

THE PEW REVIEW

2NDBAPTIST CHURCH

MARCH 2010

IT'S CABIN FEVER

In my hometown, we used to celebrate the coming of spring with a festival called "Cabin Fever Festival." Sometimes the weather would remind us that we were rushing things just a bit and that it wasn't spring yet. But after being cooped up all winter, the community couldn't wait for the seasons to change.

Main Street was blocked off and decorated for all the activities. Merchants had sidewalk sales, churches participated by having all kinds of food sales, while civic organizations sponsored games for different age groups. Residents who stayed close to home during the winter months would always be seen at the festival. And those who didn't live in the town anymore

would often come home and take part in the festivities. There were always feelings of "joy" and "anticipation" when the city commissioners announced the date for the festival.

The sense of community was always strong during that time period. But what does "community" look like today.

We now live in a society that does not seem to appreciate and understand the importance of community. We have drifted from each other in so many directions, make it difficult demonstrates the importance of community. The Hebrews in the Old Testament and the church in

the New Testament are communities called and formed by God. You may live in a nursing home, with or for us to think in terms of community.



Yet the Bible near your family, in an assisted living facility, in an apartment, or where you have always lived for the last 40 years. ***The point is, community is where you make it.***

When you and I reach out to those around us with genuine love and affection, they become a part of our community.

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Special points of interest:

- Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world.
- Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.
- If I had my life to live over, I would start bare-foot earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall.

March & April Birthdays

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I am trying to combine the months of March and April together and hope that I am successful in this attempt.

On March 29, I will be a surgical patient at EMMC which means I won't be able to get a newsletter out until late April which makes it the May newsletter.

It is my hope and prayer to be out of church and work for only two weeks, but only God knows for sure. So I will take it one day at a time.

Thank you for "excusing" me from my duties.

Sally



Prayer is taking our troubles to God.

Faith is leaving it there.

MARCH

March Sharon Bailey
Melanie Pagels
March Walter Lyons
March Wendy Putnam
Nick Thomas
March Emily Ginn
March 10 Heidi Fitch
March 14 Patty Gagner
March 17 Jean Leach
Jeremy Putnam
March 20 Judy Antonello
March 27 Elizabeth Trainor
March 29 Cecil Moreside
March 31 Brian Marshall

APRIL

April 1 Nancy Beal
April 3 Phyllis Murphy
April 5 Ruth Lyons
April 6 Sandra Sherrard
April 7 Trudy Gillespie
April 8 Casey Donovan
Karen Davis
April 15 John Benner
April 17 Jim Doten
Pastor Al Coffey
April 22 Bruce Bailey
April 29 Dana Johnson

Happy Birthday

I received a note from Bill Doyle regarding the loss of his wife Natalie. Many of us "older" members will remember Bill and Natalie being members of Second Baptist. They were here each summer at their camp on Meddybemps Lake and attended church regularly.

Natalie passed away on February 12 at their home in Belle Vista, Arkansas, at the age of 81. Bill requests that anyone wishing to make a donation in her name, that it be given to our church here since they considered this their home.

If you would like to send a card to Bill, his address is as follows:

William Doyle
3 Connemara Lane
Bella Vista, AR 72715

Thank You

"The day the Lord created hope was probably the same He created spring."

ST. PATRICK'S DAY JOKES

Joey-Jim was tooling along the road one fine day when the local policeman, a friend of his, pulled him over. "What's wrong, Seamus?" Joey-Jim asked.

"Well, didn't ya know, Joey-Jim, that your wife fell out of the car about five miles back?" said Seamus.

Ah, praise the Almighty!" he said in relief. "I thought I'd gone deaf."



His wife had been killed in an accident and the police were questioning Finnegan.

"Did she anything before she died?" asked the sergeant.

"She spoke without interruption for about forty years," said the Irishman.



THIS 'N THAT

We had a great pot luck supper and housewarming/baby shower for Pastor Matt, Rachel, and Josiah. The decorations were beautiful, the food delicious, and the gifts too numerous to count..

The "pipeline" reports that Harley Clark has been under the weather lately. Go soak up some of that Georgia sunshine, Harley, and get to feeling better soon.

Speaking of sunshine, what great weather we have been experiencing. Would you believe I started wearing my sandals on March 5th. I hate shoes and the sandals felt great. It was a "WOW" kind of day for me.

Don't forget the Birthday Pot Luck Supper on the 27th of this month. You have to sit at the table with you fellow birthdayers!

Jean Pike is having more surgery in Portland. We are praying for you, Jean.

We have many new faces in church. Welcome to 2BC, we are so glad you're here.

Mike Sherrard is on the sick list again and has more surgeries in front of him. Be sure to keep Sandra and him in your thoughts and prayers.

Back to the birthday pot luck supper, there is a list on the table for you to sign-up for which birthday month you would like to do. In other words, I am asking you to make a cake :



and approved the new copier in the office.

Dale Wunder was home on Sunday just long enough to say "hi" and collect some home cooking. His main reason for coming down was to visit our dear friend

Truly Great Friends –Hard to find, Difficult to leave, Impossible to forget.....

Do you remember the HOPES program we had at one time for the Food Pantry? Each month had a recommendation of what to bring in. I will post that somewhere in this letter. We can use it as a guideline for items needed.

I received valentines and Daily Breads from undeliverable mail. If you student or military has a changed address, please let me know.

Debbie Doherty and Elaine Trainor have been learning the books to take over the treasurer's job. They'll have everything down pat in no time.

Thank you to the trustees; they have a new sink installed in the kitchen closet

Cleo Seavey who succumbed to a six week battle with cancer. Dale, Beth, and I will miss her.

Joe Hinton also passed away this week. He was an uncle to Pastor Bob.

It's nice to see the Marshall girls on regular basis. I think they like coming home to visit not only the family but their church family.

Congrats to Airelle Thomas and Shannon Marden for making the Dean's List at St. Joseph College.

For those of you who were asking for

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APRIL 2010

From Pastor Matt

The season leading up to Easter is one of the most precious times in the whole church year. This is the time we pause to reflect on the great truths of the Gospel. The story of Good Friday and Easter ——— Crucifixion and Resurrection — is one that we all know very well. We see it every year, in the change of seasons that come at Eastertide. The winter is the season of death, of sleep, when the trees and animals all go into their silent repose. To someone who had never seen it before, it might look like the world was dying. And for months it rests in that death. But then, every year, the world makes up again — unaccountably, unforeseen, leaves burst out, animals wake up from hibernations, and the air itself is filled with the heady scent of the earth coming to life. Death and resurrection have been patterned into nature as a wonderful picture of the Gospel story. This should remind us that the Resurrection is not just a historical fact from many years ago; it has relevance here

and now. The God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead — and more, the God who tasted death himself in the person of Jesus — is also at work in us and in the world around us. The Resurrection is a promise to us that the great power of life and truth world around us. The Resurrection is a promise to us that the great power of life and truth has triumphed over the grave. So for all the places in your life where the sting of despair still lingers, remember that we serve a God who, one day, will make all things well. On that note, here's a free-verse poem I wrote about the Resurrection and what it means to us.

Bright is the dawn that breaks over us,
And bright the new day will rise.
From the darkness of the vigil
We have seen the shattered grave.
Seen the spent and lonely power
Of the silent tomb.
Where dead the radiant Christ
was laid.
Weeping has filled the painful

night,
As
we mourn our fallen King,
His body torn and rent apart——
And we fail to understand.
This Body shall be restored,
Glorious and new,
And it shall bear its wounds
As marks of love.
Weeping may last for the night,
But joy comes with the morning.
Arise, Let us go!
The Kingdom is here,
Life is here,
And the Good King comes
To welcome us in.
Here is hope against the darkness,
And here the Christ-light ever
shines.
We are weary and parched,
Sore from our wanderings,
But the glory of the everlasting King
Is now before us now.
And He will make us alive.
This is the day of salvation,
And He will call the ransomed in
With shouts of joy.
He has turned our mourning into
dancing again,
For He, He alone,
Is our passion and delight.
This is the hour.
Oh, Father, glorify Yourself.

Please forgive the mess.....

I have a new printer and a new program...

the pages seem to have a mind of their own.

Of course, that is not unlike the editor.



“Who messed up
this newsletter??????”



**A
BIG
SHOUT OUT TO:**

**Ron & Ginny Bubak, Harley & MayBelle,
and Bill and Sandra Quigley for their
continued support of our church.**

**Carole Thornton for her faithfulness
supporting our needs with prayer and
finances.**

Thank you....we love you.

(This 'N That con't)

Bob Wittman, he has returned to his home in Pennsylvania.

Issie G. and Judy A. have made several trips to Bangor recently for medical appointments. So far so good for the "pair" of them. And they are quite a "pair!" ..believe me.....

Keep the area military in your prayers; they were deployed on Saturday, first to Texas for training then to Afghanistan.

A belated "congratulations" to the Calais High School Girls on there recent state title in basketball.

Remember Baby Phin we were praying for; he is now home and doing great. He cannot yet make sounds or sit up, but is improving every day. Thank you for your continued prayer for the little guy.

Starting this Sunday, the 14th, the Trustees will meet directly after AM service for their regular meetings. They meet the second Sunday of each month.

So nice to see Jean Leach back in church. She was quite sick for awhile. Great to see you back, Jean.

Just for today, I will not sit in my living room all day in my nightdress. Instead, I will move my computer to the bedroom.



For Issie....

"I will try to drive closer to the speed limit!"



The Church Mouse

"You didn't?"

"I did and you couldn't stop me."

"But why would you pull such a foolish trick?"

"Maudie, I wanted to see him. Everybody was talking about him."

"Maxie, you could have been caught. Then what would people think?"

"Now listen, Maudie, I waited until no one was around and scampered across the choir chairs to the pulpit. You didn't see me go nor did anyone else."

"You're a foolish mouse," replied Maudie. "What if he was afraid of mice, what if he fell over in a dead faint? What would you have done than?"

"I barely moved when I was on the pulpit. No one could see me. If he didn't notice me, why are you worried that someone in the congregation might have noticed?"

"Maxie, we have a pretty good deal going here. I don't want your stupid tricks to spoil it. We have a nice place behind the refrigerators and plenty of food to store up after a concert or supper.." "Maxie, we're welcome here, so don't ruin it for all of us."

"Maudie, you're such an old fuss-budget. I didn't get caught, he didn't faint, so stop your worrying."

"You know, Maxie, maybe I am going a bit overboard. But, this guy, this Pastor Matt, we want him around for awhile. Don't go throwing water on a good thing."

"OK, OK, I understand."

"Well, I am certainly glad to hear that. But, you know while we have been discussing this, I kind of got an idea."

"What's that?"

"Well, if we like him, and he likes us, we just might, just maybe, be able to baby-sit."



"If horrific means to make horrible, does terrific mean to make terrible.?"