

New England Mission Center
Congregational Support Ministry
Mission Flash

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Faithful Discipleship

It was about 11 years ago that I first met Sister Francis Bumpus. The first thing that I remember about her is she was baptized at the first Maine Reunion some 75 years earlier. She had joined the church and moved to a place where no congregations existed. Through the years she kept in contact with her church. She supported and attended the Dixfield Group for many years and for the last few years she made the trek from her home in South Paris to the Brooksville Reunion grounds. Francis had a profound effect on anyone that got to know her and she never forgot a new or old friend.

The second thing that I remember is the simple and quiet way that she challenged me to expand my visiting ministry. She did not place a burden on me to visit her but instead instilled in me the importance of spending time with people along the way. I was privileged to share in the table ministry of her home many times over the years and I never began my journey home without a sense of being blessed by the time spent with her and her group. A simple disciple yet complex in her understanding of the Lord's call in her life and that of her family. She was a shining light to all around her, gathering them into her home for worship, study and communion.

In July Sister Frances Bumpus passed away. Her greatest desire was to have services in her home and she made that possible for over 9 years, inviting family and friends. Her son-in-law put into words the kind of person that she was, "When are you ever going to stop waiting on people". (He asked) "Oh, I hope I never have to." "She did indeed have a servants heart; her only thoughts were how to make life better for others" We will miss her but Oh what shoes she leaves for us to fill.



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