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THE PEW REVIEW



BELIEVE IN MIRACLES

THINK ABOUT THIS

- God Still Works Miracles
- Jesus Is The Reason For Everything
- Everything Good And Perfect Is A Gift From Above
- Friends Are The Nearest Things To Angels This Side Of Heaven
- Some People Like Angels...Leave A Hint Of Heaven Wherever They Go.

PEOPLE WHO COMPLAIN ABOUT TAXES CAN BE DIVIDED INTO TWO CLASSES

MEN AND WOMEN

APRIL 15

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COUNTING DAILY BLESSINGS

As I gaze out of my window at the start of each day,
I take a moment with my Lord and I stop to pray.
I tell Him I count my blessing here's what I say...
How grateful I am for the blessings He's sent my way,
I'm grateful for the flowers, the grass, and the trees;
I'm also grateful for the birds and even the bees,
The glories of a spring day and a soft gentle breeze,
With a cloudless sky just as blue as the seas.
The flowers in bloom, every color and hue-
White, pink and yellow and cornflower blue.
How can I thank Him for everything He has done?
They aren't just for me- they're for everyone/
So, I take a moment and count everything-
The earth and the oceans, and the birds that sing,
The moon and the stars that shine in the night,
The sun in the day that gives heat and light.
I'm thankful, dear Lord, for every hour of the day,
And I know that You hear as I stop to pray.



Some pictures of people we know and love



Sonny was the happy leprechaun at "The Team" meeting



Issie won first place for her Irish look.



Tessa's Baby Shower



Bailie and Maggie O'Rourke sold over 150 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies each. Both girls are also members of the state cheerleader team for the elementary level.

Good work, girls.



John & Tina received a lot of "TRASH" at a recent church luncheon and party. Congratulations!



Our beautiful cross at Easter

THOUGHT: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26)

It's the greatest story ever told.

Jesus was born.
Jesus lived.
Jesus died.
Jesus was buried.
Jesus rose again!
He's alive!

How huge is that! To answer that question, let me tell you a story. The late Frank Harrington was the senior minister for more than 30 years of the largest Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the nation, located in Atlanta, Georgia. Every Lent he and his wife arranged to have a massive cross planted on the front lawn of the church that grabbed the attention of even the most harried driver on the busy Atlanta streets. The cross was draped in purple cloths or banners until Easter Sunday, when the Harringtons had a florist, by special prior arrangement, festoon the giant cross in flowers of every color and hue.

Harrington wrote about it, saying: "A little drama played itself out on one of our buses two or three weeks ago. There was a new bus driver who was not familiar with us. It was his first Sunday, and he was in animated conversation with someone who was riding the bus. When he drove in, he suddenly saw this huge cross we erected out front. Right in the middle of his conversation, he interrupted his train of thought and exclaimed: "My God, somebody BIG must have died."

"He was thinking about one of these little white roadside crosses that we put up, sad to say, when somebody's been killed.

"Let me tell you, friends, somebody big *did* die for you and for me. But he came back!"

(Timothy Merrill)



Prayer: O God, I rejoice in this resurrection day! I thank you for your amazing power. I thank you for my salvation, and for your presence in my life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

EASTER QUOTES

Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there.

Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life.

But from this earth, this grave, this dust; my God shall raise me up, I trust.

The story of Easter is the story of God's wonderful window of divine surprise.

Easter tells us that life is to be interpreted not simply in terms of things but in terms of ideals.

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time.



There is no pillow as soft
as a clear conscience.



The heaviest
thing to carry
is a grudge

THE LESSON

Then Jesus took his disciples up the mountain and gathering them around him, he taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the meek...

Blessed are they who mourn...

Blessed are the merciful...

Blessed are the persecuted...

Blessed are you when you suffer...

Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is great in heaven.

Then Simon Peter said, "Do we have to write this down?"

And Andrew said, "Are we supposed to know this?"

And James said, "Will we have a test on this?"

And Philip said, "What if we don't know it?"

And John said, "The other disciples didn't have to learn this."

And Matthew said, "When do we get out of there?"

And Judas said, "What does this have to do with real life?"

Then one of the Pharisees present asked to see Jesus' lesson plans and asked him about his terminal objectives in the cognitive domain.

And Jesus wept....

THE BOARDS AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING

TRUSTEES: The nursery door has been made more secure so the little ones do not escape. They are looking into the use of heat pumps to save on the cost of fuel. The floor in front of the elevator is breaking up and needs repair. Agreed to have the flags cleaned ... done! Thank you, Ron Williams.

DIACONATE: Working hard on Easter preparations. Money has been given to the food pantry for fuel assistance for those in need. They have also provided aid in lodging for some in need.

CHRISTIAN ED: This group is preparing for the muffin breakfast on Palm Sunday and reviewing films to show the children after the meal. Plans are also being made for Mothers' and Fathers' Days.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Agreed we needed new NIV Pew Bibles. If anyone wants to purchase one in remembrance or appreciation, they are available for \$7. each. Also, gave permission for the choir director to look for new hymnals.

The years have been kind to us, but gravity isn't doing us any favors?

This 'n That Cont'd

Rachel and baby Lydia have returned home after flying to Pennsylvania to visit with her Mom, Dad, sisters, and all the family. So glad everyone had a good time. Pastor Matt played Mom & Dad while she was gone....I think the boys survived the experience.

Glad to report that Jeff Gagner is home from the hospital. He spent several days in Bangor. While there, Patty stayed with sister Bonnie. Pray that both stay well for awhile.

Pauline Mc Fadden is, again, having back problems. As most of you know, back pain is no fun. Pray for her healing.

Chris Lyons, son of Les & Kathy, is returning from his military assignment in Afghanistan. Welcome back to the U.S.A.

Congratulations to Mike Steadman & Melanie Pagels on their recent marriage. Also, to David Crossman and Misty Gaddis who were married here at the church on March 29.

Megan Little, a first year student at the University of Maine, made the Dean's List for the first semester. Congrats, Megan, keep up the hard work.

Wow, the McAdam kids are going into law enforcement. Jordan is being interviewed by the FBI and Mary will start at the State Police Academy soon.

Everyone beware....no speeding, no crime....they will be after us.

Welcome to our church, Josh & Bethany Vance. We are so glad to have you. And, to make it better, Bethany is an excellent cook and has already proved it by pitching in at the concerts. They both are employed at Calais Regional Hospital.

Sorry to Richard have warmer months. We will miss you.  hear that Kathleen Casco and Clock will be leaving us. They decided that Texas is much than Maine and will be moving within the next couple of months.

Our Girl Scouts have done a great job selling cookies this year....Makayla sold 80 boxes, and Maggie & Bailey O'Rourke both sold over 150

surgeries in March. She is no longer required to wear glasses. Lucky Lady!!

So good to see Paul Johnson back in church. He's been sick for some time and is finally feeling a little better. Take it easy, Paul.....summer is coming and you can enjoy the lake.

46 years and still going....Happy Anniversary to Mike & Sandra Sherrard.

Ron & Heidi Williams have become grandparents for the second time courtesy of daughter Katy. Fiona Grace is a baby sister to Natalie.



A big shout out to Sara Cameron. Sara has been south all winter, which is good BUT while there she suffered a slight stroke which is not so good. She has now returned to Calais, and feeling better.

Also, to DW Wakins....hope you're feeling better and able to be back with us soon. We all miss not seeing the RV parked on South Street.

Thank you to Zach and Ruby for keeping our outside sign up-to-date. Rain or shine, you can depend on them.

The flu has been active here. For those who have escaped it (me) you are very lucky. Some have laid low by this miserable bug. Stay well!

While Rachel was away having fun, Matt's Mom (Kathy) came to the rescue to lend a hand with the boys and cooking. Moms are good people.

More congratulations to....Dan McDonald and Amy Sawyer on their engagement AND to John Demmons and Tina Wormell on their recent

Good turn out for the benefit dinner for Shannon Crowell. Shannon spent 31 days at Eastern Maine Medical Center. Thank you those whose who attended and to Kathy Francis and Ruth Sousa for organizing this and working so hard. Shannon is feeling much better and will be returning to work in a couple of weeks. GOD IS

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The Church Mouse

Well, guess Maxi and I won't have to worry about be-
 calendar? There's more food coming in here than
 ter!!! After the lunch (I use that term loosely) someone
 was the best! Maxi and I chewed on that for two
 and sitting on the counter top.



ing fed this month. Did you see the church
 McDonald's. And, I might add, a lot bet-
 left a dessert made with cream cheese...it
 days....delicious. The dish is now clean

Then I just got that digested and here comes a spaghetti dinner. I swear I've gained 5 pounds in two days. Now I have another meal to look forward to on Maundy Thursday. I am taking some extra paper and dust to make a storage area. What I gather from these meals will not go to waster. I even managed to carry off a roll last night. It took both Maxi and I to push it in behind the refrigerator, but we managed.....oh, yummy!

Well, can't ramble on as the editor didn't leave much room for my column. No, problem, I still too stuff to bother to write. I'm headed for a nap.

**The grass may look greener on the other side,
 but it still has to be mowed.**

**If the devil is knocking at
 your door, let Jesus answer.**



WISDOM

- You don't stop laughing because you grow old. Your grow old because you stopped laughing.
- The easiest way to find something around the house is to buy a replacement.
- He who hesitates is probably right.
- Dogs have owners. Cats have a staff.
- Once over the hill, you pick up speed.
- We cannot change the direction of the wind, but we can adjust our sails.
- If not for stress, some days I'd have no energy at all.
- A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- Whatever hits the fan will not be evenly distributed.
- If the shoe fits, buy one in every color.
- Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.
- Most of us go to our graves with our music still inside us.
- How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.

None are so empty as
 those who are full of
 themselves.

We are all
 worms, but I do
 believe I am a
 glow worm.

Reality is
 something
 that goes away
 when I stop
 believing in it!

My opinions may have
 changed, but not the fact
 that I am right.

Man
 thinks, God
 laughs!

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Florence Russell

Have you been a blessing to someone today?

MEETING WITH FLO

Who encouraged you most on your Christian walk? Too many to mention. I have been blessed with strong Christian family and many dear friends.
People would be surprised to know that? I owned my own boat , a small cabin cruiser and loved being out on the ocean.
What do you enjoy most about 2nd Baptist? Matt’s sermons and the friendly people.
Is there anything else you would like to share with us? Through out my long life I have found that the dearest and truest friends are those I have made through my church affiliations. No friendship and fellowship can compare to



MAY FLOWERS

- May 2 Ross Cookson
- May 5 Stacey Doten
- Wyatt Ingham
- May 7 Maggie O’Rouke
- May 8 Ben Pagels
- May 10 Keegan Trainor
- May 12 Todd Pagels
- May 17 Pam Price
- May 20 Vi Carter
- Ann Brackett
- May 22 Joy Lyons
- May 26 Mike Francis
- May 29 Linda Baniszkeski
- May 31 Brad McFadden



Happy Anniversary to Earl and Patsy Hill.
Fifty years of wedded bliss...
We will be celebrating this special day on April 12th at 1pm here at the church.
Congratulations

THIS ‘N THAT

Today is Sunday, downpour. The thickness. I can un-consider the possibility.



March 30, and it is raining. Maybe I should rephrase that, it is a torrential snow banks have rivulets where the rain has beaten streams through their derstand why Noah had to build an ark. If this keeps up, I might even con-

After church today, we had a delicious buffet!!! The church has wonderful cooks.....Each month that has a fifth Sunday we plan to hold a luncheon. This one was “extra” special. We had an amazing and crazy celebra-tion for John Demmons and Tina Wormell who will be married on April 5. They were presented with a garbage can full of gifts.

An Easter Message from Pastor Matt

“Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the Festival...” (1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a). When Jesus and his disciples entered Jerusalem on the first Christian “Holy Week,” they were coming to the city to celebrate the greatest of Jewish holy weeks—Passover. Passover was the festival in which the Jewish people entered into their own history and made it come alive again. Every Passover meal was a re-enactment of what God had done in saving his people from slavery in Egypt, and every Jew, including Jesus and the disciples, took part in the festival to remind themselves that this was not just a memory of something that happened long ago; the Passover was *their* story of redemption as much as it was for the Israelites who had been led out of Egypt many centuries before. Eating the symbolic foods of the Passover meal allowed them to participate in the reality of their ancestors’ story and to make it their own. As we reflect on the events of Holy Week again this year, we need to recapture this understanding: that we are not merely remembering, not merely celebrating an act that happened 2000 years ago. No, we are *entering into* the story of Christ on the Cross, making it our own, reminding ourselves that we have died with Christ, we have been buried with him, and we have been raised to new life through him (Romans 6:3-4). This year at 2BC, we’re going to be taking our Maundy Thursday service to consider the sacrifice of Jesus in light of this Jewish heritage. We, too, will enter into the story of the Israelites being saved from Egypt, since this is our story, too. We Gentiles are “grafted into” Israel (Romans 11:13-18), so the heritage of the Old Testament is very much our heritage. And what we will discover is that every step of the Passover, every line of the Exodus story, is really all about Jesus, from be-

own sacred ceremony
carnation of the Son of
on our behalf, of the day
resurrection. As we en-
are entering into the
God who loved us so
the Passover lamb, as
to his people. Let us remember that this is our story: we were slaves in sin, and we were saved by a sacrifice of blood and led to freedom.



ginning to end. Within the Jews’ are hints of the Trinity, of the In-God, of his suffering and death he spent in the tomb, and of his ter into the story of Exodus, we story of Jesus—the story of a much that he gave himself up as the broken bread that gives life



“But from this earth, this grave, this dust,
My God shall raise me up, I trust.”

(Walter Ra-

