



Cape Neddick Tide

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

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Love is in the air!! In anticipation of Valentine's Day you will find in the stores a wide variety of cards that express one's love for a husband or wife, mother or father, grandfather or grandmother. Between these cards and heart-shaped balloons love is surely in the air!!! Yet love, Biblical love, should be in the air every moment of every day.



Chapter 13 of 1 Corinthians is known as the **Love Chapter** of the Bible. In verses 4-7 God, through the apostle Paul, tells us what love is and what love is not. The MESSAGE paraphrase sheds further light on these verses through its use of contemporary language.

Love never gives up
Love cares for others more than self
Love doesn't want what it doesn't have
Love doesn't strut
Doesn't have a swelled head
Doesn't force itself on others
Isn't always 'me first'

Doesn't fly off the handle
Doesn't keep score of the sins of others
Doesn't revel when others grovel
Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth
Puts up with anything
Trusts God always
Always looks for the best
Never looks back
But keeps going to the end

How are you doing when it comes to these characteristics of love? In your family? In your church family? *It can certainly be a challenge to love others at times.....yet this is what God calls us to do. May it be so, more and more!!*

Not only is Valentine's Day just around the corner, so too is **Lent**. Ash Wednesday is February 10; the first Sunday of Lent is February 14. During Lent I will be preaching on the theme **Staying Positive in a Negative World**. The Scriptures do have something to say about all that!

By the way, I will be on **vacation** from Friday, February 5 to Thursday, February 11. A visit to Pennsylvania is planned!!

LENT DEVOTIONAL

The Sanctuary for Lent--- that is the title of the devotional you are encouraged to use this Lenten season. The focus of the devotional is prayer. Certainly an appropriate focus for this sacred time of year!! For each of the 40 days there is a Scripture reading, an inspiring message, a prayer, and a Bible verse. You can pick up a devotional at the back of the sanctuary.

DO YOU HAVE A SECRET?

If you have been participating in **Snow Pals** you do!! On Sunday, *February 14* the secret will be revealed. Please bring on the 14th a Valentine Card addressed to your snow pal...but this time sign your name. Drop the card in the special box at the back of the sanctuary. Following worship the secrets will be revealed. Until then, keep on ministering and guessing.

AFTER WORSHIP DINNER

A Pot-Luck Dinner will be held following worship on **Sunday, February 14**. Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share. The ovens will be available to keep dishes warm. This promises to be a time of wonderful fellowship as we gather together.



PIES

Last year we provided pies for the annual *Community Winter Turkey Dinner* held annually on the first Saturday of March at St. Christopher's Church in York. The plan is to do so again this year. Needed are 10-12 pies. Can you help???? If so, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Thanking you in advance!!

The Diaconate

FRIDAY STUDY GROUP

The Friday afternoon Life Together Group will begin a

new study on February 12. Called **24 Hours That Changed the World**, it will take us step by step through the last day of Jesus' life. We will follow Jesus from the Last Supper on Thursday through his crucifixion on Friday. You are encouraged to make this study a part of your Lenten remembrance.

ANOTHER WORD FROM PASTOR DON

Refugees! The plight of refugees from different parts of the world has been in the news the last few months. The response to the refugee crisis has varied from country to country, even from leader to leader. I am thankful for the work that International Ministries of the American Baptist Churches does on behalf of refugees. Most recently **ABC missionaries** have teamed up with fellow Baptists to minister to Syrian refugees in Serbia.

You can read about this ministry and others in the latest issue of On Location. Pick up a copy from the back of the sanctuary.

VERSE OF THE MONTH

February is the "Love" month. Let's show our love for God by committing this verse to memory. It will be with us when we need it! 1 Cor. 13:13, **And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.**

LIBRARY DVDs

There is now a special DVD section in the church library. It is located on the bookshelf to the left of the front door of

the Hall. You will find there a number of teaching DVDs as well as some recent Christian movies, including 'God's Not Dead.' Just take and return!!

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Feb. 7 Rev. David Strosahl
Feb. 14 *Who Cares?*
Feb. 21 *Garbage In, Garbage Out*
Feb. 28 *Don't Look Back*
March 6 *Taking the Long Look*

RANDOM NOTES

*Thanks to all who gave to the **Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering**. \$1236 was collected.

*This month's **Men's Breakfast** will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month, February 13, instead of the first Saturday.

*Men, save Saturday April 30 for this year's **Iron Sharpens Iron** Conference.

*Just a reminder---if you want to add your name to the many who receive Pastor Don's **weekly email** just email him at dnelsoncnbc@gmail.com.

*Food Pantry challenge item for this month is **granola bars**.

ABW

We will be sponsoring a **Cookie Sale** to raise money for ABC International Ministries in Cuba. As we learned from Mercy Gonzalaz-Barnes when she visited us in October, the door for missions in Cuba has recently been opened and she is one of our missionaries there. The Sale

will be before & after the church luncheon on **February 14th**. If you have any small coffee cans, please bring them to us. Thank you so much for helping us reach out as you enjoy the baking

of the ABW ladies. 😊

With everyone working hard at our January meeting, we made a great start in ripping, sewing, and rolling bandages for the Congo hospitals and clinics. Instead of meeting February 10th, we will be meeting on **February 17** at 9:00 in the vestry to finish up our bandages for this year.

Gloria Nelson

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the church was held on January 27. All the reports were approved, along with the 2016 budget and the report of the Nominating Committee. You will find at the back of the sanctuary copies of the annual reports. Please take

one, read it, and keep it. It gives a great overview of 2015.

LOOKING AHEAD

2/2 10:00 Book Club
2/2 5:30 Diaconate
2/4 6:30 Board CE
2/9 5:00 Trustees
2/13 7:30 Men's Breakfast
2/14 11:30 Church Dinner
2/16 10:00 Book Club
2/17 9:00 ABW
2/23 1-3 FaithCrafting
2/28 Food Pantry Sunday
3/4 Pies Due

LIFE TOGETHER BOOK CLUB

If you read, join us for a great time of discussion. We meet 10:00am the first and third Tuesday of each month. The first Tuesday we meet at Joyce Willette's house; the third Tuesday at Pam Trafton's.

Now reading; **Praying Upside Down** by Kelly O'Dell Stanley

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our weekly meetings are Thursdays at 4:30 PM at the parsonage. We will finish our study of *Twelve Women of the Bible* February 4th. Our next study begins February 11th using Max Lucado's DVD study **FEARLESS**.

Can you imagine your life without fear? Lucado addresses some of our greatest fears, shows how to resolve them, and outlines spiritual solutions in this world today. We'd love for you to join us! *Gloria Nelson*



COMING SOON!

Save the Date

March 12, 5:00 pm
Bean Supper

Why Jesus? 2016 Northern New England Conference on Evidence for Christian Faith

MARK YOUR CALENDARS May 7, 2016 @ 8:00 am - 9:00 pm

*Cross Insurance Convention Center,
515 Main Street
Bangor, Maine*

A one-time one-day all-day faith-revitalizing event intended to equip all Christian believers to better defend historic Christian truth. Sincere inquirers and skeptics are also invited to attend. Featured speakers will include nationally-known apologetists such as Dr. Ravi Zacharias, Lee Strobel, and Randy David Newman. The Oasis Chorale, an accomplished acapella Amish-Mennonite singing group assembled from across America and Canada, will offer artful music for thoughtful worship. Tickets are \$15.00. Much more information about this... <http://aiiinstitute.org/event/why-jesus-2016-%E2%80%A2-northern-new-england-christian-apologetics-conference> *Sue Norton*