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# Baptist Hill Notes

## For Want of a Nail

**For want of a nail the shoe was lost.  
For want of a shoe the horse was lost.  
For want of a horse the rider was lost.  
For want of a rider the battle was lost.  
For want of a battle the kingdom was lost.  
And all for the want of a horseshoe nail.**

During World War II, this nursery rhyme was framed and hung on the wall of the Anglo-American Supply Headquarters in London, England. Small things matter.

The seemingly insignificant may turn out to be indispensable.

When I think of that nursery rhyme I think of our church. Our church has one function – to serve God and bring glory to his name in this time (2008) and in this place (United Baptist). And everything that is done in and through our church advances that work. In battle the tendency is to focus on the warrior charging the battlefield, sword held high. In ministry the tendency is to focus on the visible ministries (preaching, mission work, music, etc). But the success of the warrior – and the kingdom, depends on more – on the horse, the shoe, and the horseshoe nails.

Similarly, the success of our church depends on each of us serving and doing what we can for the kingdom. The nursery worker who faithfully loves and cares for the children of others while mom and dad go to church is indispensable. And so are the Trustees who leave home early on Sundays to shovel the walks before church. And those who visit the nursing homes on Sunday afternoons to bring love, hope and cheer to the residents. The KidMo workers, the greeters, the cookie bakers – the list goes on.

You get the point.

We cannot afford to have anyone sit on the sidelines uninvolved. There is work to do. For every person who is uninvolved, another is doing two jobs, or the job is left undone. The sanctuary gets trampled by hundreds of feet every week and needs to be vacuumed. Whose job is it to vacuum? Ours! Can you do one hour of vacuuming once a month to help? We need volunteers to give a 5-7 minute teaching to residents at the Veteran's Home twice a year on a Sunday afternoon. Can you help with that? What about learning to run the sound board for church services, or the projection system – we are wearing down the few who do it now. Can you help once a month? How about Nursery or the Hospitality Committee?

Many of you who read this are already working hard to serve God at UBC – you are doing enough.

If you have time and ability to serve, could you step up and let either Scott or me know? Pray about how and where to serve. Whether a nail, a shoe, a horse or a warrior, we need you!

## 2008 Mission Trip

**Sixteen teenagers and adults** will be going on a **short term mission trip** this summer. This trip will be very different from past mission trips in several ways. First, we will be working with an organization called **Youth Works**. Second, we will have the opportunity to work with several other youth groups on the trip. Third, we will not be leaving the state. We will be going to **Calais, Maine**. Fourth, the trip will only last six days. Fifth, the trip will cost much less than past trips.

Here are the details: Youth Works has **75 established mission sites** across North America. Each site operates from mid-June through the end of August each year. Youth Works brings in several youth groups to work at a particular site for one week at a time. Some locations are in large cities while others are in rural locations.

One established site is in Calais, Maine. Calais is a very needy area. Nearly 18% of the population lives below the poverty line, including 20% of the residents under the age of 18 and 19% of those ages 65 and older. Our team will work with both age groups. We will run a Kid's Club as well as work on several home projects for senior citizens.

This trip will be the first mission trip for all of our teens. For this reason, we chose a short trip (**five and half days** compared to the ten to twelve day trips of the past). We want our teens to have a good first time experience as missionaries. The trip will run from **Sunday, July 27 through Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**.

The cost will be **\$250.00** per person. The church has set aside money for the last several years to cover much of this cost so we are asking each teen to only contribute **\$50.00** toward the cost of the trip.

Please be in prayer as our teens raise their support and as we begin to train our teens to share the love of Christ with children and senior citizens in **Downeast Maine!**

✧ **LIFE Groups to Begin in March** - **LIFE Groups** (small groups) will begin in early March. Folks have been asking for a Bible based (non-DVD) study so we have prepared a 13 week study based on the book of **Philippians**. A leader's guide has also been prepared. If you would like to lead a LIFE Group this spring please contact Sue Morin or Pastor Scott as soon as possible!

✧ **Take the Next Right Step** - Ten people took part in "**CLASS 101 – Connect**" on Sunday, January 27. If you have taken CLASS 101 in the past and are now ready to take a follow up class please be aware that the following classes will be offered over the next several months. "**CLASS 201 Grow** – Discovering Spiritual Maturity" will be offered on Sunday, February 10. "**CLASS 301 Serve** – Discovering My Shape for Ministry" will be offered on Sunday, March 16. "**CLASS 401 Share** – Discovering My Life Mission" will be offered on Sunday, April 20. Each class is from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and meets in Fellowship Hall (lower level of the church).

*Keep Looking Up!*

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

|    |                             |
|----|-----------------------------|
| 2  | Ted Wegerdt                 |
| 4  | Monique Duff                |
| 5  | Alvin Winslow               |
|    | ♦ Campus Crusade UMO        |
| 7  | Ellie Crouch                |
|    | Aaron Shorey ♦ Free Indeed  |
|    | Alberta McCrossin           |
| 10 | Doug Palmeter ♦ CCC         |
| 11 | Ed Kennedy                  |
| 12 | Zachry Fox                  |
| 16 | Heidi Crouse                |
|    | Howard Clements             |
| 17 | Robert Carr                 |
| 18 | Jean Bond                   |
| 19 | Dierdre Vadas               |
|    | Rev. Edward Keazirian       |
| 25 | Heidi Gallant               |
| 26 | Joshua Chinn                |
|    | Mariah Vadas                |
| 27 | Bob Turner ♦ Navigators, MA |
| 28 | Sue Hermansen               |
|    | Christopher Johnson         |
|    | Krissy Stevens              |
|    | Wanda Avery                 |

## ♥ CHEER BAGS ♥

Help is needed to pack Cheer Bags for our Shut-Ins. We will meet Sunday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the lobby of the church.

We also need items for the **Cheer Bags** such as: small toiletry items, stamps, envelopes, baked goods, fruit and candy. Please contact Dot Rowe (866-2026) if you have any questions.