



The Living Stone Link

August 2018 News Letter

Because We Are Saved

Our mission is to share Christ with a lost and dying world. One of our challenges is to teach that true salvation is nothing that can be earned. Many confuse salvation and works trying to make a connection that works are needed for salvation. Many people I witness to would say that they are: "All Set", "I am a good person" and "I do good things". Our sinful nature is quick to grasp onto a concept of fairness that is really founded in our own selfish desires. "If I am a good person then surely God will allow me into heaven when I die." These ideas have no foundation in scripture and the real questions should be how good is good enough. Scripture is clear.

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," Romans 3:23

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

So what about our good works? How does works play in with our faith?

"What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food,

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Mission Moment

History of NAMB - North American Mission Board (Part 7 of 8)

2005 – 2006 - Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, coordinated nationally by NAMB, has its greatest response to date as a result of Hurricane Katrina. From August 2005 through March 2006, disaster relief volunteers serve 14.5 million meals and collectively give 1.5 million hours toward relief efforts.

2008 - NAMB introduces God's Plan for Sharing (GPS) at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Indianapolis, Ind.

2010 - Southern Baptist Convention messengers ask NAMB to focus more resources on church planting.

2011 - The Send Network strategy of evangelistic church planting and church planter development launches with five focus regions and 32 Send Cities, specifically aligned to address unique opportunities and challenges across the continent.

For prayer needs or questions, feel free to contact Pastor Jim Hess @ 207-642-2309 or visit our website www.livingstonemaine.org

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and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works." James 2:14-18

Because we are saved let us do good, give our time (volunteer in ministry we need you), give our talents (make use of the gifts God has given you), give our tithe (It is all His anyways so lets give back).

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." John Wesley

In Christ,

Elder Jeff

Calendar Notes for August

August 4th; 9:00 AM. Finance Team Meeting
August 11; 8:30 AM. Men's Breakfast.
August 12; 11:30 AM. Pastor Informational Meeting.
August 18th; 9:00 AM. Deacon's Meeting
August 26th; 11:30 AM. Summer Business Meeting.
September 14 - 16th; Spiritual Revival Weekend.
September 17 - 20th; Maine Revival Today

Regular Weekly Services

Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Life Groups at 11:15
Sunday Evening Discipleship-U at 6:30
Tuesday Morning Prayer 6:00 AM
Friday Youth Groups at 6:00
Thursday Children Study and Prayer Meeting at 6:15.

Birthdays

August 7th - Peter Brown
August 8th - Marne Ames
August 27th - Ed Ahlquist

Wedding Anniversaries

August 23rd - Jenny and Rob Raymond
August 25rd - Steve and Mary Seavey

(If you would like family birthdays and anniversaries listed in the news letter, please submit to Elder Jeff.)



2018 Operation Christmas Child

Collection Week is November 12th – 19th

In 2018 we are going to expand out Shoebox contributions by having monthly collections items. In August we will be collecting School Supplies.

For September we will be collecting Games.



See some of the testimonies in the Special Report Magazine on the table in the hall.

School Supplies

Need some ideas for shoe boxes, visit www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/