



THE PEW REVIEW

March 2015

Thought: "Success consists of going from failure to failure without a loss of enthusiasm."

When people reach a certain age of maturity (like me), they start to think about life and how they've lived it. The world puts so much emphasis on success, as you know. But Jesus puts the emphasis on significance. What's the difference? Here are some contrasts for you to mediate upon:

People say: Success means....accepting yourself for who you.

Jesus says: Significance means...celebrating the person God has made you.

People say: Success means...taking good care of yourself.

Jesus says: Significance means...giving yourself away to others, to your community.

People say: Success means...watching your bank account grow.

Jesus says: Significance means...it is more blessed to give than to receive.

People say: Success means...knowing how to get others to do your dirty work.

Jesus says: Significance means...taking up your cross daily and following him.

People say: Success means...working hard so that you can live a comfortable life.

Jesus says: Significance means...what does it profit if you gain the world but lose your soul?

People say: Success means...following a life plan that is based on your true values.

Jesus says: Significance means...building a life built on eternal values.

People say: Success means...putting balance in your life.

Jesus says: Significance means...putting God in first place in your life.

People say: Success means...trusting the process.

Jesus says: Significance means...trusting the Spirit.

Loving God, may I live a life today that is pleasing to you.

THIS 'N THAT

I suppose if I wanted I could write continuously about the snow that's on the ground, the snow that is coming, or the snow that we already plowed. But why should I bore you about 70 inches of snow. We have it, we plowed it, we complained about it, and it's still here. Enough said!!!

Sorry to report that Bud Barnard has had a mild stroke and presently having rehab at EMMC. Be sure to shower him with cards.

Congratulations to Duane & Crystal McLellan on the birth on a baby girl, Sidney Rae. This makes Mary Mc a grandmother again and Muriel Doten a great grandmother. Happiness to all.

Well, the Burden's have decided to lay back and take it easy for a couple of days. Matt, Rachel, and the 3 kids are all "snuffing and snorting." Everyone, please get well.

Sandra Sherrard is registered at Brigham-Women's Hospital for her heart surgery. At the writing she has not received a date.

Issie Gibson, "Momma," to most, has returned home from Calais Regional Hospital. She is feeling much better; prayers answered.

Congratulations to our following students: Cassidy Carr winner of the K of C free throw shooting contest and to Isaac Johnson and Samantha Look participants in the District VI High School Honors Festival. On the honor roll are: Brynne Lander, Isaac Johnson, and Samantha Look. Good job...we are proud of you.

We need to start showering some of our shut-ins, flu victims, and hospital family with cards. Follow the prayer list in the bulletins and send cards. They would be happy to know you're thinking of them. And, God would be happy with us showing our love for others. It's a good thing. ☺

Q? What do you call a penguin in the Sahara Desert?

A. Really, really lost.

Q? What do you call a snake that drinks too much coffee?

A. A hyper viper



THE DIRECTORY



Do I have your picture and information for the directory?

DEADLINE IS.....

March 8

Any Sunday after church or Thursdays and Fridays when I am in the office.

Thank You

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Beal (1)	Sharon Bailey (22)
Luke McDonald (1)	Kristi Wescott (23)
Earl Hill (5)	Elizabeth Trainor (27)
Wendy Putnam (7)	Dennis Gillespie (28)
Nick Thomas (7)	Brian Marshall (31)
Emily Ginn (9)	
Heidi Fitch (10)	
Patty Gagner (14)	
Jeremy Putnam (17)	
Marion Price (18)	
Judy Antoniello (20)	

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INFO ABOUT MISSIONS

Do you know how the mission offering in church is used? Do you use offering envelopes? Do you want to give to missions and don't know how?

Well, do I have help for you. ☺ Those of you who do use the envelope system probably already use the envelopes provided. Those of you who don't, may use any envelope and just put missions on the outside or write missions on the description line of your check.

This weekly mission goes into an account that supports our Daily Bread Devotionals; White Cross monetary contribution to the Republic of the Congo; assisting our local missionaries (Pastor Matt, Nate Becker, Wayne and Shelley Frost (TWR) and the Perrys.)

Sometimes help given to the Diaconate fund to help local families in need.

Diaconate Fund: This offering is taken the first Sunday of each month. It is used strictly for helping those in need. The Diaconate helps out with housing, fuel, travel expense, utilities, rent, and many other personal requests. The money you put in the little blue baskets is earmarked for many individual needs.

THE TEAM "was" a mission and hospitality group that met once a month. Our monthly offering was \$5 each. The group led the Shoebox Ministry at Christmas, took care of White Cross items sent to national centers for children and elderly, assisted with funds for BYC Scholarships, and organized parties for newlyweds and showers for new babies. This group disbanded on Feb. 10 because of lack of interest.

Hopefully this little blurb will help you understand the missions of the church. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Matt or a Diaconate member.

SIGNS YOU'VE HAD TOO MUCH COFFEE

You walk 20 miles on your treadmill before you discover it's not plugged in.

You grind coffee beans in your mouth.

You ski uphill.

You short out motion detectors.

You help your dog chase his tail.

You can type 70 words a minute...with your feet.

You believe being referred to as a "drip" is a compliment.

You answer the door before people knock.

You speed walk in your sleep.



Given
enough
COFFEE
I could
rule the
world

QUICK QUIPS

Enjoy yourself, because these are the "good old days" you're going to reminisce about later.

There's hope for anyone who can look in the mirror and laugh at what he sees.

What goes around..... gets really dizzy



UTH GROUP

The Uth are selling all occasion cards and magnetic note pads. The cards sell for \$7 a package and the pads for \$2.50.

The kids will use this money to assist a charity of their choice. Help our kids help others.

See any Uth member or Debbie Little.



God put happiness not in the clouds, but along your pathway.



MORE THIS 'N THAT

Thinking of Little Lydia today as she is sick with a cold and slight fever.

Sharon Waycott is not feeling well. Praying that you're well soon.

Congratulations to David and Tammy Trader!!! They recently "tied the knot" here in the sanctuary. Good luck to this new family. Also, keep them in prayer as Tammy has to have repair work done on her cochlear implant. A blood clot has developed around the surgical area.

Since I started doing this month's letter (2/19) we have received another foot of snow. And, that's all I'm saying on that subject.

Alan & Carole Smith and Irene Gallway were in Bangor Thursday to visit with Bud Barnard. He is hoping to be transferred closer to home soon.

Flexible people never get bent out of shape.



MEETING OUR KIDS

This is Miss Junior St. Croix 2015, otherwise known to us as Cassidy Carr. Cassidy is a fifth grader at Calais Elementary School and the daughter of Mark & Shannon Carr.

One thing for sure, she is not an idle child. She plays on the traveling basketball team, runs cross country, and plays the flute in the school band. When she is not doing extracurricular activities, she is studying. In school, she is lover of English class and an honor student. Here at church she helps in the nursery and enjoys fundraisers.

Her title as Miss Junior keeps her busy year-round as a representative of this community and surrounding areas. She is often at many county events. When summer comes she can be found at Baptist Youth Camp and enjoying every minute of it.

Congratulations, Cassidy, on your outstanding achievements.

CHURCH SHOVELERS

Thank you for taking care of our church and parsonage:

Shamus Trainor and Mike Hodson plow out the parsonage each storm. Good work, guys.

Thank you, Jeremy Putnam, for the extra hours of shoveling to keep the entryways open for all who enter our building.

THANK YOU



THANK YOU TO

The City of Calais Public Works Department for their tireless efforts to keep our streets plowed and our citizens safe. We, as residents of this small city are amazed with your work and dedication. The many hours you have worked, without sleep, is above and beyond what anyone could or would expect.

You have gained the respect of the entire community and we thank you.

GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE

BE SAFE



David and Tammy got married. Congratulations



I want to dress just like Daddy.



A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.



ADOPT A CAMPER

Would you be willing to adopt a BYC camper for one week at camp this summer? It costs \$300 for this Christian experience. If you are able to adopt a child, see Kathy Francis or Sally Doten. If you feel that you can do partial support, the BYC Scholarship Envelopes are on the table and will be in the bulletins in April. Please help all of our kids go to camp.. You can change the life of a child in a positive way.

THE CHURCH MOUSE

FOR SALE: 1 Shovel...  slightly used.

To continue on with the same complaint of the past 6 months; I am so tired of this weather. When I decided to write put this shovel up for sale we had only 5 feet of snow on the ground. Now one week later we have another foot. But, no matter this is now for sale (best offer) because I am not sticking my nose outside this building until flowers bloom.

I tried, I really did, to keep ahead of the white stuff. I went outside every day to create a very tiny crawlway for me and the kids but I was immediately lost in the drifts. Now if I am bound to the nest behind the fridge, I will need your help. Just leave a few crumbs from concerts or bread from communion. These few things will keep us going until the green grass appears, if ever.

I have been trying to sneak in during church services but don't often get the chance. Someone is usually in the fellowship hall so I can't get by without being seen. I did happen to get in a couple of weeks ago when Pastor Matt was having a problem with the sound system. He came down from the pulpit area and just missed my tail. I escaped unharmed and headed back to the kitchen, panting and clutching my chest from the near amputation of my tail.

Really not much to talk about this month. The kids did well on their semester grades, Maxi has been away visiting friends, and I am just trying to hold now the fort.

Praying for better weather, an early spring (doubtful,) and quick healing for all who are struggling.



See you next month. Maudie ☺