



# Baptist Notes

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## From the Pastor



One day two of the disciples came to Jesus and said they wanted to be awarded the highest places of honor in his glory -- one to sit at his right and the other at his left. Jesus' response was to say they had no idea what they were asking. After a short reflection on how godless rulers throw their weight around and oppress others, he said that to be truly great, you must become a servant to your neighbor. Becoming first means giving of yourself to another. Being great means giving of yourself for the many who are held hostage and oppressed by the greed of others. (Mark 10:35-45). In our own reflection of seeking to be included in the glory of God, I ask you to reflect on what it means to be first, to be great. Let me assure you it is a good and noble pursuit. Let me

reassure you we cannot do this without surrendering ourselves, including our ambition and wellbeing, in service to the Lord. This most certainly will mean being at odds with our surroundings and at times our very self, but not in vain; not without great reward. In striving to be great, Godly great, we will find our truest self, and most honest ambition.

It is good to be a servant of others and this is exactly what Jesus modeled for us to do. Very consistently Jesus' teaching, sermons, aspirations, and anger were directed at people who had forsaken their faith for personal gain and an ego of superiority toward others. Help for the hurting, and humility to the proud were Jesus' ambition and personal example. As we model what it means to be Christian, literally *follower of Christ*, we can prepare to give of ourselves in service to one another. We can lead the way as a model for our community to experience a greater understanding of the ways of God. As disciples this is at the core of our Christian calling, to follow and exemplify the ministry begun by Jesus.

Surrendering our lives to God is different than doing what we alone want and asking God to bless us in our own pursuits. The first century disciples were shaped by the actions of Jesus in their life. They listened to his voice, were challenged by his call, and followed his example. They walked away from what their lives were before Jesus and walked in a new way following their Lord. As an advocate, Jesus imparted a Holy Spirit from God into their lives to be an advocate and a guide. We cannot be effective Christians apart from the Holy Spirit of God. By receiving the Holy Spirit, prepare to be transformed by the Spirit of God.

Now, what steps will we take to become great – Godly great, and therefore turn conventional greatness on its head? This is a core question for our Christian faith. What will we become as people to most

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effectively transform the communities where we live into communities filled with God's spirit, and communities where the desire of God is lived among the people? In response, I encourage us to receive God's Holy Spirit, listen to the word of the Lord as outlined in our Bibles, and come together for worship, encouragement, and new ideas of how to meet the diverse needs of our neighbors. Living as Christian people begins with a willing heart that becomes a transformed heart, and therefore leading to transformed people and communities.

May God's Holy Spirit bless us, keep us, and lead us in the way everlasting as we share together in the future ministry of First Baptist Church in Framingham.

*Jason*



3RD ANNUAL  
**KEEP THE PROMISE**  
Join Family Promise for an evening of Food Tasting and  
Silent and Live Auctions to Benefit Families Who Are Homeless  
NOVEMBER 5, 2016

**Tickets on sale now !!**

Family Promise Metrowest is excited to open ticket sales for our Annual ***Keep the Promise Event*** on **Saturday, November 5th**. Last year's event sold out, so get your tickets early and save \$10 on each ticket. Or you may want to consider buying a Benefactor Package which entitles you to two tickets, listing in the program and a VIP gift bag. This year we are also offering ***Reserved Tables*** with seating for 10. Get a group of friends, family or colleagues together to buy a table for the evening. Details for all options can be found when you follow the link below to our ticket website. For the evening's refreshments, we welcome 15 local restaurants offering their delicious food tastings along with a wine tasting sponsored by Dion's Wines, beer tasting by John Harvard Brewery and hard cider tasting by Look Out Farms. Our live and silent auction items have something fun for everyone to bid on during the evening. How would you like a Wine Tasting Party with Appetizers for 10? Or Shake, Rattle and Roll, a Mixology party at Skybox 109 for 20 of your friends?

We've also added some new activities this year beginning with Neiman Marcus sponsoring a lip art station and hand massages. The Photo Booth and Wine Pull will also be entertaining additions to the evening. We look forward to seeing you all so don't miss being part of this wonderful event!

## October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship Pot Luck Lunch	3	4	5 6:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays	6 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	7	8
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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

Word of Life Church meets: Sunday evening from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and hall  
Tuesday evening from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the hall - Except for  
October 11 that will move to Monday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m.

*All calendar entries are subject to change*

## 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	31	Daniel Stearns

## Church Notes

Congratulations to **Wilson and Belta Ndzi** on the birth of their daughter, Brianna (5 lb. 15 oz.) on Monday, September 19th.

We extend our sympathy to **Shirley Ross** on the loss of her sister Mary Holbrook on September 1.

## Update from Library 4

"Library 4" has started its 9th year with 10 children present on Rally Day when we read Max Lucado's "The Boy and the Ocean" (remembering our summer vacation) and "This is the Way we go to School" (about children around the world going to school). The next week they were read Max Lucado's "The Oak within the Acorn" and started coloring a Bible Blessing page for the shut-ins to finish. Next we started "Jonah" with music, story and word search. Then we'll listen to "The Whale Tells His Side of the Story".

Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Wakeman

### Church Rummage/Yard Sale Saturday, October 15 9 AM—2 PM

You can start bringing your items on Wednesday, October 12. There will be a designated area in Jefferson Hall where you can drop off your items.

Want to get involved? We need help on Friday, October 14 as we sort, organize and price items. Come to Reilly Hall anytime after 4:00 PM and we will be working. A light supper will be provided.

Help is also needed on the day of the Rummage/Yard sale. Weather permitting, we plan to set up a few things outside, so that means bringing out tables and some items that morning. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Then we need help to sell and last but not least we need a clean up crew.

Be sure to stop by the day of the sale, there will be bargains galore and the very special "Baptist Boutique" where you will find designer labels at fantastic prices.

Bag sale starts a 1:00 p.m.

This year, all profits will go to the painting fund.

Please see Kathie Zeman to volunteer to help or call 508-875-2357 or email [kczeman@gmail.com](mailto:kczeman@gmail.com)





## 200 ACTS OF SERVICE

Since its founding in 1816, City Mission has served the Boston community in partnership with countless faith congregations and community organizations. To celebrate these 200 years of “rooting out poverty in Boston’s neighborhoods,” City Mission is inviting its partners, supporters, and friends to complete **200 ACTS OF SERVICE** over the next year.

**WHEN:** March 2016-March 2017

**WHY:** By participating in the 200 Acts of Service, you will help celebrate City Mission and connect the service you do with a long legacy of service in the Boston area of which City Mission is a part. We hope you will participate to deepen some aspect of service that you already do or try something new.

**HOW:**

1. Complete an act of service and take a photo at some point during the project.
2. “Like” City Mission’s page on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/CityMissionBOS](http://www.facebook.com/CityMissionBOS)).
3. Publish a post on your congregation’s or organization’s Facebook page (and/or on your own) with the photo and the tag **#CityMission200years200acts**.

City Mission will regularly highlight the acts of service of those in our network and keep track of acts as we work towards our goal. Check back on Facebook or our website to see updates on our progress.

For more information, or questions about how to participate, contact Dylan Hillerbrand at the information below.

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### AN ACT OF SERVICE?

Service has taken many forms at City Mission over the past two centuries, so we hope that the 200 acts of service will reflect a wide range of service opportunities. As an act of service, you might:

- participate in City Mission’s Boston Immersion or Public Voice programs to engage with social justice issues in the city.
- cook and serve a meal at a local meal program.
- collect new, seasonal clothing for those in need.
- collect white socks for those who are homeless.
- write a letter to or call an elected official asking them to prioritize programs to prevent homelessness and provide opportunities out of poverty.
- collect grocery store gift cards for participants of City Mission’s A Lift Up program.
- hold a fundraiser for City Mission’s homelessness prevention programs.

Let us know if we can help as you plan an act of service. For more ideas, visit our website at [www.citymissionboston.org](http://www.citymissionboston.org)





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Did you know that one out of every four people who is homeless is a child? Or, that families with children make up 40% of the people in this country who are homeless? Family homelessness is a national problem.

The week of October 16-23 is Family Promise Week. Our local Affiliate, Family Promise Metrowest is one of 202 programs across the country uniting the faith community to help children and their families who are homeless. Family Promise Week will raise awareness about the issue as well as celebrate the service of our congregation and others to serve our brothers and sisters in need. You can participate in Family Promise Week by signing up to volunteer, telling others about Family Promise Metrowest or visiting [www.familypromisemetrowest.org](http://www.familypromisemetrowest.org)