



## THE PEW REVIEW 2ND BAPTIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS  
DECEMBER 2008

## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

It is so appropriate (at least in my mind) that Christmas is at the end of our calendar year. It's like a crescendo at the end of a great song that leaves you feeling so very uplifted. Christmas is that wonderfully full ending to a year of living and worshipping.

It's the time when we celebrate the most precious parts of our faith. That God would humble himself and become one of us (even a baby!) brings to us a special sense of connectedness to an otherwise "high and lifted up" God. He seems very touchable at Christmastime. It's easy to feel very close to Him as we sing carols with candles in hand, as we watch our kids act out the Christmas story during their program, and as we think about the gift that Jesus has given to us in Himself.

The closeness to God is magnified by our closeness to our family and friends. Ask just about anyone to share special family memories and, for sure, they will gravitate towards stories of Christmases past. I love hearing people's stories

from Christmastime. One of my memories is from attending a midnight service on Christmas Eve at my grandparent's church. Our family would travel to Old Town to spend every other Christmas with my grandparents, and on one



of those occasions we decided to attend the late night service. I don't remember about the service except that we sang, "The First Noel." A great carol for sure, especially because it has a kind of crescendo in it. As the songs sings "noel, noel, noel, noel born is the kind of Israel," the fourth "noel" in the tenor part gets very high and loud.

There was one person in their choir named Jim who enjoyed singing very high and loud anyway, so when he got to this fourth "noel" his already highness and loudness reached uncharted levels. I learned later that this enthusiasm

was a source of displeasure for many in the choir and church and eventually this lead him to find a different congregation in which to sing.

For me, a kid who was marginally religious at best (at least at that time,) his loudness at that part of the song was the most appropriate thing in all the worship service. He was singing straight out of his heart with all of the power he could muster because that fourth "noel" was the word in the song that came before the greatest act of love that the world has ever known: "born is the king of Israel!" There is no one who could have given that crescendo as much gusto as Jim and there is no more important hymn or message or time in the year in which to give it. Jim was right to give it his all at that moment, because God gave us His all at that moment too. Every time I hear or sing that song it's Jim I hear singing it. This is because I think that he sang (and probably still sings) it better than anyone else in

the choir that night. Hey, if nothing else, he reached an indifferent kid who didn't really care much about Jesus. Isn't that proof enough?

-Pastor Chris-



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12 Cindy Richendollar
- 14 Mary McLellan
- 17 Karen Thomas
- 18 MayBelle Clark
- 20 Jeff Doten
- Beth Doten
- 22 Carole Smith
- Paul Waycott
- 24 Debbie Doherty
- 25 Pastor Chris
- 28 Nathan Marshall

*Peace on earth  
begins with  
peace  
in our home  
and  
in our hearts.*



## CELL PHONES VS. THE BIBLE

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bibles like we treat our cell phone....

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

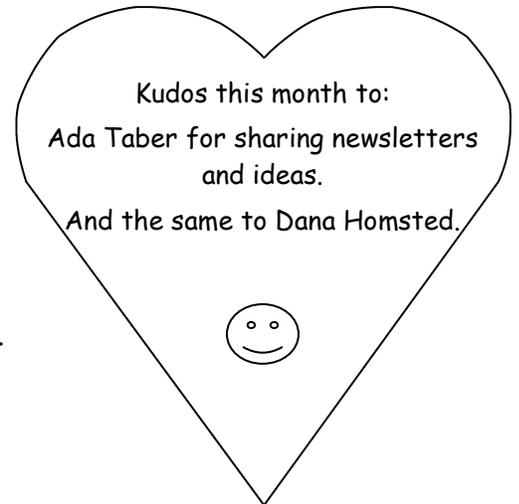
What if we used it in case of an emergency?

This is something to make you go ...hmmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

Makes you stop and

think, "Where are my priorities?"



## THE CHURCH MOUSE

Hi, Everyone. ..by the time you read this Thanksgiving will be over and Christmas will be in the air. Aah, jingle bells and snow!!

And, who is ready for this thing called Christmas? Not I!! I just can't seem to get my mind wrapped around the whole thing let alone paper wrapped around a gift. Maybe when I see the church decorated for the season I will get into the spirit of the season.

So, how was Thanksgiving at your house? Well, here at "my house" it was busy. And, food...I ate so many crumbs from those pies that my belly was dragging on the floor. Where do all those good cooks come from anyway? I watched Janet and Mary Lou organizing that food line like drill sergeants in the Army. They should know what they were doing....great job, ladies. I scampered out of the way a couple of times when those turkeys came out of the oven. I'm telling you those birds were roasted and tanned!!

I don't know how many meals were delivered or how many sat down and ate, but no one went hungry, that's for sure.

Now that it's over, I will get on to Christmas.

I have started knitting mittens for the grand-kids, but as I mentioned before, it takes a lot of yarn to cover four feet for 50 kids. And, of course, no two can be alike. Joey doesn't want mittens that look like his sisters, and Sue won't wear any that are like Flo's. That means, I have to be sure that everyone has their own individual set. Who spoiled this kids anyway???



I do hope you have a wonderful holiday. We need to remember that, "Jesus is the reason for the season." We don't have to line the store owners pockets to have a wonderful day. Count your blessings, everyone, not the gifts under the tree. Next year you won't remember a single gift, but your blessings will always be there.

Merry Christmas

Maudie



## MY PROFILE



NAME: Sharon Bailey

OCCUPATION: Retired Teacher

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: Jeremiah 29:11

THE PERSON WHO HAS ENCOURAGED ME MOST IN MY CHRISTIAN WALK: My grandmother and also dearest friends.

PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO KNOW THAT: I love yard sales and home decorating.

WHAT DO I ENJOY MOST ABOUT 2ND BAPTIST? Bible teaching and fellowship

*A young couple heaven they asked couple received a "We know this is*



*were on their way to get married when they were killed in a car accident. When they got to St. Peter if they could see God. St. Peter said, "I think I can arrange that." The next day the call to come before the throne. The Lord asked them what they wanted to see him for. They said, "We know this is heaven and we are glad to be here, but we would still like to get married." The Lord said, "I'll have to get back to you on that," and dismissed them from the throne room. Ten years later the Lord called them back to his throne room and asked if they still wanted to get married. They said with great excitement, "Yes, we sure do!" The Lord said, "This preacher is going to marry you today." They got married and left happy. A few months later they asked to see the Lord again and said, "We know this is heaven, but we cannot get along, and we want a divorce." The Lord said, "Now look, it took me ten years to get a preacher up here, if you think I'm going to get a lawyer up here, you're crazy!"*

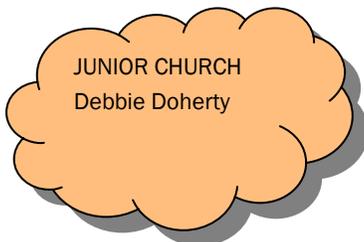


- 7 Charity Williams/Kailia Dineen
- 14 Ericka Perkins/Lara Marshall
- 21 Ruby Johnson/Brent Francis
- 28 Janet Lovely/Nick Thomas

## DECEMBER PEOPLE

### GREETERS

- 7 Jean Leach/Phyllis Murphy
- 14 Bob Brackett/Madge Gibson
- 21 Jeremy & Wendy Putman
- 28 Ruby Johnson & Issie Gibson



### December Excitement

- 14 Caroling directly after church
- 21 Sunday School Christmas Program
- 24 Christmas Eve Cantata
- 25 Merry Christmas (Happy Birthday, Pastor Chris)



## For The Children or For The Grownups?

‘Tis the week before Christmas and every  
night  
As soon as the children are snuggled up  
tight  
And have sleepily murmured their wishes  
and prayers,  
Such fun does go on in the parlor down-  
stairs!  
For Father, Big Brother, and Grandfather,  
too,  
Start in with great vigor their youth to  
renew.  
For grownups are having more fun than is

said,  
And they’ll play till it’s long pas their hour  
for bed.  
They try to solve puzzles and each one  
enjoys  
The magical thrill of mechanical toys.  
Even Mother must play with a doll that  
can talk  
And finds by assisting, it’s able to walk.  
It’s really no matter if some paint may get  
scratched  
Or a wheel or a nut or a bolt gets  
detached.

The grownups are having such fun—all is  
well.  
The children don’t know it, and Santa  
won’t tell.



Don’t count calo-  
ries from  
December 15  
through  
January 2.

That should be a law!



## Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find

“filler” articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you’re finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.



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## Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally,

**“To catch the reader’s attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”**

you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance,

an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

## Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you’re trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can

choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.



Caption describing picture or graphic.



## THIS 'N THAT

For those of you who missed the Veterans Service, you missed a wonderful evening. About 150 attended and heard Pastor Ray Morse give sermon regarding the history and meaning of Veterans Day.

Thank you to Sharon Waycott and Debbie Doherty for working so diligently on our "Wall of Honor." George Stevens was the driving force behind all who made this possible.

**CHRISTIAN ED**—this group is getting ready for the Christmas season. Classes are working on their parts for the Christmas program. Caroling is planned for December 14 directly after church. After caroling everyone returns for a lunch. Sounds like fun.....

**THE DIACONATE**—Our deacons delivered two Thanksgiving baskets. Issie & Mary Lou will do Christmas visitations to our shut-ins and mailing cards out to past pastors, members, and friends. Also, the diaconate has been helping out with fuel and other necessities to those in need.

Nice to have the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner back in the church. Thank you to Mary Lou and Janet for organizing this.

Issie, Susan, Billy, and Arlene enjoyed Thanksgiving in Delaware with Bill, Jr. and other family members.

Others traveling for Thanksgiving were: Jim and Sally to Dover-Foxcroft; and, Bruce and Evelyn at their daughter's in New Hampshire.

Sorry to hear that Jeff Gagner is still a "little" under the weather. We are pulling for you, Jeff, get well soon.

Jim, Jeff, and Alex Doten spent a few days at hunting camp in Tomah. The deer are still running!!!!

Sorry to see you go Grotheers. Justin left Nov. 13th, and Christina boys followed on Saturday, the 15th. Christina and the boys traveled to Portland to meet her Mom. From there, they started the long trek across country to Colorado. God speed, good luck!!! As soon as the new address arrives, it will be posted for all.

Flo Russell has been down with the old flu bug. She is biting a the bit to get back to church and wants to go shopping in St. John. There's just no holding a good woman down when she gets her mind set.

Judy Antonello is still not feeling well. It's back to Bangor for another appointment. Prayerfully, this time she will find out just exactly what is wrong. Keep her in your prayers.

## GREAT IDEA

When doing your Christmas cards, take one card and send it to this address. Just think of how many cards these special people who have scarified so much.

### A RECOVERING SOLDIER

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Did you miss getting your "shoeboxes" out? Do you still feel that little tug to do more? The Calais Police Department will accept toys or clothing for the needy children right here in Calais. Each year they gather gifts, wrap them, and deliver them to those in need right here in town. You can drop them off anytime between now and Dec. 22nd.

And, don't forget Santa's Helpers from the Calais Lions/Lioness Clubs will be here at the church on Dec. 7th at 1pm to raise money for food baskets, clothing, toys, and other necessities for local families. This will be broadcast over WQDY.

Sixty-nine (69) shoeboxes were delivered to Orrington on Monday. Beth & Sally made an unexpected trip when they found out Machias had packed up the truck and sent it on the road Monday, Nov. 24. After a few phone calls and directions, the boxes were safely delivered to Calvary Chapel. A quick change of plans, and a quick trip.

**ADDRESS FOR ROBBIE FITCH:** Let's shower him with Christmas cards:

Lcpl. Fitch, Robert

HS-BRF 4th Plt.—Unit 43504

FPO-AP 96426-3504

Hey, Joey Moses, nice seeing you in the choir. Come on, get up there more often. We need more singers!!!!!!

Welcome to two more new faces: Kevin Williams and Margaret Mawhinney. 2nd Baptist is glad you're here.

Carmella Walton has been bitten by the flu bug. I hope when you read this, Carmmie, that you are feeling better.

Our youth group have been traveling lately. First it was off to Columbia Street Baptist Church for STRIVE and last week it was Bangor again. ...shopping and roller skating. We are blessed to have great leaders, Debbie & Lewis Little, Steve & Pauline McFadden, and Kathy & Mike Francis. If I missed anyone, let me know...it was not intentional.

How are your arms & legs...are they strong and fit. Well, that's great because you're wanted!!! Not by the law, but by Dana Johnson. The Trustees need someone to keep the walkways free of ice and snow. There is a sign-up on the Information Table. Sign-ups are on a weekly basis.