



Baptist Notes

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From the Pastor



One of the more humbling lessons for me in life is that my opinions don't do anyone much good. I have them, that's for certain, but they frequently fall short of universal wisdom and earth-shattering revelation. But when I give testimony of Christ in my life, how the Holy Spirit moves in my soul and changes me, I connect with people of similar experience and spirit. Then what I have to say does make a difference. When I read the Gospel stories of how people encountered Jesus, something moves deep within me. I feel a connection, even though separated by many centuries and cultures, there is a depth of spiritual awakening that resonates with me.

The Gospel of Luke tells the story of Jesus entering a village on the road between Galilee and Samaria. Ten lepers approached him calling out Unclean! Unclean! because the law mandated that they remain at a distance because of the possibility of transmitting their disease. He saw them, and they called out for mercy. Jesus sent them to the Priest for a pronouncement of cleanliness, and as they went, were healed of their affliction. Upon their healing, one turned and fell prostrate on the ground at Jesus' feet and thanked him. Jesus asked about the other nine, and why only one returned to praise God? Then, Jesus blessed him, and he was made well, implying a wholeness of spirit and life beyond the physical.

I am encouraged by the congregation of First Baptist, and how so many of us are the "one." We have had a transforming experience through the Holy Spirit of God, and regularly turn to God in worship and give thanks. I believe that weekly attendance in worship is a response to the movement of God in our life. We come to worship to draw near to God, express our gratitude for healing and renewal in our life, and desire to share in this with others. As our season changes to summer, and we have so much activity in our life, I encourage us to remember our "oneness" that we share; a oneness that draws us back again and again to express our gratitude for the movement of God's spirit within us.

Jason

Church Notes

Our sympathy is extended to Dorothy Tucker on the loss of her sister, Gladys Offord, on April 11th. She lived in Spencerville, Maryland.

We also extend our sympathy to Lorna and Jerry Mailhoit and their family upon the recent death of their son, David Donovan

Congratulations to our graduates:

- **Erika Velazco** graduating from Framingham High School.
- **Catharine Paiva** graduating from Westfield State College - Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelors in Special Education.

Executive Council has voted **Naomi Stanley** to be a delegate to the Samuel Stillman Association to fill the position left vacant by the death of Quentin Sewell.



Library 4 Update

In May we were read the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit with the wind and the flames. We then colored pinwheels to take home. For Mothers Day we painted a flower on a small flower pot and put a begonia in it to take home to our mothers.

On our last "Library 4" Sundays we will be preparing for our telling the story of "Joseph and his colorful coat". We will present that on Children's Day, Sunday, June 18th.

We will not meet during the summer. "Library 4" will resume on Rally Day, September 10th.

Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Wakeman

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	2	3
4 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	5	6	7	8 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 Salvation Army Dinner	10
11 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Children' Sunday 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	19	20 7:00 pm A&F Meeting	21 7:00 pm Executive Council	22	23	24
25 Summer Worship Hours Begin 10:00 a.m. Worship Missions Meeting Deacons Meeting	26	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

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 sanctuary

All calendar entries are subject to change

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
30 Nicole Halbert

The Earth Thanks You!

For the second year, First Baptist Church stepped up on Framingham's Earth Day to be the collection site for used textiles. The weather was just right, and the hard-working volunteers did a fantastic job setting up on the church green, accepting donations, thanking donors, loading the donations into a truck at the end, and cleaning up the area.

We collected 2,580 pounds of clothes, shoes, purses, belts, blankets, sheets, and towels from the many donors who stopped by. This total is double last year's! Some of the donations were left over from the yard sale we held in the fall too. Extra special thanks to Marques McEwan for carrying those down from the balcony!

Bag2School, the organization that recycles or repurposes the textiles, hauled away our many bags and boxes of donations, keeping the contents out of landfills and helping to preserve our planet. Bag2School presented us with a certificate of thanks and a check for \$258, or 10 cents per pound, for the church's general fund!

Thank you to everyone who worked at the collection, donated textiles, brought snacks for the volunteers, and spread the word. You helped to save the earth and show people that First Baptist Church is a caring presence in the community.



As a side note, some of the higher-end items left over from the yard sale went to a consignment store in Natick. We earned an additional \$138 when many of those were sold.





Sunday, June 18

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Worship at 10:45 a.m.

Children and Youth will lead us in worship

"Library 4" will use the children's moment to tell the story of Joseph and his colorful coat.

Bibles will be presented to:

Chestine Kate B. Azurin
Chelsea James
Andrew John McLellan

Cara Ann Elizabeth May McLellan.
Sarah Thompson

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

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All Church Picnic

Join us on

Sunday, June 25

Following worship

at Ashland State Park

Mayda Velazco will be grilling

Bring a dish to share

