

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 Pulpit



Pastor David Chenoweth

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patiently. We know what's coming. Spring and warmer weather! Thank God. Patience is necessary though.

In the scriptures, we believers are promised all kinds of grand and glorious things by God. Since He is faithful and true as a covenant-keeping God, He will always keep his promises. We are told by Peter in 2 Peter 1:4 that God "has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire." Therefore, knowing, understanding, memorizing, believing and praying God's promises back to him are a big deal for the person who's serious about walking by faith and not by sight.

The thing about God's promises, though, is that they aren't subject to our timing nor contingent on our plans. God fulfills His promises in perfect love, in matchless wisdom, but He does so in His perfect timing. We must learn patience. The Psalmist writes, "I waited '*patiently*' for the LORD; And He inclined



Yes, it's February already. The winter is starting to feel long and drawn out. Many of us are beginning to long for warmer days, green leaves, the smell of flowers and the sight of people going for a walk. We look forward to the smell of freshly mown grass and to cooped up children finally out of the house playing outside or at the park playing sports. We wait

to me and heard my cry. He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps.” (Ps. 40:1-4 ESV) See, God did eventually meet this psalmist’s needs, even though we’re not told exactly what they were. He did prove Himself faithful, but the writer of Psalm 40 had to patiently wait on God.

Who among us hasn’t requested something from God, for which it seemed there was no response? A financial or spiritual breakthrough? A better job? A lost loved one? Peace and comfort in your suffering? Great strides forward in spiritual maturity? Victory over some stubborn habit? Cultivation of Jesus’ heart for His world and for people? These take time. They take patient and steadfast endurance. There are usually no shortcuts.

This is especially challenging to the modern Christian because we live in our microwave culture of immediate gratification and instantaneous results. We desire results and answers from God now. But the Christian life of a disciple is not one in which we walk by answers. No, we walk not by answers that we see perfectly well, but by faith, that is, by faith in God, whose wisdom, love and timing cannot fail. Perhaps you’re struggling with unanswered prayer today? Because God has promised in scripture to answer your need, He hasn’t forgotten you. The patience part is the hardest, but the Lord does “incline his ear to us and hears our cries.” Don’t ever give up or stop trusting Him. That’s how we grow.

Faithfully your pastor,
Pastor Dave

Sympathies and Concerns

Please remember to keep all loved ones who are unsaved in our thoughts and prayers.



Prayers are needed for many victims of cancer and other life-threatening illnesses in the Blue Hill peninsula area.

LOL

Joan Pettengill keeps us laughing:

UNANSWERED PRAYER: The pastor's five-year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon.

One day, she asked him why. ‘Well, honey,’ he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. ‘I’m asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon.’

‘How come He doesn't do it?’ she asked.

Spirited Moments

Christ died to liquidate the sin question so that on the basis of his atoning life we may enjoy the resurrection life.

Ian Thomas, Major (Ret.) UK

When we encounter the unknown, the Spirit of God is there to keep us from being intimidated. He lives within us to reveal, to teach, to direct.

Chuck Swindoll

The church was never intended to be a natural and intellectual organization, but a supernatural instrumentality wholly dependent upon the power of God.

A. W. Tozer

Annual Meeting

Our 2018 Annual Business Meeting was held on Sunday, January 28, following a potluck lunch. Attendance was low this year, although we did have a quorum. The Annual Report was reviewed, discussed and approved by unanimous vote of those present. If you would like a copy of the Annual Report, they are available in the vestibule.

Signs of Faith



Children's Ministry



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

Sunday School teachers for the 2017-18 year are:

Pre-school	Carrie Clifford
Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2	Allison Charles
Grades 3 and 4	Alma Mote
Grades 5 and 6	Sharrie Curtis
Grades 7 and 8	Sue Fenders
Grades 9 through 12	Darin Gray



Jennifer Gray is asking for nursery volunteers. Please remember the nursery sign-up sheet in the vestibule. We have a growing number of little ones needing nursery care during our worship service.

Church Bulletin Bloopers

This month's blooper:

Hymn: “I Love Thee My Ford.”

Our Missions Team

Muriel Candage reports that the Tree of Life is in need of condiments, including mayonnaise, salad dressings, ketchup, mustard and relish, and jelly (no homemade, please) for the month of February. They also continue to need white rice. Your donations do so much to benefit our neighbors. Please put your contributions in the Tree of Life basket in the vestibule.

Sandy Woodward, our Emmaus Meal Service organizer, wants us to know the next Emmaus meal date is Tuesday, February 20. Chicken casserole with green salad and rolls are on the menu. Please note that prepared meals need to be delivered to the church by **4 p.m.** Have you signed up yet? Here's your chance to volunteer “because that is what Jesus asks us to do!!” Look for the sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

Coming Attractions

Wednesday, February 14

Lenten season begins. Again this year, we will join our area American Baptist Churches brothers and sisters in celebrating the season by sharing Lenten Luncheon services. Lunches will consist of a choice of two soups, tea sandwiches, salad (fruit or other) and dessert. Pastors Doug Drown (No. Sedgwick Baptist Church), Ron Jackson (So. Penobscot Baptist Church) and Rick Messana (Brooklin Baptist Church) and Pastor Dave will swap pulpits this year, as follows:

Date	Location	Speaker
Feb. 21	FBC Blue Hill	Pastor Drown
Feb. 28	So. Penobscot Baptist	Pastor Chenoweth
Mar. 7	No. Sedgwick Baptist	Pastor Jackson
Mar. 14	FBC Blue Hill	Pastor Messana
Mar. 21	Brooklin Baptist	Pastor Chenoweth



What Valentine Can I Give Him?

What can I give to Jesus
On this special Valentine's Day?
How can I tell Him I'll love Him,
And follow Him, come what may?

How can I show I need Him?
Should I send a red heart, with lace?
How can I thank Him enough
For his sacrifice, love and grace?

What Valentine can I give Him,
My adoration to impart?
I'll give to Him what He wants most;
I'll yield to Him my heart.

By Joanna Fuchs



Birthday and Anniversary Greetings

Jesse Chenoweth
Erin Chase
Jon Woodward
Dylan Nason

Happy Birthday to
February 4 Peter Clapp
February 4 Darryl Candage
February 10 Sally Blodgett
February 14 Faye Candage

February 15
February 21
February 25
February 25

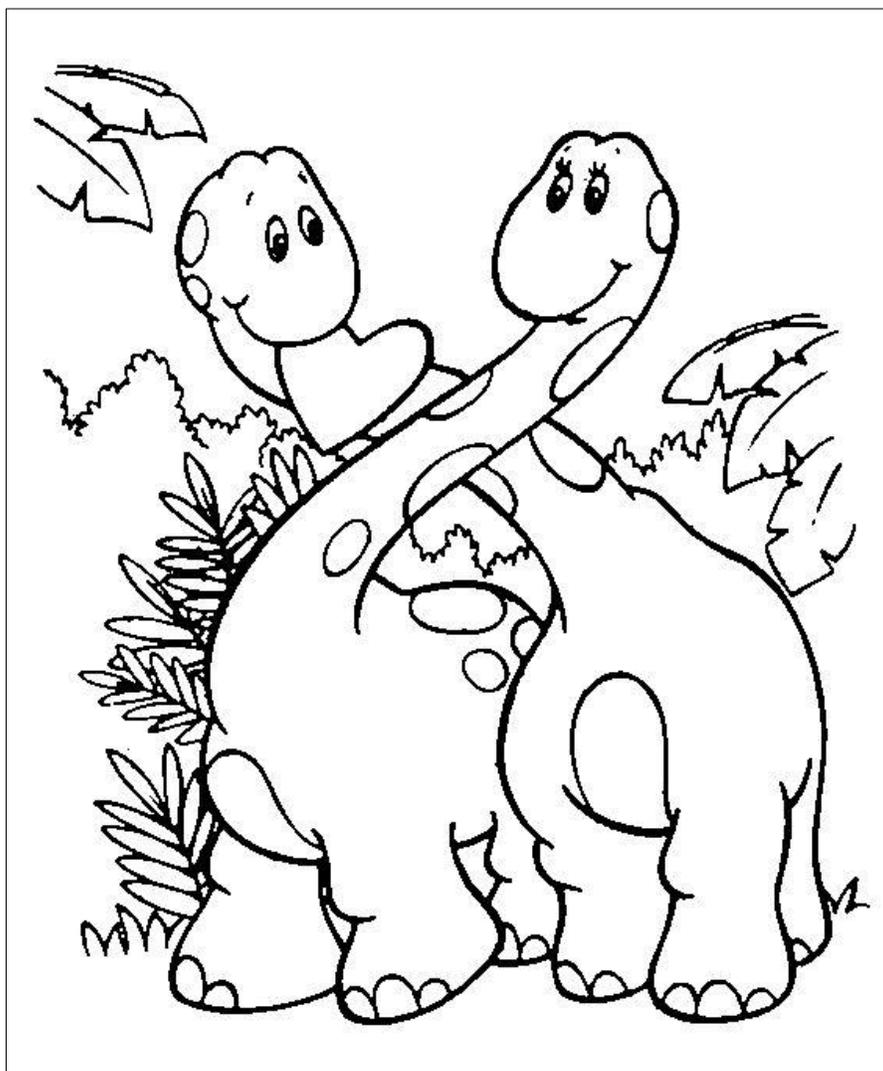
Happy Anniversary to
Bruce and Faye Candage February 11



Are you on our Birthday or Wedding Anniversary list? If not, please let us know by e-mail to fbcbuehill.office@gmail.com so we may celebrate with you!

Kids Korner

Color me!



February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Sundays 9 a.m.				1 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	2	3
 3:30 p.m.	5 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	6 Trustees 6:30 p.m.	7	8	9	10
 3:30 p.m. - Bowling!	12 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	13 Christian Ed 6:30 p.m.	14  Lent Begins	15 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	16	17 Men cook and serve Ladies' Valentine Breakfast 8:30 a.m. 
 3:30 p.m.	 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	20 Emmaus Meal Service 4 p.m.  Deacons 6:30 p.m.	21 First Baptist Blue Hill Noon  Lenten Luncheon	22 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	23	24
 3:30 p.m.	26 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	27	28 South Penobscot Baptist Noon  Lenten Luncheon		<i>If you can't sleep, try counting your blessings.</i>	

Greeters

February 4	Peter Clapp and John Clapp
February 11	Danner and Dewey Curtis
February 18	Barry and Sharrie Curtis
February 25	Jon and Sandy Woodward

Notes
