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Vision & Report



Year in Review

Missions, Facilities, Ministries, life changes – this has been a full year for our congregation!

Financials

Planning ahead and getting caught up, God has really blessed us with the capacity to do more and do it well.

Looking Ahead

What is our next step? Where do we go from here?

The past year has been full of all kinds of different happenings.

There is no way to possibly include everything that has happened, but here is an overview of the bigger events of the year. In a year like this, is there anything we need to do but remember?

The highlights of this year would have to be the musical events. It was a year full of weekly worship music but also a number of special events.

In September, Michael Card came to do a two-day Biblical Imagination Conference, which concluded with a concert on Sunday evening. The BI team did an absolutely amazing job connecting us with the biblical narrative in a vibrant, interactive way.

Then, in October we hosted Steve Green and Dick Tunney for a Sunday evening concert. We assembled a twelve-person choral group who accompanied Steve during the evening. It was a great time of refreshing.

On Easter, we put together an a capella vocal group who led worship for the day. Their ministry was powerful, with many commenting on the quality and impact of the worship time.





Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

- Ephesians 4:15-16

Every year sees its changes. This year, we have a number of people moving around within the leadership of our congregation.

Brenda Brown is stepping down from leading our Operation Christmas Child program. She has served faithfully in this annual ministry for seven years.

Sean and Dee Donahue have been working with the teens of our congregation for fourteen years.

Peter Lindsay will not stand for reaffirmation as the church clerk. *Terri Larnard* will take over this role.

The elders asked *Bob Bragdon* to join them in the elder leadership, specifically to oversee a facilities team.

Loni Bragdon will be forming a women's ministry that will be focused on Scriptural mentoring and training for other ladies, in keeping with the principles of Titus 2.

Jan Bell has been asked to step into the role of treasurer, taking over for Lori Jones.

Ministry Updates

Family Bible Study

On April 16, 2013, we began our Tuesday evening Family Bible Study. The purpose of the Family Bible Study was to provide a place for discussion, fellowship and prayer during the week. On average, about twenty people gather every week and spend an hour connecting and praying. Beside the main group led by Greg Jones and Steve Rambikur, Lee Farrar leads a children's discussion, and the music team meets for rehearsal.

Ladies' Bible Study

During the last year, 7-8 ladies continued to meet on Tuesday mornings for a Bible study. They have gone through several studies including the following: *Encouraging One Another*, *Dealing with Difficult People*, and *Living with Confidence in a Chaotic World*.

God's Backyard

For the past few years, our Sunday children's ministry (God's Backyard) has studied a couple of different things, but without a structured curriculum. Beginning in September, we will be using the "Answers" curriculum published by Answers in Genesis. This curriculum is a three-year cycle of basic Biblical knowledge, designed to be both

interactive and constructive. Children will graduate from God's Backyard with a good understanding of the both the structure of the Bible and foundational doctrine.

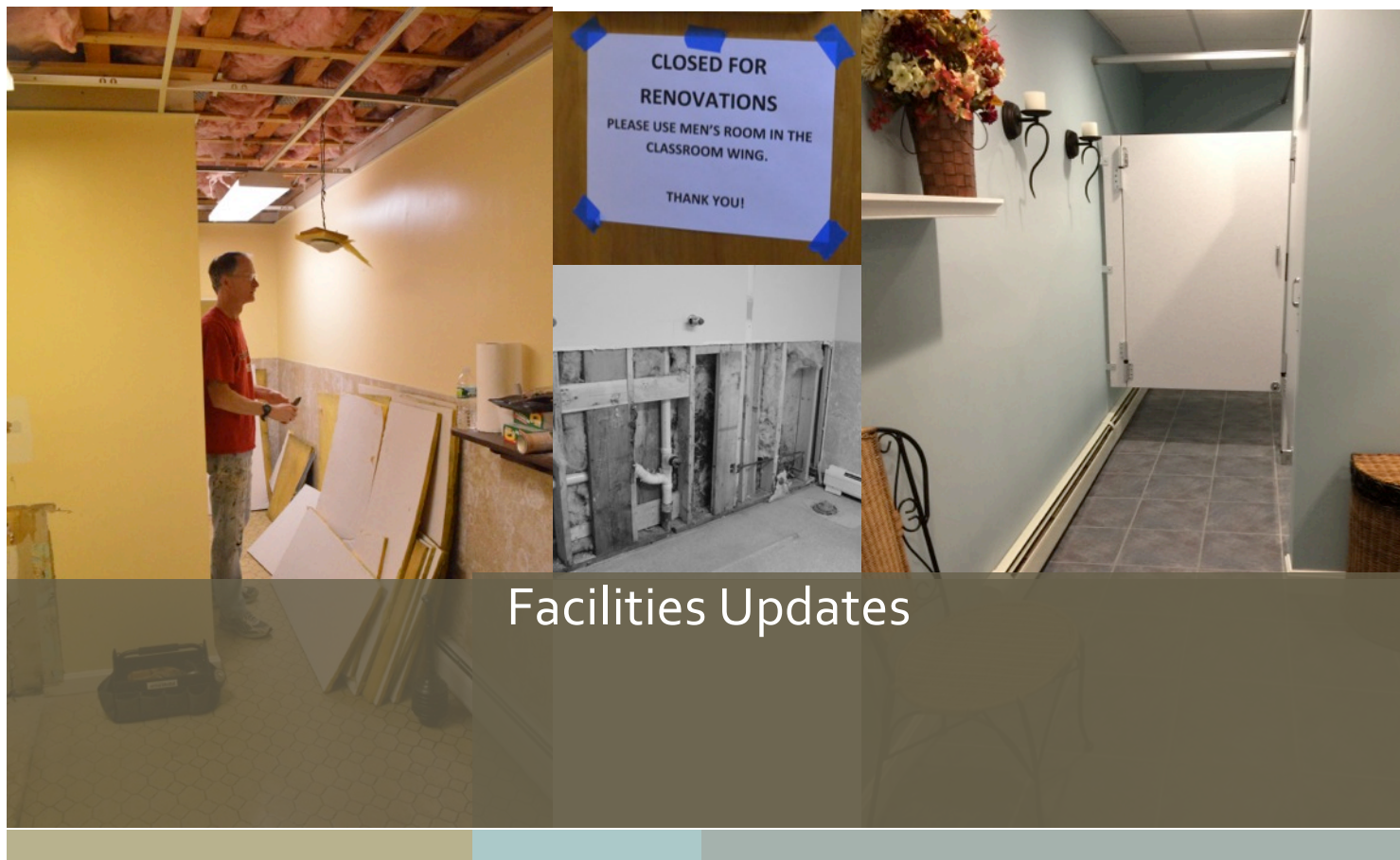
Youth Group

In the past year, 7-8 teens have met with the Donahues and Ray Brown on Sunday evenings. They have studied the following: *Nine Things Teens Should Know*, and the Biblical books of Matthew, Proverbs and Job. The teens have been involved in various work projects and activities, including a recent winter weekend where two teens professed Christ as their Savior and one rededicated himself to Christ.

Three seniors will graduate this year: Nicole Chase, Keith Donahue, and Isaac Wilcox. And after fourteen years, Sean and Dee Donahue will be stepping down from leading the youth group. The youth group will be in a period of transition, and Greg Jones will be providing further direction for this aspect of our ministry.



Answers
BIBLE CURRICULUM



Facilities Updates

Since 2010, we have made significant improvements to our facility.

- New signage installed throughout the property
- Sanctuary windows were replaced
- The nursery was relocated to the family ministries wing
- The old nursery was converted into a conference room
- One of our two aging furnaces was replaced
- The kitchen was remodeled with a pass-through window
- Extensive repainting was done throughout the building

This past year, we have done a lot of small updates, including repairing the water damage from a burst pipe (and replacing the pipe with PEX, a plastic that will not break when the water inside freezes). We also did two *major* updates:

1. Remodeling the main bathrooms

Both bathrooms were completely gutted and rebuilt, literally from the ground up. New tile floors, partitions, counters, and fixtures were added. The result is a fresh, clean look that will last for years to come.

2. Carpeting the sanctuary

After years of fighting with curves and wrinkles that made the sanctuary unsightly and unsafe, we replaced the carpet with a

new, glued-down carpet with the same style and color as the carpet we put down on the stage in 2012. A team of about twenty volunteers removed the carpet.

Upcoming Projects

There are plenty of projects for us to tackle in the coming years. Here are a few:

- Replacing the windows downstairs.
- Rebuild the rotting structure of the sun room at the parsonage.
- New carpet installation in the education wing and downstairs.
- Replacing the aging furnace.
- Paving the parsonage driveway.
- Sealing and striping the church parking lot.
- Clean, repair and repaint the education wing bathrooms.



Creating environments where people encounter Jesus and journey together.







Missionary Visits & Updates

During July 2013, we welcomed three of our missionary families and were able to hear from them directly – the Posts, Swensons and Childs.

In October, Michael Knight – missionary to Namibia shared his vision for youth ministry there.

Nathan Arce and his family joined us in March and shared their ministry in Venezuela.

Missions Summary

Currently our congregation supports missionary families in five foreign fields – the Childs in East Asia, the Posts in Ireland, the Swensons in Japan, the Thompsons in Kenya, and the Arces Venezuela – as well as the Champeons who works to translate the Bible into languages that do not have it yet.

Beside these foreign missionaries, we have three domestic missions – Ted & Ruth Brewer with New Peace Network, Bill Paige with Community Chaplains, and our ministry to the women's prison in Goffstown.

We gave Michael Knight a one-time gift of \$1,000 to assist with his move to the field.

Local Missions Work

In April, we welcomed the men's choir from Teen Challenge. They shared their vision for ministry for people dealing with addiction and the work of God among them. A number of folks got their pictures taken with them and committed to pray regularly for them.

Sandy Misshula spearheaded a drive to assembly hygiene items and clothing for the survivors of the typhoon in the Philippines. We were able to give five full car loads of supplies to the Filipino-American Charitable Trust.

Our annual Operation Christmas Child drive was full of

opportunity to minister to children around the world. We collected 122 shoeboxes that were dedicated and delivered in November.

Missions Program Review

The average cost to send a missionary to a foreign field is somewhere around \$7,500-\$9,000 per month. The cost of living and ministry continues to rise, and at the same time, the resources of the local churches supporting missionaries seems to be dwindling. Our elders have asked the missions committee to review the status and support level of all of our missions projects with a view to create a support plan that will increase our commitment to our foreign missionaries, particularly those who are working in church planting and evangelism. We hope to be able to present this plan to the congregation at the semi-annual meeting, which will be held in November.



After years of service with the New Peace Network here in New England, Ted and Ruth Brewer relocated to California to be closer to their daughter and her family. Ted has remained on the board of New Peace and is developing a conciliation ministry in his new area.

Financial Summary

	2013-2014			2014-2015
	Budget	Actual	Under / (Over)	Proposed
FACILITIES				
Buildings & Maintenance	\$3,050.00	\$7,134.44	\$(4,084.44)	\$3,000.00
Bathroom Remodeling	\$0.00	\$13,797.27	(\$13,797.27)	\$0.00
Carpet Installation	\$0.00	\$7,837.72	(\$7,837.72)	\$0.00
Custodial/Kitchen	\$750.00	\$1,002.34	(\$252.34)	\$500.00
Escrow for Improvements	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	\$10,500.00	\$10,000.00
Janitorial Services	\$17,700.00	\$16,666.64	\$1,033.36	\$17,700.00
Parsonage Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$1,425.65	\$74.35	\$1,500.00
Snow Removal	\$2,000.00	\$1,065.00	\$935.00	\$2,000.00
Utilities	\$13,800.00	\$18,245.54	(\$4,445.54)	\$14,800.00
OPERATIONS				
Advertising	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Approved Out of Budget	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Equipment	\$3,550.00	\$8,981.42	(\$5,431.42)	\$3,600.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,050.00	\$1,667.64	(\$617.64)	\$1,000.00
Office Supplies	\$600.00	\$1,071.38	(\$471.38)	\$500.00
INSURANCE				
Comprehensive Insurance	\$5,350.00	\$5,292.00	\$58.00	\$5,500.00
Workers' Compensation	\$1,000.00	\$635.00	\$365.00	\$1,000.00
WORSHIP				
Choir Music	\$200.00	\$125.73	\$74.27	\$200.00
Equipment & Supplies	\$500.00	\$3,261.97	(\$2,761.97)	\$1,000.00
Software & Licenses	\$520.00	\$415.00	\$105.00	\$450.00
Concert – Michael Card	\$2,000.00	\$2,280.33	(\$280.33)	\$1,000.00
Honorarium – Steve Green	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	\$200.00
FAMILY MINISTRIES				
God's Backyard	\$500.00	\$37.99	\$462.01	\$500.00
Nursery	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Vacation Bible School	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Youth Ministry	\$500.00	\$658.53	(\$158.53)	\$500.00
MISSIONS				
Foreign Missions Support	\$15,450.00	\$15,250.00	\$200.00	\$15,250.00
Honorarium	\$250.00	\$1,486.00	(\$1,236.00)	\$250.00
Operations Christmas Child	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Special - Michael Knight	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00
Emergency Missions Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
FELLOWSHIP				
Curriculum	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Elders' Supplemental	\$250.00	\$228.24	\$21.76	\$250.00
Flowers & Gifts	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Meals	\$200.00	\$856.33	(\$656.33)	\$500.00
Men's Ministry	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Women's Ministry	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
PASTORAL COMPENSATION				
Account Reimbursement Plan	\$3,000.00	\$2,970.10	\$29.90	\$4,800.00
Medical Reimbursement Plan	\$8,524.32	\$5,204.70	\$3,319.62	\$15,500.00
Salary	\$33,453.87	\$32,622.90	\$830.97	\$30,000.00
Housing Allowance	\$7,000.00	\$6,999.96	\$0.04	\$7,200.00
Education Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$135,848.19	\$160,219.82	(\$24,371.63)	\$144,950.00
TOTAL GENERAL INCOME		\$161,949.52		
2012-2014 FAITH PROMISE/INSURANCE CLAIM		\$18,732.00		
NET PROFIT		\$20,461.70		

Life Events



July 27, 2013

Haley and Scott Louiseau welcomed their first child, Lily.



November 23, 2013

Leigh Chamberlain married Richard MacPartland at a family ceremony at Community Baptist Church in Rochester.



December 24, 2013

Melissa Thibault married Jonathan Brandon at a family ceremony right before our Christmas Eve service

Remembering Those We Will Not See for A Little While

This year, we had to say “see you soon” to some of our family members.

This is never an easy thing to do, and so we remember them here.



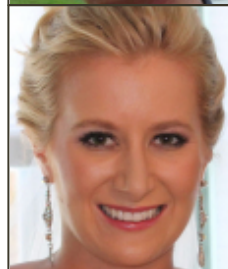
May 29

Ron Jones lost his short battle with cancer. An integral part of our church life for so long, Ron was a brother, a father, a band mate, a friend, and a follower of Christ. He was faithful even when in pain and is missed.



October 11

Although not a member of our congregation, Steve Dirksen had a lot of connections to us. He was Lisa and Jack Mudge's brother-in-law, the contractor who did our windows and a friend of our body. His brief struggle with cancer was a hard journey to a blessed shore.



December 14

Rickey and Maureen Billodeau's daughter *Christie Fazio* passed away while giving birth to a son. Married in 2012, Christie had been working as a nurse. She was a joy to all who knew her.



The Past and the Present Blessings

When our family was given the amazing opportunity to visit Israel (with our favorite musician nonetheless!), the obstacles looked ominous. There was just no way to scrape together the finances. What would we do about dietary restrictions? Could Ariel handle intercontinental flights and long bus drives without driving us nuts? (Of course she could!)

As you all know, our trip was amazing and it opened our hearts to some wonderful people and inexpressibly joyous experiences. And it was made possible because of you, our family at Bedford Road.

During our time in Israel, we had a real opportunity to reflect the heritage of the Church. For 2,000 years, people of all languages, nations, ethnicities and location have become followers of Jesus and then come together as the Church. The journey has not been easy. There have been many challenges – from persecution to division.

But the Church moves on. Not even hell itself can prevail against it.

Where will God take our congregation – our little piece of the Church – in the coming years? I am almost relieved not to know! If I had known we would host two internationally known musicians this year, I would have been a wreck! If I had known we would lose so many friends and family members - that we would face the challenges we faced - I would have climbed in a hole and just waited for it all to be over!

But God's ways are not our ways. He is Sovereign over all, and he knows what His people can do even if they don't. And it is a good thing too!

As we plan for this coming year, let's keep our focus

off of all the minutiae and distractions. Let's look back at the past few years and last year especially and see them for what it is – *amazing blessings from our Lord*.

I am encouraged by what God has done at Bedford Road – even the parts I didn't particularly like. He is continually transforming us to be the community we will be to accomplish the tasks he will set before us.

We have done more than we could ever take credit for, so the credit is the Lord's. We will continue to be stretched and transformed, operating just beyond the very edge of our abilities so we can never say any success is due to our own skills.

It is our hope and prayer that you are as excited about the future as my family is. What will God have for us? Only he knows.

- Pastor Erik DiVietro