

First Baptist Church of Boston

November Newsletter



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Family Portrait

Percy and Charles Mathis hosted a successful *Church Porch Sale*, while **Henry Henderson, Donald Thacker and Sarah Zettek** assisted in this new annual event... **Rev. John Babson**, a direct descendant of former **Pastor William Hague** (1831-1837), gave an inspirational sermon on October 20th and has been invited by the Deacons to preach at forthcoming church services... The **Bliss family** sends a heartfelt thank you for your prayers on behalf of their wife/mother **Becky Lister Bliss**, who was *promoted to glory* in early October at the young age of 52. A Quaker memorial service will be held in late November at the Gunpowder Falls Meeting House in Maryland... **Charley Farrell** is now focusing his energy on his mother who is now residing in Lexington... **Deborah Porter** reports that our website is over the **ONE THOUSAND** mark for guest visits since its inception in July... if you have any information for the **Family Portrait** please contact either **Donald Thacker** or **Percy Mathis**... **Doris Tubbs** sends her greetings... **Bruce Herrick** is healing well after a brief setback... The guest speaker at the December **Boston Baptist Social Union** is **Rev. Robert Schuller of the Crystal Cathedral** and limited tickets are available for \$50.00. Please communicate with **Mel Jemmison** or **Earl Norman** if you wish to attend....

All Things Bright and Beautiful!

After years of careful planning, many renovation projects have been completed at the church. First, Wayland Hall has been repainted, carpeted, new furnishings purchased, and now has a new roof. The sanctuary walls have been repainted and repaired where needed. Both the 110 and alley entrance have been restored, and with new brass locks. The main kitchen and choir kitchen have been freshly painted, too! Future projects will include refurbishing the chapel, a handicap accessible lavatory, office updates and restoration of the church tower. A special thank you goes to the Trustees for initiating these projects. Also, a thank you for all of those who spent countless hours assisting on these projects and for the support of friends and members, who helped make our church a more beautiful place in which to fellowship and worship God.

-Dorothy Williams, Trustees

Pastoral Search

The Pastoral Search Committee continues to make progress in its pastoral search to secure a promising future. Thank you for your prayers.

I helped a little because I was helped so much - Kahlil Gibran

*Thanksgiving Dinner
Coming Soon!
Hear Ye, Hear Ye*

On Sunday, November 24th, following church service, the *All Church Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner* will occur. It will be a time of fine home cooking, great fellowship, and a time to relax and enjoy the fruits of our efforts in the newly refurbished Wayland Hall. We are asking everyone to bring their favorite dish, and if you've not been around for a while, it will be a time to catch up on all that you've missed. Please sign up on the bulletin board in Wayland Hall. Guess who is making the turkey? Guess who is baking the ham? Guess who is bringing the pies? Well, just come and find out at our annual feast and it will be your surprise! Please bring a friend or two!

Quarterly Meeting

I hereby call the Quarterly Meeting of the First Baptist Church of Boston, on Sunday, November 3rd, 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 G. Thacker, Clerk

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in
Christ,*

As we reflect back on the events of this past week, we are reminded of the

wonderful outpouring of love and affection that we received from all of you. From the sweet voices raised in Spirit to the tune, "*God Be With You Till We Meet Again,*" to the delicious food, to the beautiful red roses that graced our table, to the warm embraces and well wishes that sent us on our way, we are uplifted and empowered by the depth of that love.

Over the past three months, we have come to know each one of you on a personal level, your joys and concerns, your hopes and dreams, the spiritual gifts that God has so generously bestowed on you, and your commitment and devotion to serving God in His Church. We have come to treasure all of these wonderful qualities in our hearts. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served you these past few months. Thank you all for the love, kindness, and support you have given us during this time. We are deeply grateful. And we in return have been richly blessed by a friendship with you that is truly centered in Christ. Though we are not physically with you now, our memories of you are precious and dear and will remain with us always. We will pray for you as you strive to become all that you deserve to be. We invite you to visit us in Brattleboro. Until we see you again, "*God be with you,*" in all that you do.

-Grace and Peace

Rev. Gary and Gail Andy

November Prayer

O burning mountain, O chosen sun,
O perfect moon, O fathomless well,
O unattainable height, O clearness
beyond measure, O wisdom without end,
O mercy without limit, O strength
beyond resistance, O crown of all
majesty, The humblest you created sings
your praise. *-Mechtild of Magdeburg*

Board of Deacons News

The Board of Deacons deeply appreciates the guest ministers who preach for us every Sunday. We continue to find inspirational pastors who give us a positive and up lifting message of hope in the Lord. We ask for your prayers for our church in this difficult time of transition as we seek a Pastor to lead us. Our Sunday morning worship service continues to be one of prayer and praise. We feel the mighty Spirit of God working in our lives through song, Scripture readings, prayer and powerful sermons that touch each one of us personally given by our guest preachers. All are welcome to attend our service at 11:00 AM and feel God's presence in our midst. We are blessed to be God's chosen ones and come before His presence in His sanctuary. We give praise for the miracles and answered prayers that we have experienced in the lives of our congregation. We are the church of the Living God. BEING THE CHURCH BY SHARING GOD'S LOVE. God bless the people of First Baptist Church of Boston!

Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting Changes

The FBC prayer group has been meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM for the last six months. We deeply appreciate the support, encouragement, participation, and prayers of the church and the community at large. We have

seen the mighty power of God's Holy Spirit work in the lives of His people. We have been truly blessed to see prayers answered and have people's lives be changed. We feel the Spirit of God working miracles in the lives of the people here at FBC. We continue to pray for members and friends in the hospital, homebound, ill, or suffered the loss for a loved one. We continue to pray for the church as it searches for a Pastor. We are concerned about the world conflicts and endless wars. We will pray for peace to come to all God's people. We will pray this month for the state and Congressional elections that will impact our nations.

Due to the coming winter, the prayer group has decided to meet on the second Wednesday of the month starting in November we will meet on Nov.13, December 11. We will also have different people lead the group. We are also willing to meet another night and at a different time. Please contact Sarah Zettek (phone call, e- mail), Prayer Group Leader, for your ideas and input. We hope this will add more people to the prayer group. All are welcome to attend our meeting. Please continue to pray for our church in this time of transition. May God continue to bless the people of First Baptist Church!

Prayer List

Beatrice Wyatt, Dorothy Williams' Family, Deborah Porter's Family, Percy Mathis' Family, Bruce Herrick, John Pfenning, Greg Pfenning, John Kelly, Samuel Ewing, Rev. Thomas Ewing, Church Pastoral Leadership, Board of Deacons, FBC Prayer Group, Middle East Conflict, United States' World Role, Our President and the Congress, Other national leaders, the National Economy, Wars, FBC Young Adults, Our Church Family,

November Guest Preachers

November 3: Rev. Finley Keech

November 10: Rev. John Baillie

November 17: Rev. Henry Stonie

November 24: Rev. John Baillie

Book Of Remembrance November

Martha Shupe

Mission Moment

Dear Friends,
“Thank You for Your Help!” These words were written by the widowed spouse of a retired American Baptist minister after she received a Thank You check from the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offerings (RMMO). “For 14 years,” she wrote, “I have received an annual check. These gifts have given me peace of mind and a sense of gratitude that have brought tears to my eyes. The money has helped me at times when I didn’t know how I would manage. This year’s gift helped me pay the insurance on my house. My heart is filled with gratitude to Christ Jesus.”

Her words of thanks echo those of many of the 3,313 retired ministers and missionaries, or their widowed spouses, whose annual Thank You checks are made possible by the RMMO. Fifty-seven percent of the offering is distributed in the form of ABC Thank You checks; 43% is available to meet emergency and special financial needs. The theme of this year’s RMMO is “Gratitude for Their Faithfulness.” As a denomination we are grateful for and deeply indebted to our retired spiritual leaders who have faithfully served our

churches and mission fields.
Please join us as we express our
Gratitude for Their Faithfulness.

Sincerely,
The Board of Missions

ABCOM's 2010 a Grand Success

On October 27th, over 250 American Baptists nearly filled the main floor of our sanctuary. They came from all parts of the state and then some. Keynote speakers, varied musical ensembles, hymn singing, prayer groups, and a gala reception in the newly refurbished Wayland Hall were just some of the highlights of a spirit filled afternoon. However, the afternoon could not have been better without a lot of time and energy in and behind the scenes that was spent by our own Boston Team. A special thank you goes to Rayford Glasgow, Bruce Herrick, Gwen Jemmison, Mel Jemmison, Percy Mathis, Earl Norman, Jr., Donald Thacker, William Triantafilu, Dorothy Williams, Deborah Porter, and Sarah Zettek. Well done FBC Boston!