



The FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BOSTON NEWSLETTER

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PEOPLE'S BAPTIST CHURCH 200TH ANNIVERSARY

It was a six hour black-tie event at the Boston Sheraton that will long be remembered. With special guests such as Congressman Harold Ford, Jr., Mayor and Mrs. Thomas Menino, and an array of gospel musical talents, that made October 7th a very special evening for over 600 invited guests.

FBC Boston which is the mother church of Peoples Baptist Church was well represented with twelve friends and members in attendance. Representing our church was: Rayford Glasgow, Melvin and Gwendolyn Jemmison, Charles and Percy Mathis, Earl Norman, Marianne Norman, Frovis Rover, and Linda Van Horn. Participants from our church included: Rev. Jay Van Horn, Dorothy Williams and Donald Thacker, and Sarah Zettek and a letter from Pastor Emeriti Rev. Milton P. Ryder was presented to Rev. Dr. Wesley Roberts. Our Church presented a traditional engraved silver Paul Revere bowl commemorating the event. Thanks everyone for making FBC Boston a special part of this historic celebration!

GET READY, SET, IT'S TURKEY TIME!

On Sunday, November 20th, Wayland Hall tables will be decorated in preparation for a sumptuous Thanksgiving dinner prepared by many folks of the Church. We are asking that you bring your favorite dish that will serve at least 20 persons and sign up on the guest sheet posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions please see Percy Mathis or Gwendolyn Jemmison.

MINISTER OF MUSIC RECUPERATING!

After healing from several mysterious fainting spells, our Minister of Music, Dr. Bruce Herrick fell and broke his hip. He is fairing well as of the last report from Laura and Ann Herrick, and he may be contacted at:

Boston Center for Rehabilitation
1245 Center Street
Roslindale, MA 617-325-5400
Please keep him in your prayers.



FAMILY PORTRAIT

Mary Chin had a great visit with her sister in Las Vegas recently... **Marianne Norman** continues her responsibilities with many non-profit organizations and as Treasurer of Friends of Boston, First... The **VanHorns** are still house hunting and they're in our prayers... **Louise Takvorian**, former Church Secretary, faithfully continues transit to services as weather permits... **Rose Setterburg** spent most of the summer in her home state of Minnesota with friends and relatives... **Ray Glasgow** has been doing voice-overs in Schenectady, New York and is prayerfully hoping for employment in that field... **Alison Yong** has just entered the ninth grade (my, they do mature quickly)... **Linda Yong** has been participating in the choir and has a beautiful voice... Sexton **Clarence McGregor** continues to do his work at Starlight Ministries... **Rob and Marilyn Root** traveled to many locations including the west coast and are now back in the fold... **Josef and Enia Zigbuo-Wenzler** are such a welcoming presence at the church and Enia will be giving a fundraising dinner presentation in Wayland Hall, on November 12, at 6 pm on her home trip to Liberia, West Africa (details later)... **Kimberly Moulaison** retreated at Oceanwood twice this year and plans to return again... **Walter Norden**, who is worshipping again after major surgery, will be singing in the choir as soon as his voice allows... **Percy Mathis** has been attending special classes dealing with the elderly... It was sad to learn of the Promotion to Glory of **Rev. Dr. Finley Keech** who served this church during the pastoral search process (our prayers are with his wife and family)... **Dorothy Williams** continues to serve both Mt. Auburn Hospital and Andover-Newton Seminary, and as Moderator and Financial Secretary of this Church... **Garret and Julia Lesage** have become regulars and are a most lovely couple... **Andrei and Natalia Mincho** are doing well and so is their daughter, **Julia**... **Megan Brown** recently was visited by her mother... **Annie Mae Everson (Granny)** is all but dancing down Huntington Avenue... **Alan Andersen** is out and about whenever possible... **Bill T.** recently lost his cat to illness, Mr. Wiggles... **Liz Simon** is progressing better and has been visited by some members... Treasurer **Henry Henderson** continues his almost weekly flight to church from Palm Beach... Clerk **Donald Thacker** has received a transfer of letter for **Laura Harper** from

Shreveport, LA... **Donald** will be visiting friends in Yorkshire, England over the New Year... A photo was received from the **Gober Family** who are members and live in Georgia... **Deborah Porter** is taking care of her father who recently had angioplasty... **Sarah Zettek** is singing for the Lord and taking care of her parents.

We Are One In The Spirit!

FIRST BAPTIST BOSTON REACHES OUT

26 June, 2005

*First Baptist Church of Jamaica Plain
Restoration Fund
633 Centre Street
Jamaica Plain, MA 02139*

To the Congregation of FBC Jamaica Plain:

*On behalf of the friends and members of
FBC Boston, we are making a modest
donation towards your rebuilding of your
historic church.*

*We have been praying for your
congregations healing, and church
restoration and know that our omnipotent
God will guide you through this difficult
time.*

In His Name,

*Donald G. Thacker
Church Clerk*

*Cc: Rev. Jay W. VanHorn, Pastor, Dorothy
Williams, Moderator, Henry P. Henderson,
Treasurer, Deborah Porter, Missions*

Memorial Flowers Policy Has Changed



The Board of Deacons has revised its policy on memorial sanctuary flowers as of last Spring 2005.

The cost of memorial presentations is now at \$50.00 per arrangement including delivery to the Chancel.

The Deacon's Board has installed beautiful seasonal silk memorial decorations for Sundays not dedicated to loved ones that reserve with live bouquets.

If you would like to dedicate a Sunday using the silk arrangements you are more than welcome to offer a donation with the name(s) of your loved one(s) to be mentioned in a particular Sunday program not reserved for fresh flowers.

If you prefer *living flowers* then please present your gift two weeks in advance of your scheduled date in the amount of \$50.00. All gifts should be made out to the church c/o Financial Secretary. Thank you!

-Melvin Jemmison, Chairman Board of Deacons



DEACONS' PRAYER LIST

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER... Frank Porter, Bill & June Stephan, Bruce Herrick, all who are affected by Hurricanes Wilma, Katrina and Rita, the earthquake in Pakistan and the mudslides in Guatemala, Ben Crahall, Jim Hinkley, Deborah Porter, Sarah Zettek's family, Charles Zettek, Daniel Wood, Richard, Walter Norden, Stanley Wright, Patricia Thacker, Gerry Ives, Mary

Cathedral of the Pines Wins the Prize

What a wonderful annual event at the Cathedral of the Pines. A crisp afternoon began with vespers overlooking Mt. Manadnock and ended in a lovely picnic. The vesper service was led by Deacon Chairman *Melvin Jemmison*. Other Leaders included *Rev. Jay W. VanHorn*, and *Sarah Zettek*. The other brave ones who dared the trek to Rindge, NH included: *Annie Mae Everson, Ray Glasgow, Percy Mathis, Kimberley Moulaison, Earl Norman, Deborah Porter, Donald Thacker, Linda, Michela, Sarah and Seth VanHorn, and Dorothy Williams*.



FOR LEASE nearly 2700 Square feet of developed space in our former daycare center, at negotiable rates, to non-profit organizations. Please call Earl Norman or Donald Thacker for details
at 617-267-3148

Hallisey's mother, Donald G. Thacker, Sr., Larry Strong, Evelyn Pypes, the pastor and the congregation of the First Baptist Church of Jamaica Plain, Betty Jenkins & family, Rev. Chester L. Smith, Percy Mathis, Stacey Anderson, Deborah Anderson, Robin McGregor, Robert Glasgow, the Wyatt family, Mai Woo, Laurajean Rood, Dorothy Williams' family, Liz Simon, Fadie Coleman, Raine Moulaison, Tara Walls, Kenneth Manley, Rick Poor, peace in the Middle East, an end to the civil wars in Africa and Asia, the national economy, our church, church growth & ministries, local, national and world leaders.

FROM THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. (Romans 15:13 RSV).

Christians are people of hope, and I'm sure you'll agree with me right now, more than ever, our world needs the hope that comes only from faith in Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul told new Christians in Rome that he wanted them not just to have hope, but to abound in hope. You and I have hope in plenty, hope running over, hope spilling out all over the place as a gift of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. Isn't that great news?

During the month of November, our church family will focus on this hope, and how God uses us to spread hope throughout the world. I believe that God has designed the church—our church—to be a beacon of hope to people in our community, our city, our state, our nation, and our world. In other words, as disciples Jesus we don't just have hope *we are hope*.

I want to encourage you to join me in two things during this month. First, set aside some special time to pray that God would show you how to be more involved in sharing hope. Our church supports many ministries, and all of them in one way or another are there to help others see and accept the hope and light of Jesus in their lives. Those ministries are to people as close as our backyard, and as relevant as what is happening on the other side of the world. Ask God to use you to share hope, and I'm sure you'll discover that you will abound in hope yourself.

Second, join me in preparing a special gift to this global mission of hope through the *WORLD MISSION OFFERING*. Our church has joined with other American Baptist churches to multiply our resources for world mission through the missionaries and ministries we support at International Ministries. Last year we gave money to make sure that the message of hope in Christ would be proclaimed and lived by missionaries in over 28 countries, and through partnerships with Baptist churches in over 71 countries around the world. Ask God to show you how you can make a sacrificial gift this November so that others may abound in hope, too.

I'm looking forward to how God will teach, guide, and use us through this special focus on sharing hope.

Yours in the power of the gospel,
Deborah Porter
Chairman, FBC Board of Missions

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

is open to the pages honoring

Ruth M. Parks, beginning 11/6

Charlotte S. Thacker, beg. 11/20

Martha L. H. Shupe, beg. 12/4

Ben R. Williams, beginning 12/18

FROM THE MUSIC COMMITTEE:

The First Baptist Church Choir began another year on Sunday, September 11 under the direction of Dr. Bruce Herrick, Minister of Music and organist. The choir is a vital part of the Sunday morning worship service. We thank the congregation and pastor for their support of the choir. We look forward to the rest of the year singing joyfully unto the Lord.

Sarah Zettek, Chairman



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

With the tail end of a full and festive summer coming to a close, I am graciously waiting for a most colorful and festive Fall. The Sunday school Season has once again begun... Several of the youth have not yet returned and so we begin with a smaller than usual group. We are trying a new curriculum for both the adult and youth classes for this year. I look forward to working with the awesome teaching leadership of Mel Jemison, Linda Vanhorn and Megan Brown that we have here at the church. We had planned for our annual Apple Picking adventure at Smolak Farm in Andover, MA however, the timing and weather has not been in sync, and we may have to make other plans. Perhaps we'll obtain some apples and prepare a few delicious apple treats to serve during an up and coming fellowship hour? Stay tuned and keep your nose to the air, sniff, sniff!

Your Orange brother in Christ,
Rayford Glasgow
CE Chair