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CHURCH COVENANT PT. 4

The Shoreline _____ July, 2026

This month we are continuing our series on the Church Covenant. You might remember that our Church constitution and by-laws mention a covenant that was at one time adopted by the church and we are asked to ascribe to as church members. Many of you were surprised that we have a covenant and so the leadership of OBC thought that it would be a good idea to review The Covenant.

Church Covenant part 4:

We join in communion with all who in faith call upon the name of God in Christ: sharing with them in celebration of God's providence, uniting with them in witness to God's love, and joining with them in dedication to God's reign.

This part of the covenant recognizes that we as members of OBC are not the only believers in Christ! We are part of a much larger family. We are a congregation of believers that are part of the much larger BODY OF CHRIST that exists worldwide. Yes, as Baptists we have fellowship with other Baptists but our fellowship is not limited to just Baptists. There are many folks on the planet who profess Jesus as Lord. This is most evident here at OBC as every Sunday, especially during the summer, folks from all over New England, the United States and the globe worship with us. There are different accents everywhere, gathering together to worship God, in Christ's name! We are all the richer because of it!

PASTOR BRIAN SHORE



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JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Betty Hutchins	9 Joyce Iles	17 Casi Haye
4 Bobby Quint	9 Genevieve Latulippe	23 Tom Carnicelli
5 Amy Cashman	14 Brittany Wong	26 Justin Pollar
7 Edie Brigham	16 Gary Latulippe	

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/15/1972 John & Edith Brigham

7/24/2022 Jake & Jess Wiggin

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

On Thursday, June 11, nine ladies from our church met for lunch at Hobbs Harborside. It was good to see and visit with Mary Wiggin. We miss her at church. Phyllis Moore brought her mother, Barbara, and we enjoyed catching up with her . She is now residing at Sentry Hill in York Harbor and welcomes visitors. The lunch was very good as always. We will meet next month on Thursday, July 9, at Billy's Chowder House in Wells at noon.

Submitted by Brenda Goodale



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MISSION BOARD

God is the the Parting
June 2026

During our 34 years of missionary service, we have faced more evacuations than I care to remember. Some were carefully planned with "go bags" and mapped routes; others were abrupt, leaving only with what fit in a backpack. Each departure was painful yet in every parting, God was present.

Haiti (1994): With four young children, we planned a short visit home after our first year. That 'orderly visit' became an urgent evacuation as violence erupted and foreigners had to leave. Our vacation bags were packed, but the planes were full. We left with our memories, but our luggage, our home and pets remained. The children and I did not return for over 20 years. God was with us.

Zaire (1998): We had settled into Dr. Fountain's former home on the Kwilu River, raising four children ages 2-7 in 1995. When rebels advanced toward the capital 3 years later, Catholic sisters radioed that they were close by. With barely time to think, our family (minus Bill) and the MAF pilot's family squeezed into a Cessna, nine people in all. We carried only underwear and toothbrushes. It would be two years before we returned. God brought us back.

South Sudan (2013): Bill's mom died suddenly and we were going home for the funeral. It happened to be the same time that a civil war erupted in this new country and all our plans were disrupted. God surrounded us with love.

Goma (2021): When Mt. Nyiragongo erupted its lava destroyed homes and schools, displacing tens of thousands. We chose to stay and help, even as frequent earthquakes forced us to sleep outside. Days later the urgent 2 a.m. radio call came; lava was flowing beneath the city. Roads jammed, it took seven hours to cross the border with only what we could carry. But God carried us.

Goma (2025): Rebels attacked the city, overwhelming UN forces. As casualties mounted, we sheltered in a small apartment on the border. We thought we'd be gone for a weekend, but it was six weeks before we could return. He walked beside us.

Goma (2026): Ebola is back...more aggressive, resistant to drugs and vaccines, with cases rising faster than Bill has ever seen. Like Haiti decades ago, I had a ticket in May to visit our children in Maine, but the border shut down the night before the planned departure. God ordains all our plans.

The U.S. Embassy wrote this morning: they have arranged a departure tomorrow for all U.S. citizens to cross the border and onward to the United States. Screening procedures will be in place, followed by a period of self-monitoring. I am headed home, but, as with so many departures before, not in the way I had planned.



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MISSION BOARD CONTINUED

Bill will remain behind for several weeks as part of a team conducting Ebola surveillance and training health care workers along the Burundi border. he assures me he will be home before the end of the month. (I remember how that promise has not always held true.)

These experiences remind me that when it comes time to go Home at the end of life, departures vary. Some are sudden, others slow. We may have time to prepare--or not. But always, we have the assurance that "God has prepared a place" and he holds our lives in His hands. Our destination is assured, no matter the detours along the way.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD."

Isaiah 55:8

Ann and Bill

Goma, Dem Rep of Congo

LIBRARY NEWS

"Raising Hare" by Chloe Dalton, a memoir

Chloe stumbles upon a vulnerable newborn hare in the English countryside. Fearing for the animal's life, she brings it home, only to discover how difficult it is to rear a wild hare, most of whom perish in captivity. Through trial and error, she learns to care and feed it with every intention of returning it to the wilderness. Instead, it becomes her constant companion wandering the fields and woods at night and returning to her house each day. This book was number 1 in the non-fiction category in the Portland paper this week.

"This Book Made Me Think of You" by Libby Page, fiction

When Tilly Nightingale receives a call telling her there's a birthday gift from her husband waiting for her at her local bookshop, it couldn't come as more of a shock. Partly because she can't remember the last time she read a book for pleasure, but mainly because Joe died 6 months ago. When she goes to pick up the present, Alfie, the bookshop owner explains the gift--twelve carefully chosen books with handwritten letters from Joe, one for each month, to help her turn the page on her first year without him.

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

From Edie Brigham--I will be interviewing two people each month to help folks get to know one another at the church. Here is the first one.

HARRY

On the left-hand side of the church, towards the front, sits the first person we will get to know.

Harrison "Harry" Michael Booth, age 5, just graduated from preschool and will be entering kindergarten this fall. He lives with his parents, Matt and Miranda, and his little brother Sullivan. Harry's favorite color is yellow, his favorite toy is Wrestler, and his best friend is Jackie. He likes to play video games and lacrosse. Harry enjoys going to Target with his mom and going to concerts with his dad. He recently went to a Forest Frank Christian Concert with his parents in Worcester, MA which he loved.

Harry has a great smile, is really good at giving a high-five, and is an energetic part of our Sunday School here at church.

PETE

On the right-hand side of our church stands and sits Peter "Pete" Carberry. Pete has a wonderful baritone voice and is on our praise team. Pete's favorite vacation spot has been, and continues to be, Drakes Island where he has gone for over ninety years! His favorite color is blue, his favorite dessert is strawberry rhubarb pie, and his favorite game from childhood was Capture the Flag.

Pete has been married to Diane for 68 years and raised two children, Kurt and Linda. His wife, Diane, lives at Durgin Pines and prayers for her would be appreciated. If anyone would like to make a strawberry rhubarb pie for after church, Pete will gladly eat a piece!



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4. If your name changes

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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
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 - 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.

