



The West Hampden Baptist Church

MESSENGER

“Behold, I will send my messenger...” Malachi 3:1

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New Things for the New Year

By Pastor Michael Lynn

As we enter into another new year, let's consider some new things for this New Year. We see the word "new" used two times in II Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (creation): old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Consider with me three new things suggested by this verse. First, there is the new birth ("if any man be in Christ"). This speaks of our conversion. The new birth is commanded by Christ in John 3:7, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." In addition to the command for the new birth, there are conditions for it: repentance and faith. In Acts 20:21 we read, "Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." The consequences from the new birth consist of abundant life here and now (John 10:10, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly") as well as eternal life hereafter (John 10:28, "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall

never perish"). The question for you is: "Have you experienced the new birth?" Our verse also speaks of a new life ("he is a new creature [creation]"). This refers to the conduct of the believer. Paul exhorts in Ephesians 4:24, "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." This definition of the new man is followed by the demonstration of the new man in Ephesians 4:25-32. Peter speaks of the destination of the new man, "To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you" (I Peter 1:4). If you have experienced the new birth, are you now exercising a new life? Is your lifestyle (conduct) different than before you accepted Christ? Are you a new creation in Christ? Thirdly, our verse implies a new song ("all things are become new"). This could be called the consecration of the believer. We read of this new song in Psalm 40:3, "And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it and fear, and shall trust in the LORD." The believer's new song has its source from God ("He hath put"). The substance of this song is

"even praise unto our God." And there is the "success" of our new song: "many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD." Our new song is primarily for the exaltation of God, but also can be effective in the evangelism of the lost and the edification of the saved. This new song is in distinct contrast with the "songs" of this world. Rather than the music of rebellion, the Christian's music is that which is wholesome, God-glorifying, and Christ-honoring. How about you? Are you expressing a new song? In summary, answer these questions as we begin 2022. Have you experienced the new birth (conversion)? Are you exercising a new life (conduct)? And are you expressing a new song (consecration)? Will this truly be a New Year for you?



Schedule

January

TBA—Deacon's Meeting
12 Missions Committee Meeting
16 Service at Stillwater Health Care
17 Martin Luther King (Monday)
27 Service at Westgate Rehab

February

TBA—Deacon's Meeting
9 Missions Committee Meeting
20 Service at Stillwater Health Care
21 President's Day (Monday)
24 Service at Westgate Rehab

March

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6-11 Evangelist Mike Shrock
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13 Daylight Savings Time Starts (Sunday)
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Missions Committee Update

By Hattie Stickney

As we begin a new year, The Missions Committee of the West Hampden Baptist Church is very appreciative of your continued giving to the missions program. Without your support, we would not have a Missions program at our church. We prayerfully ask that you continue to pray with us for our missionaries that we support. As you know, last summer, the Church voted to take on another missionary, one who is ministering in the local area, in one of the toughest environments today. It is Travis Pelletier, who is serving with Ratio Christi on the campus of the University of Maine at Orono. Please remember him in your daily devotions.

It is always good to share the list of missionaries that we support, and we hope that you pray regularly for them. As you may have seen on Facebook, some of our Missionaries are going through some trials right now for their faith. We need to lift them up in our prayers that God would get the glory, and that they would be safe as they pursue His will. The full list and the level of sup-

port is at the end of this article. Please cut out the list and put it somewhere that you might be reminded to pray for them.

We are still trusting that a missions trip to Greenland will be a go this year. We are in touch with the Shull family to see how it looks on their end for the team to go there. As many of you know, Covid-19 has been a big hindrance for traveling to Greenland. While this is a nuisance for us, imagine you are a missionary trying to get home! We continue to monitor the cost of the trip, but it always comes down to travel restrictions in Greenland.

In January we will have Mark Edwards with us. Mark helped with Vacation Bible School three years ago. He is ministering to the indigenous people in Brazil and it is our hope that he might share an update on the ministry with us.

We would also request that you continue to pray for your committee and Pastor Lynn as we work out details on missions and those that come to speak.

It is never too early to start praying for the upcoming Missions Conference in the fall. Pastor and the group are working the schedule and as we have learned these past

two years, Covid-19 will determine who comes and who joins us electronically. If there is a blessing from this pandemic, it is that we are able to meet with missionaries more easily, and hear first hand what their needs may be. Remember how Shibu Simon was able to give us first hand what challenges he is facing and how we, West Hampden Baptist Church, can help him to reach the lost in India. As we reflect on the reports and updates that we have received from our missionaries, let us be mindful of their needs and how we can help.

Please continue to be in prayer for your Missions Committee as we seek God's leading in our decisions for support and trips. Your Missions Committee members are: Pastor Michael Lynn, Deacon Rusty Bickford, Jerry Burns, III, Peter Corey, Angela Lundquist and Hattie Stickney.



CURRENT MISSIONS SUPPORT

<u>Missionary</u>	<u>Mission Board/Organization</u>	<u>Location of Ministry</u>	<u>Support Amount</u>
Birch & Connie Champeon	unfoldingWord	Worldwide	\$200
Charles & Joan Farley	International Partnership Ministries	Worldwide	\$200
Tom & Debbie Gibbons	Gospel Mission of South America	Home Office, Florida	\$150
Karen Hall	Gospel Fellowship Association	Kiari, Papua New Guinea	\$55
Tim & Kathy Heijermans	Biblical Ministries Worldwide	Malaga, Spain	\$125
Joseph & Abigail Hodges	Heartland Baptist Mission	Honduras	\$100
Cathy Hodsdon	Bibles International	Worldwide	\$180
Colby & Lesa Holmes	Gospel Mission of South America	Bragado, Argentina	\$150
Margaret Holmes-Gualtieri	Retired - GMSA	Argentina	\$50
Ben & Dani Jacobs	Baptist Mid-Missions	Sorocaba, Brazil	\$140
Jon & Mitsy Mahar	Fellowship International Mission	Nakanomi, Japan	\$230
Jeremiah & April Markley	ETHNOS 360	Madang, Papua New Guinea	\$150
Don & Lorraine Nickerson	Biblical Ministries Worldwide	Noto, Japan	\$200
Sharon Pedersen	Retired	Brazil	\$100
Travis Pelletier	Ratio Christi	University of Maine, Orono	\$200
Mariano & Becky Proto	Gospel Mission of South America	Carmelo, Uruguay	\$100
David & Joy Rozelle	Biblical Ministries Worldwide	Home Office, Georgia	\$100
Chris & Carole Ann Shull	Points North Baptist Mission	Ilulissat, Greenland	\$150
Shibu Simon	India Gospel Missions	Nation of India	\$100
Stewart & Shoshannah Weinisch	Ministry to the Jews	New York City	\$130
	CEF of Central Maine	Maine	\$50
			\$2,860

A History of Evangelistic Hymnody, Part 5 By Jerry Burns, Jr.

In our previous installment we discovered that due to the divergent population of the nation (educationally, racially, traditionally, and geographically), a “new” type of hymnody was needed. Thus, the “folk idiom” emerged as the response to this. Simple melodies, sometimes based upon familiar tunes, were added to the spiritual text.

Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield were at the forefront of the great revival movement which occurred just before the American Revolution. “The societal, political and economic conditions before and after the American Revolution had set the stage for revival.”

However, at least two factors were creating a type of religious indifference. These were the rise of deism and the economic slump. Promoted by Jefferson, Franklin and Paine, the deistic philosophy “posited a remote, impersonal God”...eventually resulting in the forming of the Unitarian groups.

Secondly, because of an economic slump after the Revolutionary War, the population started moving westward. Here they somewhat mirrored their ancestors’ history by clearing wild lands and scratching out an existence in the West. Thus they “left-behind many of their social and religious traditions”.

“Although the second religious awakening, termed ‘The Great Revival,’ had its beginnings in the colleges of the east, its most unusual phase was found in the camp meetings of the ‘West’ (Kentucky and Tennessee). Outdoor religious meetings had been held during the Great Awakening, but the camp meeting of the Great Revival took on new dimensions. Rev. James McGready, a Presbyterian preacher, is generally given credit for instigating the camp meeting”.

Thousands came, requiring a several-days journey for most.

“The format of the meetings consisted of preaching, praying and singing, but socializing played no small part in the gatherings. The people lived relatively isolated lives and thus the camp meeting fulfilled the need for the people to gather socially. First and foremost, however, was the spiritual fervor that emerged.”

Next to the preaching (much of it “fire and brimstone”), singing was the most important aspect of their meetings. “the swaying was accompanied by foot tapping, body swaying, hand clapping and head rolling.” “...there was no need to induce the people to sing; it was sometimes necessary to constrain the people from singing (oh, that we had some of that today!)” In fact, at times several songs would be going at once!

We’ll continue next time discussing how the revival flames affected and changed the hymnody of the day.

College & Career With Jerry & Tanya Burns

The future men and women of WHBC and the Lord’s work around the world are in our College & Career class today! If the Lord tarries, this generation could face the most hostile environment that Christians have ever known in America. The ultimate purpose of our class is to help equip them with the “whole armour of God”. We pray that they will use the knowledge and experiences from what they have learned in their homes and in our church when the Lord places them in the ministries He has led them to; whether it be a pastor, missionary, working in the medical profession, working in retail, being a mom, being a dad, whatever their life’s work, is important! We ask that you please pray for each of these young adults that the Lord will make clear to them what His will is for them in their lives. We thank our church family for their continued support and prayers! May the Lord bless you richly in 2022!



Library News

With Nick and Alison Carter



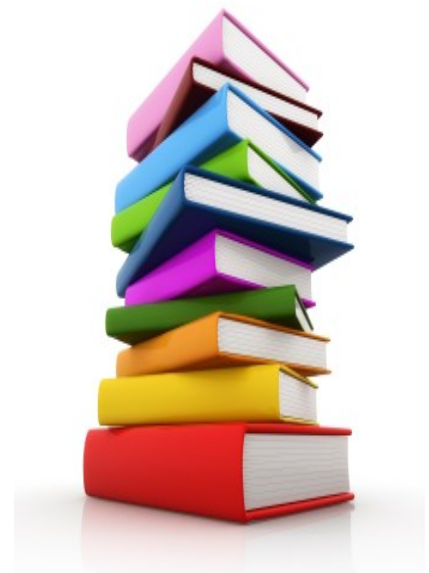
As we begin another new year, there is an exciting new change at the West Hampden Baptist Church.. On Sunday, January 16, 2022, the church library will permanently reopen!!

To rebuild our library, we are accepting

donations of Biblical fiction and non-fiction, music CD’s and DVD’s for all ages. We ask the short survey in next Sunday’s bulletin be returned to us as soon as possible as we strive to improve this ministry to meet everyone’s interests who may visit. Survey responses may be returned via offering plate, directly to us or in the basket outside the library door, to Nick or Alison Carter or to Gail Burns.

Here is an advanced copy of the Library Survey for 2022. Won’t you take a moment to help us meet your needs? Thank you.

1. What changes could be made to make you want to visit the library?
2. What topics are of interest to you?
3. Do you prefer an actual book or an e-book?
4. Would you be interested in purchasing products from the library (books, CD’s, DVD’s)?





Brother Mike's Testimony

A trumpet player from an early age, Mike Shrock was reared in Seattle, Wash. He enrolled in college at Bob Jones University (Greenville, S.C.) where he received a bachelor's degree in Music Education. More importantly, while at BJU he met Lori Nestor. The two were married and moved to Boston so that Mike could pursue a master's degree in Trumpet Performance at Boston University.

Although he was preparing for a career as a professional trumpet player, God had different plans and called Mike into the ministry. He first served as youth pastor and song leader in his local church in East Longmeadow, Mass., before being called to serve as youth pastor and music pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Windsor, Conn. He also attended Northland Baptist Bible College (Dunbar, Wis.),

earning a master of ministries degree in Bible. During the ministry at Calvary, Mike and Lori adopted their son, Drew. Mike next served under Dr. Frank Bumpus at Bethel Baptist Church in Schaumburg, Ill., before being called to serve the next 17 years as a school representative and staff evangelist for Bob Jones University. During his time on University staff, Mike traveled the United States, speaking at countless churches, camps, and retreats.

Today, Mike travels as an independent evangelist, preaching and playing his trumpet at ministries across the United States and around the world.

***Come Join us, March 6-11, 2022 as we host Evangelist Mike Shrock
Invite a Friend!***

Social Calendar

January

- 1 New Year's Day (Saturday)
- 2 Missionary Mark Edwards—all services
- 16 Service at Stillwater Health Care
- 17 Martin Luther King Holiday (Monday)
- 27 Service at Westgate Rehab
- 29 Men's Breakfast
- 30 Fifth Sunday Singspiration

February

- 12 Couple's Dinner at Coach House (Saturday)
- 14 Valentines Day
- 20 Service at Stillwater Health Care
- 21 President's Day Holiday (Monday)
- 24 Service at Westgate Rehab
- 26 Men's Breakfast
- 26 Sledding Party

March

- 6-11 Evangelist, Mike Shrock
- 13 Daylight Savings Time Starts (Sunday)
- 19 Family Talent Night (Saturday)
- 20 Service at Stillwater Health Care
- 24 Service at Westgate Rehab
- 26 Men's Breakfast

Calendar Highlights

Couples Dinner: Saturday, February 12th, 5:00 PM. Once a year, around Valentines Day, we gather as couples in fellowship with food and the Word. It is a time to reflect on our relationships with partners through life, and how we can grow together with the Lord. This year we will be hosting Draa Mackey, pastor at Bayshore Baptist Church in Lincolnville.

Sledding Party: Saturday, February 26. After confirming with the Rices, the party is on! This is family time, for sledding (pray for snow), indoor games and pizza. Invite a friend and come join us.



Family Talent Night: Saturday, March 19th. Who can forget the magical performances in the past of many of our own church members in this time of fun and entertainment. You never know what will happen. Again, invite a friend and come join us.