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**Join us** at 9:00 am every Sunday for the continuation of the study of the book of John.

Saturday, April 12 - 9-1 - EBC membership class. See Pastor Ron.

## **Prayer Concerns:**



## **March Focus:**

Jon & Rachel LaMontagne (Camp Maranatha, NH)

Nathaniel & Danielle Shrift (Ethnos 360, Brazil)

- ++Hank update- Prayer for major surgery on Monday morning.
- ++Rita- for healing of a head injury as a result of a fall.
- ++Rick- healing from a blood clot and strength as he spends a couple weeks of rehab.
- ++Tim Palmer- healing from surgery
- ++Aileen- comfort in the loss of her sister
- ++Pastor Russ & Aileen as they travel to Texas for vacation.
- ++Carlyn for physical strength and healing.

Please continue to pray for Patrick for health & restoration.

Please pray for Todd & Kimberly Harris that God would provide housing for them. They live in Virginia and were members at EBC for 12 years.

Please pray for our Awana program and all those involved.

Please continue to pray for Tim & Gerri for ongoing strength and comfort.



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March 9, 2025

## The Man at the Pool

John 5:1-15

When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

John 5:6 (NKJV)

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:

Monday - 6:30 pm - FBI at the church.

Tuesday - 6-7:30 pm - Men's & Women's small groups in Merrimac. 6:45 pm - Tues. evening men's group - contact Pastor

Russ.

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

- 7 pm - Wed. evening men's group - contact Pastor

Russ.

Thursday - 2:15 - 3:15 pm - Women's Bible study at the church.

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

Saturday - 8 am - Couple's Group - contact Pastor Russ.

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John 5:1-15 "The Man at the Pool"

In the 19th century German archaeologist Conrad Schick discovered a large tank located some 100-feet northwest of St. Anne's Church, at the start of the Via Dolorosa in the Muslim Quarter of the old city of Jerusalem. Schick specialized in water systems in ancient Jerusalem and soon discovered that the tank fit John's "five porches" description. Indeed, it was made up of two basins separated by a wall, adding up to five "walls."

Bethesda was a swimming bath with five porticos, which many believed was only a literary creation, however the archaeological discovery proved beyond doubt that the description of the Gospel was not a creation, and instead an accurate description of the location near the Sheep Gate, and details of the five porticos pool, with rushing water. All the details uncovered of the pool were corroborated through literary and archaeological evidence affirming the historical accuracy of the Gospel of John.

J Vernon McGee comments that "Chapter 5 brings us to this very wonderful incident of the healing of the impotent man at the pool of Bethesda. Actually, in a sense, this miracle is the turning point in the ministry of Christ. You see, this miracle set the bloodhounds of hate on His track, and they never let up until they put Him to death on the cross

This pool called Bethesda, "House of Mercy," seems to have been the Jerusalem hospital.

## **Seven questions**

> WHO K ?

It seems like many people must have known of the man's plight.

| ( <u>John 1:47–48</u> ) and ( <u>John 4:16–19</u> )   |
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| > WHO C?  |
| We all long to have a friend- someone who cares.  |
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| > WHO A?  |
| Many people are stuck in a rut in the condition they are in.  |
| Asking questions is a way to demonstrate care.  |
| > WHO H?  |
| 1 John 3:17-18  |
| Wiersbe - He commanded the man to do the very thing he was unable to do, but in His command was the power of fulfillment.         |
| > WHO C?  |
| Someone has written that prohibition against bearing a burden even included one could not wear a wooden leg or even false teeth!  |
| The false religion of Judaism, like all false systems, cannot change the inside, so it is left to manipulate life on the outside. |
| WE NEED MORE IN THE CHURCH TODAY!   |
| > WHO C?  |
| > WHO T ?   |