



COFFEE STATION
will be open for 15
minutes after the service
is over. Thank you!

To receive **Pastor Ron's weekly email**, please text your email address to him.

Needed: Sunday luncheon helpers. Please contact Dora, Leasa or Charlotte.

Thursday, May 23 - 6:30-8 pm - Coed volleyball, 6th grade and up.
Contact Melissa @ 978-337-8348.

June 1 - 9-10:30 am - women's study - Finding Self Worth in Christ.

June 8 - 8:30-11 am - Men's Breakfast, hosted by Titus 2 Women's Team.
RSVP by June 5 to Dora at 603-702-2650.

June 14 - 5:30 pm - 25th anniversary dinner for Adam & Rachelle.
RSVP by June 10 to Dora at 603-702-2650.

Prayer Concerns:



May Focus:

Camp Maranatha
(New Durham, NH)

Edward & Maria Jesus Fitzgerald
(Honduras)

+Please pray for Tim & Gerry Palmer at the tragic loss of their daughter Jazell. Keep their son Colton in prayer as well.

+Praise - Trish is recovering well from her hip surgery.

+ Please pray for the planning and implementation of the summer VBS program.

Please pray for all of those involved in upcoming activities.

Please pray for our **AWANA** program!

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be on Israel.



Pray for lost souls to be saved!



EPPING BIBLE CHURCH

May 19, 2024

We Are the Church

I Corinthians 15:26

The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

I Corinthians 15:26 (NKJV)

If you are age 50 or over please join us in the lobby following the morning service for our monthly meet and greet with refreshments!

Sundays:

8:00-8:45 am - free breakfast

9:00 am - Bible Emphasis groups

9-11:15 - Awana

10:00 am - Morning worship

This week:

Sunday - 5:30 pm - Men's Small Group (Pastor Russ).

Monday - 3-4:30 pm - Women's small group at the church.

Tuesday - 6-7:30 pm - Women's small group at Leasa's in Merrimac.
Men's small group with Steve in Merrimac.

Wednesday - 6:30 pm - prayer group at the parsonage.

- 6:30 pm - Men's Small Group (Pastor Russ).

Thursday - 3 pm - Women's Bible study at the church.

Contact Barb at 603-401-9785 for more info.

Friday - May 24 - next women's small group in Fremont at Melissa's.

Saturday - 8 am - Couples Small Group (see Pastor Russ).

Please contact Melissa with interest/questions on the women's small groups.

Also, 1 to 1 discipleship, new groups available on demand. Text 978-337-8348.

Pastor Ron: 603-247-0405

Associate Pastor Adam: 603-479-2092

Associate Discipleship & Counseling Pastor Russ: 817-733-4656

Deacons - Steve Palmer: 508-631-9406

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1 Corinthians 15:26

Many of us have lost loved ones in all kinds of ways. Many times death comes totally unexpected.

This is a topic we must hear about and be aware of what to do when and if it happens in our life's experience.

➤ **DEATH CAME ABOUT BECAUSE OF THE F _____**
Genesis 3

➤ **DEATH P _____ UPON A _____ MEN**
Romans 5

➤ **DEATH WILL BE D _____ ULTIMATELY FOREVER**
1 Corinthians 15:27- Revelation 21:4

➤ **GOD N _____ CHANGES- HIS CHARACTER IS A _____ THE SAME-**

Sometimes, we may wonder where God is in the midst of our pain. I am grateful that the biblical picture of God is not of a cold, distant, abstract God. Rather, the God of the Bible is one who understands human suffering. In Jesus, God became flesh and dwelt among us, experiencing all our human pains and griefs. And Jesus himself was the Suffering Servant, who experienced untold agony as He died on the cross. **Our God is a suffering God, and He stands in solidarity with suffering humanity.**

Ezekiel 18:32; 33:11

➤ **THE P _____ OF G _____**

- **S _____ and d _____**
- **S _____**
- **G _____**
- **A _____**

- **F _____**
- **Physical p _____**

([Psalm 13:1](#)). ([Psalm 22:1](#)). ([Psalm 130:1](#)). ([Psalm 22:19](#)).

Unfortunately, many of these questions are ultimately u _____. Why is there suffering? Why is there death? And even if such questions can be answered, much is still left to mystery. Consider answers like: It is a fallen world. The world is broken. Bad things happen that God never intended. People die. If we really want answers to the why questions, that is where they take us.

➤ **THE PLACE OF THE L _____ CHURCH**

We should be prepared to help others who are going through their grief.

[Romans 12:15](#), [Psalm 34:18](#), [Philippians 4:6-7](#), ([Isaiah 53:3](#)

- ✓ **P _____**
- ✓ **L _____**

Whatever you do, do not travel this path of healing alone.

- ✓ **S _____**

We find ourselves many times in the midst of being in a situation where we don't know what to say. It is better to say nothing than to say the wrong thing.

- ✓ **U _____**

In this earthly life, our questions may never be answered, but we can ask the Lord to help us through our grief. Although He may not provide the answers we long for, He will strengthen us to bear our terrible load **with grace**. He is a Shepherd who understands even the sadness of death and lives to bear it alongside all who grieve.