

Baptist Notes

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From the Pastor



“Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a Nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.”

This is the prayer that Hannah offered to God. Hannah, one of the wives of the patriarch Elkanah in the ancient history of the Hebrew people of Israel. Hannah struggled. She felt unworthy because of the ridicule and harassment by Elkanah's other wife Peninnah. Hannah describes her situation in life as vexed, miserable, and degrading. Why? She was living in a patriarchal culture that did not see men and women as equals, and offered societal status primarily through giving birth to a male baby. Not only did she not have a male child, but she was under constant scrutiny by other women of her household. However, Hannah did something extraordinary, and something that can and should inspire every person of faith. She prayed. Hannah prayed an extraordinary prayer saying to her God, I want this desire in my heart filled, so that I may offer to you, the longing of my heart. I want to receive, so that I may give all I have, and all I want to my God. And she did. God answered her prayer, she conceived a little boy, and upon his weening, she took him to live in the temple and be raised as a Priest and Prophet of God.

This spirit-filled moment inspires us when we understand that Hannah offered this prayer to God to bless the Lord, not to keep up with those who judged her. It is spirit filled because she identified the longing of her heart; a longing to bless the Lord. A Longing to have an offering to give to the Lord.

One of the more sincere, if not profound, meditations we can engage is one where we consider, “The longing of my heart is . . . “ This is no small thought, and as people of faith, not only what, but why, is of significance. Hannah identified what, a baby boy. And, she further identified why, to be a blessing to God. No one can answer this thought for us, or speak on our behalf, as to the longing of our own heart. We have to own it. We need to identify it. However, I will say this is worthy of time spent in meditation and prayer, and just could be the means by which we grow deeper in faith, and more close in union with our God.

Jason

Scholarship Applications due June 12 for the Millie Levin/Kathie Chute Scholarship Fund

Thanks to all who helped with the terrific ML/KC Scholarship Fund Talent Show. Many thanks to our fabulous acts: a puppet show in three acts performed by the Rutherford family; our young pianists Izabella and Winston; the multi-talented Janie, Evan and Annalis; singers: Linda, Naomi, Kathie, Ray and Edward; Paul and Alexa; and Daniel and Jay in "form." Thanks to all who provided goodies for the bake sale or helped set up/clean up.

We added \$750.00 to the scholarship fund!!



We were very honored and pleased to welcome members of both the Levin and Chute families to the show this year.

Anyone who is applying to college, or is continuing for another year, or taking any educational course may obtain a copy of the application from Diane Halbert, Marilyn Wakeman or Ray Zeman, the Scholarship Committee. Please return by June 12.

Bob and Lyana Levin, Isabel and Don Chute

**Worship time changes
to 10:00 a.m.
on Sunday, June 19**



First Baptist Helps Save the Earth

In coordination with Framingham's Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 30, our church was the collection site for used textiles. A fabulous crew of volunteers helped set up on the church green, collect donations, load the donations into a truck at the end, and clean up.

We received 1,300 pounds of clothes, shoes, purses, belts, blankets, sheets, and towels from the many donors who stopped by. We turned over these items to Bag2School, an organization that recycles or repurposes them, keeping them out of landfills and helping to preserve our planet.

We were paid by the pound and received a certificate of thanks as well as a check for \$91.25. Our treasury can always use a boost of any size, but the best outcome of the day was that we all worked together to show people that our church is a caring presence in the community.



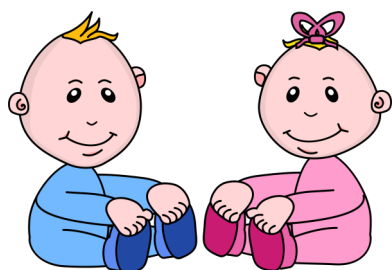
We agreed to this mission just a couple of weeks before the event this time. We plan to team up with Earth Day again next year and will have more time to prepare for and publicize it. Maybe we can double the weight of the donations then.

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4
5 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship Pot Luck Lunch Deacon's Meeting	6	7	8	9 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	10 Salvation Army Dinner	11 Happy Birthday Baby Bas- ket Party
12 Children's Day 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship Missions Meeting	13	14 7:00 pm A&F Meeting	15 7:00 pm Executive Council	16	17	18 Church Clean Up Day
19 Father's Day ** 10:00 a.m. Worship **	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 10:00 a.m. Worship	27	28	29	30		

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



Happy Birthday Baby Basket Party

Join us on Saturday, June 11th from 10 AM to whenever!

Come join in the fun, making up baskets for newborn babies, mingle, gab, enjoy coffee, laughter, and munchkins! (while doing God's work!)

HBB current needs: 10 pkgs. (size 1) diapers, 10 bibs, 15 bottle brushes, 7 each – baby wash, baby shampoo, baby lotion and 5 bottles hand sanitizer. Also 10 sleep'n'play sleepers (size 3-6 mo)

June Birthdays

9 Peter Wadsworth
12 Janice Cooper
15 Marty Tucker
15 Ed Russo

23 Arlene Mills
27 Pat Travis
29 Gerry Mailhoit
29 Katie Donovan-Mailhoit





Sunday, June 12

Worship at 10:45 a.m.

Children and Youth will lead us in worship

Come and see what happens in
Library 4 and Sunday School

Join us in Reilly Hall following worship for
Make-Your-Own Sundaes

Parents (and grandparents and guardians), Blessings and Thank You
for all the support throughout the Sunday school term.



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Saturday, June 18
Starts at 9:00 a.m.

We will be concentrating on cleaning out many of the areas where stuff has accumulated - the boiler room, balcony, upstairs closets, Pleasant Street Garage, etc.

If you have any items stored in these areas please see that they are removed or items may be thrown out.

Also please note that the Boiler Room is not to be used to store anything (Fire Regulations).

Thank You - Board of Administration & Finance

