



The Bridge

Sunday, July 2

10:00 a.m.

ONE SERVICE

Please join us in
Cleveland Hall for
coffee and refreshments
after the 10:00 service

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Pastor's Perspective...

The Centrality of Proclamation

Some time ago I spent a part of my evening reading the gospel of Mark. Before I finished the first chapter, I made an observation that gave me pause (this is why I never tire of Bible reading- there are always new discoveries to be made, and relevant points of application that convict and encourage the reader no matter how many times he's read the book).

Anyway, I noticed some words from Jesus that I hadn't ever given much thought. One morning he gets up early while it's still dark and takes off to be alone so that he can pray. His disciples get up and begin looking for him. When they find him they inform him that everyone is looking for him; he's in demand. And then Jesus replies saying, "Let us go somewhere else—to nearby villages—so I can preach there also. *That is why I have come*" (Mark 1:38 emphasis mine).

That is why I have come, he says. I am used to thinking of Jesus coming "to seek and to save that which is lost" (Luke 19:10); "to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28); "to take away sins" (1 John 3:5); and "to serve" (Mark 10:45). I was reminded that he also came to preach.

The last instructions that Jesus leaves with his disciples are related to preaching and teaching, which are always closely related in the ministry of Jesus. We find the early church preaching all through the book of Acts. At Pentecost the believers proclaim the wonders of God in various tongues. Philip travels to Samaria to preach there. Peter preaches to Cornelius and his household. Paul and his ministry companions travel wherever they're led, preaching and teaching to whomever will listen. The book of Acts ends with Paul preaching the Kingdom of God and teaching about Jesus Christ.

The book of 1 Peter reminds us that as the church we are a people who belong to God in order that we might declare the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light (1 Peter 2:9). The church is a declaring people, a proclaiming people, a preaching people. Fundamentally, when you drill down to the foundation for the purpose of the church what becomes clear is that the church has a message to share. It's a message of salvation and restoration. It's a message of grace and acceptance. It's a message of love and judgment. The church preaches. In a culture where words are ubiquitous, immediate, mostly superficial, and just about everything has been trivialized, I can't think of a better or more important thing to talk about.

In Christ,
Pastor Charles

Musical Note

June is here, and our choirs will soon be closing another wonderful music season here at FBC. Our last choir rehearsal before the summer was held on Thursday, June 15th at 7pm. We had a special anthem to be sung by our Men's Choir on Father's Day, June 18th. Our choir will continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 8:15am to rehearse our hymns and responses for the week. It is open to anyone who enjoys singing; this is a good opportunity to find out if being a choir member is for you!

The last rehearsal for our Praise Band, which leads the music at our 11am Sunday contemporary service, was on Wednesday, June 14th at 5:30pm. We will also continue to meet throughout the summer months on Sunday mornings at 10am to rehearse that morning's music.

Our Handbell Choir has already completed their last rehearsal for the season on May 17th. Their last performance was on Sunday, May 21st, playing at both our 9am service and the Jane Ann McSwiney Scholarship benefit concert in the afternoon.

Starting on Sunday, June 25th and continuing throughout the summer, we will be offering special music at our Sunday services. We are looking for soloists and instrumentalists who would be willing to grace our worship time. This is open to anyone, so dust off your clarinet or flute, your cello or trumpet; bring your gift of music to the Lord! Please contact me (dchaves@fbcnlh.org) with your ideas.

Hope you have a wonderful summer!

Dave





PRAYER SHAWLS

This ministry began with a group of women who participated in the first Women's Leadership Institute at Hartford Seminary. The first shawls were knit for women undergoing treatment for breast cancer; some were also made for new mothers. Others were made to mark birthdays, anniversaries, or just to commemorate the gift of love or caring.

Janet Ferraro is in charge of the Prayer Shawl Ministry at FBC. She has updated our instruction booklet and we have various styles to knit.

Lion Brand Homespun is the yarn used and is very soft. Yarn, needles and patterns are provided to anyone who wishes to knit a prayer shawl.

We have a group of knitters that meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 1-3 in the afternoon and fun and fellowship is enjoyed by all. We have many who knit at home on their own as well. We are most appreciative and thank all who knit so generously for this ministry.

Each year our high school seniors are given a shawl as well as those who are sick or are in need of comfort. These shawls let them know that we at FBC have them in our prayers and surround them with the warmth and love of our fellowship.

We look forward to inviting anyone who likes to knit to join us!

PRAYER SHAWL PRAYER

"May God's grace be upon this shawl...

Warming, comforting, enfolding, and embracing.

May this mantle be a safe haven...

A sacred place of security and well-being,

*Sustaining and embracing in good times as well as
difficult ones.*

*May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope,
kept in joy, graced with peace and wrapped in love."*

Blanket Sunday 2017

Many Moms, loved ones, and friends were remembered including Helen Enman, Mary Messer, Connie Landry, Mildred Stillings, Mary Cottrill, Haley Parker, Mary Ann Wright, Jean Stowe, Carol Baxter, Pat Gile, Mary Shughart, Eleanor Barton, Jeff Zurheide, and William Peckham.

Many others were honored including Janice Cundey, Alice Young, Marion Oest, Julie and Wendy, Hilja and Suimi, Dick, Lloyd, Janice, Chris, Terri, Kit, Bill, Bob, Vicki, Helen Ross' 90th birthday, and Judy's 97-year old mother.

A total of \$494.00 (plus more coming in) was received - thank you to everyone!!

HEALTH TIP

Ticks are in full swing. The weather is warm and they love to attack your body.

Wear long sleeves and long pants when outdoors. Purchase 'tick repellent' and always do a mirror check anytime you have been outdoors. We need to prevent Lyme disease.



The BWF Scholarship Committee awarded scholarships Sunday, May 28th to nine outstanding students who are all associated with the First Baptist Church. Janet Ferraro representing Health Ministries presented two of our students who are entering college this fall as freshman and one who entering as a sophomore a traditional prayer shawl. These prayer shawls have been made by our “Prayer Shawl Knitters” from the church.

The recipient of a Baptist Women’s Fellowship Scholarship is Paige Blake. Paige is graduating from Bishop Brady High School shortly and is heading to Gordon College in the fall. Her goal for higher education is to pursue a degree in a field she is passionate about which may likely include nature, working outdoors and biology.

Catherine Doheny was awarded an Edward J. and Ethel King Memorial Scholarship. The Kings were long time members of FBC and would be proud of all the young people receiving scholarships. Catherine graduated recently from Proctor Academy and will attend the University of Maine at Orono in the fall. Catherine is also planning to study biology as well as sustainable agriculture with the hope of one day having her own farm that will support her family and those in need in her community.

A second Edward J and Ethel King Memorial scholarship was awarded to Isabelle Lovett. Isabelle was baptized and became a member of First Baptist Church last year. She will be entering her sophomore year at Colby-Sawyer where she is studying for her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and intends to continue her education to achieve her master’s degree in counseling.

Caroline Foy was the recipient of a Baptist Women’s’ Fellowship award in memory of Wilma Warde. Wilma and her family were members of FBC and Wilma was active in the Prayer Group and many other activities in the church. Caroline will enter her fourth year of a five-year program at Maine Maritime Academy, where she is studying Marine Science and Small Vessel Operation. This past year was a successful but extraordinarily challenging year right from the get go when she was assigned, last minute, as Bravo Officer in Charge for the entire Freshmen MUG Bravo Company and its Training Staff where her hard work and tenacity helped earn her company the title of Honor MUG Company.

The Emil Bochman Memorial Scholarship was given to Nicole Barton. This award is given by Pat Clark in memory of Emil Bochman. Nicole will be a junior at Campbell University next fall. While pursuing a degree in accounting, Nicole is very active in school activities including Treasurer of her Campus Activities Board and performing in the fall term school musical. She continues to work toward her goal of becoming a trust officer when she graduates. Another Baptist Women’s Fellowship scholarship was awarded to Kyle Sargent. Kyle is working locally while attending school at Colby-Sawyer College. He is currently pursuing his interest in clinical psychology and counseling.

The scholarship award, in memory of Evie Welch, daughter of our own Be Welch, was awarded to Geneva Heffernan. Geneva, or Geevie as she is known to friends and family, will be a junior at Temple University School of Media Communications where she is majoring in Journalism. This month she is in South Africa on a “study away journalism program”. She hopes to use her experiences at Temple “to become better equipped to tell people’s stories and knowledgably report on diverse topics.”

The Walter & Muriel Rhodes Memorial Scholarship provided by their son, Jerry Rhodes was awarded again this year to Douglas Foy. Douglas will be a sophomore next fall at Norwich University where he is pursuing a degree in Construction Management with a minor in Architecture. Aside from academics, having to get up at 5:30 a.m. every morning for cadet training was a challenge but Douglas still managed to achieve his goal of Dean’s list this past year. The Allene “Penny” Thurston Scholarship Award was awarded to Julia Sargeant. Penny, wife of our former pastor, Bob Thurston was unable to be with us but wishes Julia success and happiness. Julia will be a senior at California Polytechnic State University where she is pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering with a minor in German. Julia hopes to use her degree to design environmentally friendly and self-sustaining infrastructures to reduce our ecological footprints. She is studying abroad in Germany this summer.

The Scholarship Committee appreciates the generous donations given to the Scholarship Fund this year by our First Baptist Church family. Thank you again for your support..

Dee Doheny, Linda Myers and Joan Gould

As the Middle School Youth Group year draws to a close, we wanted to let you know what we did this year.

As you may be aware, our youth group combined with St. Andrews' youth group for a total of over 20 students. The synergy was great among the students as well as the adults. Active adults from FBC were Pastor Cindy, Jeff Maguire and Steve Allenby, although we had many volunteer parents and others help during the year. Active from St. Andrews were Jay McLeod, Ellen and Gardner Yenawine and Lisa Kelly. Many thanks to everyone.

In September, both youth groups independently decided to focus on refugees this year. A timely topic! We met once a month on a Sunday afternoon and each meeting included a lunch of rice, beans and apples.

During these meetings we listened to Hardy Hasenfuss describe his experience as a refugee, spoke with students at Colby Sawyer from Jordan and Palestine who had first hand refugee experience, and we saw what it would be like to be in a country where you did not understand the language. We watched documentaries of refugee experiences and participated in many great team-building games led by Gardner Yenawine.



One of the major events of the year was an overnight to raise awareness of the refugee situation and to provide the students some small sense of what it might mean to carry your belongings on your back and be forced to leave your home. The students were responsible for buying the groceries, making the meal, making posters and leading a worship service later that night.

Each student was given a dollar to cover both his or her dinner and breakfast. They decided to pool their money and select a food committee to plan and cook the meal and shop for the food.

Once the food committee bought their provisions, everyone walked from Hannaford's to FBC in the biting cold (-5-10 wind chill), carrying posters with Bible verses and other slogans expressing their views regarding how we should treat refugees. The posters were placed outside of the church and the students took turns keeping a very cold vigil at a fire on the front lawn until 11:00. Meanwhile, inside supper was prepared and eaten and later that night we had a beautiful service with community members.

Prior to attempting to sleep, we watched a movie called "Watani: My Homeland", about a Syrian mother and her

four children who escaped from Aleppo to Germany. The movie was powerful and had two results. One is that the kids wanted to host a dinner to show it to the community, and two, Jonathan Doheny and Jake Blake decided to make their own movie with the help of Jeff Maguire, Colby Sawyer students and a Muslim family from the Upper Valley. It is called "And A Child Shall Lead Them".

The students stepped up and planned and executed the entire community dinner, which was attended by approximately 80 people. It was a wonderful night of community dialogue about an issue we are certain would be important to God. Prior to community members arriving, Jay McLeod led a youth group discussion about what the Bible says about how Christians should treat refugees and the role (if any) that the refugee's religion or our fears should play in our actions.

We also talked about how groups on all sides of the refugee issue cherry pick studies and information to support their position. Justin Garzia shared the results of his research regarding the costs/benefits of refugees coming to the United States. Hopefully the students came away with the answer to costs/benefits question by saying "it depends" – it depends on the education/skills of the refugees, volunteer resources in a community and the time period during which the

benefits and costs of refugees are calculated. It was important to help the kids understand what the Bible says and expects of us, as well as to help them look cautiously at simple solutions or positions provided by advocates of particular refugee positions.

Our last event, other than the end of the year party we have planned for June 25th, was to visit Fresh Start Farms, located in Dunbarton, NH. It is a farm where land is donated to refugees to allow them to organically farm and earn money by selling their crops through CSA's, farmer's markets and some restaurants. As part of this process, the farmers receive business education, language training and other services to help assimilate them into our local economy. The kids worked side by side with refugees from the Congo, Bhutan and Somalia in the fields and they also painted a sign welcoming people to the farm. If you get a chance, please visit the Fresh Start Farms website at <https://freshstartfarmsnh.org>

During the year, the two youth groups raised over \$6,000. In addition, we combined some vintage Penny Project dollars that we still had in the bank and the FBC youth group members made the following donations, which the kids researched and voted on:

**BAPTIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUMMER
FAIR AND YARD SALE**

Saturday, July 8 – 8:00 to 1:00

Fresh Start Farms - \$3600
Save the Children - \$905
ZoAtari – 780
Doctors without Borders - \$505
International Rescue Committee - \$100.

All of our Fresh Start Farms donation went to a program called "share a share", where the farming refugees were paid to provide a CSA share to a



recently arrived Syrian family that needed help with procuring food, especially healthy food. This was truly a double benefit from our money.

So that was our year. Thanks to everyone who helped or donated to the process. We have a really special group of middle schoolers and it was great fun youth grouping with them this year.

Cindy Johnson, Jeff Maguire and Steve Allenby

Clean out those barns, basements and attics! It is now time to start gathering up your new, like new and good condition "treasures" for the yard sale... "white elephant" items, jewelry, plants, books, toys, sports equipment, and craft/fabrics. Items can be dropped off at the church beginning June 30 thru July 7. Furniture would be best dropped off the day before (Friday the 7th) the yard sale. Home baked breads, pies, cookies, preserves and other items for the bake table can be brought in the day before or the morning of the fair.

As always, we need your help to make this a success. We would welcome "sorting" help the mornings of July 5, 6 & 7 and certainly many helpers on the day of the fair/yard sale ~ July 8th. Mark your calendars! You are guaranteed a time filled with friendship and fun as we work to raise funds for BWF's contribution to the church budget, our college scholarships, and our local community giving. Want to help?

Contact the church office, 526-6511.

June Birthdays

- 6/1 - Kendall Blake
- 6/2 - Evan Coverdale
Ruth Messer
Caleb Thompson
- 6/3 - Ray Haering
- 6/5 - Angela Tarleton, Gretchen White
- 6/8 - Madeline Jeromin
- 6/10 - Linda Gardner
- 6/11 - Charlie Pike
- 6/14 - Keith Blake, Sara Blake,
Sumner Woodward
- 6/15 - Karen Cooper
- 6/16 - Marilyn Pike
- 6/17 - Geneva Heffernan
- 6/19 - Ann Loeffler
- 6/22 - Clare Broadbent
- 6/26 - Doug Baxter, Merlene Dunlop
- 6/28 - Vicky Meck, Gladys Smith
- 6/29 - Terri Bingham, Charlie Hafner



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/19 Janet & David Royle (52 years)
- 6/23 Anne & David Sargent (66 years)
- 6/23 Debra & Chandler Perkins (60 years)
- 6/30 Janice & Chris Cundey (55 years)

July Birthdays

- 7/2 Patti Durkin, Karin Heffernan, Jen Pike
- 7/3 Glenda Cottrill
- 7/6 Ginny Register
- 7/9 Ben Barton, Don Ferraro, Mike Heffernan
- 7/12 Nicole Barton
- 7/14 Ilyena Kozain
- 7/15 Michael Doheny
- 7/17 David Royle
- 7/18 Emerson Colby
- 7/19 Cindy Chaves
- 7/20 Joan French, Lindy Heffernan, Sandy Messer
- 7/28 Corbin Crowell
- 7/29 Ade Lauridsen
- 7/30 Sarah Donovan, Billy Kozain, Jody Cooper Rubin

Anniversaries (50+ years)

- 7/3 Bill & Marilyn Pike (57 years)
- 7/6 Doris & Bill Phippen (68 years)
- 7/10 Amy & Don Maughan (62 years)
- 7/11 Judy & Ron Evans (53 years)
- 7/16 Glennis & John Woodward (51 years)
- 7/31 Barbara & Ted Brown (63 years)





Camp Wilmot

2017 Summer Camp Programming

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For more than 50 years, Camp Wilmot has offered Christian camping experiences for adults and children of all ages. We'd love to share our faith and enjoyment of nature with you!

Camp Wilmot is beautifully positioned on roughly 200 acres in New Hampshire, about 40 miles northwest of Concord. Our property features its own spring fed pond, large open fields and wooded areas, all ready to be explored.

Our campers enjoy our screened cabins clustered in open and wooded areas throughout the camp, equipped with indoor plumbing and electricity. Indoor meeting spaces provide warm company, games and music, rain or shine, and our large dining hall serves up great home cooked meals - family style.



2017 Summer Camp Dates

Youth Week 1 :

July 9th-15th

Youth Camp Week 2 :

July 16th-22nd

Youth Long Camp :

July 9th-22nd

Register on:

www.campwilmot.org

Our Faith Community

Camp Wilmot is a member of the Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association (PCCCA) and serves the Presbyteries of New England, the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA), and Christians both in the US and abroad who seek a natural setting for spiritual growth, enrichment and connection.



Staff Hiring

How do your skills and passions fit our needs? Each year we search for Christians who desire to serve God through paid and volunteer positions here at Camp Wilmot. Do you have a passion for influencing the faith journey of a camper? Perhaps you should look at being a counselor this summer! Are you a jack of all trades when it comes to fixing things? Our maintenance team can always find ways you can leave your mark on our camp!

Annual Hiring Positions:

- Seasonal Cook
- Nurse
- Lifeguard
- Camp Counselors

Volunteer Staff Positions:

- Member of the Board of Directors, Maintenance, Kitchen, Waterfront, Activities



All Church BBQ

Friday, June 30th @ 5:30 pm

The first BBQ of the summer will be held in the church parking lot at the end of the month.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the office during the week or you can stop by the "sign-up" table in Cleveland Hall on Sunday mornings.

Come enjoy this time of food, fun and fellowship with your FBC family and then stroll over to the Town Green for a band concert on the common.

June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Weekly Meetings not listed AA – Mon, Wed, Fri 12:15 pm Food Pantry–Wed 5:30-7 pm, Sat 10:00-11:30 am AA, Alanon, Alateen – Tues 7:00 pm Boy Scouts – Wed 7:00 pm Sunapee Singers–Monday 2:00 pm Tai Chi – Monday, Thursday 11:30 am						
4 Choir Rehearsal 9:00 <i>One Worship Service 10:00</i> Sunday School (K-5) 10:00 <i>Special Meeting of the Members 11:30</i>	5	6 Staff Meeting 9:00 Prayer Ministry 1:30 <i>Deacons 5:00</i>	7 Pastor's Bible Study 10:00 Gathering Rehearsal 5:30	8 <i>BWF Board 9:00</i> <i>Health Ministries 3:00</i> VBS Staff 4:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00	9	10
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IN THE FAMILY

Don Weatherson passed away on June 13 after fighting the last several months with lung issues. Please keep Joanie and the Weatherson family in your prayers.

A memorial service for Don Weatherson will be held here at FBC on Wednesday, July 12 at 3:00 p.m.

Dear Members of First Baptist Church, New London

I have been enjoying the gorgeous bouquet of flowers that was on the alter Sunday, June 11th in recognition of the New London Service Organization awarded to me, "The Third of a Century Award."

I am very humbled and pleased.

Thank you, Hugs—Ade Lauridsen

Dear Friends,

Just a note to say Thanks to all of you who helped me to celebrate the Anniversary of my ordination.

This beautiful bouquet of flowers adds a cheery note to our home and these days. The tasty left-over pieces of cake are in the freezer. I'll enjoy them and remember that day's experiences for a while.

Thanks for your prayers as Jan and I cope with our journey through cancer's challenges. Thanks for all your expressions of love which do indeed add blessings to our life.

God be with you all as we continue to live out our commitment to the servants of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Love to you all,
Cathy and Jan