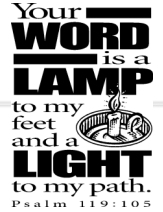




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TODAY, JANUARY 1st: New Year's Day. Pastor Kevin preaching.
11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary

MONDAY: Church Office Closed
11:30 AA, Harrington Center


TUESDAY:
1:00 Women's Bible Study, Cheney 10
7:00 Elders, Room 10

WEDNESDAY:
12:00 AA Discussion Group, Harrington Center
2:00 Music Lessons, Sanctuary
6:00 Family Night
6:45 Classes
7:00 Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 Honor Court, Harrington Center

THURSDAY:
10:00 Prayer Group, Cheney 9
4:00 Wee Believers, Rooms 3 & 4
7:00 Bible Study at the Bellerive home, led by Ted Steensen, Sr.

FRIDAY:
11:30 Living Sober Group, Harrington Center
7:00 TTL, Coulter Hall
7:00 AA, Harrington Center

SATURDAY:
7:30 Men's Breakfast, Coulter Hall
4:00 AA, Harrington Center

New Sunday School class—
 Interested in finding out more about fasting—scriptural basis and practical knowledge? A new 5-week Sunday School class is forming, beginning January 8 in Pastor Kevin's old office (next to the church office), using a *Jentezen Franklin* book. Teacher: *Linda Cross*

WORSHIP SERVICE: Our church offers children's worship opportunities during the 11:00 am Worship service. Parents are welcome to bring their children to the Nursery, which is located just outside the Sanctuary on the right, and Junior Church is in room 11, just before the Nursery. *Sue Gustafson* will be volunteering in the Nursery, and *Stephanie Cross* will lead Junior Church.




HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! Praise God that we are able to welcome a new year into the life of our church. Our Christ-mass Festivities were wonderful. A special thank you to all who helped in so many ways to welcome the Christ Child and the New Year into our lives. What a privilege it is to be able to serve the Lord for another year.


As we start our year, our first sermon series will focus on the primary themes of our church, *Pray, Teach, Love*. When the church leadership met last year, we examined some of the high points of our church. These three themes were quite prevalent. As we begin a new year, we will spend one month on each theme, discovering what Scripture says about each one, and how to apply it to our lives.

The Word of God is vital to the life of the believer. The Bible contains everything we need to know about life, and living the Christian life. One of my prayers is that we will continue to hunger and thirst for the Scriptures, for in them we find hope, salvation and wisdom.

And, we are also beginning a season of fasting. As I mentioned in the letter recently sent, fasting is a spiritual discipline. Now I am not so much into new year's resolutions. I have found that after about three weeks, or sooner, the resolution is out the door. So why not take the first three weeks to especially focus on God and our lives with Him.

I believe it will make our entire new year more pleasing to God, both personally and corporately as a church body. Let's expect great things from our great God for His glory in 2012!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST INDIA FUNDRAISER: On Saturday, January 14, 2012, you are invited to enjoy pancakes and sausage in the Fellowship Hall. *Pastor Kevin* and *Julie* are serving up breakfast to raise a little dough, and to be a witness to the community. Suggested donation is \$5.00 (or more) to enjoy *Linda Cross*' pancakes. And if you have any old cell phones, please bring those also. Thanks!!!


MEETING
 **NEXT SUNDAY:** There will be a **special business meeting** after the 8:15 worship service on January 8th to discuss payment for damages at the Harrington Center and church due to water problems.

Upcoming Events—

- Saturday, January 7th at 7:30 a.m., **Men's Breakfast**, Coulter Hall
- **Christmas Cantata**, *Christmas is Forever*, at St. John the Baptist Church, E. Brookfield, Sunday, January 8th at 2 p.m. 🎵
- **Community Lunch for Seniors**, Thursday, January 12th at 11:30 a.m. in Coulter Hall
- The Christian Life Committee is having a **Family Game Night**, Saturday, January 21st from 6—8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be games for the young and old, such as S'mores, Go Fish, Spoons, Monopoly and more! Bring a snack to share and a game if you'd like. For more details, see *Stephanie Cross*.



Notes of thanks for Advent fruit baskets were received from: *Shirley Crandall, Bob & Marion Famosa, Joe & Marge Frigon and Renée & Bill Hall.*



In addition, *Vera Ingerson* has sent her thanks and gratitude for all who have been praying for her.

THANK YOU: *Pastor Kevin* and his family express their thanks to all who have given gifts, greetings, and shared their love with the Cross family during this Christ-mass season. Your compassion is appreciated and gratefully received.

“Dear Friends and co-workers from East Brookfield—We want to thank you for helping us continue our work to reach Brazil and the world with the news of Jesus. Just this week we were encouraged with the news of the first Christian conference of the river people in the Amazon basin...There were 8 churches represented with over 1,000 believers. Why it encouraged us was because they used the Bible video series that *Steve* produced. That means you all are part of that result as well. Thank you!! Merry Christmas.”

Love,
Steve & Sonia Armour

“Thank the church family for the X-mass cards given to *Jane* and the prayers. Her twin helped her open them all...also for the \$5 found picking up all the envelopes...”
Joan & David Fekay

Note: Picture of *Jane* is in card on Coulter Hall bulletin board.

Lost and Found...



If you lost or misplaced a **ring** after the youth musical on Sunday, December 4, please call the church office at 508-867-7725.

PRAYER POINTS for the week...

- Sara Blackwell* *George Berry*
- George Cross* *Harold Smith*
- Patricia Gobble (Gladys Clark's daughter)*
- Dexter Jewell (Becky Beeman's father)*
- Jane Mumford (Fekay's granddaughter)*



Area Church: Fr. George Charland and St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, E.B.

Armed Forces and families around the world.

Sponsored Child of the Week: *Tinashe Bepe* from Zimbabwe, sponsored by *Chris & Bill Bellerive*



Annual Committee Reports:

Attn: Committee Chairs and those responsible for turning in reports for the Annual Report—Please remember to write and turn in your report by January 10th. If possible, please send them via email to the church office (ebbaptist@verizon.net). These will be compiled into the Annual Report that is distributed to our church family at the Annual Meeting on the fourth Sunday of January. Thank you!

CELL PHONE FUNDRAISER: Hi, *Julie Cross* here. I am holding a fundraiser for my trip to India. It's great because there is nothing for you to buy or sell. I simply ask that you donate your extra inactive cell phones. I will collect them and send them to the PaceButler Corporation. They will purchase most usable phones to refurbish and resell. There will be two boxes to receive cell phones. One will be in the Narthex and the second will be in the Fellowship Hall. Any cell phone can be donated. You may want to erase any data (phone numbers, pictures, etc.). Please include the battery. No accessories or chargers are needed. Damaged phones are acceptable. Be sure any lock code is removed. If you can, please ask your friends or neighbors if they have any they would like to donate. **THANK YOU** for participating!!!



India Mission: If you would like to donate toward *Pastor Kevin* and *Julie's* trip to India, please make your check payable to EBBC, and list “India Mission” in the memo section of the check or on the front of the envelope. Thanks !

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

- January 1 *Shirley Crandall*
- January 4 *Evelyn Roca*
- January 5 *Eve Stanley*
- January 8 *Rebekah Gillmeister*

