



Cape Neddick Tide

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

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Rock of Ages is a well-known hymn. The words of this hymn were originally penned on the back of a playing card, the six of diamonds!!

It seems that Rev. Augustus Toplady was caught one day in a violent thunderstorm. There was no shelter nearby, but there was a huge cleft running down a ledge beside the road. So Toplady took refuge there. As he was protected from the effects of the storm he was reminded of how God is a refuge in the storms of life. A poem came quickly to his mind, yet he had no paper to write on. He then saw on the ground a playing card...and so it was on a six of diamonds that Toplady wrote these words:

Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which
flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and
pow'er

As you can see the words apply to much more than Jesus being a refuge in a storm of life. These words remind us that we can also hide in Jesus when it comes to our sins. It is through Christ, and Christ alone, that we are saved from the penalty and punishment of sin. As we make our way through Lent and look to Holy Week at the end of this month, may we remember the price that Jesus paid so that we might be saved!! Let's never take the cross for granted.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for
dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for
grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

How wonderful it is that we can find refuge in Jesus Christ.

By the way, I will be on **vacation** the week of March 9. Gloria and I will be in Pennsylvania, where we will

meet baby Caius and enjoy time with family.

MEN'S CONFERENCE

This year's Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference will be on Saturday, **April 25**, at Bethany Church in Greenland, NH. Main speakers this year are *T.C. Stallings*, star of the movie *Courageous* as well as a former professional football player, and *Dr. Rod Cooper*, professor of discipleship at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Cost for the conference is \$55.00 plus \$8.00 for lunch. Soon there will be a sign-up list at the church, but in the meantime save the date!!!

BABY BOTTLES

Sunday, March 29, is the date that baby bottles will be available. You are encouraged to pick one up, and in the following weeks put coins, bills, and even checks into the bottle. All monies donated will go to the **Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center** in Sanford. Mother's Day, May 10, is the bottle return date.

PRAYER BOOKS

The act of praying is much more important than reading about prayer, yet there's no doubt that reading about this wonderful aspect of our walk with Christ can enrich our prayer lives. Two books in the church library might do just that!! One is called *Adventures in Prayer* by Catherine Marshall; the other is *A Laymen Looks at the Lord's Prayer* by Phillip Keller. You will find both books at the back of the sanctuary this month.

HOLY WEEK

Our observance of **Maundy Thursday** on April 2 will begin at 6:00 PM with a Pot-Luck Supper, followed by an informal service as we remember the Last Supper of our Lord. Theme for our time of reflection will be 'Tell Me the Story of Jesus.'

This year we are hosting the **Good Friday** service that we have with the Ogunquit Baptist Church. It will begin at 7:00 PM on the 3rd. Through the drama 'Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit' we will hear the story of the crucifixion as told by those who played a role in it.

At 6:15 AM on Easter, April 5, we will gather at the lighthouse on Marginal Way in Ogunquit for a joyous **Sunrise Service**. All are invited afterwards to a delicious breakfast at the Ogunquit Baptist Church.

EASTER FLOWERS

Flowers!! Doesn't that have a nice ring to it!! If you have an Easter plant that you would like to lend for Easter Sunday please put your name on the sheet that will be at the back of the sanctuary; also

indicate if it is in memory or honor of someone. Let Eleanor Todd know by *March 29* if you want her to order the plant.

ANOTHER WORD FROM PASTOR DON

York Community Service Association!! Hopefully you have heard of this organization. It is a private multi-service non-profit agency serving the needs of people in the **York and Cape Neddick** area. Not only does it administer the Food Pantry, it also provides fuel assistance, emergency funds, medical equipment, camp scholarships, food vouchers, and other types of help.

Maybe you know of someone who could benefit from the services offered, maybe you could benefit. Phone number is 363-5504; address is 45 Woodbridge Road in York.

SOME RANDOM NOTES

*Pies for the March 7 **Community Dinner** in York need to be left at the church by Friday, the 6th.

*Don't forget to turn your **clocks AHEAD** before you fall asleep on Saturday, March 7.

*Plan to stay after worship on Palm Sunday, the 29th, for some scrumptious **hot-cross buns!!**

*Needed are **muffin makers** for the Easter Breakfast. Please leave yours at the church by Saturday, the 4th of April. Thanks!!

*One of the questions addressed at the annual meeting dealt with our church's **investment policy**. You can pick up a copy of the

policy at the back of the sanctuary.

MISSIONS SPEAKER

On April 12 **Bill and Fran Atchison** of China, Maine, will share about their ministry at the Alford Youth Center in Waterville. In 2013 at the annual meeting of the American Baptist Churches of Maine held in Sanford the Atchisons were commissioned as Home Missionaries of our denomination. A number from our church witnessed that commissioning. Very meaningful!! It will be a joy to hear from the Atchisons as they share how God is using them in the lives of many children, youth, and families. Fellowship and food will follow the service. Plan now to come!!

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

- March 1** *Service with a Smile*
- March 8** *Believe It or Not*
- March 15** Dave Batchelder speaking
- March 22** *Staying Connected*
- March 29** *Fans or Followers*



Game Night!

March 21, 7:00 pm

Join us for a relaxing evening of laughter, food and lots of fun.

Bring your favorite Game and a snack to share.

For more info call: Pam 363-3051

LOOKING AHEAD

3/3 10:00 Book Club
3/3 2:00 Church Health Team
3/3 5:00 Trustees
3/4 9:00 ABW
3/7 7:30 Men's Breakfast
3/7 TURN CLOCKS AHEAD
3/8 11:30 Fellowship Time
3/12 6:30 BCE
3/18 +++ Faith Crafting
3/21 +++ Game Night
3/29 Food Pantry Sunday
3/29 11:30 Fellowship Time
4/15 7:00 Quarterly Meeting
4/19 2:00 Open House

CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

The Christian Book Club is going to meet at a **NEW** time. Due to the hearty winter we are having we are moving the Christian Book Club meeting to Tuesday, March 3rd at 10am. We will still meet at Pam Trafton's house. Come and join us for fellowship, sharing, and socializing...book reading too! The book we are going to start is "The Hiding Place" by Corrie Ten Boom.

Here is a brief overview:

"Every experience God gives us . . . is the perfect preparation for the future only He can see."— Corrie ten Boom was a Dutch watchmaker who became a heroine of the Resistance, a survivor of Hitler's concentration camps, and one of the most remarkable evangelists of the twentieth century.

Please contact Sheri Nadeau ([603-436-8289](tel:603-436-8289)) if you are interested. Books are available in the vestry; please

see Sheri or Pam to get one. ALL are welcome!

ABW



Our March meeting will be on Wednesday, the 4th, at 9:00 AM. We will meet in the church vestry to finish rolling bandages. As we work together to be a blessing to our brothers and sisters in the DR of Congo, we are blessed by our fellowship

here. Join us. 😊

FAITHCRAFTING

What do Sharing, Laughter, Fun and Joy and Creativity all have in common? Join our next Faith Crafting Session Wednesday, March 18th, 10-12n in the Church Vestry and find out.....Anyone is welcome; you don't need to bring anything unless you have pictures you would like suggestions on.

Call Crystal 363-7036 with any questions.

MARCH MOVIE

"Do You Believe?" A dozen different souls-all moving in different directions, all longing for something more. As their lives unexpectedly intersect, they each are about to discover there is power in the Cross of Christ ... even if they don't yet believe it. Coming to theaters **March 20.**



EASTER CELEBRATION

The Sunday School will be hosting an **EASTER CELEBRATION** on Sunday, April 5th from 9:00-10:00 am. This annual fun event will include an egg hunt, story, craft, and refreshments. Mark your calendar and plan to have a joy-filled time. All are welcome!



CNBC's Vacation Bible School will be held **July 20 through July 24** from 9:00 to 11:30. The VBS team is currently looking at curriculum options. Details will follow. We are eagerly looking forward to what God has planned for us during VBS 2015. There are a variety of ways for you to take part: praying, planning, decorating, getting the word out, leading, helping, encouraging, inviting, transporting, preparing snacks, serving snacks and of course participating! Save the dates and be prepared to have an **AMAZING WEEK!**