

# THE BELL RINGER

Calling all to gather in His name

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## Greetings in Jesus' Name

We are so glad you're interested in our church. We are people who love Jesus and who want others to know the joy and purpose that come with following Him. We are a friendly American Baptist Church committed to Jesus Christ and the work of His kingdom. We aim to be a loving, growing family in Jesus, and we seek to walk humbly with God, obedient to His Word. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are working to love and serve others. We invite you to join us in experiencing and sharing this abundant life.

## From the Pastor's Desk



Pastor Jerry Springston  
Minister-at-Large

### "The Seasons of Life"

***"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."***  
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

There are many people in Maine who would tell you that one of the things they like most about living here is that it has four seasons. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the urban center Terri and I have called "home" for the past thirty-five years calls itself, "*The City of Five*

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*Seasons!*"--spring, summer, autumn, winter and number five: the time to enjoy the other four. It's clever marketing. I don't know why some other community didn't think of it first. We have many businesses and enterprises that have "*Five Seasons*" in their name. Our major convention hall located in the heart of downtown is named, *The Five Seasons Center*.

"The time to enjoy the other four;" I doubt that's what Solomon had in mind when he penned those immortal words, "***There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.***" Actually, Solomon used the rare Hebrew word, *zeman*, which stresses behavior rather than divisions of the year to make his point.

The Book of Ecclesiastes is quite cynical. Solomon, who had been around the block a time or two and tried about everything, asks the question: "Is life worth

living?” After considering several scenarios he concludes, it isn't! “Vanity of vanities!” he exclaims, “All is vanity!”

Yes, Solomon was cynical all right. But he was also very wise. In the verses that follow immediately, Solomon declares, “There is a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted...” (vv. 2 through 8) Solomon is telling us that God has appointed a season—a suitable period for every activity in life—and that the way of wisdom is to accept God's schedule and order our lives accordingly.

As the fall season has recently arrived, we must remember that each season's priorities and activities should conform to God's purposes. In each season certain needs have to be met, certain tasks fulfilled and certain problems faced. As a historic congregation, the First Baptist Church must never lose sight of God's mandate regarding the use of our time and opportunities. If we fail in this task, be sure, the people of the “peninsula” will tearfully cry, **“The harvest is past, the summer has ended and we are not saved.”** (Jeremiah 8:20)

Jerry Springston  
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## Spirited Moments

One hour with Christ is worth an eternity of all earth's joys; and communion with Him is the best, the surest, and the most ecstatic foretaste of the bliss of Heaven.

*Charles Spurgeon*

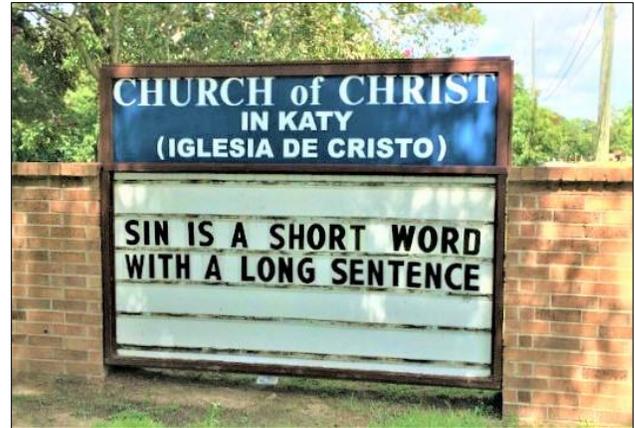
Abraham learned the secret of true commitment. Presenting all that you are --- nothing, to all that He is --- everything, you are committed to the Lord Jesus Christ exclusively for all that to which He is committed in you.

*Ian Thomas, Major (Ret.) UK*

If you could increase the attendance until there is no more room, if you could provide everything they have in churches that men want and love and value and yet you didn't have the Holy Spirit, you might as well have nothing at all. It is only by the Spirit that God works His mighty works.

*A. W. Tozer*

## Signs of Faith



## Sympathies and Concerns



Let's continue to keep all unsaved loved ones in our prayers, as well as members of our church family who are unable to join us on Sunday mornings due to illness or other difficulties.

Joan Pettengill continues to need our prayers for relief from pain due to her back condition.

Chris Guy has sent in a prayer request for the residents of Woodlands Assisted Living in Brewer. This is where Chris' mother lives and she says there are over 32 COVID cases there. Her mother continues to test negative but other residents and some of the staff are suffering with the virus.

Joyce Slater has a prayer request for a childhood friend's daughter, Merry, and her family. Merry's husband recently passed away from COVID complications. Please also continue praying for Joyce's niece, Christine Valentyne. The cancerous tumor from her colon was removed and a colostomy administered. She is slowly making progress but is very ill and is fighting an aggressive liver cancer where fluid has built up in her body. Prayers please.

Please keep Joe Eaton from Sedgwick in your prayers. Joe and his dog were attacked by other dogs, leaving Joe and his dog with severe injuries.

Our continued prayers are needed for Ron and Cherry Stanko and Sam Woodward, as well.

## Member News

Our dear friends, Ed and Sally Blodgett, have made the trip from their Montana home to their Brooksville home for a visit with family and friends during the month of October. It was wonderful to see Ed in church again, looking very hale and hearty. Ed says he is very busy working in the cemetery to catalog recent deaths for the benefit of Brooksville's historical records. A labor of love for Ed.

We have a newsy update from our friend, Bonnie Benedix, who writes as follows:

“Good morning! I am so happy to be on FB...I love reconnecting with my school friends! I have been here at Seaport for two years...it was a great move. I have made good friends, and the staff is great. I attend Emmanuel Baptist Church here in Ellsworth. Pastor Barry Blackstone is great. He gives me a ride ever Sunday. I am going out to lunch today with my friend Betty from Surry. We always have fun together.”

Now that school is back in session, some of our children are involved in various sports programs at their schools. Mya Schildroth is a freshman at GSA and a proud member of the girls' varsity soccer team. Looking good, #23!



## LOL



## Children's Ministry

“Train a child in the way he should go...” Prov. 22:6



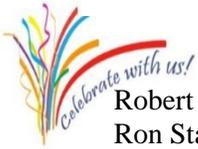
What a blessing we have in our Christian Ed team! Reports are pouring in that children's Sunday School is wildly successful this year. Alma Mote reported that her students declared “they couldn't wait for Sunday School to start up again.” Take that, COVID!



## Project 31

Christian Ed team leader Allison Charles tells us that we will have our Project 31 program again this year. The plan is to have another drive-thru event like last year's between 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 31. The team will be handing out individual bags filled with candy, small toys and tracts to children in vehicles as they drive through our parking lot. No, no; the children won't be driving, just riding!

# Birthday and Anniversary Greetings



Robert Carter  
Ron Stanko  
Harrison Walden  
Broden Chase  
Tim Walls

October 5  
October 12  
October 16  
October 17  
October 18

## Happy Birthday to

Wayne Hutchins  
Sandra Clapp  
John Clapp  
Chris Cote

October 22  
October 24  
October 25  
October 27



## Happy Anniversary to

Josh and Kim Astbury  
Ken and Allison Charles

October 6  
October 7

Cory and Shelly Schildroth  
Wayne and Ruth Hutchins

October 9  
October 31

Are you on our Birthday or Wedding Anniversary list? If not, please let us know by e-mail to [fbcbluehill.office@gmail.com](mailto:fbcbluehill.office@gmail.com) so we might celebrate with you!

## Kids Korner

Color me!



# October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9-10 a.m.					1  world smile day	2
3  Fellowship hour	4  Bible STUDY Join us! Women 1 p.m. Men 4:30 p.m.	5 Trustees 6:30 p.m.	6	7  Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.	8	9
10	11  Bible STUDY Join us! Women 1 p.m. Men 4:30 p.m.	12 Christian Ed 6:30 p.m.	13	14  Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.	15	16
17	18  Bible STUDY Join us! Women 1 p.m. Men 4:30 p.m.	19 Deacons 6:30 p.m.	20	21  Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.	22	23
24  BUSINESS MEETING Following worship service	25  Bible STUDY Join us! Women 1 p.m. Men 4:30 p.m.	26  National Pumpkin Day	27	28  Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.	29  Happy Cat Day	30
31  Project 31 2-4 p.m.					<i>The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.</i>	 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BLUE HILL

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