



HILLSIDE MONTHLY DISPATCH

Hillside Baptist Church, Pembroke, NH

Volume 19 No. 3

Modeling the Truth of God's Word

March 2020

PROOFREAD YOUR TESTIMONY

From the Pastor's Desk

Proofreading Your Testimony

1 Peter 3:15

Recently I came across some funny advertisements that should have been proofread before hitting public consumption. Here are a couple to share with you that are pretty funny.

The first was from a sandwich shop that read "Special: Turkey \$2.35; Chicken or Beef \$2.25; Children \$2.00." Another one read, "Dog for sale: eats anything and is fond of children." Here's one that an auto repair shop owner should have looked more closely at. It read "Auto Repair Service: Free pick-up and delivery. Try us once, you'll never go anywhere again."

Or this used car dealership which inadvertently may have played into a rather ubiquitous opinion that many already have of them which read, "Used Cars: Why go elsewhere to be cheated? Come here first!" Lastly this store should have definitely read the wording before posting which read "And now, the superstore—unequaled in size, unmatched in variety, unrivaled inconvenience."

How often have we read something that was not properly proofread only to be stymied in our tracks from moving past the infraction? Now mind you, I am no "Grammar Nazi" but I do appreciate a clean read when I am engaging a book, article, or contract.

I remember about sixteen years ago, I was signing a contract to work for the Bullit County School Board. In the contract that I carefully read before signing, I found no less than ten grammatical eras. Think about it, do you know why I found this to be a bit funny? Because the contract was for an educational branch of the county and their own contracts were full of mistakes. Surely they could have gotten one of their underpaid English teachers to proofread all the official documents for the school board.

Our world is full of misspoken words, or misspelled texts, or misprinted statements. We as individuals in this society should work hard to make sure we properly represent ourselves so as not to be misunderstood.

Even more so, as Christians, we should work even harder to keep a clear, concise, and definitive prepared statement of

Upcoming Events and Meetings

March 1, 10:45 a.m. – The Lord's Supper

March 7, 8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

The men share a meal, then engage in a Bible discussion.

March 8, 2:00 a.m. – Daylight Time, move clocks ahead one hour

March 10 – Town Election in Allenstown and Pembroke

Do your civic duty

March 29, midday – Potluck Lunch and Business Meeting

Bring something to share; stay for the meeting

Weekly:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School and Bible Discussion

Sundays at 10:45 a.m. – Worship Service

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. – Weekly Bible Study

our faith and testimony for anyone we may have the opportunity to share it with.

How can I assert such an idea? Easily, the Apostle Peter is the one who encourages us to do so in 1 Peter 3:15. As he was writing to the church about enduring the hostility and persecution of others, he told them, "But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence."

Why encourage this? So that, as a Christian endures the questions, the inquisitions, and the attacks of the faith by others, the solid and definitive testimony of that Christian will eventually win out in the end and ultimately glorify God.

See Pastor's Desk on p. 2

In This Issue: Pastor's Message | Upcoming Events | Men's Breakfast | Lose Sleep | Fellowship Events | Property & Space Patrol | BCNE | More Proofreading | Birthdays & Anniversaries

On the web at <http://www.hillside-sbc.org>

Pastor's Desk (from p. 1)

So how do we prepare for the delivering of our testimony to others? Easy, first write out your testimony on a piece of paper. Take time to think about your conversion experience: what you felt, what you heard, the place, the preacher, the teacher, and other things or people that were prominent in that moment.

Second, after writing out your testimony, read it over several times. In other words, proofread what you wrote so that you can study it closely, memorize it, and be prepared to repeat it when someone asks you about your faith in Jesus.

Why go through all of this preparation? Simple, if you prepare ahead of time a tight, thorough, comprehensive, and clear testimony of your faith, then others will have no room to mistreat your testimony or slander your words or misrepresent what you said regarding your faith. By doing this you not only can be confident in sharing your faith, but you may also see others come to know Jesus as their savior as well.

Let me encourage you to take the time necessary to write out and proofread your testimony so that you are prepared to be used of God for His glory and for His kingdom and for the salvation of others.

✝ Pastor Jim

Men's Breakfast



On Saturday, March 7 at 8:00 a.m., the guys meet for a hearty breakfast. Everyone brings a little something to share and it usually turns out to be more than we can finish.

After breakfast, we open our Bibles and continue with our reading and discussion of the Gospel of Mark. Join us for breakfast and then let the scriptures enlighten you in some way.

Loose Some Sleep



In the wee hours of Sunday March 8, we have to switch to Eastern Daylight Time. This means setting your clocks one hour ahead, which will cause you all to lose an hour of sleep.

If you forget to do this, you will be an hour late to church, but you won't lose any sleep.

If you have a cell phone, set an alarm to get you up at your usual time on March 8th. The cell phone will automatically reset the phone's clock so that it will wake you up at the right hour.

The benefit of resetting the clocks becomes apparent at sunset on Sunday, March 8. Instead of seeing the sun set at about 5:45 p.m., it will set at 6:45 p.m. So that means you will have some daylight to do yard work AFTER supper. That's assuming it doesn't snow again soon.

Fellowship Events



On March 29 after the Morning Service, bring some food to share at the Potluck Lunch. After the meal, we will have a short Business Meeting to review church finances and discuss future events.

Property and Space Patrol



Other than a few snowstorms, the property is in decent shape and no Sunday Services had to be canceled due to bad weather. Spring is coming.

✝ Pastor Al

BCNE Asking for Pray and Donations

In an e-mail on Feb. 27, Dr. Terry W. Dorsett, Executive Director of the Baptist Convention of New England, wrote the following. (Emphasis was in the original.)

"Our collegiate ministry is now at a critical crossroads. For the last twenty-five years, the North American Mission Board (NAMB) has generously helped fund our collegiate ministry in New England. We are very thankful for their past commitment.

But a few years ago, they began to change their focus and as of February 1, 2020 NAMB ceased funding a significant part of our collegiate ministry efforts. Though they have been generous to us over the years, that chapter of our partnership with them has now come to a close. As a result, the Baptist Foundation of New England is working hard to raise \$125,000 a year to keep this vital ministry growing.

The Baptist Foundation of New England is the fundraising ministry of the Baptist Convention of New England. But the BFNE is about more than raising money, it is about standing with the BCNE to recapture the hearts and minds of young adults and immerse them in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We need your help to make that happen.

Students across New England need you to do two things. First, they need you to pray! Pray for our collegiate missionaries to find ways to continue to serve on campuses that are hostile to the gospel.

Second, students need you to give. The time has come for the people of God to rise up and take back our college campuses. The Baptist Convention of New England is doing that and your generous gift to the Foundation at this critical hour is vital. Gifts of any size or type are important. But we are especially praying for individuals, Bible study groups, and churches to make a monthly commitment of \$50, \$100 or even \$250. Please give generously today, and then prayerfully consider if you might make a monthly commitment of some amount starting next month. We can retake New England college campuses for Christ, but we need your help!"

More About Proofreading

The lead article reminded me of a story that is also the title of a book by British author Lynne Truss and published in 2003.

It tells of a panda who walks into a restaurant, orders a sandwich, and fires a pistol into the air upon leaving. When the owner asks why this behavior, the panda tosses a poorly written field guide. In the entry for "Panda" it states, "Large black and white bear-like mammal, native to China. Eats, shoots, and leaves."

The book also includes other lessons in grammar like this explanation of why a cat is not a comma.

"A cat has claws at the end of its paws.

A comma's a pause at the end of a clause."

For example, which of these two sentences should not have slipped past the proofreader.

"Lenora walked on her head, a little higher than usual."

" Lenora walked on, her head a little higher than usual."

The rest of the book is filled with numerous and often humorous examples of people's grammatical guffaws.

Tune in to Gospel Radio

In the Concord area, get more of God's Word by tuning into New Hampshire Gospel Radio at 99.1 FM or 104.3 FM. For example, on Saturday nights at 6 p.m. the locally produced "Saturday Night Gospel Hour" offers a wide variety of southern and country gospel music. During the week, tune into well known speakers such as Alistair Begg, Chuck Swindoll, Dr. David Jeremiah, and Dr. Jim Daly.

Learn more at <http://www.nhgr.org/>.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Hillside wishes a happy, happy, happy birthday to the following people who are celebrating another orbit around the Sun:

3/30

Amanda Robertson



Hillside also wishes God's blessing on anyone who celebrates a wedding anniversary this month.

If that's you, please let the editor know.

Prayer Requests

If you need us to pray for a physical, spiritual, financial, marital, or other need, contact Pastor Jim, Pastor Al, or Michael Frascinella and they will get the word out to the membership. It is our duty and privilege to lift you up in prayer to Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hillside on the Web

Go to the Hillside web site <http://www.hillside-sbc.org/> for more information about our fellowship, including this newsletter in PDF format.

Submissions for Next Issue

Deadline is March 25. Send news items to News Wrangler and Editor, Michael Frascinella, mfrascinella at comcast dot net.



Hillside Baptist Church is a member of the New Hampshire Baptist Association, part of the Southern Baptist Convention.



Hillside Baptist Church
547 Pembroke St.
Pembroke, NH 03275

Modeling the truth of God's Word



On the web at
<http://www.hillside-sbc.org>

