

# January, 2003 Newsletter

## The First Baptist Church of Boston

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### Board of Deacons News

The Board of Deacons wishes all a blessed 2003. We continue to have inspiring guest ministers for the Sunday morning worship service. We ask that you keep the church in your prayers during this difficult time of transition as we search for a pastor to lead us in the ways of the Lord. We invite all attend our worship service on Sunday morning at 11:00 AM where you will experience God's mighty Power and Spirit through song, Scripture readings, prayer, praise and biblical sermons given by our ministers. All are welcome to come to our historical church and meet our friendly and caring congregation. We will also be choosing a church theme for 2003 and input from the congregation is vital. Ideas can come from scripture, gospel song titles, sermon titles, poems or hymn titles. The theme chosen by the Deacons will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting in February, All ideas are welcome and should be directed to the Board of Deacons. We welcome your support, encouragement, participation and prayers for the church. May God bless the people of the First Baptist Church.

### **BEING THE CHURCH BY SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

### Prayer Meeting News

The next prayer meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in Wayland Hall. All are welcome to attend the meeting. We continue to pray for the church in its search for a pastor. We also pray for those who are ill, in the hospital, or homebound. We give praise for the healing that is going on in the lives of the congregation. We pray for friends and relatives who need and experience God's healing and saving Spirit. We also pray for our country and the challenges it faces with the economy and world role. We wish all a blessed 2003 and may you have God's Peace, Joy and Love in the new year.

Sarah Zettek, FBC Prayer Group

### Annual Meeting

**I HEREBY CALL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BOSTON ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2003 IN WAYLAND HALL. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WILL BE TO HEAR REPORTS FROM CHURCH OFFICERS, ACCEPT ANNUAL REPORTS, ELECT CHURCH OFFICERS, BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND TO TRANSACT ANY BUSINESS THAT COMES PROPERLY BEFORE THE MEETING.**

**-Donald G. Thacker, Church Clerk**

### Board of Christian Education

Greetings,

Fadie, the kids and I continued into the fall and winter seasons with great anticipation and hope. We really are looking to make deeper strides and connections with the kids as they explore their young Christian journeys. With warm spirits, we looked to Christ for guidance and love.

The children worked very hard and were successful in gathering clothes and money to purchase items for infants and toddlers. Many of you church members and friends helped with this effort and we greatly appreciate your kindness and continued support. The donations of (clothes & shoes, etc.) will be distributed to the following two organizations: the Pine Street Inn (Boston, MA) and Stepping Stones (in Lynn, MA). These two shelters help women, children and men. A festive and colorful banner was created and presented to the church by the children during our annual Thanksgiving Sunday supper. The children had also assisted Donald Thacker and others with the table decorations and set-up as well as some Christmas decorating around the church. They wanted to do more, but our time always seems to run short. Life has been busy indeed. The kids really enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to doing it again for the Easter season. Finally, we continue with seasonal class lessons and bible study to help enrich the lives of the children and to teach them valued life skills. Thanks again for all of your help!  
Rayford Glasgow

## *Family Portrait*

A farewell to Doris Dipietro, frequent visitor to this church who passed quietly on December 27<sup>th</sup>... A special thanks to Charles and Percy Mathis, Donald Thacker, William Triantafilu, Gwen and Melvin Jemmison for hosting First Night at the church... Kara Mathis is returning to the East Coast after a brief stint in California... Stephen Phillips, Rev. Gary and Gail Andy, Kaori and Andy Brown sent Christmas greetings... Former pastor Milton and Helen Ryder visited the church recently and were awestruck after seeing our refurbished Wayland Hall, and they wish us all a Happy New Year too!

## *Book of Remembrance for January*

**Jan 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>     Marion B. White**  
**Jan 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>     Olive L. N. Dennison**

(Note: Due to the growing number of pages in the Book of Remembrance, the Deacons have decided to honor two people every month for two weeks each.)

## *Guest Preachers for January*

Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Dr. Arthur Whitaker
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Dr. Arthur Whitaker
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Dr. Finley Keech
Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Dr. Finley Keech

## *Prayer List*

Beatrice Wyatt, Dorothy Williams' family, Percy Mathis' Family, Deborah Porter's family, Bruce Herrick, John Kelly, Glenn Pfenning, Samuel Ewing, Rev. Thomas Ewing, the church's Pastoral Leadership, the FBC Prayer Group, the Board of Deacons, for peace in the Middle East, an end to the civil wars in Africa and Asia, the national economy, the President and Congress, the United States' leadership role in the world and for our church family.

## *Memorial Flowers for January*

Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	The Ang family for Rose Chin Ang & Albert Sheung Ang
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	The Norman family for Earl A. Norman, Sr.
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	In memory of William & Regina Gillis and William's mother, Margaret Gillis
Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Pfenning for Mrs. Juanita Pfenning

## *Search Committee*

The Pastoral Search Committee met recently and were inspired by a most productive and God inspired meeting. Thank you for your continued prayers.