



Special points of interest:

- Cathy Good Concert
March 17, 2 pm
- Palm Sunday
Choir Cantata
Preschool Singing
Mar. 25, 10:30 am
- Easter Sunday Service,
Mar. 31, 10:30 am



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Dialogue with Danny: Easter Lights

As Easter approaches we need to ask ourselves, “Is this year going to be more than just colored eggs and candy? Am I going to use the real meaning of Easter to do anything in my life with Jesus? Are we going to be vocal to others about our faith in this the Holiest time of the year? Will we say Happy Easter with the vigor we say Merry Christmas?”

In order to answer yes to those questions, we have to be willing to stand out in the darkness of this a world. John referred to that as walking in the light. “If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.” (1 John 8)

If you ask any small child, “Where is the absolute safest place for you to be?” Their answer is going to be, “In the light.” And this isn’t just about physical safety, as Jesus shows us clearly in John 11. When Jesus said to His disciples, “Let us go to Judea again” shortly after hearing that his friend Lazarus was deathly sick, they urgently reminded Him what had happened the last time they were there. Jesus had been teaching, certain members of the Jewish religious leadership had gotten agitated and combative, and at one point they had “picked up stones to throw at him.” It had been a dark day, as they recalled. Remember, Lord? Not so long ago? The big rocks? The clenched fists? “The Jews were just now seeking to stone you,” they said, “and are you going there again?” (John 11:8).

Their question may sound reasonable to us, as it obviously did to them. Was Jesus really serious about going back to the mob scene in that place? But His answer, immediately given, sounds like the kind of reasoning you can build your whole life on. “Are there not twelve hours in the day?” He said. Jesus was referring to twelve hours of sunshine, of physical daylight. “If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world” (11:9). Everybody knows that, right? In the middle of the day, you can see exactly where you’re going. But the same logic, He said, applies spiritually as well: “If anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him” (11:10). This light, in other words, is something we can actually carry around inside us; the light of Christ, the freedom of living in obedience to Him, submitting to His will. That is the Light of Easter. Jesus is alive in this world. When we’re walking in that light, nothing can truly hurt us.

I’ve often heard enthusiastic preachers lead their congregations in kind of a cheer: “God is good!”—to which the people respond, “All the time!” And of course I couldn’t agree more. God is good, all the time! And all the time, God is good!

Dialogue with Danny *continued*

But sometimes we find ourselves in seasons of life when God's goodness is hidden, when it's either invisible to us or we're blind to it. Let's be honest enough to admit that those are real struggles. We've been in those times, and perhaps you're in one of them right now. If you're in such a season and can't bring yourself to shout "hallelujah," you don't need to feel bad about it. I would never want to lay a guilt trip on someone for not feeling like shouting hallelujah at that kind of moment.

But if we're to walk in faith; if we're to be people who truly live by faith; if we are to be Easter People; we must believe God is good even at times when we can't see anything tangible pointing to it or giving evidence of it. Faith is believing the Word of God and acting upon it, no matter how we feel, because God promises a good result.

If you don't keep on believing that God is good, even when little on your radar seems to be confirming it, you will not be able to live by faith. The goodness of God is the soil that faith grows in. If you as His son or daughter allow yourself to be confused by what you sometimes feel, not fully trusting His goodhearted disposition toward you; if you doubt that His intent toward you is to bless and help and hear and heal—you will not be able to live by faith or John calls it, live in the light.

Easter time is the time we are called upon to believe in a God who has overcome the darkness and created a light that we can walk in each day. It is faith that no matter what darkness this world drops down on us, His light will be a path we can follow to the goodness of God.

Jesus is alive in this world! He can be alive in you too! Happy Easter!

God Bless from Pastor Danny

Congregational Care Committee

Our committee continues to reach out to our homebound members with visits, cards, phone calls and little gifts from our crafters.

This year we will be expanding our outreach to include those members on our circle of concern list, those who are in the hospital, rehab or just home recuperating or for any other reason.

We would like to invite all of our Congregation to join us in reaching out to those in need. We realize everyone can not serve on a committee, but we can send cards or make a cheerful, friendly phone call to let them know we care about them and they are in our thoughts and prayers. If you have questions about how you can be involved, please give me a call or speak with any one on our committee.

IN A GENTLE WAY, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.....

Congregational Care Team
Jean Lefebvre, Chairperson



Song of Solomon 2:12

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Men's Breakfast was well attended and we all had a great time. We have planned another breakfast on March 7th, Wed., 8:30 am at Eve's Restaurant. Keep this time on your calendar and plan on joining us.

Men's Lunch

Frenches Outpost in Dunedin has been selected for our next fellowship lunch, March 15th. Sign-up sheets are available at the Gathering Place, today. All men attending or visiting NBCC are urged to attend. Need a ride? Simply list your phone number on the sign-up sheet. No one will be left behind for want of a ride! Future restaurant selections will be made by the group. Mike Budd will host this fellowship lunch.



Mission Needs Our Help!!

When Dr. Tonya Hawthorne spoke to our congregation recently, she mentioned the need for baby supplies for those who are born at the clinic in Kenya. In particular they need "baby socks and Onesies". We would like to meet that need on Sunday, March 11th. These items can be found at Dollar store and Walmart. Please help as you always have when called upon. Thank You.

Ken Webster

Easter Food Drive

Spring is here and that means Easter is not far behind. It is time to think about planning our Easter dinner. There are many in our community who won't have that dinner without FEAST's help. Our Easter food drive for the food pantry will be on Sunday, March 18th. We are asking everyone to bring in groceries that are needed for an Easter dinner. Cash donations are also appreciated. Money will be used by the pantry to buy hams. Make checks out to NBCC noting FEAST on the lower left corner. Paper bags with a list of the needed items will be handed out on Sunday, March 11.

Be blessed in your giving.
Community Missions

From Our President

The Council for 2018 met for the first time on February 20th. Three new members were welcomed:

Laura Wisniewski (World Missions), Sharon Sterrett (Outreach and Growth), and Pete Peterson (Member-at-Large).

David Rutter educated the Council regarding his financial report, this also served as a good review for all council members.

Council meetings truly highlight how our church is working in a variety of ways in service to God in our community and in the world. All members are welcome to attend the meetings.

David Baker reported that painting of the white and yellow curbing, the handicap parking spots, and the lines in the upper parking lot are complete. Lines in the lower back parking will be done soon.

The painting of the church building and Edgar Hall will be done by Florida Pro-Tech Painting, LLC on three Saturdays in March (Mar. 17, Mar. 24, Mar. 31). Painting of the white soffits on the church and Edgar Hall will be done in three to four months. Florida Pro-Tech Printing, LLC paints three or four churches each year as a gift. We are fortunate that God has guided them to our church this year.

Joe Spencer

From the Fellowship Committee

Be sure to sign up for the upcoming concert on Saturday March 17th at 2pm in the sanctuary. Cathy Good will be performing wonderful music for our enjoyment including some special music for St Patty's day. Refreshments will be provided in the Gathering Place following the performance. Please be sure to sign up as soon as possible and feel free to invite friends and neighbors.
Sande Spencer

Come Join The Fun!!!

Tell your friends and family and sign up for "Puttin' On The Ritz" with Cathy Good- Saturday, March 17th at 2 pm. This special concert features 3 keyboards, rhythms and vocals followed by refreshments in the Gathering Place.

The program includes:

Puttin' on the Ritz / 42nd Street / New York, New York

When Irish eyes are smiling/ My wild Irish rose / Too ra loora

Begin the beguine / Night and Day/ Sweet Georgia Brown / Just because

You must have been a beautiful baby / Cherry pink and apple blossom white

Never on Sunday / 12th Street rag / Danny Boy / Blue Danube waltz medley

Music box dancer/ It's a small, small world / Jealousie/ Kiss of fire

Hey good lookin' / Cotton fields / Full moon and empty arms / Una Vida

Irish Washerwoman / The Notre Dame fight song / I don't know why it's been a long, long time

Dream a little dream of me / Got a date with a daydream / Yellow bird / Under the boardwalk

Phantom of the opera / When the saints go marchin' in / You're a grand old flag



Music Notes

Hello North Bay,

I can't believe that March begins my 7th month with the North Bay family. I love being a part of this church. The choir is a joy to work with. Besides their music ministry each Sunday through their anthem, our Thursday evening rehearsals are a time of fellowship with the most dedicated and talented group of singers. I am blessed.

I am especially excited about our Easter Cantata coming up March 25! The music: "Celebrate Life" is near and dear to my heart. When I was in high school at First United Methodist Church Dunedin, we took this musical on tour for our mission trip all along the east coast of Florida. Our venue included churches, children's homes, nursing homes, and prisons. It truly changed my life through its powerful musical message and the life long bonds of friendship I made with the performers involved. I hope you will feel the joy that we have had in preparing it.

I love how the choir has grown in numbers during this season. I will be sad to see some of our members return North next month.

I invite any of you who enjoy singing to come give us a try on April 5 from 6:45-8:00. We will begin all new music for April and May services. I guarantee you will enjoy yourselves!!

Musically yours, Kendall Kline

World Missions

Dr. Tonya Hawthorne, medical director of New Frontiers Health Force, recently visited the congregation of NBCC and shared their clinic has recently expanded services to include X-rays. This was greatly needed and a long time coming.



The Ngoswani Community Health Center is a 24 hour clinic in Ngoswani, Kenya. The clinic is staffed with Kenyan trained medical professionals supervised by Dr. Tonya.

The clinic provides the following services to the community:

- 24 hour Medical Care
- Primary/Family Practice
- Trauma Stabilization
- Antenatal Clinic
- Labor and Delivery
- Immunization Program
- Pharmacy
- Laboratory Services
- Essential Oil Therapy

Tropical Diseases

In addition, New Frontiers Health Force offers internships for (medical, nursing, and health care) students, interns, and residents. Interns spend one to three months working in the Ngoswani Community Health Center. The internship is designed to teach about bush medicine, tropical diseases, and global health care.

To learn more about Dr. Tonya and her work visit www.newfrontiershf.com

Laura Wisniewski

March Tides

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Preschool Staff

Nycol Nixon-Director



2 Thessalonians 2:13



Preschool looking for interested individual to volunteer an hour each week in the summer.

Looking for someone to help with one of the following: gardening, sewing etc. with our

Summer Camp class.

Nycol Nixon