

# First Baptist Church of Boston

## October Newsletter



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### Family Portrait

**Percy Mathis** and **Dorothy Williams** have been active on the TABCOM *New Life 2010 Call to Prayer* Planning Committee. This event will be held at our church on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 PM. **Rev. Bruce Herrick** will be organist and **Earl A. Norman, Jr.** will assist in guided tours of the church... **Rev. Harold and Mrs. Germer** attended church recently, and he will preach on October 13<sup>th</sup>. He was a guest preacher at our church during the summer of 1961. He recently retired as President of Ottawa University in Kansas... **Henry Henderson, Mel Jemmison, Earl A. Norman, Jr., and Donald Thacker** attended the fall start-up of the Boston Baptist Social Union... Shhh! A big name will be the guest at the December meeting and all are invited too!... It was great to have **Fadie Coleman** and **Ray Glasgow** lead the children in the fall start-up of the children's Sunday School...

### Pastoral Search

The Pastoral Search Committee is united in its search for a **God called Pastor** to lead this sacred church into the future. Thank you for your prayers.

*Donald G. Thacker, Chairman*

The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts and the Department of Church Life Witness invite you to:

### *New Life 2010 Call to Prayer*

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 2002  
3:15 - 5:30 PM at the

### *First Baptist Church of Boston*

110 Commonwealth Avenue  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Highlighting  
Inspiring Music, Spirit Filled Worship  
and the Inspired Word of God

Leadership from  
*Walter Cooper*  
*Roy Medley*  
*Linda Spoolstra*  
*And our Church Team from Boston*

American Baptist Churches gathered to unleash the power of God through prayer and American Baptist Churches going forth to meet God's mission on our doorstep.

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*FABCOM Prayer Meeting  
Worshipping, Witnessing, Praying*

- 2:45 - Judson and Merrimac Valley Associations meet
- 3:15 - Gathering Music, Guided Tours of Church
- 3:45 - Welcome and Singing of Bicentennial Hymn by Rev. Charles Griffin
- 3:55 - The Great Commission Testimony: Church Planting
- 4:20 - The Great Criteria Testimony: Caring Ministries and Hymn Singing
- 4:35 - The Great Commandment Prayer Groups
- 5:10 - Music by the "Love Tones"
- 5:30 - Benediction

*A Light Dinner will follow. \$5.00  
Suggested Donation*

*The First Baptist Church of Boston*

The third church to be founded in Boston, and fifth Baptist church in America, First Baptist Church of Boston was organized on June 7<sup>th</sup> 1665. Led by their undeniable faith in God and their unswerving Baptist convictions, this congregation has produced such honored Baptist leaders as **Thomas Gould, Henry Dunster, Obadiah Holmes, Rollin**

**Neale, Austen K. deBlois, Shem Drowne, Mary Webb, Francis Wayland, Samuel Stillman,** and many more! The history of the congregation, the individuals and the building that is First Baptist Church of Boston make it one of the most fitting places for American Baptists to gather in faith to pray for "New Life." *We ask for your prayers and your attendance if possible.*

*October Prayer*

O Lord, remember not only the men and women of good will, but also those of ill will. But do not remember all the suffering they have inflicted on us; remember the fruits we have brought, thank to the suffering-our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility, our courage, our generosity, the greatness of heart which has grown out of all this, and when they come to judgment let all the fruits which we have borne be their forgiveness.  
*-prayer written by an unknown prisoner in Ravensbruech concentration camp and left by the body of a dead child.*

*Website Update*

Webmaster Deborah Porter has added new features such as: Directions, Sign-in Book, photographs, and continues to update forthcoming events. Since July 2002 nearly 500 individuals have logged on to our site, and is indicated by a gradual increase in the Sunday morning service attendance. (Could this be a sign?) Thanks to all who continue to contribute to refining and adding to our website.

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## *Board of Deacons News*

The Board of Deacons continues to find guest ministers for the Sunday morning worship service. We also have Lay-Leaders who assist the minister with the service. We continue to ask for your prayers in this difficult time of transition for the church in its search for a pastor. We have been truly blessed to have Rev. Dr. Arthur Whitaker, Rev. Henry Stonie, Rev. Finley Keech, and Rev. Gary Andy guest preach for us this summer. Their messages of God's love, peace, care, and judgment of His people have inspired and helped us in our daily struggle to be more like Jesus. We are learning to pray more and praise God and this is reflected in our worship service. It is truly becoming a service of prayer, praise, and giving thanks to the Living God. We give praise to God for the healing of our organist, Bruce Herrick, from a mild stroke last month, that he is able to play the organ and direct the Choir during the worship service. We invite all to attend the Sunday worship service at 11:00 AM and experience the power and presence of God's mighty Spirit in our midst through song, Scripture readings, prayer, praise and Biblical and inspirational sermons (or messages). We are God's chosen people to go forth in the world in peace to love God and our neighbor. Our church theme is BEING THE CHURCH BY SHARING GOD'S LOVE. We the people of God are the church. May God continue to bless the people of The First Baptist Church of Boston!

## *Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting*

The FBC prayer group continues to meet every Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM. We deeply appreciate the support and encouragement of the church and the community in our prayer life. All are welcome to come to the meeting and

experience the power of God's Spirit as we seek His guidance in our daily lives. We continue to pray for the church as it searches for a Pastor. We also pray for our members and friends who are in the hospital, are ill, suffered the loss of a loved one, or are homebound. We are also very concerned about the world and its endless conflicts- The Middle East, Iraq, terrorism threats, famine and civil wars in Africa, Kashmir wars and role of the United Nations. We did hold a remembrance service for the victims of the terrorist attacks of 9/11/01 and we pray that God's justice will be done. We ask that you pray for all these situations and that God's will be done for all His people. Please keep our church in your prayers at this difficult time of transition. May God continue to bless the people of The First Baptist Church!

## *Prayer List*

Beatrice Wyatt, Dorothy Williams' Family, Deborah Porter's Family, Percy Mathis' Family, John Pfenning, John Kelly, Samuel Ewing, Our Church Family, Church Pastoral Leadership, Board of Deacons, FBC Prayer Group, Becky Bliss, Middle East Conflict, United States' World Role, our President and other leaders, the National Economy, FBC Young Adults

## *October Guest Preachers*

October 6 – Rev. Finley Keech  
October 13 – Rev. Harold Germer  
October 20 – Rev. John Babson  
October 27 – Rev. Dr. Arthur Whitaker

## *Book Of Remembrance*

**John J. Bowles**

## *Turn Clocks Back!*

**Don't forget to turn your clocks  
BACK 1 hour on Oct 27<sup>th</sup>!!**