

April 2003 Newsletter

The First Baptist Church of Boston

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TRUST IN GOD FOR THE FUTURE

All Things Bright and Beautiful before Easter!

The Board of Trustees announces that major renovations have been completed in many key areas of the church. First, after many years in the planning, a *handicap accessible lavatory* has been discretely installed in the rear section of the Stillman Chapel and is conveniently located for visitors and members alike. The chapel has been repainted, carpeted in a color scheme that is serene, worshipful and complements our beautiful blue velvet dossal on the chapel chancel and finally new heating elements have been installed to keep us warm and cozy.

Other improvements include the painting of the rear alley hallway, repainting of the choir room, 300 feet of new piping in the undercroft to making our heating system more efficient and cost effective, repainting of the ladies room and the repair and repainting of exterior windows.

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Tenebrae Service

On Maundy Thursday, a service of candlelight and spiritual reflection will be held in Wayland Hall at 7 pm. Scripture readings will be given by many and a lesson commemorating Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet. The service will end in darkness and quietude, as all who are present depart in preparation for the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord.

Quarterly Meeting

I hereby call the Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, April 27th, at 12:30 pm, in Wayland Hall. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear reports from Church Officers, Board and Committee representatives, and to transact any business that comes properly before the meeting.
Donald Thacker, Clerk

Prayer Meeting News

The prayer group meets on the third Friday of each month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be on April 18th here at the church. We ask that you continue to pray for those who are ill or recovering from various illnesses: Deja Holloway (aged 5), responding well from chemotherapy in Chattanooga TN; Robin Anderson, recovering from serious brain surgery in Atlanta, GA; Lenny Doyle, recovering from extensive oral surgery in Arlington, MA; Annie M. Everson (Granny), recovering from a fall at home in Jamaica Plain, MA; for all of our troops, at home and abroad, for those suffering the terrors of war around the world and for the leaders of this country, our allies and the world.

The Book of Remembrance

is open to the pages honoring

Louise Wyman beginning 4/6

John J. Bowles beginning 4/20

Three To Preach in April

The Deacons have been working diligently to secure guest ministers to maintain the quality worship experience here at First Baptist. This month will feature two preachers who have preached here many times recently and another who hasn't been here in a while. On April 6th and 20th (Easter Sunday), Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Whitaker will return to the pulpit and on April 27th, Rev. John R. Baillie preaches. On April 13th, Rev. Edmund Guerard from TABCOM will join us. We look forward to welcoming each of them.

FBC 2003 Banner

"Trust in God for the Future," this is our theme for the 2003 year. Keep your eyes open for the new banner which will be hanging on the wall in the sanctuary very soon. Spring is certainly in the air.

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We thank all who assisted with their time and talents in seeing these projects through and to the Andy Brown Co. for their competitive bids and superb craftsmanship. These projects were possible because of gifts from friends and members and bequests from the Nellie Fike Estate. Just like churches of old Europe, our historic building will continually require maintenance and our stewardship in protecting its architectural integrity for future generations to behold.

Earl A. Norman, Jr., Chairman Trustees

Easter Lilies

Each year at Easter the chancel is covered with gorgeous lilies that are purchased by members and friends of the church. Each lily is \$7 and is large and lovely, as a house plant or planted outside in the garden. Your lilies can be brought home for either purpose after the Easter Sunday service on April 20th. There is a sign up sheet in Wayland Hall for those interested in adding to this wonderful display.

Youth Leader Core

Wow, what a very busy winter and now spring has sprung! The time is flying right by. For nearly 10 years, I have been involved with YLC, a TABCOM sponsored youth leadership training program under the awesome directorship of Peter Bennett. This group of senior high youth gathers once a month over the course of six exciting & energetic weekends.

The group usually begins its first meeting in November at camp Oceanwood, located on the Maine coast in beautiful Ocean Park. We also spend another weekend at our other TABCOM camping facility, Camp Grotonwood, located in Groton, MA. During the other four weekends, we are graciously hosted by several Massachusetts churches. Now it's our turn. For the past several years, FBC Boston has been a wonderful & gracious host. At the end of April, (April 25-27)

YLC will be here in our church once again. This will be the final weekend which includes a Mission Project and Graduation ceremony. YLC will spend Saturday, 8am to 4pm, working with many other Rebuilding Together Boston (RTB) volunteers. So, mark your calendars and join me in welcoming them to our house of worship. They will be involved with Sunday worship which is always a festive and spiritual experience. Until then Peace & Orange!!

Rayford Glasgow, YLC Advisor

Evensong

*The written word
Should be as clean as a bone,
Clear as light,
Firm as a stone.
Two words are not
As good as one.*

Anonymous

The Flowers in the Chancel this Month

Are given

For the glory of God

And in remembrance of

- 4/6 Sarah Lois & Richard Moses Elliott
as designated in their wills
- 4/13 Mrs. Mattie Everson & Mrs. Sophie
Burrell by Percy Mathis
- 4/20 *Easter Sunday lilies*
- 4/27 Many loved ones by Mary Chin & family

Palm Sunday Brunch

As we prepare for the resurrection at Easter, many are in preparation for the joyous ***Palm Sunday Brunch***, which is always welcomed and anticipated each year. If you are able to attend we ask that you bring a friend (or two or three!) and bring your favorite dish to accommodate at least twenty persons. Please either sign up in Wayland Hall or call the church office with the number of your party and which of the following food and drink categories you wish to contribute:

- ⇒ **Appetizers**
- ⇒ **Cheeses**
- ⇒ **Meats**
- ⇒ **Vegetables**
- ⇒ **Casseroles**
- ⇒ **Pasta**
- ⇒ **Desserts**
- ⇒ **Beverages**

The Brunch will follow the morning worship service in the newly refurbished Wayland Hall.