

# December NEWSLETTER

## ISAIAH 7:14

<sup>14</sup> THEREFORE THE LORD HIMSELF SHALL GIVE YOU A SIGN; BEHOLD, A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE, AND BEAR A SON, AND SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL. KJV

### *Sundays*

**9:15 am Sunday School**  
**10:30 am Morning Worship**  
**6:30 - 8:00 pm Youth Group**

### *Tuesdays*

**9:00 am Bible Study,**  
**We are studying 1 Peter**  
**Everyone welcome**

### *Thursdays*

**6:30 pm Prayer Meeting**

### *December Birthdays*

December 4 - Lois Walker  
1038 Dexter Rd., St. Albans, ME 04971  
December 8 - Catherine Hardy  
85 Main St., Dexter, ME 04930  
December 17 - Larry Charles  
3367 Finola Ave. SE, Palm Bay, FL 32909

### *Anniversary*

December 1 - Catherine & George Hardy  
85 Main St., Dexter, ME 04930  
December 28 - Amanda & Andrew Bermudez  
7 Free St., Dexter, ME 04930





# The Christmas Season at FBC

The sanctuary is all decorated for the Christmas services and celebrations. Soon Andrew will have the outside looking festive for the season! Many thanks to the Tuesday morning Bible Study folks for working hard to make our church Christmas ready. We are blessed in our fellowship here at FBC to have such willing and helpful hands for the many tasks that keep our church ready for worship and service.

## UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Saturday, December 11: Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am
- ◆ Sunday, December 12: Bill and Ann Clemmer will be with us for an update on their work in the Congo! This is such a privilege to have their annual visit where they both share their experiences and Bill will be providing the sermon. Be sure to be here for this very special day!
- ◆ Sunday, December 19: Our annual Christmas party has a new date and time this year.....be sure to take note! We will have a potluck dinner on SUNDAY, after church on the 19th, with the annual gift swap to follow. Bring a gift... perhaps in the \$5 range... if you choose to be a part of it. Many thanks to Melissa Bragan for lining this up. We will miss Kay Gray with her usual antics but we are delighted that she is enjoying her new home in Florida for the winter months!
- ◆ Friday, December 24: Our annual candlelight Christmas Eve service will be held at 6:00 PM. Be sure to invite family and friends.

## NEWS FROM FBC

Sincere thanks to all for the gift boxes collected for Samaritan's Purse! Peter and Joanne Prescott once again delivered over 50 boxes to the collection spot in Bradford from our generous people. These annual gifts provide joy for children all over the world! We are privileged to be a part of this joy filled ministry!

We were recently able to send nearly \$500 for the school and ministry of His Light for Haiti. The coin collection boxes are such a blessing as we are able to send along money for food for the 397 children who participate. Hatte Borel, high in the hills in Haiti, has certainly had its share of challenges, but Janet and Laurie report to us that the school is still able to operate. Please continue to pray for this ministry and bring your coin boxes in for our huge jar!





## UPDATES

There is a large selection of Christmas novels and books available in our church library. This is a wonderful time of the year to relax with a great read.

In case you do not have Andrew's parents' address, we want to include it. Amanda and the children had a meaningful and helpful visit with them recently in Tennessee. Josue and Mimi so appreciate our prayers for their health and comfort. We have such great memories of their many visits here with us when they were able to make the trip.

Josue and Mimi Bermudez  
2610 107 Cut Off  
Greeneville TN 37743

The cafe is open each Sunday morning for coffee... and sometimes goodies! Feel free to enjoy time there and perhaps even check out the library.

Great news that Karen Dow has become a grandmother for the first time! Baby Klayton Edward Brooks was born in NH, quite unexpectedly early, to Karen's son, Devon and his wife who live in Sangerville. The baby weighed only 2 lbs, 15 ounces so needs our prayers! He is doing very well, with praise to our Lord.

# Merry Christmas!

## THE BENEFITS of WORSHIP

As the Christmas season approaches, what a great time of the year to ponder the whole subject of worship. After all, we are celebrating the arrival of God Himself, in flesh... the KING OF GLORY! Worship involves so much more than music and singing and a casual reading of the Scripture. Celebrate Jesus this year in new and deeper ways. The BENEFITS OF WORSHIP are amazing! From the November issue of Our Daily Bread we read:

- ◆ **FORGIVENESS.** True worshipers recognize God's holiness and accept His forgiveness (Romans 5:1, I John 1:9). Through worship they are purified.
- ◆ **GUIDANCE.** Those who honor God will be given wisdom and will receive His guidance day by day (Psalm 25:4; Proverbs 1:7, 3:5-6)
- ◆ **PROVISION.** Jesus said that God will meet our material needs if we give Him first place in our lives (Matt. 6:33; Psalm 23; 37:3-6)
- ◆ **LOVE.** The love of God is experienced in the hearts of all those who are true worshipers (Ps 63:3; John 14:21, 23; Romans 5:5)
- ◆ **POWER.** To all who give God the glory He deserves, He gives the enablement to do the things He requires of them (II Cor. 12:7-10; Eph. 3:14-21; Phil 4:13)
- ◆ **PROTECTION.** He faithfully watches over all who acknowledge Him, and He keeps them in all of life's changing circumstances (Ps. 5:11-12; I Peter 1:5)
- ◆ **GLORY.** All true worshipers will one day be glorified. They'll inherit a new heaven and a new earth and join a company of believers and angels in perfect, uninterrupted worship. (II Peter 3:13; I John 3:2; Rev. 19:1-10)

