

Western Mountains Baptist Church

Newsletter

Spring 2019

Pastor Tom's Corner



WMBC is starting something NEW. This is the first edition of a Newsletter that we will publish on a regular basis. Most of us like new things. It is why advertisers bombard us with offers of new things. It resonates with us.

Newness signifies the beginning of things – it is the start of a new relationship. Where does this excitement over the concept of new actually come from? Well, we are God's workmanship, made in His image. The Bible shows us that God uses this desire for new, to spark us, to encourage us, and to motivate us to better things.

As an example, we see this in 2 Cor. 5, verse 17 *"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. (NASB)*

Given the winter we have had, I think we are all ready to have old man winter pass away, to make room for the new things of Spring. But, the Apostle Paul is talking about something much more meaningful than the changing of the seasons. He is talking about the old sinful nature man, and the new creature, in Christ Jesus.

Do we have some things we need to bury in the ground, and remember them no more? A new beginning gives us this opportunity! In this new season of our lives, I hope we take the opportunity to confess those old things that need to pass away, and, in repentance, begin some new things.

If you are in Christ, then you are a NEW creature! He puts your sins away, as far as the east is from the west and remembers them no more! Like the sun's rays that feel so good this time of year, may we bask in His forgiveness of sins, and live to serve Him.

Library News



Yes, we do have a library. Our library is located in the back of the church across from the youth group room behind the kitchen. We have a wide range of books in the library. Including Bibles, Books of the Bible, Christian devotional literature, Christian non-fiction, Christian fiction, Christian poetry, Christian evangelical, Christian Family, Teen and Children's guides as well as Christian marriage guides and we have a children's book section as well. We also have some Christian movies and music cd's.

Books do not need to be signed out. We simply ask for you to return them when you're finished. There's a basket for returns. I'll be happy to take care of any returned books. The same goes for



the movies. Occasionally from time to time I'll place cd's in the library that are clearly marked "free". They are a collection of Christian music I'd like to share with others, no need to return.

Most of the library books are displayed in alphabetical order according to book title. Some books are categorized according to subject. If you'd like help finding a book, please ask, I'd love to help you. Please come and check out the library. It's there for everyone. — Pat Pray

"Now, brothers and sisters, I want you to remember the Good News I told you. You received that Good News message, and you continue to base your life on it." — 1 Corinthians 15:1 (ERV)



Thank You For Being A Partner Church!

As chapter leaders of **Snowboarders and Skiers for Christ (SFC)** we cannot even begin to express how grateful we are to have a partner church like you! SFC's mission is to bridge the ski/snowboard culture to Jesus, partnering with the local Church. You are making this happen with your support! WMBC not only provides us with financial support, you also provide us with spiritual support. Thank you for being so generous with your time, love and resources!

"Yes, 'everyone who trusts in the Lord will be saved.' But before people can pray to the Lord for help, they must believe in him. And before they can believe in the Lord, they must hear about him. And for anyone to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them."

— Romans 10:13-14

Your donations will help pay for food at our events and to keep our overnight end of the year retreat free for kids to attend.

Marc and Shauna Breglio
SFC Maine



Did you know?

*During every Sunday morning worship service there are 2-3 people gathered to pray for you? They also pray for the service, pray for the Sunday school teachers and students, pray for our nation and pray for all the requests that are dropped into the 2 prayer boxes. If you would like to be a part of this rotating **Prayer Team** please see Bryan or Crystal Fitch.*

"Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2

GEMS

is a Christian club for girls ages 5 to 12 years old. They average 13 meetings at WMBC, throughout the school year. Meetings are on Friday afternoons, 4 PM to 5:30 PM.

Meetings scheduled for the rest of this season, are on: April 12th, May 3rd, and May 31st.

The girls are separated into two age groups for their Bible lessons. They all learn simple life lessons, and the basics of cooking and sewing. They play games and do crafts. They do service projects such as making "Thank You for Your Service" cards to Veterans, Valentines for nursing home residents, place mats for nursing homes, bookmarks for libraries, decorating Christmas cookies for needy children and even painting picnic tables for the church.

Throughout the year, the girls earn charms to put on bracelets that they receive at the last meeting of the season. The number of charms is determined by attendance, learning Bible verses, and doing service projects.

—Rosie Bates





For the 3rd year, WMBC is offering a \$1000 **Scholarship** to a high school senior attending Carrabec or Mt. Abram. Students are encouraged to complete the application on our website:

www.westernmountainchurch.org or complete a printed form and mail to: WMBC, PO Box 264, Kingfield 04947. For more information see the guidance counselor at school or contact the church. Deadline for the Scholarship Applications is Thursday, May 17, 2019.

We had a perfectly beautiful winter day for our **Family Fun Day** on February 17th. Approximately 50 people participated in the hot dog roast and sledding party. Kids of all ages including parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles had a great time playing together for several hours. We are blessed by all the work and effort that goes into making Gilmore Hill a fun spot for sliding. Many thanks to the Kingfield Sno-Wanders Snowmobile Club!



The **Daniel Plan** is a practical program designed to promote healthy living. It equips us to make changes that may improve our spiritual, mental, and emotional health as well as by learning about the five essentials of FAITH, FOOD, FITNESS, FOCUS and FRIENDS. Following the Daniel Plan helps reduce the risk of TYPE II DIABETES, HEART DISEASE, and even ALZHEIMER'S.

We meet at 6:00pm at WMBC every Monday. We watch a DVD with speakers including Pastor Rick Warren, Dr. Daniel Amen and Dr. Mark Hymen. After the 30 minute DVD, we have discussions

opportunities to address difficulties. We share ideas, progress and successes, and offer encouragement and prayer for one another.

The Daniel Plan gives us the tools to make a change and God gives us the power. Come join us.

— Jean Sawtell

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"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body." — 1 Cor 6:19-20 (NASB)

Women's Spring Brunch—May 18, 2019

Kay Sawyer was born and grew up as a missionary kid in the Amazon Jungles of Peru. After High School she attended Biola College in Southern California where she met her husband Jim. Shortly after they were married, they moved—spending the next 10 years in Dallas, where Jim attended seminary and where their four sons were born. After a decade as Cowboy fans (part of the local religion) California beckoned as Jim was offered a teaching position in San Francisco Bay Area, where for the next 34 years they raised their sons and saw seven grandchildren born.



Kay will be sharing her story at the **Women's Spring Brunch** focusing on her journey of forgiveness. Bring a potluck dish to share and join the ladies on May 18th at 10:00am. For more information call Pat Sanders at 265-4164.

**WE
WALK
BY FAITH
NOT BY SIGHT**

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

How to Stay Connected During the Week

Small Group Bible Studies

Monday:

6:00pm—Daniel's Plan

6:30pm—Men's Bible Study

Tuesday:

2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 5:30pm—Ladies Bible Study & Fellowship

Wednesday:

9:00am—Ladies Bible Study—"Faith/Works"—Matt Chandler from the Book of James

Thursday:

6-7:00pm Potluck Supper followed by 7:00pm Bible study @ Bryan & Crystal Fitch's home (207-684-3000)

6-7:30pm Youth Group (207-446-8082)

Saturday:

6:00pm Intercessory Prayer Meeting

What's Happening @ WMBC

April

2nd—Church Leadership Team @ 6:30pm

6th—Men's Breakfast @ 8am

7th—Lord's Supper

12th—GEMS Club @ 4pm

14th—Palm Sunday

16th—Pastor, Elders, Deacons Meeting @ 6:30pm

21st—**Easter Sunday!** Sunrise Service @ 5:45am

Followed by Breakfast

Regular Service @ 10am

(No Sunday School)

27th—Bridging the Gap

May

3rd—GEMS Club @ 4pm

4th—Men's Breakfast @ 8am

7th—Church Leadership Team @ 6:30pm

17th—Scholarship Deadline

18th—Women's Spring Brunch

21st—Pastor, Elders, Deacons Meeting @ 6:30pm

25th—Bridging the Gap

31st—GEMS Club @ 4pm

June

1st—Men's Breakfast @ 8am

4th—Church Leadership Team @ 6:30pm

11th—Women's Ministry Meeting @ 5:30pm

18th—Pastor, Elders, Deacons Meeting @ 6:30pm

24th–28th—*Vacation Bible School (VBS), 9am-noon*

25th—Women's Fellowship Night @ 5:30pm

29th—Bridging the Gap



And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
Hebrews 10:24-25

We are looking for contributions & ideas for future newsletters, and a name for the newsletter. If you have ideas to share, please contact the Newsletter production team of

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