

# May 2003 Newsletter

## The First Baptist Church of Boston

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### TRUST IN GOD FOR THE FUTURE

#### *Family Portrait*

It was great to see at church recently many friends including *Mr. and Mrs. Rick Hause*, a couple who worship here each year before the Boston Marathon (this year is Rich's 22<sup>nd</sup>), *Elizabeth Simon, Joyce Lucia, Charles Ferguson, Rose Setterburg* and many guests who return on a regular basis... *Annie Mae Everson's* health is improving and our prayers are with her... *Dorothy Williams, Donald Thacker* and *Deborah Porter* have volunteered to attend the ABC Biennial Convention in Richmond, VA, on June 27<sup>th</sup>... *Melvin and Gwendolyn Jemmison* will be traveling with *George and Stella Moseley* to Norway in June... Longtime member *Laurajean Rood* of Boca Raton, FL recently sent greetings... *Rev. Finley Keech* is healing after a brief illness... *Percy Mathis* and *Earl A. Norman, Jr.* were thanked at the Quarterly Meeting for their assistance with recent church renovation projects... *Treasurer Henry P. Henderson* and *Financial Secretary Dorothy Williams* made positive financial reports at the Quarterly Meeting in April... *Secretary Ann Herrick* asks that all material for the Sunday Worship bulletin please be in the church office by Tuesday and all information for the monthly *Newsletter* by the middle of the month... the lovely garden areas planted by *Alan Andersen* are beginning to break ground, a little later than last year after our long New England winter...

#### *Guest Preacher Series*

Deacon Chairman Melvin Jemmison is happy to announce the following guest preachers for the next two months:

May 4	Rev. Paul M. Hanson
May 11	Rev. John R. Baillie
May 18	Rev. Adrienne Berry-Burton
May 25	Rev. John Cerrato
June 1	Rev. Jay W. VanHorn
June 8	Rev. Jonathan Beeson
June 15	Rev. Henry J. Stonie
June 22	Rev. Arthur L. Whitaker

We welcome all of these preachers and look forward to hearing their messages. *Please mark your calendars.*

#### *Palm Sunday Brunch*

#### *Delicious and Delightful*

The aroma of fresh foods, a fine worship service and the enjoyment of an afternoon of fellowship made for a perfect recipe for our annual Palm Sunday Brunch after a wonderful Palm Sunday Worship Service. Many gathered in Wayland Hall as our long list of fine chefs offered their favorite dishes. Everyone helped where they could and everyone should be commended for creating a memorable day together in Christ.

*The Flowers in the Chancel this Month*

*Are given  
for the glory of God  
and in remembrance of*

- 5/4 Marvin C. Shupe, Sr., father of Helen  
Ryder
- 5/11 Louise C. & Robert Pryce by their  
children and granddaughter
- 5/18 Bishop & Mrs. Paul M. Herrick by  
their children, Bruce and Laura
- 5/25 Matthew A. Simon & Burt E. Dempsey  
by daughter and niece, Elizabeth Simon

*Prayer Group to Meet Weekly*

The prayer group will begin meeting each week on Friday at 7:00 pm in Wayland Hall. 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 Charlie, who is caring for his elderly parents and homebound sister, 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.

*So When is Your Birthday,  
Anniversary or...*

any other significant date you would like mentioned here in the *Newsletter*? If you would like to be a part of this new section, please see Percy Mathis, leave word with Ann Herrick in the office or place your name and your significant date(s) on the sign-up sheet in Wayland Hall.

*Quarterly Meeting Positive*

Not only were the reports from Church Officers, Board and Committee representatives upbeat, but a general spirit of cooperation prevailed at the Quarterly Meeting held on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, after the worship service. We're financially sound and prudent; have made major improvements to the church facility, both interior and exterior and, in preparation to *call* the next pastor - we are ready!

*The Book of Remembrance*

*is open to the pages honoring*

*Florence H. Archibald beginning 5/4  
Matthew A. Simon beginning 5/18*

*Dates to Remember*

- Monday, May 5 Boston Baptist Social Union  
May TABCOM Annual Gathering
- Sunday, May 11 Mother's Day
- Monday, May 26 Memorial Day
- Monday, June 2 Boston Baptist Social Union  
Annual *Lobsterfest* (guests  
welcome at a reduced rate)
- Saturday, June 7 FBC's 338<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Sunday, June 8 Day of Pentecost
- Sunday, June 15 Father's Day  
Friends of Boston, First  
Annual Meeting
- Fri-Mon, June 27-30 ABC USA Biennial  
Meeting, Richmond, VA