



FBC

January Newsletter

Happy New Year 2026!

1 John 2:15-17

Do Not Love the World

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world.

If anyone loves the world,

the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

17 And the world is passing away

along with its desires,

but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 3 • 8:00 AM

Women's Breakfast

Saturday, January 17 • 8:30 AM

JANUARY GREETERS

- 4 Karen Dow & Vicki Brooks
- 11 Janessa & Jason Sinclair
- 18 Charlotte Davis & Carolyn Henry
- 25 Carol & Fred Sherburne

WEEKLY CHURCH EVENTS AND TIMES

- Sunday AM Worship: 10:30 AM
- Childrens' Sunday School Class, downstairs: 9:15 AM
- Youth Sunday School, downstairs: 9:15 AM
- Adult Sunday School, *Following Jesus*, The Gospel of Mark, W. Robert Godfrey, 26 weeks. Fellowship Hall: 9:15 AM
- Sunday Youth Group, Youth Room: 6:00 PM till 8:00 PM
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 9:30 AM Fellowship Hall: A study of Spiritual gifts in the New Testament "Your Spiritual Gift" 9:00 AM Refreshments.
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting, Fellowship Hall: 6:30 PM
- Book Club - Mondays, at 3:00 PM, *The Prodigal God* by Timothy Keller. Fellowship Hall.
- Friday Morning, Moms in Prayer, 6:30 AM (Speak with Amanda Bermudez if you would like to know more)
- Good News Club - Follows School District Calendar

GOOD NEWS CLUB

at the Rudmin home (31 Beech Street, Dexter) is on hold until February

For more information, contact Benita at (207) 992-3921

A Call to Worship

Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!

- Psalm 134:2

Birthdays

- **January 9 - DeAngelo Bettis**
22 Hill Side Apt. 22 • Dexter, ME 04930
- **January 16 - Mildred (Mimi) Bermúdez**
68 Main St • Dexter, Maine 04930
- **January 17 - Ruth Gustin**
32 Nokomis Rd • Corinna, ME 04928
- **January 20 - Ryan Leighton**
655 Bear Hill Rd
Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426

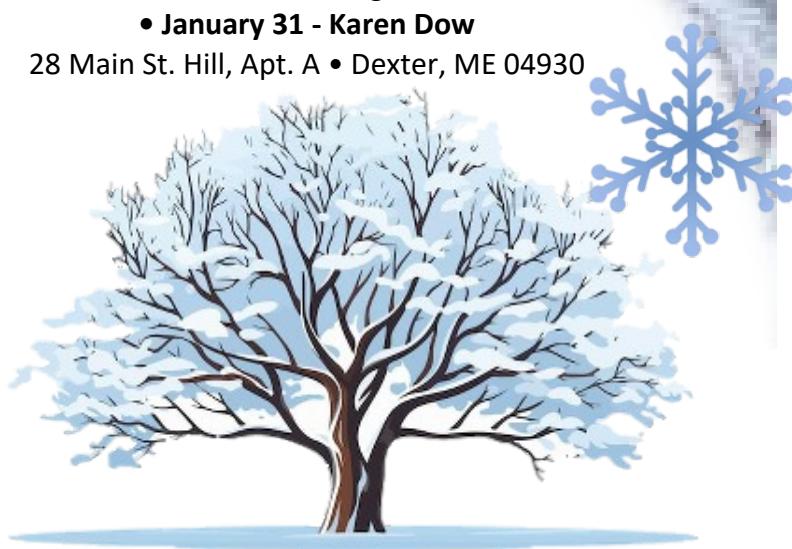
- **January 28 - Meagan Whitten**
391 St. Albans Rd • Palmyra, ME 04965
- **January 30 - Shirley Patterson**
59 W. Front St • Skowhegan, ME 04926
- **January 31 - Karen Dow**
28 Main St. Hill, Apt. A • Dexter, ME 04930

BOOK GROUP DATES

Mondays 3-4 PM

Next meeting

January 5 - Chapter 7 pages 118 - 139
January 26 - Chapter 7 pages 139 - 149



The Safe Haven Support Group

meets the fourth Saturday of the month
at 9:30 a.m. at FBC Church

It's a support group for any emotional battle, i.e.,
anxiety, depression, discouragement, grief, abuse
from a narcissist, etc.

'LIGHT LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP'

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Jesus does not want His people to doubt whether they belong to
Him but to know that they are citizens of His kingdom and
adopted children of the Father. In this seminar, Dr. Michael Reeves
addresses various subjects related to our assurance of salvation.

Questions:

1. What are common reasons why Christians struggle with assurance?
2. How does the doctrine of the perseverance of the saints relate to a Christian's assurance?
3. How does the Trinity relate to assurance?
4. How can we distinguish between true and false assurance?
5. Has every generation of Christians wrestled with assurance? Have there been times in church history when the struggle with assurance has been greater? Does social media have an impact on this today?
6. How do we understand assurance in light of the warning passages in Scripture?
7. What counsel do you give someone who might find themselves in a season of low assurance?
8. What is the ultimate end of having assurance? What is the fruit of true assurance in the life of a believer?

There are many opportunities to serve in the church
and one of those is providing snacks on Sunday mornings;
THEY NEED NOT BE HOMEMADE!

There is a sign-up sheet at the
back of the church



*As the sun rises on a new year
filled with opportunities let us all remember
this beautiful prayer from South Africa and do
our best to live it every minute of every day...*

*You asked for my hands
That you might use them for your purpose.
I gave them for a moment then withdrew them
For the work was hard.*

*You asked for my mouth
To speak out against injustice.
I gave you a whisper that I might not be
accused.*

*You asked for my eyes
To see the pain of poverty
I closed them for I did not want to see.*

*You asked for my life
That you might work through me.
I gave a small part that I might not get too
involved.*

*Lord, forgive my calculated efforts
to serve you,
Only when it is convenient to do so,
Only in those places where it is safe to do so,
And only with those who make it easy to do so.*

*Father, forgive me,
Renew me
Send me out
As a usable instrument
That I might take seriously
The meaning of your cross.*

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BAPTISM

What an amazing moment when someone steps out and publicly proclaims Jesus as Lord, and then follows the example of Christ in water baptism! As God was overseeing the writing of His Word, He saw fit to include the record of the baptism of His Son in all four of the Gospels. Take a look at Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; and John 1:29-34 to experience (or perhaps re-experience) the glory of God as Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan River. Recently, two people attending our local church have expressed their desire to be baptized...praise God! Both attend Bible study in our home. Please pray for them as they take this step of faith!

One of the people who will be baptized especially needs prayer. It is her heart's desire to also lead her family to the cross of Jesus where they can receive the saving grace of Christ. For many of us (myself included), it can be difficult to imagine what life might be like if we are the only person in our family who has Believed on Christ, repented of our sin, and received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for her to be courageous and to stand firm in her faith, even as she is set apart from the rest of her biological family with the decision to be a Jesus follower. In preparation for this challenge, we are compelled in our ministry to share the teaching of Jesus where He gave stern warning on the Cost of Discipleship. This can be found in the book of Luke, Chapter 14:25-33. Verse 26 is one verse in particular that can be unsettling to new believers, as well as some folks who have attended church for a time and have not been exposed to this teaching: 26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Does Jesus really command us to hate our family to become His disciple? No, but our love for God must be so great that the love of family must appear to be hate by comparison.

For those of us who are attracted to word images, here is one that I believe helps illustrates the meaning of verse 26. If the love for family is equal to the highest point of Tom Sauk Mountain or Mount Katahdin, our love for God must be as deep as the Mariana Trench. There can be no comparison, no similarity in depth or scale of devotion. God is sovereign—the Creator God—and declares in His Word that He is not and will never be subservient or second place to anyone. God will not accept anything less than being the most loved, the most worshipped and adored, and the most important thing in our life. This even includes the blessing of family that He provides to help us better understand how to love Him more than anything/everything else. There is no negotiation and no compromising with the God who gives us everything, especially the hope of an eternity with Him because of the saving work of Jesus!

Please continue to pray for new Christians, as well as wisdom for us to impart these truths lovingly and succinctly as we share the plan of salvation.

(This is an excerpt from Kim & Charles Redburn's latest newsletter)

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