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A time for everything!

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In the late 1950's Pete Seeger wrote the song, "Turn! Turn! Turn! (To Everything There Is a Season)." However, the song didn't become popular until 1965, when it was adopted by the American rock group, "The Byrds," and then it became an international hit! Ironically, the entire song is based upon the first eight verses of the third chapter of the biblical Book of Ecclesiastes, with the main theme being that there is "a time for everything" in heaven and upon earth.

The thing about God's timing, though, is that it often comes when least expected and often requires change—and not many of us like change! Now we may say we do, in general, but when it begins to affect our plans, our arenas, or our lives—well, then it's a different story entirely.

I once heard a speaker say, "The only permanent thing is change!" And I'm sure we've all heard the cliché, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks!" Well, have you ever stopped to think that some of the biggest changes that come into our lives, come as we begin to get a bit older—ie, downsizing to a new home, God calling our spouse home earlier than expected, moving to a new location, and experiencing the aches and pains that come from who knows where?

I say all that to say this—change will come, and when it does, I want to encourage you to embrace it, whether it be an upcoming test at school, or a test of faith over which we have no control whatsoever. Why? Because we have a great

God Who is in control of every event in our lives and is Himself, the quintessential Change Agent. Now I'm not saying this lightly, because change—any change—is difficult—often untimely (on our schedule)—and can bring anxiety.

Yet, as I look out my office window at a crab apple tree I am reminded that less than a month ago, it was bare! Then came the bud, then the beautiful flowering, and now the fullness of leaves that camouflage what we will soon see as apples. "A time for everything!"

With that as a backdrop and as spring changes into summer, I want to encourage you, as well as myself, to get enthused about what new and exciting things God will bring about in the season ahead and how they will present us with ways to trust Him and serve Him. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

▪ *Til next time, I remain Unworthy, but His, Thom*



YOU'RE INVITED!
Please join us for



Sunday, June 3
10 AM

First Christian Church
83 North Main Street
Wolfeboro, New Hampshire

JOIN US AS WE:

- Celebrate our children and youth!
- Honor our teachers and workers!
 - Recognize our graduates!
 - Present scholarship awards!
 - Hear from our young people!

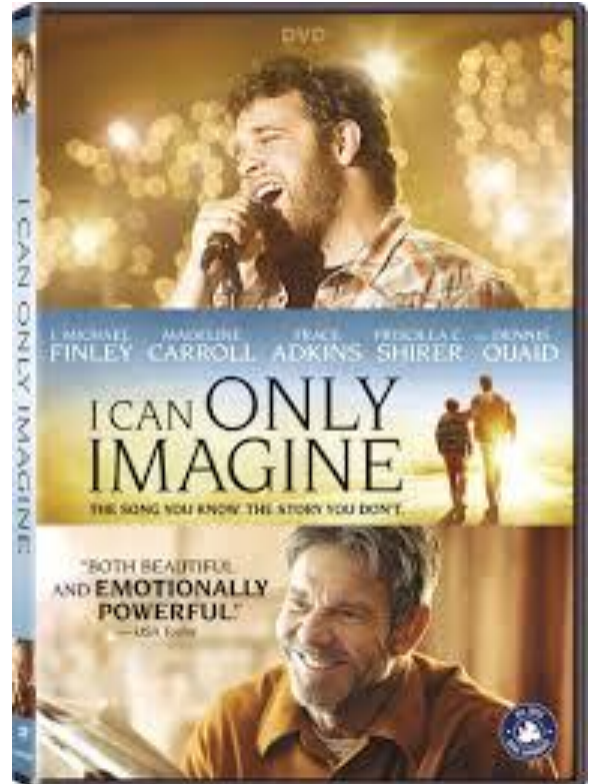
Check it out!

Summer is almost upon us and things are slowing down from the sometimes frenetic winter season. Take some time to relax and enjoy some of the materials our church library has to offer. We have recently added many new books and DVDs for your enjoyment, and more materials are coming soon. For instance, *I CAN ONLY IMAGINE*, which has just been released, will be on our shelves shortly.

There is an updated list of recently purchased items on the bulletin board inside of the library. Books are catalogued by genre and author. DVDs are in alphabetical order.

Just a reminder: please remember to sign your name and the date taken in the log book, and when items are returned, just add the date returned. PLEASE place all returned materials in the plastic box inside the library and not back on the shelves. Happy reading and listening!

■ *Ali Nelson*



Team Wolfeboro

As you visit Wolfeboro businesses this summer, thank them for displaying the Team Wolfeboro decal, shown below. First Christian Church funded the purchase of these decals to unite the community and to promote Drug Prevention! For additional information or to volunteer, please contact Bob Batson, Jim Poole, or Team Wolfeboro at 569-0660.



■ Bob Batson

A Night of Praise and Worship

Join us at the Community Church of Alton on Saturday, June 16th, at 7:00 PM, for an evening of contemporary praise and worship, including songs from Matt Redman, Travis Cottrell, Kari Jobe, and more! You won't want to miss this night of worship, as several churches, including First Christian, combine in one mighty night of praise!



Mission Motion Happenings



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please mark your calendars now for a chance to meet and greet our missionaries!

July 22, 2018 - Ed and Janelle Graham family will be with us at both worship services to briefly share what their job involves in sharing God's Word with the people of China. At 4:30 that afternoon come and join us for an appetizer reception/fellowship time to learn more about their work.

August 12, 2018 - We have new missionaries from Senegal, West Africa—Charles and Heather Badiane. They and their four small children are traveling through New Hampshire this summer and would like to attend church with us. While this will not be a formal missions Sunday for them this year, please take the time to introduce yourselves and make them feel welcome. More information about their mission work can be found in the YELLOW BOX on the Missions table in the Fellowship Hall.

Any questions? Please contact one of our team members: Patricia Johnson, Sue Christian, Dayna Hannon, or Shirley Lymburner.

Compassionate Knitters completes season

The Compassionate Knitters have been very busy! We are growing by leaps and bounds and I am amazed by the number of items I am mailing out. So far in 2018 we have made 5 baby blankets, 98 baby hats, 62 pairs of baby booties, 15 teddy bears, 8 baby washcloths, 40 dishcloths, 156 squares, 3 pairs of hand warmers, and 8 hats. We are also up to 88 children's hats set aside for the End 68 Hours of Hunger program next December. We have a goal of making approximately 120 hats to give all the children in that program for the Governor Wentworth School District. I am confident we will meet our goal.

We are taking a break from our monthly meetings for the summer. However, for anyone who wishes to submit items or get more yarn, there are bins under the Missions table in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to everyone for continuing to support this ministry. I'm very grateful for your participation. If anyone would like to join us in our efforts, give me a call (859-1274, or wingate1@tds.net). We'd love to have you join us!



■ Heather Wingate

Keeping up with our church family

May 22nd marked the day that Sew Blessed completed 10 weeks and approximately 96 hours together to create 25 quilts for David's House in Lebanon, New Hampshire!

On Father's Day, June 17th, they will display the quilts (weather permitting) at the church on folding wooden clothes drying racks and on a clothesline. Whether they joined Sew Blessed once or were with them every Tuesday, each person was a valuable part of the Sew Blessed group!



Sew Blessed completes 25 new quilts!

Sew Blessed plans to drive the two hours to deliver the quilts to David's House on Monday, June 18, along with enjoying some lunch, shopping, and a fun time together along the way!

Many thanks to each of you who participated, for every little thing and every big thing you did to work on these quilts. Selecting fabrics from Bette's stash, shopping at JoAnn's for fabrics, cutting fabric,

bagging them by themes, sewing 4 patches, assembling quilt tops, attaching borders, sandwiching, sewing up the turning hole, machine quilting making the label, and attaching the labels took time, patience, commitment, and perseverance! The best news is that 25 children will be "Sew Blessed" by your labor of love! God bless you all!



▪ *Bette Frazier*

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