



# Cape Neddick Tide

## *What's Coming and Going at the Cape Neddick Baptist Church September 2017*

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### **Pastoral Ponderings**

The days of summer are waning, the days are getting longer, and the kids are returning to school. I always feel a little down this time of year, as the carefree days of shorts and tee shirts, flip flops and the beach are coming to an end. The upside of all this is that Route 1 will be free of its traffic congestion. The summer has been good at CNBC, especially as we have had guests from away and folks we don't see except in the summer. VBS was great, also our summer music.

Early in the summer Cyndi and I travelled to Portland, Oregon to attend the American Baptist Mission Summit, the biennial national meeting of the American Baptist Churches. Preparing for that trip I wrote in the last newsletter what I was expecting. Part of a national gathering is seeing old friends and classmates, visiting the exhibits, and attending inspiring worship services. There are also the workshops to become better informed on those things affecting our churches and learning some new skills.

One of the exhibits was a short documentary film produced by the Home Mission Society, [A Church Stands With Its People](#). After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, over

100,000 American citizens of Japanese descent living on the west coast were put on trains and transported to relocation centers throughout the west. There they faced a life behind barbed wire and armed guards for the duration of the war. They lost property, livelihoods and were not compensated for their losses until the Reagan Administration, and then to the reimbursement of \$20,000. The Japanese Baptist Church of Seattle and the Home Mission Society went into the camps and ministered to the people and strongly advocated for them. A telling story of the injustice of the relocations was when the pastor of the Japanese Baptist Church, a Caucasian, had two interned men with him in a car. Stopping for gas, the attendant looked in the back seat and wanted to know if the two men sitting there were "Japs". "Yes", said the pastor, "and their sons are in Europe right now fighting for your freedom." Hopefully, we have progressed as a society.

I also attended a workshop with the interesting title of DiscipleSHIFT dealing with the changes the internet is bringing to the way we do church. It foresaw a day when most church buildings would be closed, and yet with the walls literally torn down, via the internet churches could reach

exponentially more people than ever thought in the white clapboard structure. I found the whole idea challenging and threatening as well and would like to delve more into with you. It has been said that one of the reasons for the Protestant Reformation was the invention of the printing press, bringing a revolution to the church that was unforeseen. The Gutenberg Bible was produced and the faith was no longer the sole province of the clergy but was now in the hands of the laity. Revolutionary, and the age we live in is equally revolutionary. God does not stand still; we do. God gives us the technology to spread the gospel in revolutionary ways; will we use it?

The Mission Summit was a good experience, uplifting and challenging, as is the future that we face at Cape Neddick Baptist Church.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Dave

## A BIBLE STUDY FOR THOSE WHO DON'T WANT TO READ THE BIBLE

I am inviting those who are interested and have the time to join me on Wednesday afternoons at 1PM for a Bible Study that seeks your opinions. Each week we will be looking at the verses that will be used in the sermon, usually no more than twelve. We will have an open discussion about what it means to us and all opinions are welcome. It will be a time to gab, enjoy each others company, have a little refreshment, and provide opinions to the Pastor as he seeks input for a future sermon. You don't even have to bring a Bible because I will have the verses printed out. Hope to see you there.

Pastor Dave



News from the

### Pulpit Committee

On Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> Rev. Dr. Al Fletcher, our Regional Resource Minister, met with the Pulpit Committee. We provided Rev. Fletcher with the necessary information to request pastoral candidates' profiles from the American Baptist Personnel Services (ABPS) national database. This database contains the names of all American Baptist Pastors. The database search will find all those pastors who are considering moving to a new pastoral position and meet the ministry priorities identified through our many months of completing the eleven Church Reflections. Many factors go into a search request: pastoral compensation, geographic limitations, ministry priorities, previous experience, educational background, ordination, etc.

On Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> Rev. Fletcher will meet with the

Pulpit Committee to review the results from the first ABPS database search. He will review one profile in detail showing us how to interpret the information contained in a pastoral profile. It will be the responsibility of the members of the Pulpit Committee to determine if any of the pastoral candidates from this first ABPS database search meet the ministry priorities that were established.

On Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> we will review our first draft of our Cape Neddick Baptist Church Profile. The Profile will contain all the information about our church family, current ministries, vision, beliefs, history, demographic information, etc. that a candidate will need to consider our church. Additional information such as our bylaws, annual report, and sample Sunday bulletins will be included in our informational packet.

We are also considering placing an announcement on the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary's MinistryList. MinistryList postings enable churches to post job openings for free for all to view, as well as help Gordon-Conwell degree holders make known their availability for candidacy for ministry positions.

We ask you to join us in praying that God will clearly reveal the person He has prepared to call to lead the ministry of our church family.



### Marketfest 2017 – Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00am to 4:00pm

Please sign up to make homemade apple crisp and help serve apple crisp at our booth under the food tent at York Village's Marketfest. Signup sheets are located at the rear of our sanctuary. Please deliver your baked apple crisp to the vestry on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, before 7:00am on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> or deliver them to our booth on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Apple crisp recipes are available beside the signup sheets. All proceeds are donated to the York Community Service Association (YCSA), which includes the YCSA food pantry. What a great way to support our local community.



**Birthday and Anniversary** sheets are on the back table.

If there is anyone interested in having their name added to the sheets, please give me a call. Betty Lovering [207 363 8009](tel:2073638009)



God enabled our *Maker Fun Factory* VBS to be a great experience for the twenty children who took part. The staff and many volunteers were blessed as well. It was obvious from the start that God wanted CNBC to move forward with VBS-that was His plan. However, as it drew closer to July 17<sup>th</sup>, there seemed to be lots of obstacles and lots of reasons not to go ahead with our plans for VBS. God overcame all the obstacles and provided for all our needs-and more! The children and their families were and are wonderful. It was simply amazing. Lasting relationships and friendships were formed. He truly made each one of us for a purpose. Our mission project was very encouraging and was well supported- \$550.21 was collected. It costs \$8.00 a day to feed the 30 children at Tuungane School in Goma, DRC. That \$550.21 will provide 2063 meals or meals for the 30 children for 69 days. Children were able to reach out in love from Cape Neddick, Maine to other children in Goma, DRC.

Shawna Norton has been selected to receive a CNBC Sunday School Scholarship for the Academic Year 2017-2018. Shawna is beginning her graduate study at Point Loma Nazarene University where she will be working toward her Master's Degree in Kinesiology.

We are planning a kick-off for the new season of Sunday School. Check the weekly bulletin and CNBC website for further details.

### Mission Moment: What a Life Changing Difference

In Ann Clemmer's recent newsletter she tells the story of five year old Patricia, who lives in Goma, in the



Democratic Republic of Congo. Paralyzed since the age of two due to severe trauma, her mother has had to carry Patricia on her back everywhere she goes. Ann said, "When I met them a few weeks ago her mother, stooped over from the sheer weight of her child, told me she didn't know how much longer she would be able to carry Patricia."

With specific gifts from friends and churches in the United States, and with the technical assistance of a local organization founded by a friend in Congo back in the 90's, ACDF (l'Association Congolaise Debout et Fier), Patricia now has braces and crutches, and is learning how to stand and walk on her own! "We are thankful God cares for the little ones... what a privilege it is to be able to share the hope of Christ with such as these." Love, Ann Clemmer



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Eleven prayer shawls were dedicated during the Sunday morning service 9/04/17. Two were given to church people and nine shawls were delivered to York Hospital Hospice, by Louise Todd

A lovely lady, Annie Gowen, has been working up a storm. She knits squares, then Gloria Goodwin crochets them together to make a beautiful Prayer Shawl.

The York Hospital Hospice can use as many shawls as they can get. Thank you ladies for all your knitting. Keep on going.

Betty Lovering & Sheri Nadeau

### Two wonderful Christian movies!

"**The Heart of Man**" showing on Thursday, September 14 at Regal Cinemas and Cinemagic at 7:00PM. *Fathom Events presents the cinematic retelling of the parable of the prodigal son, The Heart of Man, including a round table of thought-leaders moderated by Pastor Chad Veach, in select cinemas nationwide.*

"**The Case for Christ**" the amazing story of atheist Lee Strobel's mission to disprove Christianity and how Truth found him! Out on DVD.

**Coming to Gordon Conwell** on Thursday, September 28, "**Wonder Women: A Time to Remember, A Time to Reimagine Some Impossibles**" with speaker and author, Jan Carlberg. Register by September 18 at [gordonconwell.edu/WomensCouncilEventRegistration](http://gordonconwell.edu/WomensCouncilEventRegistration)