



Cross & Spire

Newsletter of First Baptist Church

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"Not a perfect church, not a perfect people, just a simple desire to follow Jesus."

Upcoming Events:

*Men's Breakfast,
October 8 at 7:30am*

*Food Pantry
Wednesday, October
5 at 5:00pm &
Saturday, October 15
at 10:00am*

*Women 2 Women
Wednesday, October
1 at 2:00pm at the
Parsonage*

*Financial Peace
University begins
Thursday, October 13
at 6:30pm*

*Progressive Dinner,
October 15 at 5:00pm*

A Word from Pastor Rick

Security is once again one of the themes of the current election. I don't know about you, but I don't feel assured by the promises of the politicians. Even great presidents, governors and senators can't control the events and people that confront our lives with trouble. Will health continue, can I count on my job, will my children choose wisely, is this relationship secure.....?

There is a promise given to Isaiah the prophet in the eighth century BC: "...and he (the LORD), will be the stability of our times, abundance of salvation, wisdom and knowledge. The fear of The LORD is Zion's treasure." Isaiah was called to warn the people of God that God's judgment was coming because of several centuries of increasing rebellion against him. He was told that his preaching would fail to turn them back and the disaster was coming: defeat, conquest and exile by two cruel Mesopotamian war machines – Assyria and Babylon. The other part of his duty was to help to sustain the faith and obedience of the few people who were still faithful to God. They had to go through the ordeal despite the fact that they had steadfastly obeyed God in the worst of circumstances when all of their countrymen were rebelling against God and mocking them for their faith. While the trouble was brewing everyone had a political or military scheme for avoiding disaster and they had no time to listen to people preaching an ancient religion.

It was to these people and to us that this promise was given: God is the stability of our times. He is the same yesterday today and forever and he rules all things. The phrase abundance of salvation is weird in the original. Salvation is plural. The idea is that God gives mini-deliverances to those who trust in him: the new job coming right on time, the unexpected check, the bargain or freebie that meets a need that you didn't know how you could meet, the sudden and unexpected change of attitude in your boss or you son's boss.....Wisdom is of course insight into the true nature of things and the ability to apply this to daily affairs; knowledge means approximately the same thing. It is the weird idea you get when you are praying in the midst of trouble that sustains you, that moment when you see how a disaster is answering a prayer that you have been praying for 10 years, the off handed comment of a brother or sister in Christ that unlocks a knotty problem.....

The 21st Century is off to a start for us that has brought home that we really can't count on anything in this world. In some ways that is a gift, because it points us to our real treasure: "the fear of the LORD is Zion's treasure." When you are in trouble take God's advice: "Cease striving and know that I am God."

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 8 at 7:30am at First Baptist Church. Any questions, feel free to contact Chris Scholtz at 603-242-2323 or Jim Newcomb at 603-448-2782. See you there!

TIME FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!

It is time again to start thinking about Operation Christmas Child. For those of you who may not know what this is, it is a mission project put on by Samaritan's Purse (You can check them out at samaritanspurse.org). This mission project sends Christmas gifts to children in less fortunate countries. These gifts are usually sent in shoeboxes. It is a great way to further the work of God's Kingdom. We are asking for a more hands on approach from you this year.

Please note

We are asking YOU to fill your own shoeboxes! First Baptist Church will provide shoe boxes, and you can take it home with you and fill it. You are welcome to take more than one shoe box for your family. You can choose to give to a boy or a girl, and what age group you would like to give to. Simply take a box home, fill it with items from this list, and please include a check payable to Samaritan's Purse for \$7 for shipping.

The children receiving these boxes come in 3 age groups: Girl 2-4 years old, Boy 2-4 years old; Girl 5-9 years old, Boy 5-9 years old; Girl 10-14 years old, Boy 10-14 years old. When shopping, please be mindful of the age you are giving to. In order to ensure items are age appropriate.

If you are unable to fill a shoebox, you can still help! Samaritans Purse will also include a program called The Greatest Journey for a donation of \$6. Children who receive Operation Christmas Child gift boxes are invited to learn more about Jesus through our exciting discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. Just \$6 can help us train local teachers and provide a child with Bible study materials, a graduation certificate, and a New Testament in their language. Give today at: samaritanspurse.org/tgj

In your box, you may also include a personal note for the child who will receive the box. It will add a nice personal touch. We also ask you please pray over your shoe box before returning it to FBC. The last day we

are able to receive FILLED shoeboxes is Sunday, November 13.

For more information, you can visit: samaritanspurse.org/occ

Items to include:

Hygiene Items (please make sure to include all these items with your shoebox):

Toothbrush, Toothbrush Holder, Bar of mild soap (in a plastic ziplock bag), Soap Holder, Toothpaste, Washcloth, Comb, T-shirt, Hair accessories, Clothing line and clothespins
School supply items: Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners, Solar Calculators, Writing Pads, Crayons, Coloring Books
Toys: Little Dolls, Toy cars, Jump ropes, Soccer Ball & pump, Light up toys with extra batteries, Slinky, Etch-a-Sketch, Plastic Dinosaurs, Play Jewelry, Musical Instruments (Harmonica, recorder, mini guitar)
'Other' Items: An outfit of clothing, Stuffed animal, Plastic bowl & cup (good quality, no designs).

DO NOT INCLUDE:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the generous gift. What a surprise and I was so humbled.

I love that you have stood faithful. I believe positive things are coming to First Baptist. The church has a heart and as long as that heart is for God we can accomplish much. Be blessed and bring joy to the Father. Thank you again.

Your sister in Christ,

Terri Wilson

W2W (Women-to-Women)

Who we are:

Through the ages women have always had the longing to connect with other women.

We share similar joys and challenges in life and can learn from each other's experiences and be inspired to new heights.

What makes this group unique is that we are represented by women of all age groups.

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This allows everyone single, married, divorced widowed to come and fellowship together and be encouraged along the way. Everyone participates and is welcome to share new ideas for group sessions.

What's up Next?

We recently updated our schedule. To ensure that everyone gets an opportunity to attend, we have decided to vary our meeting times. We will be distributing copies of the new schedule at church the end of September.

Mark the date

Next meeting: October 1st 1:45pm – 4 pm
Event: Apple picking with a twist (Apple picking will never be the same)
Location: We will meet at the parsonage for refreshments first (16 Kimball Street; Lebanon NH) and will be carpooling to the farm.

Looking forward to seeing you all!

New Adult Sunday School **Starting OCTOBER 16**



“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” (Gal 5:22)

To be spiritually mature is to show the fruit of the Spirit of Christ in our lives. Our God desires that we not be conformed to the pattern of this world but transformed by the renewing of our minds. (Rom. 12:2)

Let's explore God's word together and contemplate what these characteristics mean from His perspective so that we may be transformed and equipped to minister to a broken world.



OCTOBER 15, 2016

The Adult Discipleship committee asks you

to join us for a great time of fellowship and food with a Progressive Dinner.

“And breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous heart, praising God and having favor with all the people.” Acts 2:46b, 47a.

We will start at 5:00pm at the home of Tom and Doree Clifford for Appetizers and will progress to salad, a main meal and then dessert. Join us to find out where the progression will take you!!

Please sign up so we will know how much food to prepare. If you have any questions, please see Terry Bolduc or call at 603-632-5168.

Financial Peace University coming to FBC!

First Baptist Church will be hosting, for the 4th time, Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU), beginning in October. This is a great class for all ages as it teaches the Biblical principles for handling money God's way. Through the 9-week VIDEO series and workbook, Dave Ramsey, with his humor and candid approach, will instill disciplines that are life changing! For more information on FPU, please visit Dave Ramsey Homepage - daveramsey.com.

Here are the 9 lessons that will be covered:

- Super Saving**
- Relating With Money**
- Cash Flow Planning**
- Dumping Debt**
- Buyer Beware**
- The Role Of Insurance**
- Retirement and College Planning**
- Real Estate And Mortgages**
- The Great Misunderstanding**

Thursdays, October 13 - December 15, 6:30 - 8:30 PM at First Baptist Church in Lebanon. Cost is \$85 per person (1 registration fee required per couple)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 9
\$25 deposit required with sign-up**

Any questions or if you are interested in attending, please contact Jim Newcomb at 603-448-2782 or jnewcomb33@yahoo.com.

PLEASE JOIN US!!!!