

Ways We Can Help

Although we do not have the expertise to paint our church building, we do have the ability to contribute to the cost in proportion to our income and resources. Consider your priorities and join with other friends of the First Baptist Church in Framingham as we paint to preserve God's house, our heritage, and our ministry. You may pledge over three years, through March 2014, or make an individual gift. (Make any checks payable to First Baptist Church with the memo "Paint to Preserve" and mail or bring them to the church.) Let's continue to glorify God in this historic home.



Pieces of crumbling shutters and peeling paint on east side by front doors

Faded paint and smog from Route 9 traffic make the church building dull and dirty



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The View from Route 9

Every day, thousands of motorists on Route 9 gain their first impression of the First Baptist Church (FBC) in Framingham from its prominent position beside the road. Unfortunately, many recent passersby have wondered if the peeling paint and disintegrating shutters meant we were going out of business. Now we are getting a second chance to make a better first impression.



Peeling paint and rotting shutters



Peeling paint, rotting clapboards on north side

The Big Decision

At a church business meeting on October 31, 2010, the congregation at FBC voted unanimously to enter into a contract with Lifeyme Exteriors to paint and repair the exterior of the church for an amount not to exceed \$60,000. Of that total, \$20,000 comes from the 2010 general fund surplus. The rest will come from a capital campaign to raise \$40,000 over three years, beginning in April 2011.

Using environmentally friendly paint designed to withstand the challenges of New England weather, the company offers a 25-year warranty. When we have finished paying for the job in 2014, the exterior will retain its luster for at least 22 more years!

Framingham Landmark

The building's cornerstone was laid in 1825, making FBC Framingham's oldest public building in continuous use. It is two years older than the Village Hall on the Framingham Centre Common and is registered as a national historic landmark. Such a treasure is well worth all we can do to maintain it.



Peeling paint and water damage on south side

Our Heritage and Our Future

Approximately nine generations of Baptists have experienced spiritual birth, worship, and ministry at FBC. The first generation created a place to worship and serve; subsequent generations maintained and improved the building as they worshiped and served. As the link to future generations who will worship and serve, we have a mission to preserve this house of God.



Crumbling column by front door



Peeling paint on northwest side