



# Western Mountains Baptist Church News

## PT Corner: From the Woman Beside the Man



What is the first thing you think of when you hear the word restore? Initially I think of furniture. The act of taking that old, scratched, beat-up, water-stained piece from the attic and sanding it down and applying a new beautiful finish that restores it to its former glory. Lately, it has been more of a global thought that is triggered by the word restore. As in, three months

ago the world worked one way, and now it doesn't any more. Everything has changed, and it leaves us wondering if the old ways will ever be restored. Some of the old ways should maybe go away, but it would be nice to freely hug a friend or loved one again.

The dictionary tells us Restore means to return something or someone to a former condition, place, or position. I like that definition. I am grateful for that definition. That definition of restore fills me with hope and purpose. Why? Because when I read this definition it reminds me of where we have come from, what we had, and what we lost. Remember the beginning? God created the world in a perfect state of being. He placed people in it that had not yet sinned, or experienced pain, or suffering, or shame. Those people were surrounded by beauty, abundance, and best of all, God himself walking with them and fellowshiping with them. Even with all that, discontentment happened and disobedience happened, and peace was shattered. All at once, mankind was in need of restoration. And our ever-faithful, always merciful God provided the perfect sacrifice for our sin, to redeem our fall, to restore us to fellowship with him--Jesus. **Acts 3:19-21** explains that if we confess and repent, he covers our personal restoration, but what about a global restoration? Because, as we have experienced recently, this world is still in turmoil, there is still death, still pain, still suffering. This old dented, scratched up world is far from the perfect place of beauty and peace it once was. Can we hope for all that to be restored as well? **Acts 3:19-21** also covers that. There is a time of "refreshing" coming, a time to restore all things. **1 Peter 5:10** tells us that **"Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish"** us. Peter tells us that we will only suffer a little while. Other verses say the trouble is light and momentary in comparison to what is in store for the restored. Finally, **Revelation 21:1-5** encourages us with the promise that God will bring us back, or restore us to that place of no death, no tears, and no pain. He even promises us not just restoration, but to make all things new. We serve a God that goes above and beyond our expectations and imaginations (**Ephesians 3:20**).

Thank you to our merciful God for restoring our souls and crediting the righteousness of Jesus to us so that we can be restored to fellowship with you. Amen!  
 — Betsy DuBois

## Lessons from Quarantine

### Be Still

Nations are in an uproar, kingdoms are overthrown. God gives a shout, the earth dissolves. The Lord who commands armies is with us... **Be still and know that I am God.** (Psalm 46:6-10)

In January Jim and I left for Guam where Jim was teaching a class, and we spent time with our friend whose husband recently passed away. There we started hearing about Covid-19 and concerns about how easily and rapidly it was spreading and, concerns about travel. We made it safely home the end of February ... **Then all of a sudden this verse jumped off the page and into every day life.**

**"Come my people, enter your chambers and shut your doors behind you, hide yourselves for a little while until the fury has passed by."** (Isaiah 26:20)

We began seeing the news: the world was being locked down because of Covid 19... Many (even some friends) getting sick, and many people dying. My mind was filled with worries of being separated from family and friends; income challenges for so many; heartache of kids turning away from the Lord; nations warring with each other; our country being torn apart; anxiety about the economy tanking. What would happen to our retirement investments?

**"BE STILL! Know that I AM GOD!"** (Psalm 46:10)

Yes Lord, I know you are God, but ... my head is spinning, my mind is distracted, I am worried about so many things. People rioting and destroying, prejudices and inequities are still happening. Good people are being killed. Evil is everywhere.

**"In the world you have trouble and suffering. But take courage—I have conquered the world. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; Do not let your heart be distressed or lacking in courage."** (John 16:33, 14:27)

**"Be still my child. Know that I AM GOD...you are not. Your worry and fear cannot do anything about all these circumstances... it will not improve any of the distresses of this world. Bring your cares, your worries, your fears into my presence. Be still. Sit with me until your mind is still, and my peace fills you up. I am here, I am with you. Give me your kids, your grandkids, your finances, your concerns about this country, and the instability of the world. I am GOD. Pray, yes, bring me your cares always. I care for you. But first, be still in my presence, knowing that I am God. Then you can pray in confidence and peace, and not out of your frantic anxieties. **Be still, and know that I am God. I've got this.**"**

**"Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, *pray*. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life."** (Philippians 4:6-7 *The Message*)

— Kay Sawyer

### Kid's Corner—Piece of a Puzzle

I am sure that during this time many of you have done a puzzle or two. One thing I find interesting about doing a puzzle is that no matter how hard I try to put a piece where I think it should go, there is only one place for that piece. I cannot pound it into a different spot or wish it would fit there. Another thing with a puzzle is that it is helpful to know what the picture is supposed to look like.

Everything that happens in our lives is for a reason. We may not understand why there is a pandemic; why we need to attend school at home; or why we cannot play with our friends, but God knows why. He is in control of everything.

**“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God.” Romans 8:28**

Right this moment we may feel like a piece of the puzzle that does not fit anywhere but God knows where we are and what we need. He has the picture for our lives and knows how everything will turn out.

So, the next time you do a puzzle, think about how much God loves you and your family. Trust that “all things work together for good.”

— Georgie Woodford



### Kairos Community Prayer—Dale Gilmour

Jesus, come join us  
in our journey  
as we seek Your will  
for this community  
in this environment.

Teach us to love each other  
as You love us,  
to give ourselves  
as You give Yourself, so  
that the Kingdom of God  
might be made present to all. Amen

### DO FEED THE BEAR!

He is hungry!  
He likes spare change. Well, anything really!  
He is usually seen on the table in the foyer before you  
head into the sanctuary.

The funds raised will go to the Haiti feeding program in Terrier Rouge. It is run by Pastor Noel and his wife, Maria. If you have further questions please reach out to Shelly Zoebisch.



During the church service, **children** are asked to stay with their adults to help maintain the physical distancing suggestions from the CDC. Annette Stanley has put together packets of fun stuff for the kids to do during the sermon. Please feel free to take a packet from the table in the foyer.



### WMBC Scholarship

Jim Cockerham, chairman of the **WMBC Community Scholarship** Committee, recently announced this year's recipients.

Mila Long-Frost a graduating student from Mt. Abram Regional High School will receive the \$1,000 award at the beginning of her first semester at U Maine-Machias. Mila lives in Strong with her parents, Matt Frost and Tammy Long-Frost and is pursuing a degree in Applied Community Psychology. On behalf of the committee, Jim stated, “We had a record number of applicants this year; all of them were special in their own right. What stood out for us beyond Mila's academic and leadership was her genuine steadfast heart to serve people and how doing so she finds fulfillment and meaning. We are encouraged by how many talented young people we have in our community and wish all the graduates nothing but success.”



Yvonne Provencher, also a recent graduate from Mt. Abram High School, has been awarded a \$250 scholarship. Yvonne is the daughter of LeeAnn Smith (New Portland) and Don Provencher (Kingfield). She will be pursuing a degree in Dental Hygiene at the University of New England.  
Thank you to all who applied.



### WMBC Scholarship Committee members:

Jim Cockerham  
Shelia Lecander

Annette Stanley  
Luci Milewski

## Meet the Leadership Team at WMBC

Have you ever wondered how to get more involved in ministry; do you like making connections; would you like to help someone and not sure how? Here is a list of folks who can help:

### Ministry Leaders

Audio/Visual	David Fletcher
Bridging the Gap	Jeff Smith and Cathy Haines
Cards	Tammy Dunphy
Children	Annette Stanley
Nursery	Betsy DuBois
CD Ministry	Pat Pray
Fellowship	Nicole Fletcher
Men's Ministry	Jean Boucher
Missions	David Fletcher
Prayer Ministry	Bryan and Crystal Fitch
Prison Ministry	Dale Gilmour
Public Relations	Crystal Fitch
Service Ministry	Bryan Fitch, Jeff Smith, David Fletcher
Sunday School Director	Rosie Bates
Women's Ministry	Pat Sanders
Worship/Music	Brenna Cockerham
Youth Group	Ted and Heidi Neil

### Bible Study Leaders

Sunday 9:00am	Dean Stanley for adults
Sunday 9:00am	Debi Staier for women
Sunday 9:00am	Pastor Tom & Betsy: young adults
Monday 6:30pm	Jean Boucher for men
Wednesday 9:00am	Betsy DuBois for women
Thursday 6:30pm	Bryan Fitch
1 <sup>st</sup> Sat of month 8:00am	Men's Breakfast: Jean Boucher
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat 1:00pm	Women's Bible study/fellowship: Pat Sanders

Maintenance and cleaning of the church Jeff and BJ Smith

Elders: Jean Boucher and Dean Stanley

Deacons: Jim Cockerham, Bryan Fitch, David Fletcher, Jeff Lecander

Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer: Luci Milewski/Windy Boucher

Trustees: Jean Boucher, John Chesnutt, Brian Hatfield, Jeff Lecander, Jeff Smith

Administrative Assistant: Crystal Fitch

## More Lessons from Quarantine

The end of 2019 and the beginning of 2020 has been very hard. My health has not been good and I've been praying that the doctors would be able figure out what is wrong. All the while trusting in God. So far it's okay, but still no answers. I know I must trust in God and His Word when I get scared or fearful. I look to God's Word for comfort. **2 Timothy 1:7** is just one that helps me out. It says **"For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline."** NASB. Then Corona 19 hit. Now I'm staying home watching some people crazy-scared and fearful. The news is full of scary stuff, that drives me to God's Word for help even more. Then the rioting started and again I found myself looking to God's Word on how to deal with this new trial. He reminds me to be mindful of how this is affecting — *continued on back page*

Thank you to Jackie Kennedy and Pam Howe for the colorful masks available at the church for anyone who needs one.

### Did You Know?

Sunday morning messages can be heard or seen on the WMBC website at [westernmountainchurch.org](http://westernmountainchurch.org). Weekly sermons can also be accessed on YouTube. (Go to YouTube, type in Western Mountains Baptist Church. You will then see the "WMBC channel" as a winter photo of the church--click on the church and there will be all of the videoed sermons since March 22<sup>nd</sup>). Recorded messages will continue to be available even though we have re-gathered in person. And as always, free cds are available to anyone wishing to get on the mailing list or pick up at the cd table in the back of the sanctuary. Call the church, see Pat Pray or email your name and mailing address to [westernmountainbaptist@tds.net](mailto:westernmountainbaptist@tds.net).



Maurice and Dot Lambert will be celebrating 70 years----yes, **70 years** of marriage on July 16<sup>th</sup>! Much of the beginning plans, prayers and purpose for WMBC happened at their kitchen table in

Kingfield. They have been longtime, faithful members of WMBC since day one. When asked, Dot shared her top 3 tools that make a marriage successful: 1. Keep your commitment and faithfulness to God and your spouse; 2. Forgiveness; 3. Be willing to "see" the other person's viewpoint. Dot volunteered that, "I would go back and do it all over again." Currently, Maurice resides at Maplecrest Rehab and Living Center, 174 Main Street, Madison ME, 04950. Dot continues to play the church's organ before our Sunday morning services and lives in Kingfield. Her mailing address is in the WMBC directory. Congratulations Dot and Maurice and thank you for your service to God and to WMBC!

Fear thou not; for I am with thee;  
be not dismayed; for I am thy  
God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I  
will help thee; yea, I will uphold  
thee with the right hand of my  
righteousness.

Isaiah 41:10

## What's Happening @ WMBC

### Sunday Services: 9:00 am & 10:30 am

#### July

- 5th—Lord's Supper
- 7th—Church Leadership Team @ 6:30pm
- 21st—Pastor, Elders, Deacons Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 25th—Bridging the Gap Picnic at WMBC

#### August

- 1st—Men's Breakfast @ 8am
- 2nd—Lord's Supper
- 4th—Church Leadership Team @ 6:30pm
- 18th—Pastor, Elders, Deacons Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 29th—Bridging the Gap

#### September

- 5th—Men's Breakfast @ 8am
- 6th—Lord's Supper
- 8th—Church Leadership Team @ 6:30pm
- 22nd—Pastor, Elders, Deacons Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 26th—Bridging the Gap

— continued from page 3 others too. I find peace and comfort in God's Word and trust that He has a plan. I need to stay close to Him and my church family. I've found Psalms is a great place to read and find comfort. David had questions of "why, how long have you forgotten me?" Then David remembers all the things God had already seen him through. Then he praises God for His Mercy. So I'm looking back to see what God has already brought me through in the past to the present. Now I live every day as if Christ is coming now. God Bless.

—Kathy McClure

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