

A light in the darkness for 172 years.

**“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness
has not overcome it.” John 1:5**

**Littlefield Memorial Baptist Church
Pen Bay Christian School
Maine Ministry
A vision for ministry.**

The history of Littlefield Memorial Baptist Church began on June 27, 1851, when seven people formed the Freewill Baptist Society of Rockland. The original building was dedicated on January 13, 1853, and still stands on Camden Street within sight of our present building. In 1905 the church's name was changed to commemorate its first pastor, the Rev. W. H. Littlefield, who served from 1852 - 1859.

In 1964, the members of Littlefield Memorial Baptist Church stepped out on faith and purchased 11 acres of land, and built the current brick church building. The first worship service was held in 1971.

In 1978, the leadership of Littlefield Memorial Baptist Church was led by the Lord to start a preschool on the premises of the church property. The Lord blessed and Pen Bay Christian School grew over the next 20 years adding an elementary and middle school. In the early 90s, the Lord again instilled a desire and means to expand by building an educational wing to house the school. Being completed in 1996 (25 years after the church was built), this wing has housed hundreds of children over the following 25 years.

This past year, 2022, the Lord again answered the prayers of many people as He made a way to open an entire high school. Now the Lord is leading again, to continue the faithful steps of those who came before, and consider further expansion and growth. We believe that in order to fulfill a greater purpose, we are being led to add additional classrooms, cafeteria/meeting rooms as well as a gymnasium to reach more people (young and old) for the cause of Christ. This new expansion would give opportunities for a middle and high school wing, a variety of extracurricular activities, after-school programs, community outreach, an event center, a home for MMOC, Bible college classes, Vacation Bible School, youth groups, and other ministry opportunities.

This study would complete the following steps:

1. Assess major site features, approximate setbacks, and possible buildable areas.
2. Gather site information in order to understand any DEP requirements.
3. Understand the City of Rockland Ordinance and its impact on the future buildings on site.
4. Identify a buildable envelope. (Where new buildings can be built and what size is permissible)
5. Develop 2-3 building studies showing the size and location of addition for a gym and classrooms.
6. Show areas where site features can be built such as parking areas and a pavilion (near the Camden St. property line.)
7. Understand desired and needed renovations in the current building.

This study will be completed by the following:

1. Site Engineer - responsible for surveying, DEP requirements, city ordinances/permits, erosion assessments, etc.
Work estimate - \$7,500.
2. Architect - responsible for site assessment, optional building studies, initial architectural renderings, etc.
Work estimate - \$20,000
3. Geotech Engineer - responsible for soil samples, testing, and assessment of site options.
Work estimate - \$15,000
4. Final estimates - \$42,500 + \$4,500 (contingency) = \$47,000
5. Feasibility Committee - responsible for coordinating contractors, assessing information, and reporting findings to the ministry leadership and members.

(Pastor) Mark Adolphsen
(School Board Chairman) Jason Philbrook
(Deacon) Nick Adolphsen
(Professional Contractor) Jake Barbour

(Head of School) Rich Lowell
(Trustee) Glen Adolphsen
(Church Member) Greg Dumond

The final page is a letter, written decades ago, by long-term church/board member Lawrence Pease. This letter was a follow-up for the fundraising campaign to build the current building. Mr. Pease is a genuine representation of the members of this community who, for generations, have faithfully trusted the Lord and seen the amazing growth He has provided through His people at LMBC. By the needs of youth he stated in this letter, it could have been written yesterday. This vision for continued growth and reaching the people of the mid-coast has been the heart of this ministry from the very beginning. How exciting it is to be part of this continued vision!

Littlefield Memorial Baptist Church

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Rockland - Maine

PROGRAM OF PROGRESS

From The Follow-Up Team

I'm Lawrence Pease . . .

They asked me to serve on the Follow-up Committee and right away I said, "Yes". Now that our fund-raising campaign is over, we of the Follow-up Committee have a job cut out for us.

Did I say the campaign was over? Well, that is not quite the way to state it. The soliciting is over, at least for now, but the campaign is really just nicely launched. It's up to you and me to do our best to keep it moving in the right channel.

Why am I so interested in the success of our building fund campaign? There are many reasons, but I'll name three. The name of one is Iris, another is Kris, and the third is Duane. Just in case you don't know -- Iris, Kris and Duane are our three children. Janet and I want them to have the best possible moral and spiritual foundations for life. That's why we are all out for the new Sunday School Building Program. It's a real Program of Progress.

Why should a Bookkeeper like me be so interested in getting that new Sunday School Building? Every day in our state some kids go wrong. The black plague of juvenile delinquency strikes with the force of lightning. It could strike our community, our homes. You and I know that it's better to build Sunday Schools than Reform Schools. Christ is the answer to so many of life's problems.

Do you know how much it costs to keep one boy in the reformatory? I was stunned to discover that we can keep over a hundred in Sunday School for less than it takes to keep one delinquent in the reformatory.

We've got a job to do - you and I. Let's work and plan and pray and pay for this most important project.

You'll be getting a report on the progress of our campaign each month so you'll be able to trace the developments. You'll keep those weekly envelopes flowing in each week, I'm sure.

We've all got work to do for the Lord. I'll be seeing you in Church Sunday.

Cordially yours,



Chairman, Follow-up Committee

P. S. Postal regulations require that each letter weigh the same for Bulk Mailing. Therefore, we are enclosing 4 Offering envelopes in each letter. If for any reason you can't use these envelopes would you please return them to the Church if possible. Thank you.