



# HILLSIDE MONTHLY DISPATCH

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## A Gift from the Lord

### From the Pastor's Desk

#### Fountain of Life

John 4:14

I remember years ago when I worked construction that I was walking on the eighth floor of the Merrimack Power Station in Bow, NH and I had a tremendous view of the south end of the plant. When I was up there I was able to see parts of Pembroke, Suncook, and Allenstown. I could see the Steeple of the Congregational Church in Pembroke and the mill located along the Suncook River in Allenstown.

Another site to see was the mountains in far off distance to the west and from that height they were pretty impressive. That section of the Merrimack River also runs pretty through that area in which it is surrounded by trees and fields and boats, kayaks, and jet skis were all being used at that time. But with all those views there is one that caught my attention more than any other. What caught my eye was the myriad of fountains that were spraying along the discharge stream from the plant.

The fountains are almost hypnotic to watch when they are spraying, however they serve an important purpose for the overall operation of the coal power plant. When the boilers are running the system needs cooling so water from the river is pumped through a large eight to ten foot intake pipe to help cool down the unit and while they cool down the boiler the water becomes super-heated, yet the water never gets contaminated by the internal systems.

Upon discharge the super-heated water is sent into the cooling stream at the south end of the plant

### Upcoming Events and Meetings

**May 4 – National Day of Prayer**

**May 7, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper**

**May 29 – Memorial Day**

#### Weekly:

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

**Sundays at 10:45 a.m. – Praise and Worship Service**

**Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – Weekly Bible Stud: Book of Revelation**

before the water is allowed to be integrated back into the river. During the winter the water tends to be warm enough to ward off ice buildup and its exit point is well known for the large fish that feed there. Though this long stream might seem effective in itself it generally is not enough, so often it requires a little more help than just discharging it into the cooler water. That is where these fountains full purpose is utilized. When the fountains are activated the water is ejected high into the air to help cool it off. Now there are at least seventy to eighty fountains along this stream and it is noticeable from River Road in Bow. Can you imagine watching all these fountains going off at the same time? It is quite a water display. If you are ever driving through Bow, NH I recommend passing by on River Road to see if you can get a glimpse of it, your time will be well spent.

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

This show is pretty impressive from the sidelines, but the show I got that day was from the cat walk on eighth floor looking down upon it and it was even better. From that panoramic point of view I could see all the fountains going off simultaneously.

As I think about all those fountains I am reminded of a story in the Gospel of John about the Samaritan woman. The story is found in chapter four in which Jesus approaches a Samaritan woman for water while His disciples went into town to get food. While they were away Jesus took the time to talk to a woman that no one else wanted to be with.

While Jesus was there they enjoyed a long discussion about faith, religion, and the coming Messiah. It was to her that He revealed Himself as the long awaited Christ and He did this while discussing water with her. Jesus was the master at using everyday items to illustrate deep spiritual truths about Himself and about His father.

As He talked to her about the water He had to give He said in verse 14 "Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

As I think about that memorable view of those fountains at the power plant I could see that they were causing that water to spring impressively high and far into the air, yet that kind of power does not compare to what Jesus will do in the life of a true believer in Him.

The fountains in Bow, NH sometimes breakdown, sometimes don't need to run, and eventually will be decommissioned when the power plant is closed; but the well, spring, or fountain that runs deep within the believer in Christ will never fail, run out, or be decommissioned. It is amazing to think that the spring within us given to us by Jesus will run for eternity. It will never stop, end, or breakdown. The living water that Jesus has given us is an endless spring because that source is Jesus Himself.

Let me encourage you today to live a life that shows others that the living water Jesus gives is springing up within you. That those who see you

will see that living water gushing forth from your heart because of your connection to Jesus.

You as a Christian have been given this living water from your Savior and it causes a welling up within you ready to burst forth to share the gospel with those who are lost and dying.

Take the time to tell others about Jesus and see what He will do in their life when they come to Him in faith for salvation. There is nothing more exciting than seeing someone who is on fire for the Lord. To see someone who is living out the life that shows a spring flowing forth the message of Jesus Christ.

His water is water that brings true life. The water He gives restores, renews, and reinvigorates those who come to Him in faith.

Pray that your life is a life that exemplifies the Lord and the well spring of eternal life that He has given you. May His love continually well up within you and spring forth from you that His gift of everlasting life causes you to glorify Him greatly by sharing with others the water that only He can give.

Blessings,

✠ Pastor Jim

**Property and Space Patrol**

On Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>, several Hillsiders gathered for Spring Cleaning Day. Pastor Jim singlehandedly installed the air conditioners in the Sanctuary windows before the 8:00 start time. What a blessing!

Several people tackled the cleaning of the church interior, which included vacuuming rugs, mopping floors, cleaning bathrooms, washing windows, and taking out the trash.

Several others worked outdoors along the edges of the property cutting back vines and shrubs and picking up a bazillion broken branches and tree limbs. They ended up taking at least two trailer loads of brush to the Dirt Doctor on Route 106.

Mark Guzior brought in a large bag filled with sausage biscuits from you know where, and that was a culinary blessing.

The church and property were in a lot better shape as a result. On Sunday morning, Pastor Jim thanked everyone who pitched in for the cleaning day.

## The Importance of Praying for Your Husband or Wife

An excerpt from the Family Focus newsletter by Dr. Greg and Erin Smalley.

**Greg:** We all have the best intentions when it comes to praying for our spouse regularly. But sometimes, the busyness of life reduces our prayer time to covering whoever in the family is experiencing a crisis or a challenge.

**Erin:** A few years back, I decided to go on the adventure of praying consistently and intentionally for Greg. So we thought it might be good to share with you some reasons why praying for your spouse is so critical.

- **Prayer reflects the intimate relationship you have with each other.** No one on this Earth knows your spouse like you do. You know the weaknesses and challenges and can pray specifically for the Lord's protection, shield, wisdom, and strength.
- **Prayer builds intimacy and oneness in marriage.** The enemy loves to cause disunity between a husband and wife. Through prayer, you stand against the enemy.
- **Prayer sends a strong message that your spouse is a priority in your life.** When your husband or wife knows that you are praying for them it sends a strong message that you value them.
- **Prayer helps your spouse.** The Holy Spirit works in miraculous ways that we cannot fully explain. But we know that God is faithful and helps when we pray for our spouse to have wisdom, conviction, or insight.

Please commit to praying intentionally and consistently for your spouse.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



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

5/21 Beverly Guzior  
5/22 Rachel Page  
5/26 Michael Frascinella



Hillside also wishes God's blessing on anyone who celebrates a wedding

anniversary this month. If that is you, please 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.

## 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 mornings at 6:30 a.m., enjoy "The Brinkman Adventures," a lively well-done radio drama. 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.

## Submissions for Next Issue

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



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