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Dear Friends,

We have spent the last couple of weeks talking about how faith in Christ changes a believer. He/she is a new creation born out of darkness and into light and adopted into the family of God. This week Paul is going to expand this new creation mindset from individuals to the church as a collective group.

As I have been reflecting on this passage throughout the week, my mind keeps returning to the end of the Pledge of Allegiance. Specifically I am drawn to the thoughts of "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." I know the 4th has come and gone and thoughts of patriotism are still fresh, but the church, not America, is truly the nation of God. Just as Israel was the OT nation of God, the church of Christian believers is the nation that is supposed to bring unity to the world and bring God the glory He deserves.

I look forward to worshipping with you all in unity on Sunday morning. Blessings to you all!

In Christ,
Pastor Robin

NEWS, UPDATES AND REMINDERS



Need someone to pray for you or someone you know? Please visit our website (BLFWBC.org) at any time and submit your request by clicking on the appropriate button on the left side of the web page and filling in your information. Please indicate if you want your request to be held in confidence by our prayer group or shared with the congregation.

If you want to hold an event or use the Church building for an event, please contact Sue Higgins or Martha English. The request will be reviewed by the trustees and we will let you know what else needs to be done for your event. No use of the building will be available without proper clearance by the trustees. Reminder: There is no food or drink allowed in the sanctuary and the balcony is completely off limits



Please remember to pray for the people of Ukraine. With all that is going on in the world today, it is easy to forget that those courageous people continue to fight for freedom!



There is a tab on the website to add notes of prayer, memories, and wishes for Bob Chadbourn. Please add your note. They will be streamed at Bob's Memorial Service on July 26.



HELP FOR LOCAL HOMELESS

See the following link for ways you can help support the homeless shelter in Rochester, "Home For Now".

<http://www.homelesscenterforstraffco.org/help-for-now.html>



Kitchen Supplies



There is a list in the supply closet of the things we use on a regular basis. We will try to keep this list up to date so that we all know what we have and can supplement supplies as needed.

Please check the list to see what you might want to help with. Call or text Kathleen Morin at 603-553-9912 with a message telling her what you will provide. Thank you!



REMEMBER NH FOOD BANK

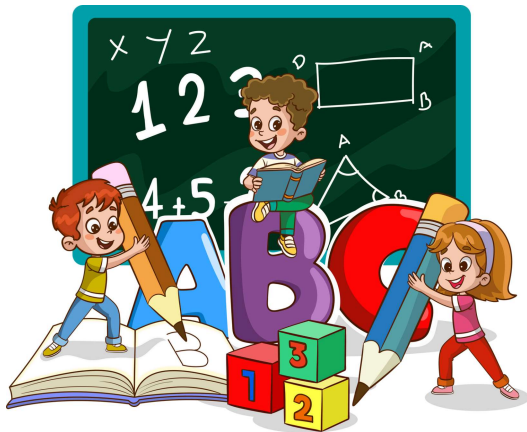
BLFWBC contributes \$0.50 for every dollar donated to NH Food Bank, so your giving will be multiplied! Prayerfully consider a donation to help our neediest in our State of NH. You may write a check to BLFWBC and put "NH Food

Bank" in the memo line, and the church treasurer will add the church contribution to your donation. The Strafford Food Pantry is currently meeting our town's needs and has a surplus of funds.



Worship - Baptism - Picnic
July 20 at 10 a.m.
at Carolyn Young's house -
146 Water Street
bring a chair and a dish to share

**Want an easy way to give to Bow
Lake Baptist Church?
click on this QR code. It will
bring you right to the Donations
page on the website. So Easy!**



Third Church very much needs helpers for Vacation Bible School Mon. July 28 - Friday Aug. 1, 9-11:30 a.m. The helpers don't need to prepare or teach a lesson, just accompany their class as they move from one teacher to the next. If you can do this contact Sue Rooks 603-978-0373 or Susan Bascomb at mommab323@gmail.com



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A Note from the Mission Committee

During the month of July we will be emphasizing the opportunity to give to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). OGHS supports disaster relief, ministries to displaced persons, and development projects of American Baptist churches and our partners. When a fire, flood, or hurricane strikes OGHS can respond immediately because the funds are there, and we can work through Christian ministries who are already working in the particular area.

Because of conflicts and climate changes there are more than 120 million displaced persons in the world. OGHS supports ministries to these persons wherever they are around the globe.

Additionally OGHS helps people learn to feed and care for themselves by giving grants to seed development projects.

If God is moving you to support this mission you can write a check to the Bow Lake Church and write OGHS in the memo. You can give any time and be as specific as you want by writing direction in the memo. ie. "OGHS-Gaza" or "OGHS-CA fires".

Thank you for prayerfully considering this offering.

Bow Lake Free Will Baptist Church

Join us for GAMES AND BBQ

August 2 from 11 to 2



A Gift certificates for \$35 will be given to each child to be used towards a new pair of sneakers to be purchased at Shoe Depot in Rochester.

Bow Lake Church is the place to be. Starting at 11 a.m. we will have games and activities for children of all ages. If it rains, we will show a kid-friendly movie.

At noon, we will have BBQ Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, Chips and Juice for Lunch. More games or a movie after lunch. All are invited to this fun event.

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