



**SPECIAL POINTS OF LOVE:**

- True love doesn't have a happy ending, because true love never ends.
- At the touch of love everyone becomes a poet.
- Love is like an hour glass, with the heart filling up as the brain empties.
- Love is like a butterfly. It goes where it pleases and it pleases where it goes.
- We were given: Two hands to hold. Two legs to walk. Two eyes to see. Two ears to listen. But why only one heart? Because the other was given to someone else. For us to find.

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# THE PEW REVIEW



2ND BAPTIST CHURCH

CALAIS, ME 04619

**THE LOVE EDITION**

## THE SIGN—A GREAT MESSAGE

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I AM BLIND, PLEASE HELP." There were only a few coins in the hat.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy.

That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked. "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way. I



wrote, "TODAY IS A BEAUTIFUL DAY BUT I CANNOT SEE IT."

Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that were so fortunate they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

**MORAL OF THE STORY:** Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively. When life gives you a 100 reasons to cry, show life

you have 1000 reasons to smile. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the FAITH and drop the fear.

The most beautiful thing is to see a person smiling...and ever more beautiful, is knowing that you are the reason behind it.!!!

***WE ALL HAVE MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR EVERYDAY!!! COUNT OUR BLESSINGS. NAME THEM ONE BY ONE!!***



My short term memory is not as sharp as it used to be....Also, my short term memory is not as sharp as it used to be.

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In just two days from now, tomorrow will be yesterday.

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# THE PEW REVIEW

## CHURCH FUNNIES

- 1) **Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.**
- 2) **If the church wants a better pastor, it only has to pray for the one it has.**
- 3) **We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers.**
- 4) **People are funny. They want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.**
- 5) **When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.**
- 6) **God didn't create anything without a purpose, but the fly and mosquito come close.**
- 7) **Peace starts with a smile.**
- 8) **If your left hand doesn't know what your right one is doing, you should consider running for a job in Washington.**



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<b>January 31</b>	<b>Evelyn Howland</b>	February 17	Pastor Dave Beal
February 1	Joe McAdams	February 19	Ethel Fitzpatrick
February 4	Bruce Howland	February 26	Florence Russell
February 5	Melissa Huang	February 26	Jeremy McAdams
February 6	Alena Marshall	February 26	Mary McAdams
February 8	Jeff Francis	February 27	Norma Shattuck
February 13	Kay Urquhart		
February 14	George Stevens		
February 16	Denis Lovely		
February 16	Andrea Holmes		



A BIG SHOUT OUT TO RON AND GINNY BUBAK.  
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS.  
 WE MISS YOU.

## THIS 'N THAT

Sorry to report that Bruce Howland has been in the hospital. He is home now and feeling somewhat better. Daughter Vicki has come home to help. Get Well Soon, Bruce.

Dale Wunder is staying with Jim & Sally while he works at Calais Fire and Rescue.

Please keep Muriel Doten and Issie Gibson in your prayers. Both are suffering pain in their back and legs.

On Feb. 3, the Calais 8th Graders will be sponsoring a spaghetti dinner here. All proceeds will go toward their class trip. Dan & Becky LaCasse will be the chefs.

Dr. Bob is again organizing our church in preparation of a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Looks like we will have a good representation from the church. Thank you for lending a hand in

this most serious of health conditions and poverty.

Glad to see Kristi Gibson Westcott is feeling better. Kristi was a patient at Calais Regional and later at Eastern Maine Medical. Stay healthy, Kristi, we are praying for you.

Welcome to old and new faces in the congregation: Sonny & Rita Stewart, Karen Bedsaul, Tracey Flewelling, and Milford & Bonnie Hartin. It's so nice to have everyone here and enjoying Pastor Matt's sermons.

Speaking of Pastor Matt, Rachel and Josiah, do you realize that they have been with us for a year. A year blessed with new beginnings and a handsome baby boy to hug. We are very fortunate that God chose to bless us with this family.

Winnie Demmons we miss you.

Hope you get feeling better and back with us soon.

Also, on the sick list is Nola Hough. Nola has been battling the flu and then, to top it all off, she slipped and fell which getting out of the truck. We expect to see you back soon, Nola.

Brad & Gloria Phillips have returned home from EMMC with Baby Caleb. The baby was a patient there as he developed breathing problems after birth. Congrats to Brad, Gloria, and Ethan.

Great to see the college kids: Tommy Ginn, Alena & Lara Marshall, Airelle & Cassie Thomas, and Jeff Francis. We miss you and the church isn't the same without your smiling faces. :-)

THE LOVE EDITION

For this Valentine Edition I am sure everyone agrees that all of our love goes out to MIKE & KATHY as he fights his battle with cancer.



WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU!!!!

Hugs, Kisses, and all that stuff!!!



**NORTHERN MAGNOLIAS**

Some believe Valentine's Day is just for lovers or sweethearts...But I believe it is a day to express a deepest love. There is someone who has loved since before I was born, before I was ever thought of. Someone who has so much love to give.

God didn't give me to her, He gave her to me. My mother is one of the strongest, most beautiful women that I have ever met. She has loved my brothers and me even when we did wrong things. She has shown us to grow up toward the light of God and rejoice in the life we have. God has given us so much and I thank Him every day for the angel He put in my life. She is my rock, and, my best friend.

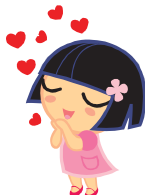
This is to you my precious mother  
Beverli McAdams

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Dear Alan:

God truly blessed me when He sent me you.

Carole



Loveliness

That photograph in the weathered frame,  
I love to gaze upon—I gave it its name.  
It's a model unrivaled by none other—

One noble feline, "MacKatnie's  
Mother."

Ruth L. MacKechnie



A Love Note to My Grandmother

I want you to know that you, more than anyone, helped shape me into the person I am. I do not know what I would have done without you in my corner. I only hope to be as caring, loving, kind, thoughtful, and trusting as you are. I love you and hope God continues to bless you every day!

Dedicated to my Grandmother, Yvette Hebert.

Christine Tetrault

Hugging

Hugging is healthy. It helps the immune system, cures depression, reduces stress and induces sleep. It's invigorating, rejuvenating and has no unpleasant side effects. Hugging is nothing less than a miracle drug.

Hugging is practically perfect. No batteries to wear out, inflation proof, and non-taxable.

A New Relationship

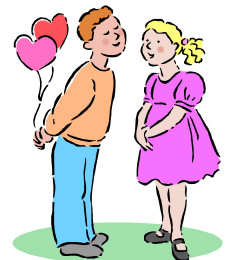
A meeting of two people.  
He takes her hand, and tells her she is beautiful.  
Looking into his brown eyes, she knew she was caught.  
Telling of each other's lives, interests, and hobbies.  
A love of literature and history.  
Now spending time apart they wait until they can be together again.  
When they can be in each others arms again.

-Anonymous

To Rachel from Matt

Just a quick note to express my love and thanks to you, Rachel—I'm so glad you're here with me in this new home, this new adventure. You shown yourself to be a wonderful mother and a tremendous partner in ministry. Your love and encouragement have been a well of strength for me. And to top it all off, you're surviving a Maine winter with remarkable grace and good cheer. I've said it many times before, but it can't be said too many times: I appreciate you, I treasure you, I love you. May the grace of God continue to fill and enrich our love for one another.

- - - Matt



From Heaven's mint—emotions purse  
 Comes LOVE: the coin of the universe—  
 Not to be save and not to be spent:  
 It must be given, invested, or lent.  
 And not my measure—it must be free  
 Tossed to the wind as liberal may be.  
 Full happy the one who holds the string  
 That frees the coin in offering;  
 For that soul finds the coin in return  
 With all the interest it can earn.

Ron MacKechnie 10/15/80

**To my cherished sister, Kay, whose light shines for others as well as for family:**

**People are attracted to you like bees to honeycomb. Your enthusiasm for life and love for us and others is so powerful we bask in it like a warm summers day.**

**I feel so blessed God chose you to be my sister, my best friend.**

**Love you forever**

**Sandra**

TO THE READERS OF THE PEW REVIEW:

I apologize for last month's issue with the tiny print. I promise you that, from this issue forward, the print will legible. I cannot promise correct spelling as sometimes I overlook the smallest errors.

Thank you for being patient with me.



**When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you**



DO NOT LEAVE WATER BOTTLES OR SODA CANS LAYING AROUND THE CHURCH. WHEN YOU ARE THROUGH, KINDLY EMPTY THEM INTO THE SINK, THEN THROW INTO THE RECYCLE BIN.

THANK YOU.

I don't fee; old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap.

## THE CHURCH MOUSE



Sally Doten, Guest Edition

I guess it's fairly evident that this newsletter is dedicated to "love." Aaah, love!! I think I can remember it.

Bet you don't know how many years I've been married to the "Old Man." Try to guess...3 kids and 7 grandchildren.

Does that give you a hint? It's been a l.o.o.o.n.g time.

Our first home was a 35' trailer (only 8' wide.) I thought it was perfect. And, I guess it was a the time. We were warm, clean, and healthy.

House #2 was another trailer.

This was slightly bigger; 3 bedrooms, kitchen, and big living room. I knew I was in heaven!

After the kids got to be teenagers, we knew another house had to be found.

This time we got a home. A full house—it was over 24' wide.

Every kid had a bedroom—and each had to keep them clean. I even had a buffet to serve from....but— - after 10 years it burned. We lost everything we owned. And, that, was OK because God was looking out

for us.

He provided us with a new house. It was even better than the last one. The local people held a benefit supper and dance for us. Everyone was so generous. At one time, before we started buying furniture, we had \$10,000 in cash...mind you cash! People kept giving us money to do whatever was necessary.

I think the fire was a blessing because it brought us closer together and taught

us that no matter what happened, our love would see us through. Of course, God gave us a nudge when we needed it.

So that's the short version of our marriage. How many years did it take to get where we are now? If you don't already know - in July it will be 50 years.

That's 50 years of crawling into bed with the same man. 50 years of arguing and making up. 50 years of raising a family. 50 years of love.

I love you, Jimmy Doten.