



Cape Neddick Tide

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

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

A number of years ago Bernard Reichel was taking his choir and orchestra through its final rehearsal for a performance of Handel's *Messiah*. When the soprano soloist came in with the refrain, *'I know that my Redeemer liveth,'* she sang it with flawless technique.

After she completed her part everyone looked at Reichel, expecting to see a response of approval. But with a motion for silence, he walked over to the soloist and said, *'My daughter, you do not really know that your Redeemer lives, do you?'* Embarrassed, she answered, *'why yes, I think I do.'* Then sing it, cried Reichel, *'tell it to me so that I'll know you have experienced the joy and power of it.'*

Then he motioned to the orchestra to begin, and she sang this time with a fervor that testified of her personal knowledge of the risen Lord. Those who listened wept,

and Mr. Reichel said to her, *'you do know, for this time you have told me.'*

Easter is NOT a theoretical or theological concept that has little to do with our daily lives, and it is not just a moveable date on the calendar. Instead it is a historical event, an event that can transform a person's life IF....and only if....a person humbly turns his or her life over to Jesus the Lord.

The question that Reichel asked the soloist is as valid today as it was then: ***'Do you really know that your Redeemer lives?'*** If the answer is YES, the risen Lord is ready to transform your life even more. If you're not sure of your answer, I encourage you to seek the Lord as we look to our celebration on Easter. He does want to transform your life. How marvelous it is that Jesus lives!!!

By the way, Gloria and I had a **super time** visiting Kimberly, Nathan, Justus, and Caius. It was a joy to be there for Caius' first birthday.

WE MOURN

Our hearts go out to the family of **Joanne Maus**, who passed away on February 5, and to the family of **Alan Crosman** who passed away on February 7. May God continue to comfort and strengthen.

ALWAYS GOOD TO LEARN

The Spring classes of the American Baptist Churches of Maine Institute for Ministry (AIM) will begin in March at the Free Baptist Church in Scarborough. One of the classes will be on the **Old Testament**. Call Ron Robinson at 985-4899 if you have an interest.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER

Instead of the pot-luck supper this year we will remember the Last Supper of our Lord by having a **Seder Supper**. Seder means 'set order.' It's a traditional Jewish celebration that tells the story of the Passover----yet as we eat we will also see how

some aspects of the meal also point to the coming of Christ.

This is a full meal, so there's no need to eat beforehand!! Some of the menu may be a bit new, but other parts will not!! Our evening will also include Scripture readings, music, and Holy Communion. We hope that you will be able to come to this special evening. Date is **March 24**; time is 6:00 PM.



EASTER FLOWERS

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 of someone. Let Eleanor Todd (363-2823) know by March 20 if you want her to order the plant.



The **Sunday School** will be hosting an **Easter**

Celebration on Sunday, March 27th from 9:00-10:00 am. This annual fun event will include an egg hunt, story, craft, and refreshments. Expect a joy-filled time. All are welcome!

Christian Ed
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BOOKS ABOUT JESUS

A number of books in the church library focus on the events remembered during Holy Week. Max Lucado's *Angels Silent* looks at the days one by one; William Nicholson's *The Six Miracles of Calvary* draws timeless insights from the miracles that occurred then; and Josh McDowell's *More Than a Carpenter* examines the resurrection of Jesus. Check out these books from the back of the sanctuary; just take and return.

ANOTHER WORD FROM PASTOR DON

I enjoy singing, though since it is not one of my gifts I make sure that I am not near the microphones during worship!! You can be thankful of that!! You might wonder at times who picks the **hymns** for Sunday morning and other times of worship. It is I. Some of the songs I pick you might know, some you might not; some you might like, some you might not!! People do have different tastes when it comes to music. *Is there a song or hymn that you would like us to sing?* Please let me know. During this month I will have on the back table a sheet where you can put your requests.

SOME RANDOM NOTES

*The challenge item for the **Food Pantry** this month is sugar: white, brown, or confectionary.

***Hot Cross Buns** will be served following worship on March 13. You will want to stay!!

*The joint **Good Friday Service** will be at the Ogunquit Baptist Church this year. Time of the service on the 25th will be 7:00 PM.

*The **Easter Sunrise Service** will be at 6:25 AM by the lighthouse on Marginal Way in Ogunquit. It will be followed by a breakfast at the Baptist Church.

*Speaking of the breakfast, we are responsible for the **muffins!!** If you can provide muffins please have them at the church by the evening of Saturday the 26th.

*Don't forget to turn your **clocks ahead** one hour before going to sleep on Saturday, March 12.

MEMORY VERSE

For this month the verse is: 'And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.' Philippians 4:19

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Mar. 6 *Learning Contentment*
Mar. 13 *The Big Picture*
Mar. 20 *What a Week*
Mar. 27 *He Can Do It*
April 3 Bright Sunday

FAITH CRAFTING

Come join together on Wednesday, **March 16th**, from 9:30 – 11:30 to create an Easter card to send those family & friends near and far. All materials will be provided for you to use...I just need to know if you are coming! Please RSVP to me at 363-7036 or cbutler2@maine.rr.com. Feel free to bring a friend along to

join you. No skill is needed, just a smile and a willing heart! Crystal Butler



Come and Join Your Church Family For a good Old-Fashion Bean Supper

Sat. March 12, 5:00 PM
Beans will be provided.
Please bring a dish you enjoy with Baked Beans! Desserts are needed, also.
For more information check with Pam Trafton.



ABW

An industrious group of women rolled **78 bandages** during January and February which will go to the hospitals and clinics in the Democratic Republic of Congo. We had a cookie sale on Valentine's Day to raise money for our gift to Cuba this year.

Thanks to the church family's generosity we reached our goal.

Our next meeting will be at the parsonage on **March 9th** at 9:00 AM. Sue Norton will have the program. We would love to have more women join in our fellowship!

The Spring Meeting for southern Maine ABW will be in Saco this year...close enough for easy travel. The meeting will be Saturday, April 2nd, and the speaker will be Sherry Kates, a Mainer who recently went on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. I plan to go, so contact me if interested.

Gloria Nelson

LOOKING AHEAD

3/1 10:00 Book Club
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3/2 5:30 Church Health Team
3/5 7:30 Men's Breakfast
3/8 10:00 Book Club
3/8 5:00 Trustees
3/9 9:00 ABW
3/10 6:30 BCE
3/12 5:00 Bean Supper
3/12 **Turn Clocks Ahead**
3/13 11:30 Fellowship Time
3/15 10:00 Book Club
3/16 9:30 Faith Crafting
3/24 6:00 Seder Supper
3/25 7:00 Good Friday
3/27 6:25 Sunrise Service

3/27 Food Pantry Sunday
3/29 Diaconate
4/2 ABW meeting in Saco

KNITTERS

At present a dozen individuals are knitting prayer shawls which will later be given in love to York Hospice. If you would like to join in this ministry, speak to Betty Lovering (363-8009) or Sheri Nadeau (603-436-8289). Yarn and patterns are provided by the church.

IRON SHARPENS IRON

The annual Men's Iron Sharpens Conference will be held at Bethany Church in Greenland on **Saturday, April 30**, from 8:30 AM to 4:55 PM. The main speakers will be *Dr. Randy Stinson*, Vice-President for Academic Administration at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and *Jeff Kemp*, former NFL quarterback who is now affiliated with Family Life Ministries. A wide variety of workshops will also be offered, plus there will be times of inspirational worship. You are encouraged to come. It has always been a blessing for those who attend. Cost is \$55.00/person; lunch is \$8.00/person. Sign-up list is at the back of the sanctuary, along with brochures.



A GLORIOUS DAY Jesus began his public ministry with his baptism. Matthew: 3: 16-17 "As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he (John) saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." What an event in history, the opening of the heavens and the voice of God declaring that this is my Son with Him I am well pleased

Jesus' cousin John the Baptist was reluctant to baptize Jesus because he knew He was the Son of God. Matthew: 3: 14-15 "*But John tried to deter him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness'. Then John consented.*" Some say that Jesus was baptized because He was confessing sin on behalf of the nation, showing support for what John was doing, inaugurating his public ministry, providing an example and identifying with the penitent people of God.

Today as American Baptists we follow the example of Jesus and continue to obey the Great Commission. Matthew: 28: 18-20 "*Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'*" There are two verbs in the New Testament that define the actual act of baptism not its meaning. These words are baptō and baptizō. Both verbs mean to dip into, to dip completely, totally submerging and immersing.¹

The meaning of baptism is described by John MacArthur¹. "So all who submitted to the baptism of the Jordan River by John were confessing their sinfulness and that they were worthy of death and they were worthy of burial and pleading to walk in a new life, and that death, burial, and resurrection were symbolized in that baptism. It marked the turning point of a sinful Jew who wanted to be ready to face his Messiah, and he wanted to be associated with the others being baptized as a penitent people, forgiven and ready to receive the Savior."

My wife and I were baptized by immersion on the same Sunday. What a glorious day! We were both in our mid- twenties and came from different faith backgrounds. We felt strongly that our family should be united in faith. We both praise God for how He has guided and blessed our family. If you have never been baptized, as described in the Bible, our church is offering a Baptism Service this spring. Jesus has commanded us to be baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and obey all He has taught.

¹*Understanding Baptism, January 29, 1989 by John MacArthur*