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NEWSLETTER

DEVOTED TO PRAYER

Sunday Worship Service
9:00 A.M.

(broadcast on Time/Warner
Channel 20
Mondays at 12noon,
Wednesdays at 6pm,
Saturdays at 7pm and
Sundays at 7am)

Bible Discovery Groups
10:45 A.M.
(Sept.-May)

Small Groups
throughout the week

AWANA Club
Wednesdays 5:30 P.M.
(Oct.-April)

Prayer Meeting
Wednesdays 7:00 P.M.

Small Groups
throughout the week

*“Sharing
the love of Christ
with everyone
at home and
around the world”*

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“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayer.” (Acts 2:42)

It is clear that the congregation of believers was devoted to prayer. After the ascension the church gathered “constantly” for prayer (Acts 1:13). After two of the apostles were beaten by the authorities and released, the people joined in prayer to God (4:23-24). When the life of a member was threatened, they gathered for all-night prayer (Acts 12:12).

Clearly if we as a congregation are not lifting up one another to the Lord in prayer, we are disobeying the exhortation from the Lord to “pray continually” (I Thessalonians 5:15). If we are not gathering to pray together we are not following the example of the early church!

Are you praying regularly for the people of our congregation and for the ministry of our church? Only a handful of our folks gather regularly for corporate prayer. Are you among them?

If we want God to work mightily among us, we must be together in prayer. Whenever we gather together, we must include intercessory prayer - whether a small group, a class, a ministry team, or a board meeting.

Our prayer meeting is an opportunity to gather for corporate prayer regularly. Not all can attend every week, but most could attend biweekly or monthly. If you are not currently gathering with church members for prayer, would you consider joining us for prayer?

DISCOVERY GROUPS KICKOFF

The start up of our fall season is upon us! Discovery groups commence on Sunday, September 12. The youth and adult groups will meet together on that day. Children’s groups will meet in the ministry center classrooms.

Afterward a Pot Luck Lunch for all Discovery Groups will be held in the Ministry Center at noon. Please bring a casserole, salad, or dessert to share. Please contact Paulette Bowers for details.

Rick Odess, with *Missions Door* will be speaking that day to the youth and adult groups. This would be a good time to cast a vision among our youth for what the Lord would have them do with their lives, and among our adults for how we might encourage youth in short term, cross-culture Christian service.

The purpose of Discovery Groups is to make disciples of members of all ages in the church family. Discovery Groups meet Sundays, 10:45 to 11:30, at various locations for all ages (see chart posted on the bulletin boards). It is a time for teaching and training in the Word and the ways of Christ that God is glorified in the corporate life of RBC.

AWANA CLUBS

Awana Clubs for kids will begin on Wednesday, October 6. Children are divided by age: TNT for grades 3-5, Sparks for grades K-2, and Cubbies for ages 3-5. Nursery is provided for children of Awana workers. New this year is the LIT group (Leaders in training) for grades 6-8.

Our new Awana Commander - Joe Dodge, is looking for workers in each age level. If you are willing to serve, please see Joe.



Our Awana Club will again be participating in Operation Christmas Child. We would like to invite

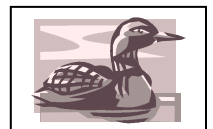
everyone to join in. A list of acceptable donation items will be posted in the Ministry Center. Donations will be accepted until Nov 14. Thank you for helping make this a successful ministry

BUILDING & GROUNDS

A big thank you to Peter Helgerson and his crew for the new handicap ramp and to Joe Dodge and Jon Francis for saving us a HUGE bill by locating and replacing the septic pump. They got everything back to normal before Old Home Day! Don’t forget to reserve Saturday, October 2nd for our annual fall work day.

FINISHERS FELLOWSHIP

Friday, Sept. 10th we will leave the church at 9:30 to go to the Loon Center in Moultonboro. We will have the opportunity to learn more about loons as well as visit exhibits, trails and the gift shop. Afterwards we will have lunch at the Country Kitchen restaurant.



WALK FOR LIFE

The Care Net Pregnancy Center in Plymouth is holding their annual Walk For Life on Saturday, October 2nd at 9:30 am at the Rumney Bible Conference Center. You can walk on your own if you are unable to attend the Walk For Life at that time. Sponsor forms are available in the MC. Call Care Net for more info at 536-2111.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7:00pm Dare To Care	2 6:30pm Elder Meeting (Senior Center)	3	4
5 WORSHIP 9:00am <i>The Lord's Supper</i> 10:15am Fellowship	6 Labor Day	7	8 9:00am MOPS 7:00pm Prayer Meeting	9	10  9:30am Finishers Fellowship Loon Center & lunch at the Country Kitchen	11 11:00am Winfield Holman Service and Luncheon
12 WORSHIP 9:00am 10:45am Bible Discovery Groups Kickoff and potluck	13	14 4:30pm Global Outreach Team (Merrills)	15 7:00pm Prayer Meeting	16	17	18
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

B 9-Donald Macomber; 11-Dot Helgerson, Smith Merrill;
12-Nancy Decoteau; 17-Katherine Anderson, Liam Mulloy;
18-Edith Knox; 22-Jeremiah Downing; 26-Gail Lynch,
26-Tara Smoker; 28-Paulette Bowers, Lucille Webb

A 12-Eric & Rachel Anderson, 27-Robert & Marilyn Patterson

OUR MISSIONARIES

15 - Happy Birthday! Lura Bodwell
18 - Paul & Cheryl Bendele - Congratulations on your 30th anniversary!