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A Season of Change

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I don't know about you, but deep inside I truly love that first moment when it strikes me that a new season of the year is approaching—the first snowflake, the first crocus breaking through in spring, that first hot day when I know that summer is finally here (especially for us New Englanders!), and that first leaf turning red or gold that brings with it probably the most glorious season to experience here in New Hampshire.

Life is full of changes, isn't it? The elementary stages, the teen years, and then college, and that first job! And then maybe the "falling in love" stage, and then raising a family, moving from one place to another, and eventually that stage called "the golden years," where hopefully we will look back and say, "It was a wonderful life!" The seasons of life, like the seasons of nature, are full of changes. Everything has changes; in fact, the only permanent thing is change!

Every type of *life* has changes—every life, that is, but *eternal life*. *That* life remains sure! Jesus said in John 10:10 that He "came to give us life—life in the fullest—abundantly!" That life is available to any and all who place their trust in Him and commit to follow Him. More specifically, the Lord's plan for you is that your life would flourish now and then into eternal life. Actually, it's His absolute joy to bless you!

So in a world where there are so many changes (and yes, many of them are good), isn't it great to

know that God's love stands *true*, and His love is *sure—forever!* "For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever would believe in Him will never perish, but have everlasting life." This is His unchanging promise!

Have a great fall!

▪ *Til next time,
 Pastor Thom*



*"I am come that
 they might have life,
 and that they might
 have it more
 abundantly."*

(John 10:10)

Sunday School begins September 10th!



- ▶ Grades pre-K to 1st will meet with Ms. Lisa
- ▶ Grade 2 to 5 will meet with Mrs. Johnson
- ▶ Contact CE Director Traci Van Brunt with any questions!



Baptismal service

Our First Christian Church family witnessed the baptism of seven candidates on August 13th. Congratulations to Mike Lewis, Grace Martin, Darrell Pack, Richard and Sandra Paczkowski, and Bill and Patty Tarbox, who took this important step of faith this summer.



Ladies deliver handmade quilts

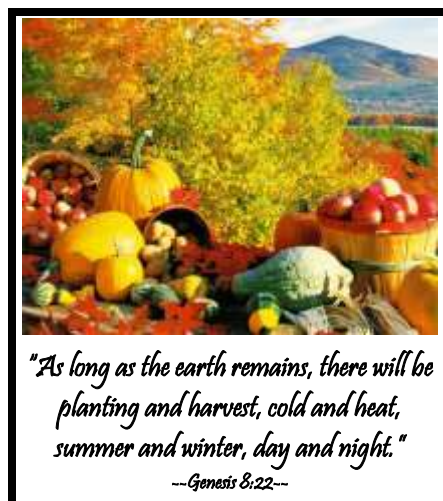
On July 7th, Bette Frazier, Dot Lyons, Nancy Mako and Phyllis Qualls delivered 25 kid-friendly lap quilts, along with a box of groceries and supplies, to David's House in Lebanon, NH, on behalf of the First Christian Church "Sew Blessed" sewing group. Along with Beverly Funk, Gail Johnson, Shirley Lymburner, Sandy Morris, Joan Sayce and Greta Wingate, the group cut and ironed fabric, and machine-stitched and quilted the colorful themed fabrics (like fish, outer space, daisies, sports) into alternating 4-patch lap quilts, in May and June.

The mission of David's House is to provide a home-away-from-home for families with children receiving treatment through Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHAD) at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. If you would like to join this group next spring, please contact Bette, 569-1317. You do not need to know how to machine sew to join them. Friends to cut fabric with rotary cutters and iron fabric is a critical job to complete each cuddly quilt.

If you have cotton quilting fabric to donate to the group or would like to contribute financially for their purchase of fabric and thread, please speak with Bette. The group estimates that they will need to purchase 25 yards of kid-friendly cotton novelty fabrics to duplicate the donation they made this year. Their supply of donated novelty fabrics this spring has been depleted from the twenty-five lap quilts completed in June.

In addition, if you receive JoAnn's coupons that you are not using, the Sew Blessed members are happy to accept these or JoAnn's gift cards, to assist with purchasing affordable novelty fabrics OR you can purchase a yard of novelty fabric yourself that you

think a boy, girl or baby would love! We know the recipients will be so blessed when they receive a quilt from "Sew Blessed"!



Worship goes beyond the doors of FCC!

Lou Esoldo, who plays guitar on our worship team, shared his gifts and talents beyond the doors of FCC this summer, as he and his musically talented family led worship at Camp Sentinel for 120 campers and 40 staff. Many thanks to Lou and his family for their ministry. They are much appreciated!



New Bible studies starting

New ways to enhance and aid your growth in God's Word are being offered this fall. The first to begin will be the Ladies' Bible Study, which will explore *Genesis: God's Creative Call*. Beginning Tuesday, September 19th, the study will meet from 1:30 to 3 PM in the church Fellowship Hall, and will be led by Jan Hawes. All ladies are welcome.

Be watching for other studies starting up soon!

Keeping up with our church family

Dinner for Eight brings folks together!

Fun and fellowship rooted in the friendships made at FCC's Dinner for Eight brought folks together at the home of Ed and Dee Graham for their annual potluck dinner at the end of August. The hostess provided an over-the-top, grand finale of choice desserts.



A new season of Dinner for Eight begins in September. Be sure to sign up in the Fellowship Room, or contact Jerri Dempster (630-7003) to be involved or for more information.

■ Marge Dahle

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