



Cape Neddick Tide

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

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Awhile back the magazine 'Focus on the Family' had an article entitled '*Small Groups, Big Dividends.*' The subtitle of the article was '*Joining a Small Group May Be the Best New Year's Resolution You Can Make.*' Here are some quotes from this article by Elaine Minamide:

'Spiritually we need relationships. We were born into a family when we became Christians.'

'God didn't create us to be involved in a solo sport. Christianity is a team sport. Personal involvement with other believers fosters spiritual growth.'

'Small groups help us fulfill the Biblical mandate to be devoted to one another in love.'

In recent weeks the Church Health Team has been discerning what type of Life

Together Groups to offer as a new year begins. There will be four, two adapted from present groups, two brand new. You will find a brief description of each elsewhere in the newsletter. I encourage you to seriously consider being a part of one of these groups.

By the way, beginning on January 18 and continuing up to Lent, I will be preaching on the life of **Joseph**, one of the most interesting servants of God in the Old Testament. We can sure learn a lot from his life.

One other note: **Gloria and I** appreciate very much the generous monetary gift presented to us Christmas Sunday, as well as the beautiful orchid. **Thank you!!**

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

A second Memorial Plaque is now hanging in the sanctuary. These plaques list the names of individuals in our church family who have been honored through donations made in their memory. As you look at the names added please give thanks to God for them and

their impact on so many lives.
The Trustees

ADOPT A FAMILY

What a privilege it was for us as a congregation to adopt a family for Christmas. Thanks to all who bought gifts for the three children in this family!! Here is the thank-you note we just received from Tina Williams, executive director of the **Alpha Pregnancy Center**.

Thank you so much for 'adopting' an Alpha family this Christmas. The family was so appreciative and excited. The mom was very touched by the items that were handmade and the toys that were carefully chosen for her children by the gift ideas.'

SNOW PALS

The lawns may be bare, at least for the moment, but it is still time for Snow Pals!! On **January 11** names will be drawn during worship. For the four weeks that follow, until February 8, you will have the opportunity to minister secretly to someone else within our church family.

There are many ways to do so. Some possibilities----a card, an encouraging note, a Bible verse, a small remembrance, OR even a plate or box of goodies. Items for your snow pal can be mailed (don't use a return address!) or left in the sanctuary.

If you know you won't be here on the 11th, yet want to participate, *let Pastor Don know ahead of time.*



ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of our church will be on Wednesday, **January 28**, at 7:00 PM. Reports will be received, the 2015 budget will be voted upon, plus officers and board members will be elected. This is an important meeting. Members as well as others active in our church's life are encouraged to come.

Speaking of reports, it is time for all boards, committees, and groups to be preparing their reports. Please turn them in by *January 21*. Thanks.

HAVE YOU RESOLVED??

Sometimes at the beginning of the year believers make resolutions about their spiritual life. One common resolution, a very appropriate resolution, is to read the Bible more and/or to read it in more

depth. Two books in the library are good resources if that is your desire this coming year. One is called '**How to Read the Bible Book by Book, a Guided Tour**' by Drs. Douglas Stuart and Gordon Fee of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. The second book, by Tim LaHaye, is '**How to Study the Bible for Yourself.**' You can pick up both books at the back of the sanctuary.

ANOTHER WORD FROM PASTOR DON

The Friday afternoon 2:00 PM Bible Study is transitioning to a *Life Together Group*. Nothing will be taken away---each week we will still study the Scriptures together, though for a shorter time. Being added is time for sharing, praying, encouraging, even service. This is a good time to transition to a Life Together group since on January 16 we'll be starting a new study. My hope is that we will experience in an even greater way **community** with one another on Friday afternoons.

LIFE TOGETHER GROUPS

Four Life Together Groups are restarting or beginning this month. Here are the four:

Women's Bible Study led by Gloria Nelson (351-1713). It meets each Thursday afternoon at 4:30 PM for about an hour. Theme for the coming weeks is "*Twelve Women of the Bible: Life-Changing Stories for Women Today.*" Lesson One on January 8 will focus on Eve

and finding lasting contentment through the Truth.

Faith Crafting Together led by Crystal Butler (363-7036). Everyone is encouraged to gather for fellowship and simple crafting sessions which will include a devotional message plus guided instructions using materials available to create cards or frameable items. No experience necessary, just a cheerful attitude.

Christian Book Club led by Sheri Nadeau (603-436-8289). This will meet bi-monthly. Books will be selected and read over a period of time. Come and laugh, share stories, grow spiritually, and meet new friends.

Friday Bible Study led by Pastor Don (363-3566). It meets weekly at 2:00 PM in the Hall. Upcoming theme is '*Fearless: Imagining Life without Fear!*' Appropriate Scriptures will be looked at, plus a video with Max Lucado will be watched

The times and frequency of the two Life Together Bible Study Groups are set. Still to be determined is the time for the Faith Crafting and the Book Club groups. Let Crystal and Sheri know if you are interested so that the groups can get organized.

RANDOM NOTES

*January's **Men's Breakfast** is a week later than usual. It will be Saturday, January 10, at 7:30 AM at Norma's Restaurant.

*Offering **envelopes** for 2015 can be picked up at church. If

you used envelopes in 2014 you will find one with your name on it. If you didn't but would like to, just take a set and put your name next to the corresponding number on the sheet. Any questions, check with Sue Norton.

*Is your name on the **birthday/anniversary list??** Hope so!! If not, let Betty Lovering know (363-8009) so that it can be added.

*Following worship on February 8 there will be a **Church Luncheon**. Save the date!!

***Shoebox News!** Our shoeboxes went to Colombia, South America and to Zambia in Africa! Pray that the children will meet the Savior through our shoeboxes!

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Jan. 4 *To Jesus from Us*

Jan. 11 *Be It Resolved*

Jan. 18 *One Dysfunctional Family*

Jan. 25 *A Man of Integrity*

Feb. 1 *What's the Matter?*

ABW

Our focus during the January and February meetings will

be making bandages from torn sheets, and rolling them so that they can be used in our Baptist clinics in The Democratic Republic of Congo. We will be meeting in the vestry at church at 9 AM since there is more room to work. *Ladies, feel free to join in this project and in the fun of working together, this month on the 14th.*

LOOKING AHEAD

1/4 11:30 Advisory Council
1/6 5:00 Trustees
1/7 9:00 Diaconate
1/10 7:30 Men's Breakfast
1/11 11:30 Church Mtg
1/14 9:00 ABW
1/18 2:00 Dessert Potluck/Pound Auction
1/25 Food Pantry Sunday
1/28 7:00 Quarterly Meeting

BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP

Have you been considering baptism in obedience to Jesus? Has the Holy Spirit been challenging you to join our church and become more involved in the Cape Neddick Baptist Church's ministries? If so, you are invited to meet with the Diaconate for a few minutes following worship on Sunday **January 18**. This is

an informational gathering--- attending does not commit you to either baptism or membership. In the meantime, if you have any questions please speak to Pastor Don or a member of the Diaconate. Pray that God will lead you in making a personal decision about baptism and/or Church membership. The Diaconate

Pound Auction Jan. 18, 2-4 pm



Come and join the fun!
Each person brings a gift that weighs about one pound and wraps it in a special way. Bids will be taken for each gift.
This auction will benefit the ABW missions.
Refreshments: bring your favorite dessert to share.
Please sign up at back of church.

DOT AND BILL, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DID!!!!

