



THE PEW REVIEW

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

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IT'S ME AND THE CHURCH

Christmas Gift Suggestions

- To your enemy-
Forgiveness.
- To an opponent-
Tolerance
- To a friend-
Your heart
- To a customer-
Service
- To all-
Charity
- To every child-
A good example
- To yourself-
Respect

“So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”

Luke 2:6-7

I guess you could call this my Christmas Proclamation. I just wanted to tell you what this church means to me. So, here goes...

In 1980, when the Baring Church was no longer the place I felt good about, I decided to come here. Jim's parents and several relatives were already attending, so I tagged along. Now that was in early spring, before Easter. I remember this because Issie and I had decided to go to Florida over Easter break with "several" of her kids and mine. That meant we missed Easter here, but to my surprise, Jim and our daughter, Beth, did not. And that's when the change happened.

Pastor Jim Wlice was in the pulpit here. A young man with a young family dedicated to serving the Lord in the pulpit and the mission field. After Jim had heard him on Easter and when I returned from Florida, we decided we needed to find a church home, and we did. That year, in November, Jim and I were baptized by Pastor Wilce. We have never wandered away.

Jim served as a deacon for several years and I volunteered wherever necessary, but never held an office. We were happy and content to serve in any way we could.



It's just a short path to a friend's home.

As the years went by, I became more involved, and was elected to the Executive Board and served as secretary. My life was this church. I loved it here. I have been the collector and treasurer; and now again, the treasurer and the church secretary (a real church employee.) I have seen pastors come and go, have seen the building burn and be rebuilt. I have watched us struggle through bad times and come back to the good time. Most of this was good because this is a good family.

I have found my contentment here. I have learned my Bible here. I have found life-long friends here. I admire people who come here to

worship and quietly going about doing the good things that others never know about. I know them because, sometimes, I

have the privilege of sharing their secrets. I love the fact that they trust me to share secrets only God and I know.

This church is always ready to help; to lend a hand, to give money; to feed the hungry. No one is turned away or shunned. We are a family where hugging is the usual greeting and the farewell after the service. Jesus taught us to love one another and, although, we might have our misunderstandings, the love we have for one another always comes through. Why would I not love it here?

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my thoughts and write this newsletter.

MY PROFILE

Name: Laura Currie

Occupation: Wife, Mom, Marketing Research

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 145, Romans 8:38-39, Proverbs 31:10-31.

“Sorry—that’s more than one verse!! Hard to pick one out of all that God has inspired.”

Hobby: Cooking, making jewelry

Favorite Food: Steak &



potatoes and marzipan.

The person(s) who has encouraged me most in my Christian walk: My husband, George & Kathleen (and they don’t even know it) and Miss Isie.

People would be surprised to know: I don’t really like peas.

What do I enjoy most about 2BC: I get to ask all kinds of questions (and I get them answered!)

Every time we love, every time we give, it’s Christmas



A big “thank you” to Mingo’s Evergreens for giving us the beautiful wreath outside on the entry.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Praise the Lord for His manifold blessings to us!

Christmas is a beautiful time of celebration most fervently that Jesus is now with us every day. We remember His first advent, a time that had been awaited for centuries. Some had stopped looking for Him. They no longer believed the promises.

We have been told that Jesus will return in like manner to the way He was just before His ascension. Are we looking for His return? Will we be ready when He comes to take us to our heavenly home?

Speaking of homes, Nancy and I will be returning to our home on the ocean. How glad we are that God chose to give us a home in Calais for these past 10 months. Thank you for making our stay

here really seem like home! We will miss you very much. We have come to love you and to feel loved by you.

Our prayers for you include intercession for the Burden family who will soon make their home in this parsonage that we have happily been calling our home. We relinquish it to them, believing this has been God’s plan all along. God does know the end from the beginning and he does all things well.

May our Savior’s glorious presence be experienced by you in ever increasing measure!

Pastor Dave & Nancy

The Beal’s will be moving on Jan. 4th.



NEW ADDRESSES

(maybe you would like to send a card)

Ada Taber
116 Eagle Ridge Road
Brewer, ME 04412

Pastor Matt & Rachael Burden
8355 Harvest Lane
Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

And, John Demmons has moved:
382 River Rd.
Calais, ME 04619

“Friends are warm even on the coldest days.”

OUR TEACHERS AND PRAYER PARTNERS

During this Christmas season is the perfect time to recognize our teaching staff and the people that pray for them regularly. The teachers are always working hard to make the youngsters (and the oldsters) more aware of God and His goodness.

Adult Classes

Bonnie Moffatt, Tom & Debbie Doherty.

Senior High

Kathy Francis assisted by Janet Lovely

Junior High

Dana Johnson

Grades 5/6

Mary McLellan

Grades 3/4

Tammy Ginn

Grades K/2

Karen Marshall

Primary/Nursery

Elaine Trainor assisted by Kelly Hodson.



Bless us everyone

Prayer Partners are:

Adults: Praying for one another

Senior High: Janet Lovely

Junior High: Karen Marshall

Grades 5/6: Muriel Doten

Grades 3/4: Issie Gibson & Irene Moriside

Grades K/2: Sally Doten

Primary/Nursery: Beverli McAdams



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

December 12 Cindy Richendollar

December 14 Mary McLellan

December 17 Karen Thomas

December 18 MayBelle Clark

December 20 Jeff Doten

December 20 Beth Doten

December 22 Carole Smith

December 22 Paul Waycott

December 25 Pastor Chris Stevens

December 28 Nathan Marshall



CHOCOLATE RULES

Money Talks. Chocolate Sings

Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices, and strawberries all count as fruit. Eat all you want.

If you can't eat all your chocolate, it will keep in the freezer. But if you can't eat it all, what's wrong with you?

Chocolate has preservatives. Preservatives make you look younger.

THIS 'N THAT

The church looks beautiful for this Christmas season. Thanks to all who pitched in and helped decorate..

Issie Gibson is still feeling poorly. Issie is suffering with severe muscle spasms in her back, and is not getting much relief from medication. We miss you, Issie. Get back soon.

Sorry to report that John Sherrard, father

of Mike, is in the Eastport Nursing Home.

We had three baptisms this month.: Andrea Holmes, Alan Smith, and Laura Currie. Each took the right hand of fellowship on November 30. Welcome to our church.

Gene Townsend is on the sick list. Gene is a brother n-law to Alan Smith

The "Wickachee" crowd was sorry to hear that Richard Hodson is not feeling well and has been in Bangor for tests.

Flo Russell reported that the Nomination Committee has met recently. They have filled most of the vacancies for church offices.

Home for Thanksgiving and attending church service were Ricky and Katie Price. Ricky works at EMMC and Katie is employed as a chef in the Portland area. Nice to see you two.

Jim, Sally, and Beth Doten traveled to DoverFoxcroft for Thanksgiving Dinner. Dale

ATTENTION, MEN

Joe McAdams is interested in starting a Men's Bible Study sometime after the start of the New Year. . Are you interested? He will be meeting with you after church on Sunday the 13th to take names and set a schedule.

**DON'T FORGET
DECEMBER 13TH FOR THOSE
INTERESTED**



If going to church makes you a Christian. Does going to the garage make you a car?

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

Carole Smith has provided a sign-up on the table for those you who want to use Offering Envelopes next year. A list is needed because sometimes they are given out and not used. It is a big expense to buy these and she really needs to know who wants them. Sign-up your name of the way out of church today. Thank you.



BULLETIN BLOOPERS

Our next song is "Angels We Have Heard Get High"

For those of you who have children, and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

At the evening service tonight, the topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and hear the choir practice.

Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to the church secretary.

The Rev. Adams spoke briefly, much to the delight of his audience.

This 'n That (con'td)

Wunder met us there.

Also home to visit her Dad was Katlyn Hinton. Pastor Bob reports that she cooks a "pretty mean turkey!"

Nola Hough has been visiting relatives in the St. John and Lubec areas.

Kathy & Mike Francis and kids were in Virginia over Thanksgiving. Katie, Wayne, and the twins were excited to see them.

Pat Doten now has employment in Wells, Maine. He is working at a new restaurant that recently opened.

Heard great reports on the play, "Harvey" at Calais High School. Jeremy McAdams had a part and said it was "OUTSTANDING!" as only Jeremy can say it.

The box of coats has been filled once and taken for cleaning. We are now working on the second one. There is a special need for

kids' sizes. If you have any to donate to help keep someone warm this winter, you can leave them all day today (Sunday) during the Lions' Santa's Helpers Program. Thank you for your support.

Joe McAdams has been suffering with some bad headaches lately and went to Bangor for an MRI and MRA. Nothing showed on the tests.....nothing? What does that mean? Hmmm, Joe, you better get a recheck.....nothing in your head????

Nice to have Amy Holmes in the choir. Amy memorizes every song and knows them all by heart. Good job, Amy.

Janet Lovely and her crew put on a great Thanksgiving Dinner here at the church. She reported that over 90 meals were sent out and 45 served here. It takes much work and organization to do this, and Janet did a good job. Thank you, Janet, for thinking of others over the holiday.

Don't forget that December is full of Christmas events. If you want to go caroling, be here on December 19th at 1:30. Kathy will get you organized and on the streets to serenade the shut-ins and others around the town.

Tammy & Emily Ginn had a great trip to Texas. They flew down to see Tammy's nephew graduate from Air Force boot camp. Tammy came home sporting a great tan.

The class "Experiencing Christ" will start at 6pm on January 14th.

This church sent 92 shoeboxes to Samaritans' Purse for delivery to other countries.

Has anyone seen the Church Mouse. I bet she's away this month visiting family and friends. I will remind her there is a column due next month.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE