Spring edition 2025







Women's Ministries at First Baptist Narragansett

Warmer spring greetings to you all! With the first official day of spring coming this week...and Easter Sunday one month later....we can all feel like winter just may finally be behind us.

We enjoyed seeing many of you at our 2025 Soup Night. And let's give a huge shout-out to the many "Soup Squad" helpers that worked together to make it happen!!

We loved our speaker Hannah McMillan and her passionate message to us. We hope to have her talk posted on our website soon.

Our theme for 2025 is "Abide". What does the word mean to you? I'd like to quote from John 15:5 – (Jesus speaking)..."I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing". Be sure to read the larger context in John 15: 1-8. Jesus was the master of imagery as he taught. We can all picture what happens when growth is cut off from its vine (especially those of us who were not born with green thumbs!) The plant ceases to flourish.

There's TONS to unpack in those verses as we gain a greater understanding of what it means to abide in Jesus Christ throughout this year.

'Coincidentally,' I have recently been touched by several devotional readings that focus on times when we are tempted to think God may not be paying attention. You may think you have to carry the concerns of disappointment, loss, struggles, health crises, defeats, etc...but God rules over it all! When you stay connected to the vine, the source of strength, His grace, your life is still in control. The bad guys may seem like they are winning, but God will use tough circumstances to complete His work in you.

That's a little taste of what 'Abide' means to me.

So....we look forward to 2025 with anticipation of gaining a stronger understanding of Abide. Keep reading to see upcoming opportunities to learn and grow together.

AND HAPPY SPRING!!













Spring Ladies Bible Study will resume with a study on the book of Habakkuk.

If you have ever caught yourself silently saying to God: "What were you thinking?"

You may be calling out to Him for help but He does not seem to hear.

Or asking: "If God is who He is, why does ____happen?"

Join us for an 8-week look at this small but mighty book from an Old Testament prophet.

We will be planning to meet on **Thursdays beginning April 3rd at the church**.

Dates as follows: 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5

As always, Zoom will be available for those what cannot attend in person.

Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81099616001 (same as it's been)

There is a book I'll be using called <u>"Embracing Joy" by Jean Wilund</u>

(available on Amazon for \$15.83 or Christian Book Distrib for \$13.99)

There are lots of other contributing references for you to use for homework (although I'll be assigning some each week to focus on).

As always...PLEASE reach out to me if you need help in getting a copy.

Until we meet....here's your homework:

- 1. Read through the short book (3 short chapters)
- 2. Watch the Bible Project's version at this link: https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/habakkuk/

AND IN CASE THAT'S NOT ENOUGH......

Join is for May breakfast on May 3rd at 9AM at the church.

We will be featuring the awesome Clarice James once again who will bring her usual dose of humor plus a message on the word 'abide' from her perspective. Watch for sign-up sheets in the future and a special email with more details.

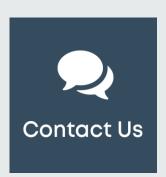
For now...Just SAVE THE DATE!!



Laurel continues to hold her <u>sewing group C4C</u> on the third Saturday every month (9-12)....THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU!!!



And no experience required to join



Need child care to attend
Sunday worship and Ladies
Sunday School?
We have staffed Nursery and
Children's Church for 0-7 years
old during worship, plus
Sunday School classes.

Contact us for any questions or ways we can pray for you

Let us know if you are interested in 1:1 study/help

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