

Evidence of Grace

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Leviticus and the Beauty of the Gospel



Why study the Old Testament Laws found in Leviticus?!

Last Sunday I preached my 41st sermon from the book of Leviticus. Why Leviticus you ask? Well, let me tell you the reason I chose Leviticus and then share some of the benefits of such a study.

I first conceived of this study back in 2009 when I was finishing up a series on Luke-Acts. At that time I had been at NBC for over

10 years and had spent most of that time preaching through NT books.

I desired to help our fellowship see the unity between the Old and New Testaments. To that end I began a Genesis - Joshua Series. I knew that these first five books of the Bible were foundational to understanding the rest of God's story and so, we dove in.

With some side series along the way, we have continued with this study up to the present where we find ourselves right now in the center of Leviticus.

My desire for this study has been rooted in the conviction that this material is

even more relevant for us than it was for the Israelites since these things are really all about Jesus. (Heb. 10:7; Jn. 5:39-40)

Going back to Leviticus is particularly fruitful because we are learning all the categories needed to understand our savior: Tabernacle/temple, priest, & sacrifice. Without these categories we would not have the proper tools to describe the glorious work of our savior and with them, we can meditate more deeply on the beauty and joy of our salvation.

Why study Leviticus? Because it displays the glory of Jesus in all its intricate beauty!

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To Sum It Up.....2012-2013 "Off Season"

"Kind evidences of God's grace." That is how I would sum up this past year.

As many of you seasonal regulars and long time supporters know, the Lord has kept an unbreakable lifeline for gospel ministry here on

Cape Cod. With our membership so low there have been times that we have wondered whether the Lord was going to close our doors.

Last summer we sent off our dear brother and sister

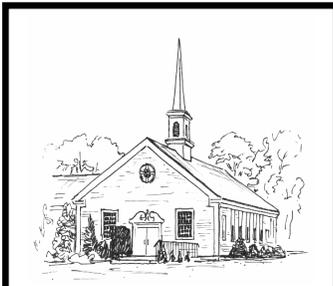
Al & Judy Sabel who were headed back to Rochester NY. However, even in this, there was kind grace. They were supposed to leave a year earlier but God graciously gave us an extra year with them and prepared (cont. page 2)





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My wife Lucy and I knew we wanted to leave the rented house we'd lived in for almost fifteen years, but never suspected we'd be asked to leave "out of the blue." But that's just what happened. At best the timing was challenging; I was working toward a showing of recent artworks for an art gallery in Essex, CT and Lucy was going back to work in Provincetown and taking frequent buying trips off-Cape. As well, it was near tax time, and I had a one man show scheduled in Provincetown for the coming summer season.

Anyway we got 'the call' - "You'll need strong shoulders for this Steven, you need to be out May 1st", it was mid-March! There were family troubles and the daughter of our landlord wanted to relocate to the house we were in. Well, fifteen years is plenty of time to accumulate lots of 'stuff' - and it became strikingly evident that our Lord's words of warning against

gathering material goods to oneself was very appropriate. Anyway, we spread the word to friends and family that we needed help.

The outpouring of support that came back was astonishing, way beyond what we imagined could have happened. Lucy's brother Larry came out with two days' notice from Minnesota. Her niece's boyfriend, Matt, came out from New Jersey. God's grace became evident in a living tangible way. Friends donated time and prayed for us. One couple donated unlimited use of the family truck. One couple helped financially. Many friends donated use of their house as storage, saving us the cost of space - turns out there was little public storage space available anyway. The particular and common grace of God became clearer and clearer all the time we were moving box after box - a staggering amount of stuff came out of that house! Finding a year-round rental

in March is impossible in a vacationland like Cape Cod. We put out the word with that as well, hoped and prayed. My mother lives a few towns down Cape and offered a room at her place, but we didn't think it was a viable option except in the most desperate conditions. A friend knew a neighbor though. This neighbor had just bought a small house in Eastham. So as things developed we were able to secure this tiny house with a six month lease while we look into buying a house. Though the house is tiny and right on the highway, it is evidence of the provision of God for His people.

So what became crystal clear was how God provided for us through God's people, and others who cared as well. We consider ourselves blessed to have witnessed such kindness from the Lord toward ourselves. "My God will supply all your needs, according to His riches and glory in Christ Jesus."

To Sum It Up.....2012-2013 "Off Season" (cont. from p. 1)
us for their departure.

Each year it continues to amaze me to see how God provides for us in spite of our small size.

This past year is no different, God has provided both materially and spiritually for us.

It was just over a year ago that the steeple was hoisted back onto our new roof. Praise God for the needed resources! We thank God

continually for all of you whom God has used to meet all our financial obligations.

But it is God's spiritual blessings that are always the most exciting of his provisions.

In 2012-2013 God has graciously been shifting the gravity that unites our congregation in an ever increasing gospel-centered direction.

Long time brothers & sisters here continue to grow in their knowledge and love for our savior. Two of these

faithful attenders we have been pleased to formally unite with, welcoming them as new members at our annual meeting.

God has also been pleased to have brought us three new families who are currently in the *New Members* class. All three families know and cherish Jesus and are a great encouragement to us.

What tremendous gifts of God's kind grace we have received this year!

Upcoming Events

Thanks to all who contributed to the Picnic Table fund and to those who put the tables together. Everyone had a great time at the cookout. Another cookout is scheduled for **July 28**.

On Thursday, **July 25** : There will be a *Gospel Project* meeting at the Kitchen's at 7pm.

Wednesdays at 7 pm: **Jump Start**: a course about Christian Living.

Sundays 8:45-9:45 am
Membership Matters Class. Everyone is invited.



Liz at the grill



Feasting and Fellowship

Emilie Doucette

Emilie Doucette, 82, of South Wellfleet, MA went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, July 3, 2013.

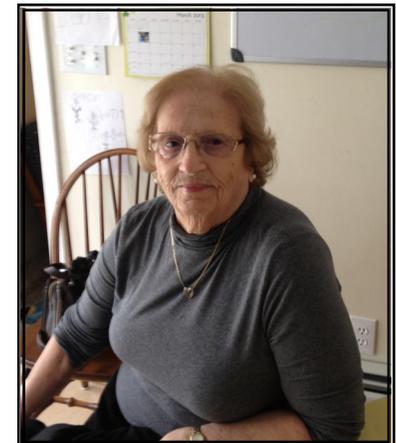
She was the loving wife of John H. Doucette. Emilie arrived from Germany on November 3, 1953 to join her husband John, who was in the United States Air Force.

She was a dedicated wife, mother, and homemaker to her family.

To us here at NBC, we were enjoying getting acquainted with our dear sister. We appreciated her serving in the Nursery and her keen sense of humor. We are grieved to have our time with her here shortened but

are thankful for clear evidence of God's saving grace in her life.

Our prayers go out to John and to their children: Jean, Daniel, and John along with the rest of the extended family including their 4 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.



Special Projects

Thanks to all who contributed their time, prayer and expertise to the water damage project. Now that this project is nearly completed, we are looking to the next one, which will be to replace a number of damaged and old doors, and to work on some drainage issues around the church building.

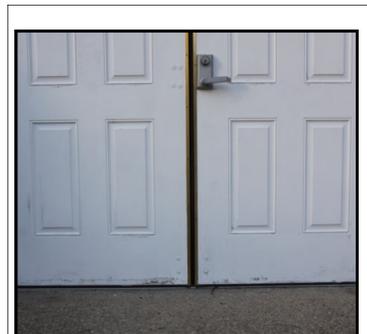
If you would like to contribute toward these projects, please mark your envelopes accordingly or send a donation to :

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North Eastham, MA 02651
Attn: Lucy Kennedy

More information regarding these projects will be available in the near future.

If you would like to contribute some on-site time and energy to this project, please contact Michael Lopardo at

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A number of doors need to be replaced including two sets in the sanctuary where safety issues are a concern.



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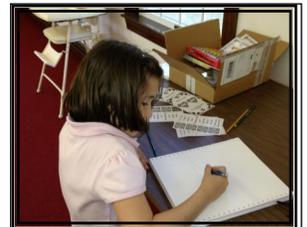
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Along with reading, one of Hannah's favorite pastimes is drawing. This is a picture of "Brownie" the horse in a joyful stance, which Hannah drew especially for this newsletter.



Featured Artist:

Hannah Kitchen,
age 7.