

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BOSTON

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We're on the Web!

Thanks to Deborah Porter, the church now has a web-site. It begins with a 19th century view of the church and music. On the interior of the site the church's history is spelled out in a concise and intelligent manner.

www.firstbaptistchurchofboston.org is the official domain. This new marketing reality will guide visitors to learn more about us and our history.

Thanks Deb!

July Guest Preachers

- JULY 7 - Rev. Dr. Arthur Whitaker
- JULY 14 - Rev. Gary Andy
- JULY 21 - Rev. Dr. Arthur Whitaker
- JULY 28 - Rev. Gary Andy

Search Committee

The Pastoral Search Committee continues to meet as often as possible discussing and reviewing résumés for a senior minister. We ask for your prayers during this energized time.

--Donald G. Thacker, Chairman



2002 Church Officers Board Chairmen, and Staff

- **Pastors Emeriti**-Rev. Edward L. Gunther, Rev. Charles Griffin, Rev. Milton P. Ryder
- **Moderator**-Mrs. Beatrice Wyatt
- **Clerk**-Mr. Donald G. Thacker
- **Treasurer**- Prof. Henry P. Henderson
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- **Archivist**-Miss Louise Takvorian
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- **Secretary**-Ms Karin Kramer
- **Sexton**-Mr. Clarence McGregor
- **Christian Education**-Mrs. Fadie Coleman
- **Deacons**-Mr. Melvin Jemmison, and Miss Sarah Zettek
- **Trustees**-Mrs. Dorothy Williams
- **Missions**-Miss Deborah Porter
- **Music**-Miss Sarah Zettek
- **Friends**-Mr. Earl A. Norman, Jr., Chairman Steering Committee
- **Hospitality**-Mrs. Gwen Jemmison
- **Advisory Board**-Mrs. Mary Chin, Mr. Melvin Jemmison, Mrs. Gwendolyn Jemmison, Mrs. Percy Mathis, Mrs. Marianne J. Norman, Miss Louise Takvorian
- **Historical Time Line**-Mr. Rayford Glasgow

Family Portrait

Mel and Gwen Jemmison, and **George and Stella Moseley**, enjoyed an extensive tour of both Irelands in May... **Isaura Delgado, Annie Mae Everson, Mel and Gwen Jemmison, Charles and Percy Mathis, Earl A. Norman, Jr.**, and **Marianne J. Norman** represented the church at **Harriet Ryder's** memorial service in Ocean Park, Maine... It was good to see **Rose and Ruth Setterberg**, and **Stephen Phillips** at worship service recently... **Bill Triantafilu** is recovering nicely after a long illness... **Edet Ituen** is spending a month in his homeland of Nigeria visiting his mother and many relatives and friends... **Rev. Henry and Mary Jo Stonie** recently attended the International Flower Show in Glasgow, Scotland... **Frowis Roewer** rushed to Germany to care for her mother who was ill.

If you have any news please forward it to the church office one week before the end of each month.

Prayer List

Becky Bliss
Jeff Mitchell
John Pfenning
Erkhild Roewer
Louise Takvorian
Amber Wiley
Beatrice Wyatt

And all of our members and friends who haven't been with us for a while.

The Heart That Loves

The heart that loves but one is not alive,
For hearts are far more spacious than we know,
And must be filled with love if they would grow,
Must give of it to all if they would thrive.

The heart that loves but one has room for pain,
and bitterness, and for the gloom of years,
With nothing in their emptiness but tears,
With only selfishness as their refrain.

But every heart that lets the neighbors in
Is so alive with love and sympathy
That joy shall fill it through eternity
With all the sweetness of a violin.

-- Ruth M. Parks

Dates to Remember

- July 28th - Quarterly Meeting
- September- Choir and Sunday School return
- October 27th -Quarterly Meeting
- October is Mission Month
- November 24th Thanksgiving Dinner (Trustees) *Pot luck*, bring a friend!
- November- Budget Process begins
- December 21st- Candlelight Carol Service. Bring two friends!
- Every Wednesday night Prayer Meeting. Bring many friends!
- First Monday of most months- Boston Baptist Social Union (not July/August)

God-Above the noise and violence, He sits in four dimensioned silence.

*Board of Deacons
Sunday Worship Service
Thank You*

The Board of Deacons wished to thank all who have contributed ideas and helped to revitalize our Sunday worship service. The bulletin format has been simplified and easy to follow. We continue to emphasize the praise and worship of God through prayer, song and biblical message from guest preachers. We have been blessed to have every Sunday, guest minister who provide us with spiritual guidance in the direction our church should go. We have guest ministers for the next two months and know that God will speak through them to us.

We ask that you continue to pray for the church and please come and worship with us. Your opinions and ideas about the service are really important so talk to the Deacons or write a note to us. We do appreciate all the help we have had in the last two months with the bulletin and the service.

In Christian Love,
Sarah Zettek, Co- Chairman
Board of Deacons

*Wednesday Evening
Prayer Meeting*

The Wednesday evening prayer group continues to meet every week. We are praying for the church and the prayers are being answered. We also pray for church members and friends who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or have other needs. We also give praise for God's mighty power working in the lives of the people in our congregation. We average between 6-10 people every week and welcome all to come to the prayer meeting at 7:00 PM and experience the presence of God and may He continue to bless First Baptist Church.

In Christian Love,
Sarah Zettek

Prayer Group Leader
Missions Moment

When we offer our distinctive gifts in service to God and to others, things happen. A little boy's loaves and fishes became food for more than 5,000 hungry people- with some to spare. American Baptist response to Sept. 11 is doing the same thing. Gifts are providing a place of worship at Ground Zero, counseling for rescue personnel, a parent forum to assist children, training events on trauma and grief for clergy, partnering with Church World Service's Emotional and Spiritual Care Resource Center, family shelter kits and food parcels to uprooted Afghan families, and much, much more. But undesignated gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering make sure that we can respond to needs as soon as they happen and that thousands of people receive support for ongoing relief, rehabilitation, and development. **Your gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering make sure that we can serve one another every hour of the day, every day of the week, every week of the year.**

Sponsored by nine Christian denominations in the U.S., One Great Hour of Sharing reaches out to the family left homeless after a flood or a war, the teenager too long undernourished or under-noticed, and the parents who without essential tools, are struggling to provide for themselves and their children. Through our partnerships with Church World Service, Baptist World Aid, American Baptist National and International Ministries, and regional congregational work groups, things happen, 24/7. beyond our imaginings.

During the months of May and June, we have been collecting donations for One Great Hour of Sharing, one of the national mission offerings designated by the American Baptist Churches USA. To date, we have collected less than \$100. But it is not too late to give. Please use the enclosed envelope to give to this offering. For more information, please visit www.abc-oghs.org

In Christ,
Deborah Porter,
Chairman, Missions Committee