

First Baptist Church of Boston

Newsletter



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Family Portrait

Stephen Phillips has moved to 1512 Spruce Street, #1411, Philadelphia, PA 19102.... Adam and Holly Polgreen have moved to 40 Clement Drive, W. Roxbury, MA 02132... Deb Porter and Sarah Zettek will be going to a Red Sox game at Fenway Park on September 7th... Pastor Emeritus Milton P. Ryder was guest preacher recently at First Baptist Church in Newton... Donald Thacker had a family reunion in Pompano Beach, FL in late August...

Pastoral Search

The Pastoral Search Committee is progressing well and asks for your continued prayers and support in this process.

*To the Members of First Baptist
Boston*

My thanks to you for your kind note on the occasion of my retirement from Old South Church. Our ties over these years have been most gratifying to me and to us and I pray they may be strengthened in the years and decades-and centuries ahead.

Faithfully-Rev. James Crawford

Prayer

“Ask, and ye shall receive, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” A soul that is devoted to God will not neglect to pray to Him. Let us seek His mercy in humble prayer, in silent prayer, in secret prayer, often and fervently.

“Prayer is the natural dictate of the heart. Though it may have been neglected by the careless, yet men and women are prompted by an irresistible impulse, to address their voice to heaven.”

An early minister has said,-“Let every breath be a continual prayer to God.” It makes little difference whether a person is engaged in manual labor, or to silent meditation, he should give his heart to God.

-from the Shaker book *Gentle Manners*

Music Committee News

Note This! 🎵

We are blessed to have summer soloists sing inspirational music during the Sunday morning worship service while the choir is on vacation. The First Baptist Church Choir (The Choir) will return for the year on September 8 and sing until May. The Choir is directed by our wonderful organist and Minister of Music, Dr. Bruce Herrick. (Continue on Page 2)

Note This! Continued

This fall, the Choir will be wearing new choir robes that were ordered this spring. The Music Committee deeply thanks Mrs. Marianne Norman for ordering the robes and having our old choir collars dry cleaned to wear with the robes. We look forward to having our Choir back this fall. All are welcome to come join us on Sundays at 9:30 AM. The ability to sing and a sense of humor is a reCHOIRment.

Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting

The prayer group continues to meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM. We pray for a pastor to come and serve this church. We continue to pray for the Board of Deacons as they provide spiritual leadership in the church. We pray for members and friends who are ill, in the hospital, at home or have other needs. We also give praise for answered prayers and give thanks to all who have helped the church through this difficult transition. We praise the guest preachers who have blessed our pulpit and inspired us on Sunday mornings. They have also expressed their appreciation for the prayer group and the prayers that we give to the Lord. His mighty Spirit is very present and is working miracles in the lives of the congregation. We now have a Prayer Request sheet in Wayland Hall next to the office for people to put their prayers in writing. We will pray for those on the list and know that God will answer our prayers. We welcome everyone to attend our prayer meeting. September 11 falls on Wednesday evening. The prayer meeting will focus on our nation as we remember the horrific terrorist attacks and the innocent lives lost in New York City, at the Pentagon, and in Pennsylvania. This will be a time of prayer, song, reflection and debate. All are encouraged and welcome to attend the meeting at 7:00PM. Please say a prayer, light a candle, think of the lost lives, if you can't make the meeting.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, participation, and support. May the Holy Spirit of God be present in your life! May He continue to bless the people of First Baptist Church.

Prayer List

Beatrice Wyatt, Bruce Herrick, John Pfenning, Greg Pfenning, Board of Deacons, FBC Prayer Group, FBC Young Adults, FBC Sunday School Programs for Children & Adults, Frank Andy, Jacob Andy, Samuel Ewing, Becky Bliss, US Airways, US airline industry

Mission Moment

The events of the past year have introduced us to a world that is smaller than we ever imagined it to be before. Tragedy and conflict have become part of our daily lives, but God gives us something greater on which to focus. In today's world, where the word neighbor can describe someone living on the opposite side of the earth, negativity is not the only thing that can permeate borders. Positive change for the sake of God's kingdom can as well. International Ministries and its partners in mission throughout the world - including us here at First Baptist Church of Boston - are seeking to create such change through *Go Global*, the ten-year strategic plan that we have discerned as God's vision for American Baptist global ministry through 2010. This month our church will *Go Global* as we receive the [WORLD MISSION OFFERING](#). Our gifts to the offering are not over and above contributions; rather, they support 149 missionaries and vital mission projects of our global partner churches. In weeks ahead, we will learn more about how we will *Go Global* by giving to the [WORLD MISSION OFFERING](#). Our "Week of Prayer" begins Sunday, September 8. Glory be to God as we *Go Global* with the message of love through God's son, Jesus Christ.

Board of Deacons News Newsletter Redesign

The Board of Deacons thanks and deeply appreciates all who have contributed to the recent redesign of the monthly newsletter. The script writing and pictures give the newsletter a professional and modern look. Most important are the articles submitted by the various boards and committees that give active and positive news about the church activities. This is especially important that the laity demonstrates leadership in this time of transition in our church. We continue to ask for your prayers and support as we seek a pastor for our church. We continue to be blessed with the inspirational messages that our guest preachers bring each Sunday morning. Thank you, Rev. Dr. Arthur Whitaker, Rev. Finley Keech, Rev. Gary Andy and Rev. Henry Stonie! We invite all to attend our Sunday morning worship service as we worship the Living God and give Him praise for all He does in our lives. We also pray for our needs and know that the prayers will be answered. We pray for one another and support each other as Jesus would have us do. This reflects our church theme for this year: BEING THE CHURCH BY SHARING GOD'S LOVE.

Please continue to submit articles, poems, cartoons, humor, pictures for the monthly newsletter. They reflect the spiritual life of the Church and promote a positive image in the community. Thank you for your support, participation and prayers. May God continue to Bless The First Baptist Church!

Guest Preachers for September

September 1: Dr. Rev. Arthur Whitaker

September 8: Rev. Finley Keech

September 15: Rev. Gary Andy

September 22: Rev. Gary Andy

September 29: Dr. Rev. Arthur Whitaker