



Cape Neddick Tide

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

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

A couple of years ago our son-in-law Nate's parents, Dave and Ellen Brown, were living in Lebanon, New Hampshire. He was serving as interim pastor of the Baptist Church in that community.

One day the Browns stopped in for lunch at the home of one of the church's members----Rowland and Lydia Hill. We know the Hills. They were part of the East Gloucester Community Church where I did my field education when I was at Gordon-Conwell Seminary from 1973-1977. Rowland and Lydia were so supportive and kind to Gloria and me during those years. Follow me so far???

The day the Browns were at the Hills Ellen noticed some pictures Lydia had pinned to a bulletin board. She gasped when she saw one picture----it was a picture of Gloria, me, Kimberly and Bethany, taken at the top of Cannon Mountain in the early 1990s,

a picture we had sent to the Hills with a Christmas card that year!!

The ensuing conversation went something like this: *Why is that picture there??* Oh, that's the Nelsons, Don and Gloria were members of our church in Massachusetts when he was in seminary. *We know the Nelsons too; in fact, Kimberly is married to our son Nathan. Really??!!* Yes. Isn't that amazing???

It sure is!!!

It sure is!!! I'm sure we have all heard, and probably said, **'It's a small world.'** It does seem that way at times!! I actually think it's an even smaller world when it comes to the church of Christ. I have been amazed again and again at the connections that believers from one era of my life have had with believers from another era.

The connection between believers!! What a bond this is!! I am so thankful for the family of God, from the wider family to the family here. It is a privilege to be your pastor.

One other note----lots was accomplished on **Work Day**. Thanks to all who helped out.

SUMMER CONCERTS PLUS

Again this year the Seaside Pavilion in Old Orchard Beach is presenting a number of Christian concerts from early June into mid September. Highlights include *Jason Crabb* on June 2 (\$15), *Francesca Battistelli* on July 23 (\$15 and up), and *Steven Curtis Chapman* on August 20 (\$18 and up). Plus on August 5 the Christian Comedian *Ken Davis* will be performing for free. For more information call 1-888-718-4253 or go to the website at www.seasidepavilion.org.

CHRISTIAN'S LIFEGUARD DASH

The 5th annual Christian's Lifeguard Dash will be on Saturday, June 11, at 10:00 AM at the Ogunquit Beach. This walk/run is in memory of Christian Lumenello, a church family member who tragically died in 2011. All

proceeds go to the work of the Ogunquit lifeguards.

Registration fee is \$25.00 beforehand, \$30 the day of the dash. You can pick up a registration form at the back of the sanctuary, or register on-line at www.christianslifeguarddash.com. All participants are invited afterwards to enjoy lunch at Laura's Restaurant, The Rose Cove Café.

NEW FRIDAY AFTERNOON TOPIC

They are simple phrases. They sound Christian, like something you might find in the Bible. They capture some element of truth, yet miss the point in other ways. They are half-truths, these clichés that are often heard.

Beginning on June 10 we will look at some of these sayings during the Friday Life Together Bible Study Group. Through a video with Adam Hamilton, a study guide, and the Scriptures we will examine the validity of these phrases. Here are the five:

**Everything
Happens for a Reason
God Helps Those
Who Help Themselves
God Won't Give
You More Than You Can
Handle**

**God Said It, I Believe It,
That Settles It
Love the Sinner,
Hate the Sin**

Maybe you see a phrase that you don't think should be on that list!!! Maybe it shouldn't! Together we will see what the Bible says!! You are encouraged to join in on

Fridays at 2:00 PM.
Newcomers always welcome.

LIBRARY NOTES

Three books have just been added to the Church Library. Each is very different, so maybe one of these will appeal to you: *Chicken Soup for the Surviving Soul: 101 Healing Stories of Courage and Inspiration*; *A Party Begins in the Heart: An Invitation to Never-Ending Celebration*; and *Facing the Blitz: Three Strategies for Turning Trials into Triumph*. This last book is by Jeff Kemp, one of the speakers at the Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference.

Check these out at the table in the back corner of the sanctuary. Nothing to sign, just take and return!!

ANOTHER WORD FROM PASTOR DON

I love to celebrate, and one of the things worth celebrating is the **Cape Neddick Baptist Church!** Over the years God has been faithful to this church; over these same years hundreds of dedicated believers have served the Lord in and through our church.

The church is family.....and I believe it is good for families to **celebrate** on occasion. SO, I am looking for people to serve on a committee which will organize a celebration to be held some Sunday or weekend this Fall. Speak to me if you are interested so we can get going on this. Let's celebrate who we are as a church!!

ABW

ALL women of the church are invited to our Ladies Luncheon on Wednesday at noon. We will be going to Green Leaves on Rt. 1. We always have great fun. If you will be coming, please contact Mary Duval. NOTE: this restaurant has a whole page of gluten free offerings.

SOME RANDOM NOTES

*It's not too late to give to the **America for Christ Offering**. So far \$225.00 has been given towards our goal of \$800. Please use the special envelopes.

***Mark Thallander** will be guest organist on June 12, joining Katherine as they make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

*This month's food challenge for the **Food Pantry** is baked beans.

*Don't forget the Church cookout will be held following the worship service on June 12. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

*Larry Day, from Edward Jones Investments, the company that manages the **church investments**, will give an update at the beginning of the Trustee meeting on June 14. Anyone is invited to hear that presentation at 5:00 PM.

***Bill and Ann Clemmer**, American Baptist medical missionaries, will be with us the afternoon of Saturday, July 23.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

June 5 What's the Point?
June 12 Grace Galore
June 19 The Perfect Father
June 26 BAPTISM SUNDAY
July 3 Three Virtues

CHRISTIAN ED BOARD

Summer vacation will soon be here! There is still time to register for summer camp. Check out the brochures at the back of the sanctuary or look on line: China Lake Camp in China, Maine www.chinalakecamp.org or Oceanwood Camp in Ocean Park, Maine www.oceanwood.org. CNBC will provide camperships. Don't miss out!

Children's Sunday will be celebrated on June 12th. All children and youth who participate in the life of our



church will be honored during the worship service. In addition, our graduates will be recognized for their

accomplishments. We are proud of them and of their achievements!

Deep Sea Discovery
Vacation Bible School will be held July 25-29 from 9:00-11:30. Mark your calendar! Expect to have an exciting time exploring God's love and discovering that God is with you wherever you go. Volunteers are needed, appreciated and welcomed.

TEEN CHALLENGE A Message of Hope



Teen Challenge Augusta, ME will lead the worship service on Sunday July 10th. Through song and personal testimony Teen Challenge Augusta will share how God has changed their lives from one of substance-abuse controlling problems to one of Hope. Their testimonies will show how God's love is working in the State of Maine.

Teen Challenge is a Christian residential drug and alcohol addiction recovery program. The key to the success of recovery is centered on developing a personal relationship with God. Teen Challenge believes that God has a great purpose for your life and helps those suffering from addiction to find this purpose.

An offering will be taken to help support this important ministry in our state. Please invite someone to join us in this inspiring service.

The Diaconate

LOOKING AHEAD

6/1 5:30 Diaconate
6/4 7:30 Men's Breakfast
6/4 Parking Lot Used
6/7 10:00 Book Club
6/8 Noon Women's Luncheon
6/9 6:30 BCE
6/11 10:00 Lifeguard Dash
6/12 11:45 Picnic
6/14 5:00 Trustees
6/21 10:00 Book Club
6/26 11:30 Fellowship Time
6/26 Food Pantry Sunday
6/28 5:30 Diaconate
7/20 7:00 Quarterly Mtg
7/25 9:00 VBS begins



terrific band, plenty of opportunity to praise the Lord in song and time to reflect on what it means to be a man of God.

The morning keynote speaker was Jeff Kemp who was an Ivy League graduate and who played eleven seasons as Quarterback for the Rams, Forty-Niners, Seahawks and Eagles. After his football

What a Holy Spirit Inspired Day

On Saturday April 30th five men carpoled from the Cape Neddick Baptist Church to the Bethany Church in Greenland NH to take part in the 2016 Iron Sharpens Iron (ISI) Conference. What a day! ISI had inspiring speakers, a

career, Jeff joined Family Life as a Vice President and catalyst for helping others strengthen families. Jeff spoke about servant leadership, committed teamwork and overcoming adversity.

The afternoon keynote speaker was Randy Stinson, the Senior Vice President for Academic Administration & Provost at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. He also serves as the Senior Fellow of the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood. Randy spoke about biblical manhood related to parenting, marriage and men's leadership. We also had the opportunity to go to a number of seminars on topics for men of all ages.

I thank the ISI leadership for providing the opportunity to grow in our faith and become more aware of our responsibilities as men. I know we all left the Conference with a greater feeling for how important it is to be men of God.

Frank Hludik

WHY JESUS? 2016

On May 6, we attended this conference in Bangor, ME. It was a wonderfully uplifting and inspiring time as they listened to articulate and eloquent speakers who serve Christ with all their minds, hearts, and strength. Randy Newman, a Messianic Jew, shared wonderful ways to engage seekers and skeptics as we seek to establish relationships and bring the Good News of Christ to them.

Lee Strobel, author of "The Case for Christ" shared his own amazing conversion from ardent atheist to joyful Christian during his investigation of the claims of Christianity. He shared some of the overwhelming evidence for the veracity of Christianity and the Bible.

Dick Keyes addressed the matter of sin and how the notion of sin has been suppressed in our culture. He noted that pride, "I matter more than you matter", has taken a stronghold in present-day society.

Of course, the highlight of the day was hearing the great man of God, Ravi Zacharias. His message was powerful as he combined prodigious intellect with disarming grace. Truth was the topic of his message, and he noted that we don't always want Truth. "Truth", he said, quoting Winston Churchill, "is the most valuable thing in the world" He shared another quote by Andrei Sakharov, "The bomb isn't the most powerful thing in the world, Truth is."

Each speaker was asked to recommend a book about God or the Christian faith. "The Reason for God" by Tim Keller, "The God Who is There" by Francis Schaeffer, "Mere Christianity" by CS Lewis, "Surprised by Joy" by CS Lewis, and "Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus" by Nabeel Qureshi were among the suggestions.

Terry & Sue Norton



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