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Come Out of Spiritual Hibernation

From the Pastor's Desk

Refreshment in the Lord

Acts 3:19

Have you ever had one of those refreshing moments? You know, those moments that send your senses tingling? That tingling that comes after you put a peppermint in your mouth, or that refreshing feeling you get when you chug a large glass of ice water when you're really hot. How about the time you forced down that Dayquil® liquid and the menthol vaporized your senses and removed the clogging in your system? That is quite a feeling, isn't it?

Just recently when the weather turned more pleasant the family went out on an afternoon van ride. When we came out of the house it was like a family of bears who emerged from hibernation. It was a tough winter. It was a long winter. It was an over winter.

So there we were out on the deck soaking in the sunshine and warmth. You know that wonderful sunshine that has eluded us New Englanders for the last several months. Oh how refreshing it was to soak in those rays. I would not be surprised if you did something similar yourself.

This got me thinking about the Christian walk. Often our souls go through a long hibernation period. We face trials and difficulties. We go through severe temptations and failures. We extend ourselves and experience burnout.

Each of these is a winter time in our lives. A time of sadness, disappointment, heartache, frustration, and depression can creep into our very beings and cause us to be dragged down. These winter times are not fun. They can seem like forever when we are going through them. Often many Christians give up and give in to their winter times and end up leaving the church and falling in the faith.

Maybe you have experienced something similar recently in your life – possibly even more than you thought you could ever handle. Let me give you a passage from Scripture that should help and strengthen you during your chilly period. The passage is found in Acts 3:19. Luke writes, "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."

Upcoming Events and Meetings

May 1, 8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

The men share a meal, then discuss the book of Luke.

May 2, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper

Sign up for Prayer Wheel for National Day of Prayer

May 6 – National Day of Prayer

May 9 – Mother's Day/Baby Bottle Fund Drive

May 22, 6:30 p.m. – Brunt Family Singers Concert

May 23, Midday – Business Meeting

Preceded by a Baptist Potluck Dinner

Now you may not have a direct sin in your life that is causing you to endure a winter time in your life, but it is important to confess the sins you *do* know and ask God to reveal the ones you don't know. You never know for what reasons you may be in the middle of testing. If you have given into times of sadness, disappointment, heartache, frustration, and depression, it is important to know that, even though they are human emotions and are real pains, they are a byproduct of our sinful nature in not fully trusting God.

For we are encouraged by the word of God to endure all trials and tribulations with joy, for God is working in us to produce a greater faith in Him (James 1:2-4). The Bible tells us that when we go to the Lord and confess the sins that might be causing the winter chill in our lives, we will then receive a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. After a time of prayer and contemplation, you might find that there is no apparent sin causing this quietness from the Lord. Ask Him to refresh you so that your faith may endure the hardship that you are facing. When we come to a place in which we are right with Him, it is at that time that we will truly know the refreshment of the Lord.

If you have endured a spiritual winter, then it is time to come out of hibernation. Come out into the light of Christ. Stretch your arms, and breathe in deeply the warmth of His love. Take in the refreshing Spirit from Him that will revitalize you. Take in the Spirit of hope, love, joy, and peace when the world is caving in around you. Breathe in the Spirit that gives direction and encouragement when you

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are going astray. Soak in the Spirit of comfort in times of great trial.

For when you are ready, all you need to do is to turn to Him and He will receive you and refresh you in His presence. May you know this refreshment and renewal of the Lord in your life.

✠ Pastor Jim

Brunt Family Singers Reunion Concert

May 22, 6:30 p.m.

Hillside is hosting an exciting concert of gospel music featuring the Brunt Family Singers and it's only a few weeks away! This is their first concert of the year and Scott has told me that he is excited about coming to our church.



The group includes Scott Brunt, host of the popular Saturday Night Gospel Hour aired weekly at 6:00 p.m. on WVNH 91.1 FM in Concord. Alan Frink and Gary Brunt add to the harmonies.

Admission is free, so invite your friends and family for a great time of hand clapping and toe tapping to the rhythm of joyful music. A freewill offering will be accepted and refreshments will be served afterward.

✠ Michael Frascinella

Men's Breakfast

Saturday May 1st at 8:00 a.m. is the next Men's Breakfast. Pastor Jim is the Chef du Jour so we always quiche him about his cooking, if you catch the drift.

The new time and day were picked to ease the pressure of the Sunday morning schedule and to allow more men to attend. The fellowship is always uplifting and the Bible Study is always illuminating.

Try it, you'll like it!

Bowling Score Sheet

On Saturday April 17, a dozen Hillside youth and their parents went to Boutwell's Bowling Center for a night of Glow Bowling. They filled up three lanes and rolled many bowling balls down the lanes.

The adults kept up a brisk pace and got in two strings of bowling while many of the youth kept it to just one string. The high scores of the night were Shannon Greenly at 105 and Pastor Jim at 103.

Property and Space Patrol

We had a good turnout for Spring Clean Up on Saturday April 24. Several people showed up right around 9:00 a.m. and others arrived later in the morning. Some were able to

stay for the entire day while others gave a few hours to the clean up effort.

We accomplished a great many tasks. The chandelier globes were washed and virtually all the bulbs were replaced. The sanctuary is a bit brighter now. The downstairs classrooms were given a thorough cleaning, as was the kitchen and the bathrooms. The carpeting and was vacuumed and the chairs were cleaned.

Outside, the upper field was raked out so as to remove the clumps of grass scraped up by the snow plow. Several piles of rocks were raked out where the neighbor's gravel driveway runs near the church lawn. All the sand barrels were emptied, and trucked up the hill to the storage shed. The air conditioners were taken out of storage and installed in the sanctuary.

The biggest chore was removing a holey mole hole boulder from the lower parking lot. Several guys went at it with pry bars, shovels, and pick axes. Little by little the rock was raised higher and higher until it could be rolled out of its hole. The exciting part was using shovels and pry bars to roll the 300-400 pound boulder across the lot to its final location with the other boulders at the west edge of the lot. About that time someone yelled "break time!" which sounded good to the crew of sweating Baptists.

As with all Baptist events, we enjoyed some burgers and fellowship at midday, and then finished up the remaining tasks.

✠ Pastor Al Page

Birthdays and Anniversaries



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

- 5/5 Shirley Upton
- 5/22 Rachel Page
- 5/26 Michael Frascinella



Hillside also wishes God's blessing on the following couple celebrating a wedding anniversary this month:

- 5/21 Roch & Sandy Pouliot

All You Need to Know

Submitted by Rachel Page

All I need to know I learned from Noah's Ark:

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics, just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float awhile.
10. Remember the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.

Prayer Requests

If you need us to pray 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

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