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The Shoreline _____

God works with surrendered hearts, not perfect ones. “...without holiness no one will see the LORD.”

I don't know who made the first statement about surrendered hearts, but it's true. I do know who wrote the second phrase as it comes from Hebrews 12:14, and it's also true. It seems that two true statements are in conflict. How can both be true?

January is a month in which we tend to reflect on our lives and then develop a list of resolutions that are intended, if we follow them, to improve our lives. To make us better, but not perfect! That becomes clear, research reveals, about 40 days into the new year when we abandon our good intent. “Woe am I” becomes our lament when we realize that our New Year's resolve is so much sand.

It is important that we do not give up when this inevitably happens to us. It is at this moment that we realize that God is indeed seeking surrendered hearts... that is our hope.

Romans 3:10 states, “As it is written: ‘There is no one righteous, not even one;’” Psalm 14:1 proclaims, “The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.” All is not lost. This is what the Gospel is all about! While we are without hope if we rely on ourselves and our promises to change, hope is found in the provision of Jesus, realized in His sacrifice upon the Cross. Romans 3: 22 encourages us as it says, “This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.” Jesus is Holy. Jesus is Perfect. He is our holiness. If we surrender our hearts to Him, He Will Change Them. He will restore the Image of God in us. He will make all things new.

Let's join together with yielded hearts in 2026. It will be amazing to see what God can do!

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you or a loved one requires hospitalization, it is important that, in addition to informing the hospital that you would like your church notified, that you personally see that notification is made. Call the church office with your information, or have a relative or friend call.

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.

OBC office 646-2160
Pastor Brian's cell: (904) 305-1936
Hilda's cell (207) 451-7282

Beacon by e-mail

Please let me know if you would like to receive the Beacon by e-mail. Notify me (Hilda Wynne) at 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

The church would like to keep your contact information correct and current, so please do call the office (207) 646-2160 or email Hilda at ogunquitbaptistchurch@gmail.com

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Tuesday & Thursday 9:00-11:00 am

Wednesday 1:00-4:00 pm; Friday 10:00am-11:00 am

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January Birthdays

2 Trisha Marks
2 Kathy Woodyard
3 Julie Downing
9 Juliet Cirincione
10 Ellie Mae Moore
10 Susan Wong

11 Matthew Patnaude
13 Tom Hutchins
14 Corey Dunham
18 Judy Switzer
21 Maggie Cirincione
22 Ramona Dearborn

23 June Hensel
24 Emma Wiggin
25 Koriahn Quint
30 Sullivan Booth
31 Beth Switzer

Anniversaries

1/16/1972 Jim & Mary Wiggin
1/30 John & Starr Powell

Women's Fellowship Luncheon

Ten ladies from OBC met for lunch at the New England House on Wednesday, December 10. After ordering food we had a little fun with a game Edie suggested. We were all asked to bring a gift costing \$1.50 from the Dollar Store. The game was similar to Yankee Swap in that with each roll of a dice-like cube we had to pass our gift to the left or right. Lots of laughs and interesting gifts! As always the food and service was very good. We will meet next month at noon January 14, at Greenleaves in York.
Submitted by Brenda Goodale.

A Weekend You Don't Want to Miss January 10th and 11th OBC will have a Mission Weekend

Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 5:00 pm we will have a bean supper in the fellowship hall. It is a great chance to invite someone to come with you. Pastor Dave Clark has been leading a mission committee for ABCOM (our state organization). He will share information about mission initiatives. This will be a relaxed fun time.

On **Sunday**, January 11, 2026, Bill and Ann Clemmer will be with us during our worship service. OBC has supported the Clemmers for many years. They currently work in Goma in the Democratic Republic of Congo. They have been able to make a brief thrip home to Maine to spend Christmas with family and they will be stopping with as they head to the airport to return to Goma. Their stories show what missionary work in a war-torn part of the world is really like. They will have the whole sermon to tell about their work, Bill as a medical doctor and Ann as a women and children's advocate. You will also have time to talk with them personally during the fellowship time after church.

LIBRARY NEWS

Spectacular Things by Beck Dorey-Stein

Mia and Cricket have always been close. The gifted daughters of a young single mother, the “Lowe girls” are well known in the small Maine town they call home. Each sister has a role to fill: The responsible and academically minded Mia assumes the position of caregiver far too young, while Cricket, a bouncing ball of energy and talent, seems born for soccer stardom. But the cost of achieving athletic greatness comes at a steep price.

As Mia and Cricket grow up, they must grapple with the legacy of their mother’s secret past while navigating their own precarious future. Can Mia allow herself to fall in love at the risk of repeating a terrible history? Will Cricket’s relentless chase of a lifelong goal drive her sister away? When does loyalty become self-sabotage?

A sharply observed and tender portrait of sisters, love, and ambition, *Spectacular Things* is a sweeping story about the impossible choices we’re forced to make in pursuit of our dreams. (*excerpt from the jacket cover*)

I enjoyed reading this book. I wasn’t completely comfortable with everything in the book, but I liked enough to give to my daughter to read...who also enjoyed it! I went to the Barn Gallery to hear the author speak about the book and enjoyed that immensely.

Submitted by Vicki shore

Our library at OBC gained several new books this month.

“The Miracles Among Us” by Dr. Mark Siegel. Nonfiction

How God’s grace plays a role in healing.

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

“The Secret Daughter” by Shilpi Somaya Gowda. Fiction

Somer’s life is everything she imagined it would be. She’s newly married and has started her career as a physician in San Francisco-until she makes the devastating discovery she will never be able to have children. The same year in India, a poor mother makes the heartbreaking choice to save her newborn daughter’s life by giving her away. It is a decision that will haunt the mother for the rest of her life, and cause a ripple effect that travels across the world and back again.

“The Christmas Stranger” by Richard Paul Evan’s. Fiction

Three years after losing his family in a Christmas Eve accident, Paul Wanless hasn’t just given up on Christmas, he’s given up on life. As he was planning to commit suicide, a mysterious stranger named Gabriel knocks on his door and says, “I wouldn’t do it. It’s not what you think.” Paul brushes the experience aside as some trick of the imagination..... until he crosses paths with a young widow and her bullied son, who’ve also received a visit from Gabriel.

I read all three of these books and they are very good.

Submitted by Brenda Goodale

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.