



Cape Neddick Tide

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

On one of our vacation days Gloria and I cleaned out the boxes we have been storing in the attic for Kimberly. It was fun to see what was there!! One item especially brought back many memories---it was a T-Shirt from an Ice Cream Parlor on Cape Cod that we would frequently visit each time we spent a week or two at my dad's house during the summer. Traditionally the vacation would end not with an ice cream cone but with one of their huge sundaes.



Why do I mention all this?? Because of the name of the store---Sundae School Ice Cream Parlor!! On the front of Kimberly's T-shirt was the store's name, and them on the back it said, '**Don't Skip Sundae School!!**'

I think this is a good motto for any summer day and, if you change the 'e' to a 'y' in the

3rd word, I think it's a good motto for the church---*Don't Skip Sunday School!!!* In a few weeks Sunday School will begin at our church. I encourage you to join in. There are classes for everyone, including your children, grandchildren, and YOU.

Yes, there is a class for adults. This is a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth, as is the Friday Life Together Group as well as the three other life together groups that will be starting up anew this month. Again, I encourage you to take advantage of one or more of these opportunities to grow in your faith.

One other note---one of the most fascinating characters in the Old Testament is **David**. Beginning on September 25 I will be preaching a series based on David's life. Sometimes he obeyed, sometimes not---we can learn from both.

WE MOURN

We mourn the passing on August 7 of *Mildred Adams*, a member of our church for the

last few years. Her memorial service was held in the sanctuary on August 27.

NOTE FROM CINDY BATSON

Over the last few weeks many of you prayed for and sent cards to Cindy Batson, wife of Willie Batson, founder of Family Builders, a ministry we financially support. During her most recent illness she received 112 cards!! Make sure you check out the post card of her and Willie with these cards. On the other side of the card she wrote these words:

Thanks so much for taking the time to send me a card. I hung them on the wall of my room at the rehab hospital, and the staff was so impressed. After 10 weeks in the hospital and the rehab center I am thrilled to be home.

FRIDAY LIFE TOGETHER GROUP

Francis Chan, a pastor and church planter, says, '*If we truly grasped the improbability and*

overwhelming power of God's love, we would be changed forever. We would think differently, feel differently, and live differently. Nothing would be the same.'

Words to think about...and so that's what we will do during the Friday afternoon Life Together Group, beginning on September 9. We will look at what the Scriptures say about God's love, plus for each lesson we will watch a segment from Chan's video, **Living Crazy Love**. You are encouraged to join in at 2:00 PM in the Hall.

ANOTHER WORD FROM PASTOR DON

I will be on vacation from Monday, August 29, through September 5. It may seem that I've been away a lot in August. Well, I have!!!

Let me explain for those who may not be aware of how my time-off is set up. I receive four weeks of **vacation** per year, plus a week of **continuing education**. These weeks are to be taken within a 12 month time-frame, but it's not the months between January and December, it's the months between September 1 (the day I began) and August 31 of each year, give or take a few days!!

Until last month the only week I had taken during these 12 months was in February. As a result the rest of my vacation time has been squeezed into a few weeks. Many thanks to the Diaconate for their continued flexibility and graciousness when it comes to my time off, and many thanks to YOU

ALL for granting me these weeks. **It is much appreciated**, something I never take for granted.

SOME BRIEF NOTES

*The Food Pantry **challenge item** this month is jello and puddings

*During the summer a number of **special offerings** were taken. \$800.00 was given to Teen Challenge when they were here in July; \$ 415.00 was given to the ministry of Bill and Ann Clemmer when she was here; and \$ 480.00 was given to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Thanks to all who gave.

*The American Baptist Churches of Maine Institute for Ministry is offering 2 courses this Fall in Scarborough. One is on **Baptist History and Polity**; it begins on the 10th. The other is on the **New Testament**; it begins the 17th. For more information call Pastor Ron Robinson at 590-3507.

*The time to make Apple Crisp for **Market Fest** is fast-approaching. Date is October 15.



*The first **Men's Breakfast** this Fall will be Sat., October 8, at 7:30 AM at Norma's Restaurant.

VBS

July 25-29 was an EXCITING time at CNBC. Our Deep Sea Discovery VBS showed the ways God is with us EVERYWHERE we go through the Bible stories of Noah, Jonah, Peter, Fishermen Friends of Jesus, and Paul. The crafts, games, songs and even the snacks emphasized the daily themes. On Friday, at the close of VBS, we shared with family and friends our discoveries, as well as fun and ice cream sundaes.

We were blessed by 19 wonderful children. Their enthusiasm kept us going, just as God planned☺ Thanks to the many talented volunteers and prayer warriors who were willing to 'dive-in,' our Deep Sea Discovery VBS was EXTRA ORDINARY.

Dianne Hurdik

VBS MISSION PROJECT

This year's VBS Missions Project was to help purchase desks for a school in Africa. Each desk seats 3 students. The desks are wooden and made in South Sudan of local materials. The cost per desk is \$30.00. How exciting it is to reach out from Cape Neddick, Maine, to a school started by Moses Agapito, a former Lost Boy, in the village of Jebel Lado, South Sudan and to enable students to sit and work at desks instead of on the floor! At last count, \$410.00 was raised for this project.



NEWS FROM SUMMER CAMP

Rachel and I had a fun time at Oceanwood Camp. It was our first time for overnight camp. We made lots of new friends. I won an award for archery and for swimming.

☺ Can't wait to go back next year to see my friends and to participate in horse camp.

Teagan Hurdik



PRAYER SHAWLS from our knitters to hospice.



NEW BOOKS

Four new books have been added to the church library, three by Philip Yancey and one by John Ortberg. Both Yancey and Ortberg are well respected and popular authors; you have heard the pastor quote each on a number of occasions!! The Yancey books are *The Bible Jesus Read*, *The Jesus I Never Knew*, and *Soul Survivor: How Thirteen Unlikely Mentors Helped My Faith Survive the Church*. The book by John Ortberg is *The Life You've Always Wanted*. Check these out at the table in the back corner of the sanctuary.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

After a summer off the Women's Bible Study Life Together Group will begin again on Thursday, **September 8th** from 4:30 to 5:30 PM at the parsonage. In the spring we were studying Max Lucado's book **FEARLESS**. Do we view God as less powerful than He has? Our fall study will begin with chapter 6, the last chapter, *Fear of God Getting Out of My Box*. We also will choose our next book to study. All are welcome to be part of this study group!

Come, be refreshed by looking at God's Word, praying together, and



laughing.

Gloria Nelson

FAITHCRAFTING

I will hold a 9-3 scrapbooking day on Saturday, September 10th. The FaithCrafting group will work from 1-2 on making cards for the Food pantry. Come Enjoy the Fruit of the Spirit while enjoying a slice of Fruit Pizza! Please RSVP so that I know how to plan for food and supplies.

Crystal 363-7036 or butler2@maine.rr.com.

ABW

Why not join this wonderful group of women who meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:00 at the parsonage from September to June Our **September's** meeting will be on the **14th** as we plan activities for the year, share in a time of inspiration, and catch up with each other over coffee. It is a great opportunity to study, serve and grow together.

Gloria Nelson

CRY OUT 16

Prayer Event Simulcast

Friday, September 23, 2016
Dover Baptist Church
151 Washington Street
Dover, NH from 7-9 PM.
Doors open at 6:30
Hope isn't as distant as it feels. It's time to take action. Imagine . . . hundreds of thousands of women gathered in thousands of locations . . . seeking Him together . . . for such a time as this! What could be more vital at this critical time, than for women to bow together before the God of heaven and earth and cry out to Him to do in us and in our nation what no man-made effort can accomplish. More Info: <http://www.cryout16.com/cry-out-simulcast/> *Sue Norton*

CHOIR

Music lifts our spirits and God rejoices to hear us worship Him. Perfect voices are not required, only joyful hearts. ***"All it takes is average voices dedicated and faithful to a great God."*** ***"The woods would be silent if only the best birds sang."***

Our first Choir rehearsal will be Wednesday, **October 5th** at 6:00 PM. Won't you consider being part of worship in this special way??

Gloria Nelson

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Sept. 4 Rev David Strosahl
Sept. 11 *Shifting Sand or Solid Rock*
Sept. 18 *The Strength of Gentleness*
Sept. 25 *Drafted into Service*

LOOKING AHEAD

9/8 4:30 Women's Bible Study
9/8 5:30 Diaconate
9/10 1-2 FaithCrafting
9/11 11:30 Fellowship Time
9/13 5:00 Trustees
9/14 9:00 ABW
9/23 6:30 CRY OUT16
9/25 Food Pantry Sunday
9/27 5:30 Diaconate
10/5 6:00 Choir Starts
10/8 7:30 Men's Breakfast
10/15 Apple Crisp
10/19 7:00 Quarterly Meeting