



# HILLSIDE MONTHLY DISPATCH

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## Seek the Living Water

### From the Pastor's Desk

#### Fountain of Life

John 4:14

The other day when I was walking on the eight floor of the Merrimack Power Station in Bow I had a tremendous view of the south end of the plant. When I was up there I was able to see parts of Pembroke, Suncook, and Allenstown. I could see the Steeple of the Congregational Church in Pembroke and the mill located along the Suncook River. Another site to see was the mountains in far off distance from that height they are pretty impressive.

The Merrimack River also runs pretty through that area in which it is surrounded by trees and fields. Boats, kayaks, and jet skis are active also this time of year. But with all those views there is one that caught my attention more than any other. What caught my eyes was the myriad of fountains that were spraying along the discharge stream from the plant.

The fountains are almost hypnotic to watch. They serve an important purpose though. When the boilers are running the system needs cooling, so water from the river is pumped through chambers to help cool down the unit and, while they cool down the boiler, the water becomes super-heated. The water never touches the contaminants of the system. Upon discharge the hot discharge water is sent into a cooling stream before the water is allowed to go back into the river.

During the winter the water is warm enough to ward off ice buildup and its exit point is well known for its large fish. But before the super-heated water can get to the river it must cool down and sometimes that requires a little more help than just discharging it into cooler water. That is where these fountains come into play.

When the fountains are activated the water is ejected into the air to help cool it off. Now there are a least seventy to eighty fountains along this stream. It is noticeable from River Road in Bow. Can you imagine watching all these fountains going off at the same time? It is quite a water display. If you are ever driving through Bow I recommend passing by on River Road to see if you can get a glimpse of it, for your time will be well spent. This show is pretty impressive from the sidelines, but the show I saw was from

### Upcoming Events and Meetings

**Sept. 6, 7:30 a.m. – Men's First Prayer Breakfast**

The men share a meal, then discuss a book of Scripture.

**Sept. 6, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper**

**Sept. 6, Midday – Stewardship Meeting**

**Sept. 11 – Patriot's Day (8th anniversary)**

**Sept. 15, 6:00 p.m. – Bible Study, Music Practice resume**

**Sept. 19 – Youth Mountain Climb**

A hike to the top of a small mountain with impressive views.

Rain Date is Sept. 26 at 10 am.

**Sept. 20, Midday – Business Meeting**

Preceded by a Baptist Potluck Dinner

**Sept. 27, Noon – Christian Chicks**

the eighth floor looking down upon it. From that point of view I could see all the fountains going off simultaneously.

As I think about all those fountains I am reminded of a story in the Gospel of John about the Samaritan woman. The story is found in chapter four in which Jesus approaches a Samaritan woman for water while His disciples went into town to get food. While they were away Jesus took the time to talk to a woman that no one else wanted to be with. While Jesus was there they enjoyed a long discussion about faith, religion, and the coming Messiah. It was to her that He revealed Himself as the long awaited Christ. He did this while discussing water with her. Jesus was the master at using everyday items to illustrate deep spiritual truths about Himself and about His father.

As He talked to her about the water He held, He said in verse 14 "Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

Those fountains at the power plant were causing that water to spring high and far into the air, but that does not compare to what Jesus will do in the life of a true believer in Him. The fountains in Bow sometimes break down, sometimes don't need to run, and eventually will be decommissioned.

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But the well, spring, or fountain that runs deep within the believer will never fail, run out, or be decommissioned. It will run for eternity. It will never stop, end, or breakdown. The living water that Jesus has given us is an endless spring and that source is Jesus Himself.

Let me encourage you today to live a life that shows others that the living water is springing up in you; that those who see you will see that living water gushing forth from your heart. You as a Christian have the living water of your Savior welling up within you ready to burst forth to share with those who are lost and dying. Take the time to tell others about Jesus and see what He will do in their life when they come to Him in faith for salvation.

There is nothing more exciting than seeing someone who is on fire for the Lord, seeing someone who is living out the life that shows a spring flowing forth the message of Jesus Christ. His water is water that brings true life. The water He gives restores, renews, and reinvigorates those who come to Him.

Pray that your life is a life that exemplifies that of our Lord and the well spring of eternal life that He has given you. May His love spring forth from you and may His gift of life cause you to glorify Him greatly.

Blessings,  
✠ Pastor Jim

**Operation Christmas Child**



Yes my friends it is that time of year again. The weather is cooling, the leaves are starting to change and stores are beginning to order their stock of new fangled toys and gadgets in time for the holiday shopping season. Soon you'll walk through the stores and find yourself

humming the Christmas Carol that is playing over the speaker system. You'll overhear the mothers and fathers telling little Johnny and little Susie to not get the "can I have's".

During this busy season I would like for us all to take a moment and think of little ones around the world who do not know the true meaning of Christmas. The ones that have no one to tell them about Christ and the sacrifice He made for us all.

Each year Samaritan's Purse heads up a program called Operation Christmas Child. This program collects shoeboxes filled with small toys, school supplies, personal hygiene items, and candy, and sends them out to countries where children can use them and can learn about Jesus. They take every box and add a Bible to it as well as a booklet about Jesus in the child's language.

Hillside has been participating in this program for several years. In years past, we encouraged our members to pack a box for a child and bring it in. Last year we decided to do things a little differently and we set up a box in the foyer to collect a different item each month. Then in November we

held a packing party. Last year we were able to increase the amount of boxes from 7 in 2007 to 20 in 2008. What a blessing that was!

This year we have set up the box again and we are asking for you to help by donating small toys and school supplies for the month of September. In October, we will collect personal hygiene items and candy. In November, we will pack and wrap shoeboxes. We are hoping to again increase the number of boxes this year.

If you have any questions at all please see either myself or Shannon. Thank you.

✠ Dale Greenly

**Christian Chicks**

Christian Chicks will resume their monthly gathering this month on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, right after Sunday Service. Lunch will be provided, so please stay after the Service and enjoy some fellowship.

✠ Michelle Robertson

**Men's Breakfast**

The men will meet for breakfast on Sunday Sept. 6 at 7:30 a.m. Pastor Jim has kindly offered to prepare breakfast that morning. If his son, Connor, has any influence, there will surely be eggs included.

So join us as we resume our monthly breakfasts into the fall season. There will be food, fellowship, and a Bible Study. Our main task will be to decide on a course of study for the next several months, so bring a suggestion. Any part of God's Word is good to study.

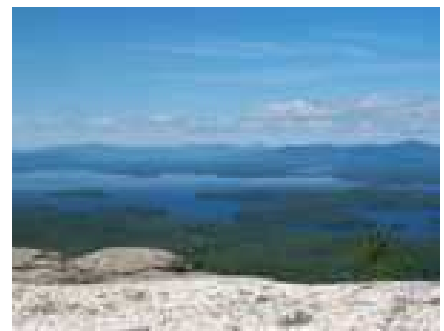
Don't snooze, get up and come on in!

✠ Michael Frascinella

**Youth on the Move**

**Sept. 19 – Hike Mount Major**

Set aside Saturday Sept. 19 for a physically and spiritually rewarding outdoor experience in the mountains of New Hampshire. Meet at Hillside at 10 a.m. then we'll cruise up Route 28 to Alton Bay and our hiking destination: Mount Major, a 1700-foot mountain overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee and Rattlesnake Island.



The lower half of the trail follows an old carriage road and then runs level for a while before ascending to the ledges. The upper part of the trail crosses several open ledges at which you can stop and take in great views of the lake, Wolfboro Harbor, and the Ossipee Mountains in the distance. After a short scramble up some steep rocks, you reach the summit and its roofless stone shelter.

The summit is wide open with spectacular views of God’s creation in all directions, well worth the effort. Total hiking time is about 1.5 hours.

To prepare, get a backpack and bring a sandwich, fruit, snacks like raisins or crackers, a canteen of water or a camelback, a poncho in case of rain, and a jacket and long pants for the summit. Wear sturdy boots (no sandals or flip flops, please!). Bring a camera to record your adventure.

Rain date is Saturday Sept. 26.

✠ Michael Frascinella

### Property and Space Patrol

Roche Pouliot finished installing the new tiles on the downstairs hall (65 feet of tile) which was quite a job considering that the people who poured the original cement floor did not get it quite smooth and level. But the result is "mirabile visu" (get out your Latin dictionary).

Additional handrails were installed in the front stairway and new handrails were installed in the rear stairway. As soon as Pastor Al returns from his disaster relief trip to western NY, we'll resume renovations.

### Old Home Day

On August 22, residents of and visitors to Pembroke and Allentown celebrated their towns at Memorial Field in Pembroke. Hillside participated by setting up a booth in the vendors' area on the Little League field. Everyone else was selling crafts, foods, books, jewelry, and services, but Hillside was giving away bottles of cold water and Bible tracts.

The day started out rainy with an 8:00 a.m. trip to LaValley Farms in Hooksett for water and ice, then several members met at Memorial Field to set up our booth while the rain tapered off. Crowds from the parade started arriving around 10:30 a.m. and pretty soon we were handing out a few bottles per minute.

Pastor Jim and family arrived midday in the nick of time with more cases of water and cartons of ice. We had been down to our last bottle. It was hot now and people continued streaming past our booth grateful to receive the cold water. Some people stopped to talk, and many were members of other churches and wished blessings on us for our efforts.

By 3:30 p.m. the rain started to pick up again and many vendors packed up for the day. We had run out of tracts by 1:30 p.m. and had handed out 10 1/2 cases of water. It was indeed a blessing to serve and spread the gospel in this simple way. And we were blessed by the generosity of Chris and Danielle LaValley who donated all the water and ice for this event. Be sure to visit them at their farm stand on Route 3 in Hooksett.

✠ Michael Frascinella

### Birthdays and Anniversaries



Hillside wishes a happy, happy, happy birthday to the following people who are celebrating a birthday this month:

- 9/1 Julie Frascinella
- 9/3 Victor Lafa
- 9/25 Julie Russo
- 9/26 Carlye Bubacz



Hillside also wishes God’s blessing on any couples who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this month. At this time we do not have a record of any anniversaries in September.

### Prayer Requests

If you need us to pray for you—whether it be for a physical, spiritual, financial, marital, or other need – contact Pastor Jim, Pastor Al, Dale Greenly, or Michael Frascinella and they will get the word out to the membership.

It will be our duty and privilege to lift you up in prayer to Jesus our Lord.

### On the Web

Go to the Hillside web site <http://www.hillsidebaptistnh.org/> for more information about our fellowship, including this newsletter in PDF format.

### Next Issue

Deadline is Sept. 24. Send news items to News Wrangler Michael Frascinella, mfrascinella at comcast dot net.

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