it has been seven months since the Pulpit Committee began the process of seeking the person that God will be calling to pastor our church. Rev. Dr. Al Fletcher, the **Regional Resource Minister** of Maine, reminded us at our first meeting with him that seeking a new pastor is a process. Rev. Fletcher emphasized that following the Calling an American Baptist Minister process developed by American Baptist Churches USA was essential to finding a pastor that best meets our mission and vision for ministry. I am happy to report that we have been diligently following the stages in this process.

One of the first stages was to develop an interim ministry plan and recommend to the church family that Rev. David Strosahl be called to the position of interim minister. We next dove into completing the eleven Church Reflections in our process manual. These reflection categories helped us to:

- complete a self-study of our congregation
- prepare a summary of the demographic information for York, Cape Neddick and the neighboring communities
- understand the importance of learning about the needs of our community
- see how others in our community view our church
- list and understand the important events in the history of our church
- assess our congregation style
- review our beliefs
- form a vision statement
- state what we want to do and what we want our pastor to do
- prioritize our ministries
- develop a compensation package for our new pastor.

The information obtained for completing the Church Reflections will be compiled into a Church Profile document. This document along with other information about our church will be sent to prospective pastoral candidates.

By the end of our next meeting we will have completed all eleven Church Reflections. All eleven reflections will be reviewed. Then we will begin the process of requesting profiles from American Baptist Personnel Services and placing ads in selected on-line seminary web sites.

We would like your input and comments about this proposed vision statement for our church:

“Our vision is to glorify God by building a church family of believers where all people are loved and welcome. We seek to display the love of Christ through community involvement; mentoring/supporting youth and family activities; and providing relevant approaches to spiritual growth.”

Please give your feedback to any Pulpit Committee member or at our next quarterly business meeting, which is in July.

Continue to pray that God will clearly reveal to us the one He is preparing to lead the ministry of His church in Cape Neddick.



The board of Christian

Education is pleased to announce that Nicholas Lumenello and Alexander Lumenello have been selected to receive the CNBC Sunday School Scholarship for the Academic Year 2017-2018. Nick is a senior at UNE where he is majoring in Medical Biology. Zander is a second-year student at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health where he is a pre-med major. It is a privilege to be able to support and encourage these young men in this way.



This summer CNBC will be providing

camperships for four members of our church family to attend Oceanwood Camp in Ocean Park, Maine. Sisters Nicole Perkins and Kalista Perkins will be attending Overnight Horse Camp, and cousins Colin Gardner and Brenden Perkins will be attending Overnight Camp.

ABW

Six of us shared a fun lunch at Greenleaves at the final ABW meeting of 2016-17. The group will resume in September. All women are welcome



July 17th through July 21st from 9:00 to

11:30 AM, our sanctuary, vestry and church grounds will be transformed into Maker Fun Factory where kids will discover that God made them-and made them for a purpose! Kids will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, and test out sciency-fun gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Come and be part of this truly life-changing week.



Our missions project for this year's

VBS will be to Raise Funds to Feed the Children at the Tuungane School in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo where Missionary Ann Clemmer teaches and works. The children at the school are sick, orphaned or abandoned street kids. The meal that they have at school is usually the only food they have all day. \$8.00 a day provides food for 30 children. How many children will we be able to feed?



Verse of the month

" Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8

Sue Norton



Birthday & Anniversary List

The current months birthday and anniversary sheets are on the table in the back of the church. If there is anyone who is not on our birthday list, but would like to be, please let me know.

Betty Lovering

Women of Joy

"Immeasurably More". August 18 & 19 at Lowell Memorial Auditorium. Featuring Margaret Feinberg, Lisa Harper, Natalie Grant, Christine Caine, and Angela ThomasPharr.

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