

# THE BRIDGE

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BUILDING BRIDGES

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## TENDING THE FIRE

**THE SHORELINE**-----**FROM THE BRIDGE**

Inside our condominium in Florida, we have a fireplace. I know, that sounds strange, especially when you consider that the parsonage does not have one, and it's in Maine! One of our favorite things to do is to sit by the fire and read or just stare into the flames and listen to the logs crackle. Doing that is very relaxing. I have learned over the years that if you do not tend the fire, it slowly burns out. Tending the fire, requires securing fuel for the fire. No fuel, No Fire. The kind of fuel determines the quality of the fire; hard woods are superior and do less damage to your chimney. The fire burns best when the logs touch each other, and if bedtime is approaching and you want the fire to die out you stop adding fuel and separate the remaining embers. You control the intensity of the fire.

I have observed after interacting with thousands of folks, that some of us experience stress in our lives. No matter how spiritual we are, stress and fatigue can cause us to revert to our old ways of compensating. We reboot to the default. We all are thinking, emotional, physical, social and spiritual beings. For some of us emotion is the default. Stress triggers emotional response and that response is often expressed in anger. The Bible knows this. It doesn't forbid anger. It tells us to not hurt each other in anger. It's not ok to say, "Well that's just the way I am" and then go on and hurt people. We separate the logs in our fire. At the point of anger, if we've been tending the fire we can draw on one of those good hardwood logs to fuel the flames of love, acceptance and forgiveness. As you know love covers a multitude of sins. You might be asking "How do I do that?" Start by daily praying this simple prayer found in *Psalms 139 verses 23 and 24*, "Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting." NIV

**God** will reply and when He does, think about it and then repent, turn away from your ways. You will find, in that moment- Love, Acceptance and Forgiveness. When you receive it give it to THAT person. Tend the fire.

In the coming months I will write more about tending the fire and what kind of logs are necessary to produce an intense life changing fire.

PASTOR BRIAN SHORE



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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Miranda Booth	11 Tristan Brown	25 Marie Gordon
2 Sheila Gill	17 Jim Wiggin	26 John Brigham
5 Pastor Jeff Patnaude	19 Dianne Carberry	26 Lucy Hensel
5 Aaron Patnaude	20 Robyn Caron	28 Chris DeSalvo
6 John Cirincione	20 Robyn Caron	29 Jess Bacon

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

3/3/1969 Terry & Diane McRoberts

### WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, February 11, eight ladies from the OBC met for lunch at Billy's Chowder House in Wells. Valentines were signed and sent out to those who couldn't attend. The food, service and conversation was, as always, enjoyable. Fortunately, the weather was good. No snow! Next month we agreed to meet at Rick's Blue Jay Cafe in York on Wednesday, March 11 at noon.

Submitted by Brenda Goodale

### EASTER LILY OR TULIPS

If you wish to provide a lily or tulips to help beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please sign up and give \$12.00 to Brenda Goodale by March 29th. Please make checks payable to Brenda and not to the church. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.



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## LIBRARY NEWS

We continue to add new books to our library.

The Miracles Among Us by Dr. Mark Siegel, non-fiction

Dr. Siegel explores the profound and often mysterious intersection of faith and medicine. Drawing from his extensive experience as a practicing physician and investigative journalist, he shares riveting stories of patients who have experienced remarkable recoveries, challenging the boundaries of medical science.

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Please let me know if you would like to receive the Beacon by e-mail. Notify me (Hilda Wynne) at [ogunquitbaptistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:ogunquitbaptistchurch@gmail.com) or 646-2160.

***PLEASE INFORM THE CHURCH OFFICE....***

1. If your mailing address changes
2. If your email address changes
3. If your phone number changes
4. If your name changes

## PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

**IF YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO ON THE PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR BRIAN OR HILDA.**

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## DONATING TO OBC

Donating to OBC using your Bank's Automatic Bill Pay It's simple and it's free! (We have a few contributors using it and they are very pleased with it.) Technically your pledge donations to OBC aren't "bills", but it is still possible to set it up through your bank's bill pay. You can do a one-time or recurring donation to OBC.

Guidelines to help you through setting it up:

1. Follow directions on your bank's website to set up a new bill or payee.
2. Choose to pay a company rather than a person (if given a choice).
3. Where it requests "Company Name" enter: Ogunquit Baptist Church
4. For the "Company Address" enter: Attn: Financial Secretary  
PO Box 874 Ogunquit, ME 03907-3814
5. For "Company Phone Number" enter: 207-646-2160
6. For "Account Number" enter either:
  - a. Envelope # \_\_\_\_ (whatever your envelope # is) or
  - b. your first initial and your last name.

Example: HWynne

7. After setting up OBC as a biller, it is added to your list and you can select it at any time and enter a payment amount and payment date. There is chance to put a memo with it.
  8. You will also have the option of setting up automatic or recurring payments (this can add more convenience, but it is not recommended if there is a risk of overdrawing from your account)
- Bill Pay is usually a free service of your checking account, but some banks may charge a monthly fee for the service; this fee may sometimes be waived. The church is not charged any fees for receiving a donation through your bank's bill pay service, so what you donate is what would appear on your annual giving statements.

