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## A PILLAR OF THE CHURCH

### From the Pastor's Desk

**A Good Name: Remembering Ruth Bubacz**  
Ecclesiastes 7:1a



What is in a name? What does your name mean to others? When your name is uttered by someone, what image do those individuals think of about you?

This past month Hillside has had to say goodbye to another long-standing member of the church. Ruth Bubacz passed onto glory with the Lord on September 29 and is now eternally with our Lord and Savior Jesus.

To those of you who did not have the privilege of meeting this lovely lady, let me describe for you the person she was. She loved her husband Leo who passed away back in 2014, she loved her family, and she loved the Lord. If there was nothing else I could say about her, that would be enough, however she was a sweet spirit as well.

She was a giver, a person of prayer, and a faithful witness of her trust in Jesus. She often had a good word to say and she enjoyed the company of others as much as you enjoyed hers.

### Upcoming Events and Meetings

**Oct. 3, 8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast**

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

**Oct. 4, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper**

**Oct. 6 – Tuesday Night Bible Study resumes**

**Oct. 18 – Business Meeting**

Preceded by a potluck lunch

**Oct. 22, 11 a.m. – Funeral Service for Ruth Bubacz, Boscawen**

**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**

She was gracious, caring, thoughtful, and loving to those who were part of her life.

I remember when I first came to Hillside back in 2005, she and Leo were instant supporters of me being the pastor. I enjoyed talking to them often at church and when I visited their home, it was always warm and inviting. Together they were welcoming and loving and loyal to the church.

I can remember when Ruth asked me to do Leo's funeral, she talked about how she wouldn't have anyone else do the service except for me or Pastor Al. It was my honor to serve her and the Lord in that difficult time.

Over the last several years when I visited Ruth at home, for she was pretty much a shut-in during the last years of her life, she was always ready for a visit. There was not a time when she did not ask me to come back some other time, for she was always ready to be filled in on what was going on in the church.

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### Pastor's Desk (from p. 1)

When I mentioned that I had been continuously praying for her, she immediately chimed in that she was praying for me as well. She also mentioned everyone by name that she was praying for constantly at the church. Her care and concern was obvious for she asked about each person by name. I could tell that she made a mental note of any changes that she was informed of so that she could adjust her prayers to effectively intercede on their behalf in prayer before the Lord.

When I think of Ruth Bubacz, I think of a person who had an enduring good name. The Bible tells us in Ecclesiastes 7:1a that a good name is better than a good ointment. In other words, a good name brings about a better healing to the soul of someone who knows that person than any physical remedy on earth. A good name is a name that brings joy to one's heart and happiness to one's countenance. A good name is treasured by those who know that person, for such a person is someone you want to have in your life.

Ruth was such a person who had a good name. She was someone that you were glad you had in your life, for she shared herself with others. I'm sure many of you who knew Ruth have lasting and loving memories of such a dear, sweet, Christian lady.

To me Ruth was one of the pillars of the church. She was one of the first people to welcome me to Hillside so many years ago and now I will miss her. Though I mourn her passing, I know that she is in a much better place. She is with our Savior Jesus, and with the Father, and with her beloved Leo.

One day soon we will all see her again, but for now we have only to hold onto her in our memories and to remember her often, which will be easy for she indeed had a good name in Christ.

✠ Pastor Jim

### Funeral Service for Ruth Bubacz

As Pastor Jim mentioned in his eulogy for Ruth Bubacz, she was indeed a pillar of the church and those of us who knew her will miss her sweet spirit.

For the funeral arrangements, the family is planning a cremation and then on October 22nd, a graveside service at 11 a.m. at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery on Route 3 in Boscawen. Ruth is to rest in peace with her dear husband Leo who died in 2014. The reason for the delay is to give family and friends living in distant locations the time to plan to travel to New Hampshire.

If you knew Ruth or knew of her, it is certain that the family will be grateful if you attended the ceremony and bid your final goodbyes to Ruth.

### Men's Breakfast

This month, Men's Breakfast is on October 3rd at 8 a.m. Please contact Pastor to let him know what food dish you can bring. We always have plenty to go around and it's an enjoyable time sharing the food.

After breakfast, we can resume our discussion of the Book of Mark.

Don't miss out on a good time of fellowship and Bible study.

### Fellowship Events

On October 18 right after the Worship Service, we will hold a **Business Meeting** to discuss the financial aspects of the church. Of course this must be preceded by a good old Baptist Potluck Lunch.

Please bring a side dish to share, or some salad or dessert. We always have a good time of fellowship which puts us in a good mood to discuss the nuts and bolts of operating the church.

### Property and Space Patrol

The grass is starting to settle down for the winter while the leaves are turning colors and falling every day. Here's hoping the prevailing wind blows all the leaves farther down the road.

It's also getting close to the time when we can remove the A/C units and store them for the winter.

✠ Pastor Al

### Bad Neighbor vs. Good Neighbor

The Book of Proverbs includes much in the way of wisdom from God and ways to live that please our Lord. For the topic at hand, the Old Testament contains this verse, "You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD." Leviticus 19:18

Jesus included part of this verse in His answer to the sneaky Pharisees, who asked, "Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the law? Jesus replied, 'You shall love the lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matthew 22:36-39

Proverbs contains several verses scattered throughout the book that help us understand the difference between a good and bad neighbor. Here are several for you to consider.

– Bad neighbors betray their neighbors' trust.

"Do not devise harm against your neighbor, while he lives securely beside you." 3:29

–Bad neighbors say bad things about their neighbors.

"With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor, but through knowledge the righteous will be delivered." 11:9

"Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause, and do not deceive with your lips." 24:28

"Like a club and a sword and a sharp arrow is a man who bears false witness against his neighbor." 25:18

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– Bad neighbors try to entice their neighbors to sin.  
"A man of violence entices his neighbor and leads him in a way that is not good." 16:29

– Bad neighbors are inconsiderate of their neighbors.  
"The soul of the wicked desires evil; his neighbor finds no favor in his eyes." 21:10

– Bad neighbors lie to their neighbors.  
"So is the man who deceives his neighbor, and says, 'Was I not joking?'" 26:19

– Bad neighbors are loud and obnoxious neighbors.  
"He who blesses his friend with a loud voice early in the morning, it will be reckoned a curse to him." 27:14

This article was based on content in the "Explore the Bible Study Guide," Summer 2020.

All scripture quotations are taken from the New American Standard Bible.

### Perfectly Placed

From the Our Daily Bread Devotional for January 2020.

By Remi Oyedele

For reference, read Job 38:4-11.

Scientists know our planet is precisely the right distance from the sun to benefit from its heat. A little closer and all the water would evaporate, as on Venus. Only a bit farther and everything would freeze as it does on Mars.

Earth is also just the right size to generate the right amount of gravity. Less would make everything weightlessly sterile like our moon, while more gravity would trap poisonous gases that suffocate life as on Jupiter.

The intricate physical, chemical, and biological interactions that comprise our world bear the imprint of a sophisticated Designer. We catch a glimpse of this complex craftsmanship when God speaks to Job about things beyond his understanding. "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?" God asks. "Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone?" (Job 38:4-6).

This glimpse of creation's magnitude causes us to wonder at Earth's mighty oceans bowing before the One who "shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, . . . [who said] 'This far you may come and no farther' " (vv. 8-11).

In wonder may we sing with the morning stars and shout for joy with the angels (v. 7), for this elaborate world was made for us that we might know and trust God.

### 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:

10/1 Pastor Al Page



Hillside also wishes God's blessing anyone who celebrates a wedding anniversary this month. If that's you, let the editor know about it.

### 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 Oct. 25. Send news items to News Wrangler and Editor, Michael Frascinella, mfrascinella at comcast dot net.



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