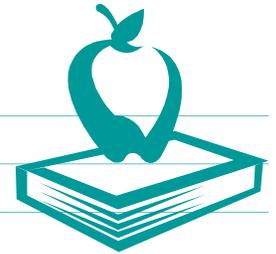


THE PEW REVIEW



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The Church Has Left The Building

“The church has left the building.” It’s a slogan some churches are putting on the T-shirts they wear when they’re out in the community doing

feeding the hungry, giving aid to the poor in the name of Jesus. It’s a catchy way to emphasize a point that is easily missed or forgotten: The church is not a place, but the people called by God’s name.

Tabitha and her fellow believers in Christ understood this concept well. She took the lead in showing God’s love to people in real and practical ways—clothing the poor, specifically. And when she fell ill and died, her church rallied around to do what they could for her.

I love the way she used something she was

good at to help her neighbors. And I love the way they loved her back. That’s what the church is supposed to be like—a body of be-



lievers who encourage each other to make a difference in people’s lives; who share the love of Christ in meaningful ways; who take care of each other; who love each other. That’s the kind of church I want to be a part of. That’s the kind of Christian I want to be.

It makes me wonder: What special talents do I have that I can share for the benefit of others? What can I give that someone else might need? What are those needs and how can I make a difference? I want my life to count!



SCHOOL IS STARTING SOON.

BE AWARE OF ALL THE LITTLE ONES AS THEY WALK ALONG THE STREETS AND ARE GETTING ON OR OFF THE BUSES.

THANK YOU!!!

Being taken for granted? Imagine how God feels.

CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR IT! DO YOU LOVE YOUR CHURCH?

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THOUGHT: You can be committed to church but not committed to Christ, but you cannot be committed to Christ and not committed to church.

My Profile



NAME: Tom Doherty

OCCUPATION: Recycling Bottle Redemption

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: 2Cor. 6:1,2

THE PERSON WHO HAS ENCOURAGED ME MOST IN MY CHRISTIAN WALK: Brother Ray

PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO KNOW THAT: I work and live in Rockland 5-6 days a week and it takes a lot of love for Christ to stay focused on Him. My wife in Calais does a great job to keep things together.

WHAT DO I ENJOY MOST AT 2ND BAPTIST: The love and compassion of those who encourage us to stay focused on God.

RELEASED & UNLEASHED

This quintet has been very busy lately singing at benefits and will be for the month of September.

Last week they sang at a benefit supper at the Charlotte Fire Department.

September 16 the group will sing at the Veterans Home in Machias

September 17 there will be a POW/ MIA Ceremony at the Calais Fire

Department. Veterans will stand guard at the flag pole beginning at noon. The service will continue through to 2pm.

September 18 the quintet will be singing here at 2BC. This will be a benefit for the VFW.

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure."

"Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised. "Mine says I'm four to six."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER

September 6	Karen Marshall	September 18	Bill Gibson
September 9	David Spinney		Isaac Johnson
	Barbara Garrison		Jamie Wunder
September 10	Muriel Doten	September 20	Bill Gibson (Issue's)
September 11	Dale Wunder	September 21	Pauline McFadden
September 14	June Miner	September 23	Alex Doten
September 16	Alan Smith	September 24	Timmy Stevens
	Shauna Stevens		





COMMITTEES AT WORK

Christian Ed.—The committee worked hard and had a successful Vacation Bible School for the kids. Crafts, Bible lessons, and games were all enjoyed. The next project is RALLY DAY on Sept. 12. This will be held directly after morning worship. BBQ, games, jump house and a free yard sale are only a few of the things happening. The BIG event will be pie throwing at Pastor Matt.

Trustees—The trustees had working hard to find time to have a carpet replaced and the tile floors stripped and waxed. There is also a cement problem at the top of the stairs that will quite a

big project and will take awhile to complete. A new office chair was bought for Pastor Matt's office as the tape holding the old one in place wasn't quite doing the job. After the arm fell off, the committee decided it was time for a new one.

Brothers/Sisters held a pot luck picnic at the home of Bruce and Sharon Bailey. A great time was had by all. The horseshoe game proved that it takes a young man to through the shoes and score.

Diaconate is still working on re-vamping the constitution. It is almost complete and will be reviewed at their next meeting.

Dumb Joke Department

Why don't blind people like to sky dive? Because it scares the dog.

Why did Pilgrims' pants always fall down? Because they wore their belt buckles on their hats.

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He said, "Call for backup"



The Church Mouse



"Oh, Maxi, did you notice how nice the kitchen stoves look. They're so clean, they sparkle."

"Yeah, I noticed all right. I was sleeping behind the refrigerator and someone woke me up crashing and banging like a bib parade. I wasn't to happy about being woken up."

"Well, who was it? What did you do?" asked Maudie with a curious voice.

"I wasn't sure what to do. I didn't know these people. And, why were they in "my" kitchen?"

"Maxie, you mean you didn't recognize either one of them.? It doesn't seem like anyone not connected to the church would be in the kitchen."

Look, Maudie, I didn't know them. OK? But, they seemed to know what they were doing, and the stoves kept looking better and

better, so I just let them be. The worst part of the whole thing was when they turned the ovens on to clean them. Those things smoked and smelled somethin' awful."

"Maxi, we should be thankful someone cared enough to do their very best. It was certainly a good deed. Maybe we should investigate to see who these good Samaritans are. Let's go look for finger prints!!!"

THIS 'N THAT

Hi, Harley Clark. Hope you're feeling better.

Issie is traveling again. She's of to Delaware to visit grandson Jacob and some of the other grandchildren. That woman never stays home!

The Christian Ed board did a great job decorating for Vacation Bible School. Now it's on to Rally Day.

Nice to have Janet, Denis, and Alissa back after a trip to Prince Edward Island. Beautiful scenery.

Beth Doten is packing up and getting ready to move to Dove-Foxcroft. She will leave sometime in September. This will be the first time I haven't had any kids or grandkids in town. (sob,sob)

If you have any items for the Rally Day free yard sale, please leave

them in the classroom at the back of the church. Thank you.

Bruce and Evelyn Howland have returned after visiting their daughter in New Hampshire. Nice to have you back.....

Pastor Matt and Rachel have had company from Colorado and have shown him the highlights of Washington County.



Sorry to report that Verna MacKechnie hasn't been feeling well. We hope to see you soon.

Youth Works have left the building! Now everyone is trying to do a little extra cleaning in the classrooms and throughout the church. Thanks to everyone for the extra hands.

Mike and Kathy were enjoying a visit from Katy and the twins. The visit was cut short when Katy found out her husband was returning home from sea earlier than expected. So to solve the problem they returned to Virginia with her.



Glad to hear Chris Sherrard escaped serious injuries when he recently lost control on his truck on Rt. 191. God was watching over you, Chris.

Our sympathy is extended to Tom and Debbie on their loss of their niece in Chicago.

Remember "Jed" who was here with us for a short time. He and his wife are celebrating the birth of a baby girl.

Don't forget choir practice will be starting on the 19th. All you singers report to Kathy and sing, sing, sing. For those of you who have not sung before, here is the perfect chance to show your talent.

Need two nice men (or women) to volunteer to carry that large "frame thing" downstairs. The trick is, you have to take it out the front door, around the side of the building, the lower side of the building, and through the lower entry. John Demmons tried it alone on the inside...guess what...it didn't work. Sorry John



Judy Antoniello is visiting family in Rhode Island for a few days.

Can I brag? Our granddaughter, Shannon, was recently hired at the Marriott Hotel in Portland as their new Sales Executive. She just graduated from St. Joseph College. Way to go, Shannon, Granddaughter #1, Jamie, is training as a Pharmacist Technician at Wal-Greens in

In Ellsworth. Papa and I are very proud of you two.

If any of you want to share news of your family, please let me know so I can print it next month.

When the new Sunday School year starts, we are looking forward to seeing many new faces here. In the "old days" we had up to 75-100 in classes. Times do change, God doesn't. More people need to realize that.

Well, with any luck at all, I will return with more chatter. Have a good day, and a better tomorrow.

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN CAJUN (KEEPS IT REAL SIMPLE)

- 1) God is number one ...and das' All.
- 2) Don't pray to nuthin' or nobody...jus' God.
- 3) Don't cuss nobody...specially da Good Lord.
- 4) When it be Sunday...pass yo'self by God's house.
- 5) Yo mama an' yo daddy dun did it all...lissen to dem.
- 6) Killin ducks an' fish, das' OK...people...No!
- 7) God done give you a wife...sleep wit' jus' her.
- 8) Don't take nobody's boat...or nuttin' else.
- 9) Don't go wantin' somebody's stuff.
- 10) Stop lyin'...yo tongue gonna fall out yo mouf!

Thank you, Flo, for this story.



Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face he get's mad at you; but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

