

Cape Neddick Tide

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

Labor Day is just around the corner. A holiday since 1887, it is a day to celebrate the economic achievements of the year and to also recognize the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. It's an important day, for in one way or another millions of people have worked and continue to work to make our country economically strong.

Work, labor!! There's another kind of work that is also very important, and that's working for the Lord. By this I don't mean professional ministry, I mean the work that all believers do for the sake of the kingdom. Some of this work occurs at one's place of employment, some in the neighborhood, some in the home, and some occurs in and through the local church. To put it another way, *God wants to use us on a daily basis to show His love and accomplish His purpose.*

That's working for the Lord. Is it easy?? No, it is challenging and often daunting, but don't let that discourage you.

One of my favorite verses, especially when I'm tempted to feel discouraged, is I Corinthians 15: 58, where Paul says:

*Stand firm,
Let nothing move you. Always give
yourself fully to the work of the Lord,
Because you know that your labor in the
Lord is not in vain.*

Not in vain!!! Hold onto that marvelous truth as you seek to labor for the Lord in your daily lives and as you work in and through His church.

By the way, on the day before Labor Day Gloria and I will be returning from a week at the Christian Conference Center **Camp of the Woods** in Speculator, New York. Please pray that through the speakers, worship, and

fellowship that we will be inspired and encouraged.

One other note-----one of my favorite topics in the Bible is **friendship**. I guess that's because I put a premium on friends. Beginning on September 20th I will be preaching on friendship, from what it is to what it isn't. May God teach us as we see what the Bible says about the different aspects of friendship.

WE MOURN

Our hearts go out to the family of **Richard McNeil**, who passed away on August 17. May God's comfort be with his loved ones in the coming days.

CNBC CHOIR

Psalms 100: 1 says, **'Sing to the Lord, all the world! Worship the Lord with joy; come before him with happy songs!'** Music lifts our spirits and God rejoices to hear us worship Him. Perfect voices are not required, only joyful hearts. Our choir practices on

Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 as we prepare to join in each Sunday's worship. We'd love to have **more voices** joining together in praise...our first practice is 9/9/15



LIBRARY NOTES

Most Christians can recite a few of **The 10 Commandments!!** Some can recite them in order. Yet how many of us fully understand what they mean and how they apply to life today? If you are interested in finding out more about one or more of these commands check out one of these books from the Church Library: *Why the Ten Commandments Matter* by D. James Kennedy; *Disciplines of Grace* by Kent Hughes; and *Believe in the God Who Believes in You* by Robert Schuller. You'll find these books in the back of the sanctuary.

CHRISTIAN MOVIE

War Room, a full length movie produced by those who gave us 'Fireproof' and 'Courageous' will be shown at the Regal Fox Run Cinema in Newington, NH beginning on August 28. The subtitle of the movie is ***Prayer is a Powerful Weapon***. This promises to be a challenging and uplifting film.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

After a summer break the Women's Bible Study Life Together Group will resume on **Thursday, September 17**, at my home. We have been looking at women of the Bible and applying truths to our lives today. Our next woman is GOMER, wife of Hosea. I found a DVD that will introduce us visually to Gomer & Hosea and then we will go into our study guide. We all have benefited as we have grown closer to God and have supported each other. It is never too late to join! Gloria Nelson



FRIENDSHIP BREAKFAST

On Saturday, **Sept. 19**, 9:00 AM in the church vestry we are having a breakfast to **Celebrate Friendship!** Invite a friend or two ~ the more the merrier. Ed Vieira (Fred & Sandy's son-in-law) will be making an all-time favorite fried dough with apples, as well as a wide variety of **homemade** breakfast items. **YOU** will be amazed. Gather up your friends and join us for a great time. We will need you to sign up at the back of the church by Sept. 15. For more information call me at 363-3051. Pam Trafton

ANOTHER WORD FROM PASTOR DON

Your never know what you are going to read on the internet. Similarly, you never know what is going to be forwarded to you and find its way into your email account. What's scary is that what we receive is sometimes not true.

A while ago the evangelical magazine Christianity Today published an article called **Five Tips for Spotting Fake News**. The subtitle is '*How not to embarrass yourself or enable internet trolls.*' Here are the 5 tips: **1)** Check the source; **2)** Keep a mental list of fake news and satire websites; **3)** Be slow to anger; **4)** Wait for the whole story; **5)** Snopes is your friend. Just a word of explanation about this last one!!! Snopes is a 'myth-busting website that has a list of hundreds of debunked news stories and urban legends.' There's no doubt that checking on the accuracy of what comes to us is a wise thing to.

RANDOM NOTES

*The September challenge item for the **Food Pantry** is canned fruit and breakfast bars.

*In-depth courses from the American Baptist Churches of Maine Institute for Ministry begin on Saturday, September 12, at the Free Baptist Church in Scarborough. The 2 courses are in **Old Testament** and **Christian Education**. Check out the additional information on the back table in the sanctuary.

*The next **Men's Breakfast** will be Saturday, October 3,

at 7:30 AM at Norma's Restaurant in York.

*The time for **Apple Crisp** is coming!! Market Fest will be held on Saturday, October 17.

ABW

Why not join this wonderful group of women who meet on the second Wednesday of the month from September to June at 9:00 at the parsonage. September's meeting will be on the **9th** 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

FRIDAY LIFE TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY GROUP

If the Gospel is such wonderful news, why has public opinion about Christianity plummeted and interest in 'spirituality' skyrocketed?? Philip Yancey attempts to answer that question and more in his video curriculum **Vanishing Grace: Whatever Happened to the Good News**. On September 25 at 2:00 PM this new topic will begin. Until then we will continue with the study on *God's Answers to Life's Difficult Questions*.

Newcomers always welcome. You will find good fellowship, interesting discussions, and loving support.

LIFE TOGETHER BOOK CLUB

We will be finishing up our current book and selecting a new one. Please come to share your book ideas as well as share in friendship and fellowship. We meet on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at Pam Trafton's home. Contact me or Pam Trafton with any questions. Sheri Nadeau

CHRISTIAN ED BOARD

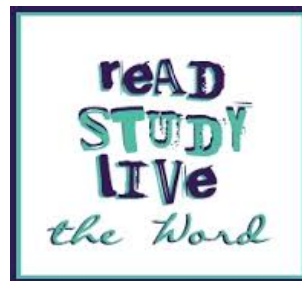
VBS, Son Spark Labs, was an amazing week. It was one of the best Vacation Bible Schools ever! The enthusiasm was like a chain reaction. We, children and adults, were all tremendously blessed. Check out the church website for pictures and music from the week. We are thankful to God for his Plan 4 Us. We are also thankful for the many eager teachers and helpers who made it all possible ☺

Our **VBS Missions** project was The ONE MILLION CHILDREN INITIATIVE. This project will bring JESUS to ONE MILLION CHILDREN. As an example, we learned about kids in Kenya who have to survive on \$2.00 a day! We decided to keep track of what we collected by putting our money in our huge beaker. We talked about ways we might each earn \$2.00 (or more) to fill our beaker for the ONE MILLION CHILDREN INITIATIVE. We wanted to be part of bringing God's word to a child's world. **We collected \$78.65.** It was fun watching our beaker fill up.

Looking ahead- the C E Board members are working on plans for our **annual Sunday School Kick-Off Event** which will be held the end of September.

Remember last year's Candy Land Event? We hope this year's will be even better. Check out the CNBC's website and/or your mailbox for the exciting details which will be coming your way. Get ready. See you then!!!

Dianne Hludik



SCRIPTURE MEMORY:

Train your spirit and brain! The CE BOARD hopes to start a Scripture Memory movement in the Fall! Write down your 5 favorite Scripture verses so that our whole church family can enjoy and profit from them! More news to come!

Sue Norton

MISSIONARY COFFEE



On Thursday, **October 8**, at **2:00 PM** we will have the privilege of meeting and hearing from *Mercy Gonzalez-Barnes*, an American Baptist Missionary. For many years she served in Baja California, Mexico where she worked in leadership development and theological education. She has just been assigned to a

regional ministry in Latin America. Among other things, she will be working with Cuban Baptists.

Hope you can join in on *October 8th*. It will be educational plus inspirational as we hear about what God is doing in another part of the world.

FIRST "SOUL FEAST"

Date: Aug 28, 29, 30th, 2015
Where: Corner of 9 and 9A, Wells, ME - 12 Mt. Zion Way
For: All Churches to meet the public with a witness!
For more info:
soulfeast2015.org

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Sept. 6 Rev. David Strosahl
Sept. 13 *What are the Odds?*
Sept. 20 *The Friendship Factor*
Sept. 27 *A Key Ingredient*
Oct. 4 *Words of Friendship*

LOOKING AHEAD

9/1 10:00 Life Together Book Club
9/8 5:00 Trustees
9/9 9:00 ABW
9/9 6:00 Choir Resumes
9/10 5:30 Diaconate
9/13 11:30 Fellowship Time
9/15 9:00 Outreach Project Mtg
9/15 10:00 Life Together Book Club
9/17 4:30 Women's Bible

Study
9/19 9:00 Church Friendship Breakfast
9/29 5:30 Diaconate
9/27 Food Pantry Sunday
10/3 7:30 Men's Breakfast
10/21 7:00 Quarterly Mtg



SPUD – tacular !

Taters, Taters, Taters !
Eyes will be upon you !
October 10, 5:00 PM
Save the date for a Spud-tacular time