

Cape Neddick Tide

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

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Pastoral Ponderings

Several of the Psalms begin with these words, "Sing unto the Lord with a new song." No Psalm ever began, "Sing unto the Lord the same old song." Yet, more often than not we like the same old song. We are familiar with the same old song. We know the notes and the words are committed to memory. But the Word of the Lord says sing new song.

The period between pastors gives us an opportunity to reflect on what song we are singing. Perhaps you have caught on that I am not talking about music, but about the past, the present, and the future. What is our future as a church? Where do we want to be in the next five years, ten, or fifteen? Do we actually think that the next five, ten, or more years our church life is going to be as it has been? Most importantly, where do we think the Lord is calling us to be and what do you think the Lord is calling us to be in the years ahead?

Domino's Pizza has begun a major renovation of its stores nationwide because it knows that if people are going to buy the pizza they have to be attracted to the place that makes the pizza. Anchor stores in malls; Sears, Macy's, and Penny's are going through difficult times, as well as stores associated with more youthful tastes such as the Gap. They are considered the same old song by consumers. People take pictures on their phones and don't use road maps because they have a GPS. Malls are going out of business because of online shopping. Likewise, here in York there is a perception among some that our church is simply a summer chapel. We cannot afford to sing the same old song, not matter how comforting it may be, or soon it will become the dirge that accompanies us to the grave.

We have the most important message in the world, the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have been commissioned to go into the world with that message and make disciples of all nations.

We know we have a good product, in fact the greatest. The question is how is that product delivered? How does it meet the needs of twenty first century Americans under the age of forty? Like Domino's, we know we have a good product, but what are we doing to attract people to that product. There are plenty of other attractions out there, what would draw someone unto us?

These are questions upon questions for us to ponder during this in between time. There are no easy answers. But this is the time to raise them and ponder them. This is the time for our church's serious self-examination. This is the time to ask the "What if..." questions. This is the time to bring thoughts and ideas to the members of the pulpit committee. This is the time to sit down and start composing a new song to sing to the Lord because the old one we have been singing just may be out of date.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dave



Teen Challenge Augusta Maine - Sunday July 9, 2017

The Teen Challenge Choir from the Augusta Maine campus will participate in the Sunday worship service at the Cape Neddick Baptist Church on July 9th.

Teen Challenge works on a holistic model of drug and alcohol recovery. They are concerned with the body, mind and spirit of those who come to their addiction recovery centers. They help people become mentally sound, emotionally balanced, socially adjusted, physically well and spiritually alive. They offer a chance for individuals to start over, become a new person, live a godly life and find freedom through a restored purpose and an eternal hope. They base their recovery programs on classes, individual study, personal mentoring, work ethics training and involvement in the Christian community.

This is a great opportunity to witness firsthand how the work of Teen Challenge changes the lives of people in Maine who are addicted to drugs and alcohol. Please invite your family and friends to this special worship service. A

cookout will be held after the worship service.



Honor Your Father on Sunday, June 18th

On Sunday, June 18th Fathers will be honored in the worship service. Join us as we thank God for the gift of our fathers.

Proverbs 17:27 *A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered.*

News from the Pulpit



Committee

We are in the process of taking the information that was gathered from the congregational meeting on April 30th and creating a preliminary vision statement for our church. We will distribute the preliminary vision statement for review and comment. Next we will work on Ministry Priorities, then on Pastoral Compensation, Benefits and Ministry Related Expenses. When the Vision Statement, Ministry Priorities and Pastoral Compensation are

completed we will review all eleven Church Reflections and begin the process of completing the forms for the national ABC-USA database search of potential pastoral candidates.

We meet for two hours, two Monday evenings each month. We thank Pastor Strosahl for attending all our meetings and sharing his ministry experience with us. We rely on God for wisdom and guidance as we seek the one He will call to minister at our church. Please pray for us that we will remain laser focused on God throughout this search process.



Later this month, the Board of Christian Education will announce the recipients of the CNBC Sunday School Scholarship for the academic year 2017-2018.



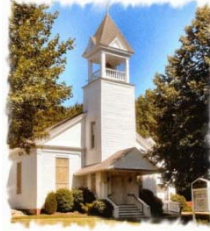
Summer vacation will soon be here. There is still time to register for summer camp. CNBC will provide camperships for those who participate at CNBC and who wish to attend Christian summer camp sessions at China Lake Camp (China, ME),

Oceanwood Camp (Ocean Park, ME) or even Flight Camp (Mapleton, ME). (Flight Camp is for teens ages 14-18 and is held July 9-14.) Check out the brochures available in the back of the sanctuary or look at the websites on-line. Contact any member of the CE Board for more info. Don't miss out!



On July 17-21 from 9:00-11:30 our

sanctuary, vestry and grounds will be transformed into the Maker Fun Factory. We are looking forward to a creative, inventive, interactive adventure with God as we learn that we were created by God and built for a purpose! We won't be simply hearing about God's love, we will be seeing it, touching it, singing it, tasting it and putting it into action. Wow! This should be an exciting Vacation Bible School week. All are welcome and encouraged to join in the fun😊 Volunteers are needed and appreciated in all areas of service. See you next month!



Cape Neddick Baptist Church Website
Keep up to date

on what's going on at our church. Our website is mobile device formatted making it easy to stay updated wherever you are located. Miss a Sunday, sermons are available on-line. On vacation, the monthly newsletters can be found on our website. What missions do we support, a detailed list is there. The address for our website is:

www.Cape-Neddick-Baptist.org.



Verse of the month

Bible verse for June: "From the fullness of His grace, we have all received one blessing after another." John 1:16

Sue Norton

Food Pantry

We continue to collect donations for the Food Pantry. The collection box is located in the back of the sanctuary.



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