

February 2018

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Psalm 4:1-8NRSV

¹Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

²How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? Selah

³But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him. ⁴When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Selah

⁵Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord. ⁶There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!" ⁷You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. ⁸I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

From the Pastor

How thankful we should be to be a part of the family of faith. The Psalmist calls out to God in a time of distress. He knows God is there to call out to! He knows God hears the cry of the faithful. We each have a short time on this earth to build trust in God - to have that assurance that we will sleep in peace. Take advantage of each day, and be grateful for the opportunity to be in a Christian community. The best way to show your thankfulness is by inviting another to join you!

February is often mentioned as the month of love.

Instead of being bogged down by the doldrums of winter, look up and reach out and share the love.

Sunday February 4th 6pm is our Hymn sing. Invite a friend and come sing of true love.

Remember Nadine and her family and friends. Her cancer is progressing and she appreciates your prayers.

Pastor Ken



Sunday 9:00 am - Sunday School
Sunday 10:00 am - Praise and Worship

--- CALENDAR OF EVENTS ---

- Feb 4 Sunday 6:00 pm
Concert of the Month
Hymn Sing
- Feb 7 Wednesday 7:00 pm
Fellowship/Bible Study - Life of David
- Feb 14 Wednesday 7:00 pm
Fellowship/Bible Study - Life of David
- Feb 21 Wednesday 7:00 pm
Fellowship/Bible Study - Life of David
- Feb 28 Wednesday 7:00 pm
Fellowship/Bible Study - Life of David
- Mar 4 Sunday 6:00 pm
Concert of the Month
Redeemed Trio
- Apr 1 Sunday 6:00 pm
Concert of the Month
No Concert
- May 6 Sunday 6:00 pm
Concert of the Month
Salem Quartet
- Aug 5 Sunday 6:00 pm
Concert of the Month
The Singing Auctioneer - Dane Bailey
- Sept 2 Sunday 6:00 pm
Concert of the Month
Hymn Sing
- Dec 2 Sunday 6:00 pm
Concert of the Month
Christmas Concert

**FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Stacy Zimmer
- 7 Dan Cunningham
- 10 Jim & Sharon Fetter
- 10 Rebecca Oren Hamilton
- 12 Ann Stroh
- 13 Blain Coby
- 23 Jennifer Scantland
- 28 Anna Bevins

Note:
If we have not listed your
birthday or anniversary,
please contact the Pastor
so we can correct the list.

Castine Area Food Bank
Food item for February is
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CHURCH is our college.
HEAVEN is our university.
JESUS is our principal.
The HOLY SPIRIT is our teacher.
ANGELS are our classmates.
BIBLE is our study book.
TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS are our exams.
WINNING SOULS is our assignment.
PRAYER is our attendance.
CROWN OF LIFE is our degree.

Submitted by Kim Kessler

**Concert of the month
for February**

**Hymn Sing
Sunday, Feb 4 at 6:00 pm
Bring a friend!**



Two artists were commissioned to paint their conception of peace. A panel of distinguished judges would determine which artist had best captured the idea. The winner would get a rich commission. And after they had been painting for a long time, the judges assembled to view their work. The first artist unveiled his painting, and there was a beautiful, magnificent pastoral scene, with a farmer coming in after a hard day in the fields. His wife was cooking, his children were playing around the hearth, and all was at peace in this tranquil and beautiful farm.

"That's it," said the judges, "but we'll look at the other rendering anyway." They removed the veil of the second painting. Instead of a tranquil, pastoral scene, there was a raging waterfall producing a mist which communicated hostility. But over on the side of the waterfall was a tiny branch of a tree growing out of a rock, and on the end of the branch was a bird's nest. And on the edge of the nest was a mother bird, singing her heart out in the midst of the turbulence around her. The judges thought for a moment, then said, "This is peace, tranquility and celebration in the midst of turmoil."

We need a little Christmas right now, but the little Christmas that we need is the courage that comes as the favor of God. We must remember that the Christian community has done its best when it has gone against the wind. *William L. Self, Have I Got News for You! - Ser-*



One of the great delusions that goes with wealth, power and status is to think we are in control of our lives. The most difficult lesson for most people to realize is that God values the heart, not what we possess. Everything we have is on loan to us. We are only stewards of His possessions. He is really not interested in appearance, performance or status.

Barclay well said, "God does not choose a person for ease and comfort and selfish joy but for a task that will take all that head and heart and hand can bring to it. God chooses a man in order to use him." Someone said, "Jesus Christ came not to make life easy but to make men great." *Will Pounds, Gabriel Came by Today - Sermons.com*



Village Outreach

Thank you to those of you who have been praying for our ministry team and our family this season. We shared about a nearby Christmas outreach in our last newsletter. Nearly 1000 people attended the outreach. During the event, some believers offered to pray with anyone who wanted prayer. Throughout the day, thirty people asked for prayer. Thirteen of them walked away healed of physical ailments. Some of the individuals who were healed thanked the believers profusely, but the Christians kept explaining it was GOD at work, and HE deserves the praise! At the end of a day of food and events, the community listened to the Gospel message. A handful of the villagers asked if they too could start following Jesus. Pray for perseverance and understanding for these new believers. Praise God with us for His work! Cheeseman Updates - Nate and Ivy Cheeseman

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