



# The Bridge

January 1 - February 12  
Preaching Series



How do I relate to:  
Myself  
God  
My spouse  
My children  
My parents  
My co-workers  
My enemies

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The Church Council would like to invite you to meet with Terry Knowles from the New Hampshire Charitable Trust Unit on Thursday, February 16 at 3:00 pm. Learn about our status and responsibilities as a non-profit religious organization

## Pastor's Perspective...

What is the Church?

As many of you probably know, on the night of December 28 a troubled young man set fire to the First Baptist Church of Lebanon resulting in a complete loss of their historic church building. Soon after this unfortunate event, church leaders gathered at the parsonage for prayer and to process through the next steps they needed to take. When I spoke with Dale Edwards about these events he was encouraged by the attitudes and the faith of the people present at that meeting. He expressed confidence that the church members were going to be able to face the future with hope and joy, knowing that God holds the future. Dale wrote a moving article about his own experience in the region's newsletter.

Like many others I have reflected on the nature of the Church as I have processed what happened at FBC Lebanon. In almost 15 years of ministry I cannot count how many times I've heard people say, "the church isn't the building, it's the people." That is exactly right, and it never becomes more apparent than when you no longer have a building.

The church is indeed a people. The people of God. The New Testament word for *church* is *Ekklesia* which means *assembly*. The church is the assembly of gathered people. The people who confess that Christ is Lord, who devote themselves to Christ's teachings, to the breaking of bread, to prayer, and to fellowship with and care for one another (Acts 2:42ff). We gather together first and foremost to honor and worship Christ who, as Hebrews says, by his own blood obtained our eternal redemption (Hebrews 9:12). Paul also reminds us that as God's people we have been bought with a price (1 Corinthians 6:20).

Paul goes on to describe the church as a body that is made up of many parts, but called, filled, and equipped by the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12). Many people do not realize that one of the most famous and oft quoted parts of the Bible, Paul's description of love in 1 Corinthians 13, is about the love that must exist among church members, the different parts of the body of Christ.

So the next time you say, "I'm going to church", try to remember the true meaning of that concept. It might be thought of this way:

"I'm going to be present at the assembly today. On any other given day I wouldn't choose to spend my time with many of these folks. It's true that a variety of views and opinions are held by the various people who attend; we don't agree on everything. But Christ has called us together and he is the head. Together we worship him. We're not yet what we should be or will be, but out of reverence and obedience to Christ we strive to love and submit to one another. So I'm going to be present at the assembly today. The Spirit is there, in me and the others who gather. This is what allows us to say, 'Christ is Lord.' He is. And that's why we gather together."

Pastor Charles

## Musical Note

The singing of hymns during our worship services is a time when all present can experience the joy of praising our God in a beautifully unified moment. This ancient practice goes back to the singing of Psalms in Old Testament times. The melodies should be uncomplicated, so that everyone, whether musically trained or not, can participate.

Many times folk melodies are sung during worship, with varying texts. These folk songs are simple and memorable, generally developed over time anonymously, and handed down from generation to generation. Every country in the world has its own unique collection of folk songs; our own hymnbook (Worship & Rejoice) offers quite a large number, including African folksongs (Ghana, Malawi, Zulu), South American (Bolivian, Paraguayan, Peruvian) and European (Austrian, Polish, Sicilian, Spanish).

Some of our most familiar and treasured hymns are set to folk melodies from other countries: “Let All Things Now Living” is a Welsh melody; “Be Thou My Vision” is Irish; “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” is a French melody, and “We Gather Together” is Dutch. There are also many American folk songs represented in our hymnbook, including “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” and “Many and Great” (a Native American melody).

Singing hymns can be very uplifting to everyone, even those who are just listening; for just a few verses, our cares can be forgotten and peace can be attained. I believe that it is during these precious moments that we are closest to our God. May you experience the joy of singing in our own Christian community!

Dave

### *LOVE GIFT*

Those little purple boxes you see here and there in Cleveland Hall are “Love Gift Boxes.” Although donations are collected year-round, February is emphasized as the Love Gift Month. We hope that you'll take a box home and put your spare change into it, bring it back to the church office when filled, and the BWF will send your donation to Church World Service to help those in need locally and around the world. In addition to change, some donate a little extra for each child or grandchild they have. Continuing to count our blessings, and thinking of the many who don't have running water or electricity, some donate a dime for each faucet they have in their home, and a nickel for each light bulb! Be creative and please do what you can!



### **CSC Course Description: Narrative and Community: Telling Our Story** **Spring 2017 4 Credits**

We've enlisted 20 “storytellers” from our congregation to join with the CSC students to participate in this community project funded by the Pat Kelsey bequest. **Check our web-site for further information and updates!**



*A verse to remember: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." John 14:27*

PRAYER MINISTRY meets every Tuesday from 1:30 – 2:30 in the church library. One frequently asked question is "What does a Prayer Ministry do?" It's really not very complicated. After saying a unison prayer together, we verbally list the names on the yellow prayer cards from the previous Sunday morning along with any prayer requests that have been submitted to the church office during the previous week, and lift them to God. As a church we believe in the power of prayer and are committed to being intentional about identifying both celebrations as well as concerns. Whether you join us every week or just occasionally, please know you are most welcome!

#### HEALTH HINT:

***Germs!*** It's cold and flu season and germs are *everywhere!*

Some germs are harmless and some are even good for us. The object is to protect yourself from harmful germs that make you sick by keeping them away from your eyes, nose and mouth.



Some common and surprisingly germ filled places we all encounter:

The Kitchen Sink ~ Food particles left in the sink can get on our hands and other food. It takes more than a quick rinse to really clean a sink. The recommendation is to wash the sink once a day with a solution of bleach and water and then let it go down the drain.

Toothbrush ~ Our mouths are full of germs especially after an illness. Since bacteria grow in moist, warm places, be sure to let your toothbrush air and dry between uses. Replace the toothbrush every 3 months or after an illness.

Salt & Pepper Shakers ~ Almost everyone touches the salt & pepper shakers which is probably why they usually test positive for cold viruses. Next time you wipe the table, be sure to include the shakers. And also be sure to wash your hands before and after eating.

TV Remote Control ~ Everyone handles the remote control and it, too, usually tests positive for viruses. Clean it with alcohol or bleach wipes and remember to wash your hands.

Computer Keyboard & Mouse ~ Although you may be the only person who uses your computer, if you aren't washing your hands on a regular basis, your computer is probably harboring germs especially if you have been sick. Clean the surface with an alcohol wipe.

Elevator Buttons ~ How often have you seen anyone wipe down the button plate on an elevator? Try using your elbow to select a floor especially in hospitals, hotels, apartment buildings, etc. The best defense is to wash your hands frequently!

Undoubtedly you can come up with many more germ-infested locations. What about the sponge in your kitchen sink, or menus in a restaurant or the steering wheel of your car or the fold-down tray on a plane or bus? The major take-away is: ***wash your hands, wash your hands, wash your hands ...*** Hand sanitizer gels can kill germs. However, gels can also build up on hands; gels should not replace soap and water. It is recommended that you wash your hands for 20 seconds (the time it takes to sing Happy Birthday twice, or count to 20 slowly) with soap and water. Remember, the temperature of the water isn't as important as the friction created.

#### **STONE SOUP HELPERS**

Would you like to be part of a team to clean, chop, stir, bake and/or serve Stone Soup? Call the church office (526-6511) or Janice Cundey (526-7836) for more information. The cooking is done on Monday mornings and the actual lunch is served on Tuesdays in January, February and March.

FAMILY MINISTRIES INVITES YOU TO THE  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual



Friday, March 3, 2017  
Saturday, March 4, 2017

## Camp Wilmot

**ALL ARE INVITED...FAMILY AND FRIENDS...**

Come for the day.

Come for the dinner.

Spend an afternoon or an overnight.

Join us for breakfast the next morning.

**Join this "off-campus play-date" with the whole church family.**

Sign up in Cleveland Hall to reserve a sleeping space and to offer your favorite crock-pot dish.

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526-6511

We discovered last year that just around the corner and up the mountain a bit is a winter wonderland of slopes for sledding, trails for snow shoeing and (if the weather cooperates) a fabulous rink for skating. Camp Wilmot has it all – including a fire pit to roast a few marshmallows and warm all those outdoor enthusiasts.

Options include:

- Spending the day in outdoor activities
- Spending the afternoon with indoor games and snacks
- Joining us for a 6 p.m. crock-pot buffet dinner
- Spending the night in the main lodge
- Joining all the overnights for breakfast the next morning
- Winter activities the next day as well

Be sure to sign-up in Cleveland Hall to bring your favorite crock-pot dish. Sign-up sheets are also available for those planning to spend the night. Carpooling and ride-sharing will be available. This year's retreat is open to all and is free of charge. Call the church office for more details.



JUNE 28 - JULY 9

An interfaith Peace Camp  
Overnight Camp

Open to current 6th & 7th graders in  
Vermont and NH  
Details and Registration at:  
[K4P.org/summer2017](http://K4P.org/summer2017)

VBS is

June 19<sup>th</sup> - June 23<sup>rd</sup>

back on the calendar.



This summer we  
will be traveling  
to:

## CLASSROOM CLIPBOARD

Winter 2017

The Sunday School is diving into the story of **Joseph!** In Jacob's large family of 12 sons and a daughter, he made it pretty clear that Joseph was his favorite. Add that on top of Joseph's dreams of his family bowing down to him, and the brothers were determined to get young Joe out of their lives. We will be talking about sibling rivalry, being dreamers, depending on God in the darker times in our lives, and the amazing power of love and forgiveness.

Come on upstairs and see our new Joseph bulletin boards and our Bible scene! Each week, we'll be learning more about the story, and identifying a "feelings color" and adding a banner of that color to our scene. We will be experiencing aspects of this long and complicated saga through stories, art, film, games, cooking, and music.

On **Feb 5** there is a single worship service at **10:00**, followed by FBC's Annual Meeting. Sunday Schoolers will be watching the movie "**Joseph King of Dreams**" in the Youth Room, beginning at 10:00, and on into the annual meeting until the film is finished.

We invite everyone to attend a special "**Joseph**" **Coffee Hour on Sunday, Feb. 12**. We will be preparing some food in our Cooking Station, and will also be circulating a list of food items that we need for the coffee hour, so please be on the lookout to sign up for an item to share.

Also, we are collecting **1-yard lengths of polar fleece fabric** for our **Mission Station** project of fleece lap robes for some of our FBC friends who can't get out much in winter. Drop any donations into the boxes, either in the entrance of the Meeting House, or in Cleveland Hall. Thanks for helping us provide some love and warmth!



# STONE SOUP 2017

Come to feed  
your body...  
Stay to feed  
your mind and spirit...



The Community Is Invited  
to gather at First Baptist Church  
every Tuesday in  
Jan, Feb and March  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Choice of soup, bread, salad, dessert and beverage**

Cost: A free will offering will be accepted. After expenses are paid, the proceeds will be designated for LSRVNA & Hospice. For over 40 years, this organization has been providing health care and hospice services to over 25 towns in the Lake Sunapee and Upper Valley regions of NH, fostering continuity of care & enabling people to stay in their own homes as long as possible.

## DATE

## SPEAKER

February 7

Jan Idzikowski, Physician Assistant  
Orthopaedic Team New London Hospital  
*"Music and Medicine"*

February 14

Hope Damon, RD, LD and Meagan Phelan RD, LD  
Nutrition Counseling Center  
*"Boosting Your Immune System is Good for you Heart"*

February 21

Jim Culhane, President & CEO, LSRVNA & Hospice  
*"LSRVNA & Hospice: Recent Growth and Future Goals"*

February 28

Bernie Seifert, LICSW, Coordinator Older Adult Services  
NAMI-NH (National Alliance on Mental Illness)  
*"See the Person, Not the Illness"*

*Cancellation Policy: In the event the Governor declares a "State of Emergency" and everyone should stay off the roads, Stone Soup will be cancelled.*

461 MAIN STREET, NEW LONDON  
NEXT TO THE COLLEGE

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## FEBRUARY 2017

Weekly Meetings not listed AA - Mon, Wed, Fri 12:15 pm AA, Altona, Altheen - Tues 7:00 pm Boy Scouts - Wed 7:00 pm Food Pantry - Wed 5:30-7 pm, Sat 10:00-11:30 am Sunapee Singers - Monday 2:00 pm				
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	2	Tai Chi 11:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:00		
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				AA Roundup

# First Baptist Church

461 Main Street (next to the College)

Worship - 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Communion 1st Sunday One Service ~ 10:00 am

Nursery Available



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FOURTH TUESDAY OF FEBRUARY

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## IN THE FAMILY

### February Birthdays

- 1 Charles Glidewell
- 2 Jenna Durkin, Lynn Petry, Be Welch
- 6 Richard Benson, Dick Kipperman
- 7 Lisa Glidewell
- 8 Hadley Crowell
- 10 Kathy Colby, Don Holl
- 12 Bob Cottrill
- 13 Charles Stites
- 14 Randy Foose, Bill Phippen
- 17 Briana Thompson
- 18 Tom Donnelly
- 19 David Dunlop, Marion Hafner
- 21 Russ Register
- 26 Jonas Coverdale
- 28 Janet Royle



Thank you to the FBC family for visits, calls, emails and prayers. Our surgeon mentioned that prayers DO WORK. We believe that!

Vicki & Linc Jepson

## WOMEN'S STUDY

The Women's Study will be studying the Gospel of Matthew, Tuesdays 9:15 to 10:45 am Jan 31st through May 16th. Please contact Priscilla Thompson at [978-500-7762](tel:978-500-7762) if you have any questions.

### Anniversaries

- 2/7 Martha & Ted Smith (58 years)
- 2/16 Glenda & Bob Cottrill (60 years)
- 2/28 Jo & Sumner Woodward (63 years)

