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A Wonderful Doctrine of Newness

From the Pastor's Desk

God Makes All Things New

Revelation 21:5

Not too long ago I finished renovating the basement at the parsonage, which took several months throughout the winter to complete. We as a church benefited from an anonymous donor who shelled out enough money to cover all the renovation, which covered a professional installation of a new heating loop and repairs to the furnace that were necessary.

In order to maximize the remaining resources, I did the rest which included repairing all the walls, reworking all the baseboard molding, eliminating the mold and mildew with a treatment of hydrogen peroxide and mold killing paint, fixing all the hardware on the doors, cleaning the ceiling grid and replacing many tiles, and finishing by painting all the walls, floors, and stairs. It has been a long time since I did anything like that, but at times I did enjoy the work and at other times it was a bit overwhelming.

In the early goings of doing all the renovating, I was reminded of a question that goes like this, how do you eat an elephant? The answer of course is one bite at a time. Well that's what I called the basement project this past winter. Every time I went down, I told Michelle that I was going to eat some more of my elephant.

It's amazing what goes through your thoughts when you work on a project like that. No matter what else was going on in my life, when I was down there it seemed to be put on pause while I worked at eating my elephant. With all that alone time, I often found myself contemplating the

Upcoming Events and Meetings

June 5, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper

June 5 – Pentecost Sunday

June 14 – Flag Day

June 17 – Bunker Hill Day

June 21 – Summer Solstice

The longest day and the shortest night of the year

Weekly:

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

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

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. – Weekly Bible Study with Pastor Al

amount of changes that have taken place in my extended family over the past decade.

Many of my relatives have passed away such as uncles and aunts. Among the mix were also my dad, mom, my younger brother, and two sisters-in-law. I also had a couple of friends die, one by accident and another by his own hand.

Since 2011, in all, twelve individuals in my life have died due various causes, and that's only family and close friends, never mind those who have died in connection to Hillside or the church I grew up in. Though my hope for eternity to come is truly in the Lord, it has still been a rough decade.

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When working at eating my elephant, no matter what memories occurred of the loved ones that passed, they were always fond and a pleasure to recall. One of those memories that was going through my mind was something my dad told me years ago when assisting him on the various painting projects he liked to do at the house or church. He would often say, "Paint covers a multitude of sins, kid." Being a young lad when he first uttered those words I asked what he meant.

His basic premise was that before you fix and paint a surface, it is haggard, dirty, and unpleasant to look at. Often a wall has dings in it, writing all over it, and faded paint; in other words the surface tends to be old and busted. However, when the wall has been properly prepped and then paint is applied, all the yuck, all the ugliness, all the unsightliness goes away with a fresh coat of the new color. Thus it covers all that was wrong with the surface, giving it new life and new appeal.

That phrase was a constant companion to the work I was doing this past winter. I kept hearing my dad's voice saying over and over again, "Paint covers a multitude of sins, kid." Know what? It sure did in that basement project, for the space looks fresh, clean, and livable now that it is complete. So I would like to offer much thanks to our anonymous benefactor who by God's mercy provided us the much needed resources to eliminate the mold in our basement and make it look new again.

When I think about my dad's statement in conjunction with the work now completed, I am reminded of what God says at the end of the book of Revelation. In chapter twenty-one, after judgment has fallen on the devil, his followers, and all unregenerate humanity, then comes the climax of newness in all creation.

The chapter starts off with a new heaven and a new earth, which has in it the new Jerusalem, the place where God's people will dwell forever in His presence. Every tear will be wiped away, there will be no more death, no mourning, and no more pain. Then in verse five comes one of the most beautiful statements in all of Scripture in which

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New Tuesday Night Bible Study

Pastor Al Page began a new study series recently on May 10th. This series, which starts at 7:00 p.m. each week, is to cover the twelve Old Testament (OT) Minor Prophets from Hosea to Malachi.

The first time I saw the name, Malachi, I thought it was pronounced like the small Japanese charcoal grill, the Hibachi.

Property and Space Patrol

Here is a recap of the building and grounds this past month.

- General spring cleaning of the grounds was done.
- The mower was serviced and now we are mowing once a week.
- The air conditioners were installed at the church. It suddenly got warm out there.
- The extensive renovation of the parsonage basement was completed.
- A group came up from North Carolina and removed all the AWANA materials that had been stored in the building.

✠ Pastor Jim

Book Review**Journey Through Psalms 1-50**

This book, published by Our Daily Bread Ministries, takes one on a journey through the first 50 psalms. Written by Mike Raiter, a preacher, preaching trainer, and former principal of the Melbourne School of Theology in Australia, it is one of their Journey Through® series of books. They use a devotional approach to Bible Study.

In the Preface, the author tells us that, "Reading the Psalms is essential for our Christian life and thinking." Each psalm is presented in a two-page spread with the instruction to first read that psalm.

The left page connects the Scripture to life today and offers fresh insights that help you get closer to God. The right page contains a side panel that asks a few questions for further contemplation, providing plenty of white space for personal notes.

With its devotional approach, it can be used to start your day or end your day with the Lord.

✠ Michael Frascinella

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God declares from His throne, "Behold, I am making all things new."

Let's ponder upon that for a moment. What does that mean? Well, unlike the surfaces that I mentioned earlier that got new paint and covered all the wrongness that was unsightly, God digs deep within us and does more than a paint job in our lives, He makes us new in Christ. When we enter into an eternal relationship with God through Jesus' blood atoning sacrifice the Holy Spirit comes into our lives and regenerates us. The newness that we get starts there which is the beginning process of sanctification.

However, that process will be completed at the time of the Great White Throne of Judgment in which we will be given a glorified body and be made completely without sin. It is then that we will be made fully new. Then comes the complete and utter destruction of all the marred universe and creation, followed by an eradication of anything evil or rebellious against God our Lord and Master. It is at this time in the future that God will make all things new.

What a wonderful doctrine of newness that we have as Christians, for we believe in a God who will not just repair us, but make us completely new and whole for all eternity to come. The sin we bear will leave no marks on us. The deformities of our rebellious nature will be done away with. Our desire to put ourselves first will be seared from our very being so that we will worship and live for Him alone.

We are not simply covered by some spackle and paint, but like a master craftsmen, God will go into our very DNA and soul and recreate that which we tainted with our sin. When God is done there will be no imperfections, for what He makes new undoes whatever sin had corrupted in His creation.

Have you begun the process of being made new? When we come to Christ we are first made a new creature in Him and thus the process of sanctification starts in the new believer. Then we journey for a while in this life heading for our eternal home with Him. Then when we are face-to-face with our God, we will be perfected and await the day we will be given our glorified bodies

at the throne of judgment and rewards. Then we will see our God make all things new and join each other in our new home for eternity.

If you have not received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, let me encourage you take that first step of faith that leads to newness in Him, for He desires to make you new today.

✠ Pastor Jim

Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775

New Hampshire native, Daniel Webster, one of the greatest orators of the early 19th century, was a featured speaker at the laying of the cornerstone for the Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown, Mass. on June 17, 1825, some 50 years after the famous Battle of Bunker Hill.

The following excerpt from his speech was featured in the Prologue to "The Whites of Their Eyes" by Paul Lockhart. He wrote that, at the end of Webster's speech, the thousands attending it "leapt to their feet as a massive throaty roar of approval rose from the crowd."

As we observe Memorial Day and look forward to Independence Day, let us remember that we are "The land of the free, because of the brave."

Daniel Webster: "And let the sacred obligations which have devolved on this generation, and on us, sink deep into our hearts. Those who established our liberty and our government are daily dropping from among us. The great trust now descends to new hands. ... We can win no laurels in a war for independence. Earlier and worthier hands have gathered them all. ... But there remains to us a great duty of defense and preservation ... In a day of peace, let us advance the arts of peace and the works of peace. ... Let us cultivate a true spirit of union and harmony. In pursuing the great objects which our condition points out to us, let us act under a settled conviction, and an habitual feeling, that these twenty-four States are one country. ...

Let our object be, OUR COUNTRY, OUR WHOLE COUNTRY, AND NOTHING BUT OUR COUNTRY. And, by the blessing of God, may that country itself become a vast and splendid monument, not of oppression and terror, but of wisdom, of peace, and of liberty, upon which the world may gaze with admiration for ever!"

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Hillside wishes a happy, happy birthday to these people who celebrate another orbit around the Sun:

6/4 Nanette Dawson

6/8 Gail Frascinella



Hillside also wishes God's blessing on the following people who celebrate a wedding anniversary this month:

6/6 Pastor Jim and Michelle Robertson

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.

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, in the wee hours of Saturday and Sunday mornings, if you can't sleep, tune in to Praise & Worship music.

During the week, tune into well known speakers such as Alistair Begg, Chuck Swindoll, Dr. David Jeremiah, and Dr. Jim Daly. In the evenings catch the latest episode of "Adventures in Odyssey."

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

Hillside on the Web

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Sermons are also recorded weekly and published on the web site as podcasts in mp3 format.

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