

THE PEW REVIEW

NOVEMBER 2009

A LETTER FROM DAD TO THE KIDS

I hope you guys are good. Things are very busy down here, so I have not been able to call or write. Like I told you before, once we get to Bosnia, things will be ALOT easier for me. I'll be able to write every few days with no problem.

That's something about the World Trade Center. You should thank God that we did not go to NY after Family Day at Fort Dix. Thank God that your Aunt did not go to work that day also. You should pray for those people who were killed and hurt, and also pray for their families.

Remember that we live in a country that enjoys a lot of freedom. People don't go to other countries by the millions, they come to America. They come here because we allow our citizens to live in peace, prosperity, and with justice. When good people around the world think of independence and freedom, they think of America. People here can go to church, go to school, spend money, save money, get up in the morning, sleep late, vote (or not vote) or do what they want. We can do that in Amer-

ica because we are a great and powerful country. When I say powerful, I don't mean with guns and bombs and the Army. We are powerful because we trust our citizens, our fellow Americans, to do the right things. Most time, Americans will do the right thing. When bad things like this happen, remember that those bad people did that terrible thing, and hurt all those innocent people, because they hate America, and they hate what America stands for. America stands for freedom, liberty, and justice. Be proud you are Americans. Be proud your family has always stepped up and defended this country when they were called.

You have relatives that fought in trenches in World War I to keep freedom's torch burning. Your cousin was killed in the skies over Europe, fighting evil people and an evil dictator. Your grandfather helped build the mighty ships that stopped the Japanese Navy in the Pacific Ocean in World War 2. We have family members who fought the Chinese on frozen hills in Korea, helping keep other people free, people who counted on America to help

save them.

Be proud you're an American. Be proud of the contribution your family has made to our country. America is a free country, but living here is not free. It has a cost. We have always been more than willing to pay our share of the cost, and then some. We are paying now, with me leaving for so long, but like I said, freedom is not free. I pay for it by leaving my family and my home for 6 months. You pay for America's freedom by not having your dad around to help you with school work, play soccer, football or baseball, or just to be somebody to be with and talk to, and watch the football game on Sunday (after church!) You are helping pay for the freedom that your friends and school-mates have. Don't be snotty, and don't be rude, but when you go school on Monday, hold your heads up high, be very proud of the contribution you're making for your country. You are doing more than your fair share for our fellow Americans, and don't let anybody tell you otherwise. Be a little louder when you say the Pledge

Pledge of Allegiance, stand a little bit taller when you hear our National Anthem, and walk a lot prouder when you go past the flag pole on your way into school. You have earned it.

I'll call you soon. I love you.

Dad

(Note: This letter was written by Kathleen Stevens' brother-in-law)



NOAH'S ARK

Everything I need to know , I learned from Noah's Ark.

- 1) Don't miss the boat.
- 2) Remember that we are all in the same boat!
- 3) Plan Ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- 4) Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- 5) Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
 - 6) Build your future on high ground.
 - 7) For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- 8) Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- 9) When you're stressed, float awhile.
- 10) Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- 11) No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.



(submitted by Debbie Little)

CHURCH COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Board : The board met on October 4th. Some items discussed were: The church needs a new **Benevolence Treasurer.** Jean Leach has been ill and now is unable to continue in this position. We have had 100 teddy bears donated to us to use at Christmas for children in need or hospital patients. New Bibles were purchased for the Nursery Class. The committee approved another "all-night" New Year's Eve party for the youth. Janet Lovely agreed to chair the Community Thanksgiving Dinner and Sandra Sherrard will be her assistant. The committee voted to use quarter cards during Advent season. The proceeds will go toward moving expenses for Pastor Matt.

Trustees: One project the trustees would like to have completed is the siding on the parsonage garage. There will be a workday on Nov. 7 to complete this task. The Lions Club will hold their Santa's Helper program here on Dec. 6 from 1-5pm. The Shoebox ministry is in full swing. We are aiming for 100 boxes this year. Last year we sent 76.

Brothers & Sisters for Missions: This group is working on filling small bottles of mouth wash, body lotion, and shampoo to send down to the Seafarers Mission in Florida. These bottles will be delivered by Bill & Barb Gibson. Sally Doten is the new treasurer as Jean Leah is unable to attend due to ill health. Bruce & Sharon Bailey will be facilitators for

Most people walk in and out of your life.....but FRIENDS leave footprints on your heart.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 1	Gladys Cavanagh
November 4	Freda Polk
November 6	John Demmons
November 14	Katie Price Pierce
November 22	Tommy Ginn
November 28	Carole Thornton



Fifty and wise or eighteen and foolish? If only there were a choice!!!!!!

the "Experiencing Christ" classes to be held at a future date. Classes will be on a Thursday night.

Students/ Servicemen: Muriel Doten reported that she has over 30 people that receive cards and the "Daily Bread."

Music Committee: Issie Gibson reported that she has concerts scheduled into 2011.

Christian Education: The group held a Harvest Party for the children in the area. Over 50 kids attended. This was a great outreach to the children and parents in the community. Thank you, staff, for doing such a good job.



MY PROFILE

Names: Sally Doten

Occupation: Secretary

Favorite Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:13

Hobby: Photography, Writing

Favorite Food: Have no favorites; do I look like a have a favorite?

The person(s) who has encouraged me most in my Christian walk: Past Jim Wilkes; Pastor Al Coffey; and Sandra Sherrard

People would be surprised to know: That I was shy, a long time ago.

What do I enjoy most about 2nd Baptist: The church family, working in the office, meeting new people; and the love that is here.

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

MARIA: Here it is..

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?

CLASS: Maria!

PLEASE NOTE: As you can see from the above profile, I am getting hard up for some to include in the newsletter. Please take a profile sheet from "the table" and fill it out. It's just a fun thing to do, and you would be helping me fill up the pages.....

I WANT TO KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT

Pastor Dave will be baptizing 3 people in November. Dates will be announced.



THE CHURCH MOUSE

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I was talking with my friend and confident Minerva the other day and we were comparing all the things that female mice do when they get together.

You know how it is when women talk, it always ends up with aches and pains or the husband issue. Well, we covered both quite well.

First of all, husbands. Why is it when you want to get something done in the house, they decide lay on the couch and have a nap. Not that they would help you complete the project if they weren't napping, but just the fact that you can't work around them. You can't turn on your favorite music because it's not their "style," you can't sing out loud because you simply can't sing, and you certainly can't move the couch to vacuum under it because they are on it.

I would like to suggest that all husbands take a day a week so the wives can get something accomplished. Minerva seconded that thought. She said her husband, Max, always makes suggestions on how things should be done. I think she said, she told him how things should be done! He just turned over on

the couch and went back to sleep. Are all men the same?

Secondly, we compared our recent aches and pains. I think she won on that subject. That mouse has more things wrong than any one I know. She has cat-scratch fever because the big tom cat in the house made a swipe at her; she has a broken tail because she was too close to the rocking chair; and most recently, she has suffered with claustrophobia because one of the kids in the house locked her in a matchbox.

Well, I certainly had nothing to compare with those problems, so I tried to change the subject. But, oh no, she

HAVE NO FEAR FOR TOMORROW JESUS IS ALREADY THERE.

~If the going gets easy, you may be going downhill.

~Happiness is an inside job.

~No one chills out in hell.

~You are in the driver's seat, but God is holding the map.

went on and on. Finally, I told her I had to leave to prepare supper for my husband. It was a lie, please forgive me. I had to get out of that mouse hole, before I developed one of her ailments.

I did go home for supper. Know what, that guy who was sleeping on the couch, had everything all ready.

Now what was it I was saying about sending away husbands for a day?



~The Devil is not afraid of a dust-covered Bible.

~Worry is a waste of the imagination.

~Holding a grudge is letting someone live rent-free in your head.

~Patience is trusting in God's timing.

THIS 'N THAT

Had a call from Mary Lou McGraw. She and Bob are adjusting to their new surroundings.

The Harvest Party held by the Christian Education Board was a huge success. Karen Marshall did a great job at coordinating this event along with others from the church. Good Work, Karen.

Cindy Richendollar was in church last week and gave a brief update on ABCOM. Cindy leaves the President's post this year and will be replaced by Darlene Springer of Ellsworth.

Forgot to congratulate Katy Price on her recent marriage. Katy is now Mrs. Eric Pierce. Best Wishes go out to the newly weds.

Other newly weds, Laura (Maheux) & Steve Currie held a lovely reception here at the church last month. A very special time for the bride and groom.

Thinking of you greetings go out to: Nadine Stanhope who has had surgery; Barbara Baird who is not feeling well; Jean Leach is still on the sick list; and Harley Clark who is having rehab in Georgia. Our prayers go out to each of you.

Sandra Sherrard, after several trips to Ellsworth for eye surgery, finally has excellent vision in both eyes.

Pastor Dave & Nancy were recently in New Hampshire to see his Mom. She is doing well, but Pastor and Nancy were just a little tired by the time they arrived back in Calais. I keep telling you, you're not as young as you used to be.

Jean Doten Pike will be starting more treatments in Bangor soon. Pray that her tumor will shrink and can be removed.

Just heard that Pastor Karen will be leaving the Methodist Church and moving to Florida to be closer to her family. No word has been received on her replacement.

Jeremy Putnam has been one busy man. He has been working at the elementary school, the bridge, and here. I wonder if he ever sleeps?

Alan & Carole Smith have been blessed with new babies. (and we said it would never happen,) Their dog Emma has 6 beautiful puppies. :)

Jim Doten has been spending time at camp preparing for hunting season. I am so grateful that he takes the dog with him. Jeff will be home sometime this month to spend a few days hunting with him.

This year the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be

held here at Second Baptist. Service time is 6pm on Sunday, Nov. 22nd.

John Demmons, are you finally settled in your new home? Enjoy! Better than a two room apartment, I bet.

We have another new family in church with five children. I didn't catch their names, but when they come in this week, please make them welcome. It's good to know that God is leading new faces to our church.

As the Thanksgiving season draws nearer, hope to see the teenagers back for a visit. You are missed.

Beth and Sally recently spend the day in Bangor with Dale (Beth's son) and Carol Marden (daughter & sister.) We missed seeing Ashley. Her car broke down on the way to Uno's.

These heavy frosts we see each morning is only an indication of what's coming. Pray we have less snow this winter.

Well, I guess that wraps it up for this month. Want to put an item in the newsletter, just leave it on my office desk, email it, and pass it to me in church.



REMEMBER OUR VETERANS

Here it is November, the month of Veterans Day.

Please take time to sit and pray,

And thank each one that has passed this way.

Some gave their lives so we would be free

To live, pray, and work in a democracy.

Never forget these that lived and died for you and me.

The veterans went and served this nation.

They left these shores without hesitation.

They went and fought with determination.

Thank you, Vets, for what you have done.

For all the wars that have been won.

God Bless you all, each and every one.