



Baptist Notes

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From the Pastor



“The Church is a living force and power, consisting of true, warm, loving, consecrated hearts, joined together for the worship of God, and for helpful service.” These words are found in the opening paragraphs of a sermon preached at First Baptist Church in April, 1926, during the 75th anniversary celebration by the Reverend Franklin Hutchinson. His sermon outlines the first 75 years of First Baptist, as well as the 50 years leading up to the founding of the First Baptist Church in Framingham in 1826. A lot has changed in Framingham in the past one hundred eighty-nine years, but what has not is the wisdom found in these words.

It is our privilege as a church, as stewards of ministry and holiness, to continue to be a ‘living force’ in our community, and even the world. I encourage us to embrace tradition and ritual, as well as our beautiful heritage that has contributed to the longevity of First Baptist Church in Framingham. I also encourage us to continue to meet the demands of an increasingly challenged world - head on -- as a living force and power. At one point in the sermon, Reverend Hutchinson addresses the concern that in the first 75 years, nine hundred and thirty nine people had been affiliated with First Baptist, but in 1901 only had an active membership of one hundred and fifty-five. Why? Mostly, mission work. First Baptist in Framingham Center commissioned members to start parishes in South Framingham, Ashland, and Woodville. In short, ministry in the community and seeing our community as a mission field has been at the heart of the spiritual DNA of our congregation since our inception.

Today, as we see the increasing demands for God’s mercy and compassion in the world, be encouraged that the spirit of God has been upon us for one hundred and eighty nine years, and there is every reason to believe this will continue. This brings me to a very challenging question. How will we continue to be stewards of God’s mercy and compassion in our community? And, what will be the fruit of our labor in the coming one hundred and eighty nine years? It begins with the wisdom found in Reverend Hutchinson’s sermon; with consecrated hearts, we join together for the worship of God, and service to our community. My prayer is this truth will be our truth, and the Holy Spirit of God be our spirit.

We cannot wane in our commitment to worship, serving, and learning the needs of our community. Please join with me as continue to honor the spirit with which this church was built.

Jason



Scholarships
Awarded

Millie Levin/Kathie Chute Scholarship Fund

From the following college students we have received requests and have voted to give each one a scholarship. The scholarships were given mid-September to:

Victory Barrack-Anidi
Diamond Campbell
Catharine Paiva
Caroline Harrington
Ariana Lewis

Diane Halbert/Marilyn Wakeman/Ray Zeman
ML/KC Scholarship Committee



Guest Speaker
Rev. Dr. Debora Jackson

THEME: *Come celebrate*

Revive us O LORD

PSALM 80:18-19

Sunday, October 11, 2015
1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

New Creation Baptist Church
5 Raymond Street, Millbury, Massachusetts



Host Pastor
Rev. John Bio Asante



Elder Dr. Joseph Adongo
508-410-2903



Elder Ohene Kodua
774-535-9819



Elder Samuel Baah
413-221-5342





**Family Promise
Metrowest**

**Keep the Promise:
An Evening of Food Tasting to Benefit Families That are Homeless**

Saturday, November 7, 2015
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Hosted by Temple Shir Tikva
141 Boston Post Road, Wayland

Enjoy an evening of small plate appetizers served by area restaurants. The evening will be highlighted with a silent and live auction, music and dancing.

October Birthdays

3 Emylee Poole	20 Gregory Zeman
4 Dotty Phillips	21 Connor Reilly
10 Lois Adams	22 Tawanna Lewis
15 Karen Reilly	27 Arianna Lewis
18 Kelly Rutherford	



October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	5	6	7 6:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays	8 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	9	10
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18 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	19	20 7:00 p.m. A&F	21 7:00 p.m. Executive Council	22 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	23	24
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Notes: AA meets : Monday evenings at 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. in the Children's Room
Wednesday and Friday at Noon in Reilly Hall

All calendar entries are subject to change

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PAINT TO PRESERVE – PHASE 2 UPDATE

P2P—P2 will cover the interior painting of our sanctuary and narthex, including the ceilings, walls, and woodwork. This work will begin in January, 2016 and will cost us \$75,000.

This \$75, 000 will be paid for as follows:

- \$4,000 on hand from PAINT TO PRESERVE – PHASE 1
- \$10,000 from our Pleasant Street account
- \$61,000 loan from our Endowment Funds (to be repaid through a three year Capital Campaign)

So far we have received pledges totaling over \$40,000 on the way to our \$61,000 goal. If you have not made your commitment, please consider doing so. Can't pledge for 3 years, make a one time donation. Pledge cards are available at the back of the church.

