



# FBC May Newsletter

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*And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so.*

*- Genesis 1:24*

## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 3 • 8:00 am

## Women's Breakfast

Saturday, May 17 • 8:30 am

## MAY GREETERS

- May 4 - Karen Dow - Kevin Bailey
- May 11 - Kathy Mckusick & Vicki Brooks
- May 18 - Wanita Grant & Lois Walker
- May 25 - Clarice & Sheldon Cary

## 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, *The Book of Job*, Francis Chan, 8 weeks. Fellowship Hall: 9:15 AM
- Sunday Youth Group, Youth Room: 6:15 PM till 8:00 PM
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 9:30 AM (Summer Schedule), *Romans Part 1*, featuring J.D. Greear, 1st and 3rd Tuesday, Fellowship Hall: 9:00 AM Refreshments.
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting, Fellowship Cafe: 7:00 AM
- Book Club - will resume in the Fall
- Friday Morning, Moms in Prayer, 7- 8:00 AM (Speak with Amanda Bermudez if you would like to know more)
- Good News Club - Follows School District Calendar



## THE YOUTH GROUP ROOMS ARE FINISHED

Please take a tour downstairs to see the finished rooms that welcome our youth on Sunday evenings. With many thanks to Pastor Andrew and Laura Gordon, around 20 youth gather each week for fun and also study. Please pray for the youth who are growing up in a changing and complex world. How blessed they are to have the Truth of God's Word being shared in their own special space, learning together and enjoying it all!



## FBC QUILTERS

Several ladies from our fellowship have been gathering to create quilts for the Hope House in Bangor and for the Homeless Shelter. This has been inspired by our leader, Carol Sherburne and her motto:

*Nobody can do everything  
but EVERYBODY can do SOMETHING!*

Carol was given everybody's leftover quilt pieces and scraps... so she started quilting for others pretty much as a full time job! Several of us have been "invited" to join her and at present we are completing this year's goal of 25 quilts, packed in cloth bags with scripture verses and well wishes! We will adjust this year's goal in the fall, as she has given us the summer off! We welcome newcomers to the group and have jobs for everyone.....those who sew, press and tack with threads. The quilts are lovely and warm, created with love in a variety of patterns.

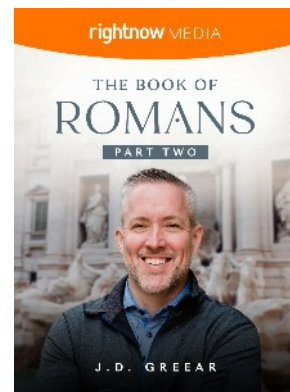
## KOREAN DINNER THIS SUNDAY!

We are privileged to have many Korean students from MCI in Pittsfield who join us for worship every Sunday. Volunteers drive our church bus to pick them up. We also have foreign students from Dover who join us. They are looking forward to treating us with some of their native dishes this coming Sunday! There will also be American dishes available! Plan to join us and let's show how much we appreciate their attendance.



## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We are rounding up this semester's very worthwhile study of *1 John*. We welcome new members anytime. We gather around 9 AM for coffee and snacks and start the lesson at 9:30. We are delighted to have Kay Gray wander back to us after a sunny winter in Florida! We will plan to meet the first and third Tuesdays, twice monthly, during the summer months for those who can make it. We are planning to use a Right Way video and discussion study of *Romans* by JD Greear. Please feel free to check us out!



# Birthdays

**MAY 7**

**Molly Akes**

c/o 5 Main St. Hill • Dexter, ME 04930

**MAY 12**

**Valerie Whitten**

391 St. Albans Rd • Palmyra, ME 04965

**MAY 14**

**Dottie Brennan**

77 Court St • Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426

**MAY 15**

**Jude Shepard**

68 Lincoln St • Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426

**MAY 16**

**Melissa Bragan**

427 Airport Rd • Corinna, ME 04928

**MAY 17**

**Joan Downar**

218 Fern Rd • Dexter, ME 04930

**MAY 19**

**Benjamin Akes**

c/o 5 Main St. Hill • Dexter, ME 04930

**MAY 23**

**Isaac Bermúdez**

7 Free St • Dexter, ME 04930

**MAY 24**

**Kyle Pepin**

49 Randolph St • Bangor, Maine 04401

**MAY 26**

**Nolan Bragan**

427 Airport Rd • Corinna, ME 04928

**MAY 30**

**Billie Smith**

21 Candy Lane • Brunswick, ME 04011

**MAY 31**

**Kenny Gardiner**



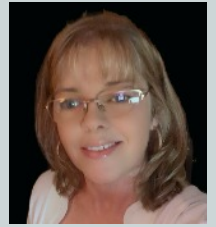
## Anniversary

**May 5**

**Greg and Joanne Hathaway**

76 Railroad Ave • Dexter, ME 04930

# The Quiet Seat: Daily Devotional



## A MEMORIAL DAY THANK YOU

As I reflect back on the famous speech spoken by President Roosevelt from 1941, "A day that will live in infamy." I am reminded of the attack on Pearl Harbor, up until this raid the U.S. had hesitated to join World War II.

So many lives were lost on both sides. And it is certainly a day to remember. A declaration of war was sounded by the President after this attack. Brave men fought that day to protect our land and freedom, to which I will be forever grateful. Although a surprise attack, bravery was proven in the midst of such tragedy.

For this and all the other men and women that fought for our freedom throughout history, I say thank you.

There is a spiritual battle that rages every day for the souls of mankind. And man has no armor to combat the enemy forces before they come to Jesus.

They are held captive in the enemy's camp. The prisoner has no weapon apart from Jesus to escape those forces. But the victory is won when that soul surrenders to Jesus. He now has a sword and a shield to fight the enemy. He may lose his life on the battlefield, but he is promised a place of rest, he will never be a P.O.W.

One man died over two thousand years ago to set the captive free, the man Jesus Christ. He now fights the battle for His people. Surprise attacks may come to the child of God, but as long as we keep our armor on, we will be safe from all those fiery darts.

Brave men and women lost their life December 7, 1941 so Americans would remain free. And brave men and women lose their life every day for the cause of Christ because they have been set free and pray for us to be free spiritually.

The "dog tags" we now wear are not worn around the neck, but are engraved upon our heart. We now belong to the Lord's Army! And He will train us, to be a mighty warrior in His regime.

*1 Timothy 6:12*

*Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.*







## THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

What a joy to talk with Amanda, Pastor Andrew's wife, whom we now call The Farmer on Free Street! She has taken on so many varied responsibilities and so enjoys working at the Community Garden at the Fred Sherburne farm on the Ripley Road. With immense amounts of help from Fred and his knowledge and farm equipment and also from Laura Gordon, grant writer extraordinaire, the garden is set to excel this coming summer.

With cuts in government funding, there will be no free produce available. The garden was established several years ago but many of those volunteers are no longer there. There is a huge need for volunteers for various jobs... not all pulling weeds!... so feel free to stop by on Saturdays when they work. At present, there are volunteers who are starting seedlings in their homes, builders who have created 30 raised beds with more needed. There is a need for wood to be volunteered... 1x6's and 2x4's. Amanda and Fred can easily fill you in on the needs!

God is so faithful when we believe! Walmart in Palmyra wants to send their employees to do service work. Amazingly, through social media, they learned of the garden here. Already they have given 4 new wheelbarrows, hand tools and whatever is needed! And workers! People who can ease the work for Fred of the mowing and grounds keeping.

Financial donations are welcome also. The Heart of Maine United Way in Bangor has a Week of Action In May and they have plans to send volunteers. Several families from our fellowship are involved... including the kids from the Bermudez, the Akes and the Bragans. Think to encourage them with a word of thanks and appreciation!



## Help us Grow Together: Dexter Community Garden

