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Newsletter

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**FAITH
THAT LOOKS
FORWARD**



The Book of Remembrance

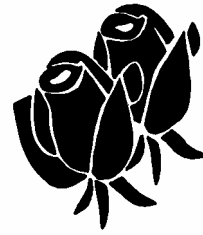
is open to the pages honoring

Louisa C. Pryce beginning 9/5

Earl H. Norman, Sr. beg 9/19

Nellie Mae Fike beginning 10/3

Mildred E. Jameson beg 10/17



September Calendar

6th Labor Day

12th **HOMECOMING SUNDAY**

Choir resumes 9:00 AM

Sunday School begins 10:00 AM

Worship Service 11:00 AM

Friends Annual Mtg 2:00 PM

22nd Autumn begins

26th Trip to Cathedral of the Pines

October Calendar

Mission Month

3rd Bartholdi 100th Anniversary

10th Mission Sunday

11th Columbus Day

31st **Quarterly Business Meeting**
Daylight Savings Time Ends

November Calendar

2nd Election Day (USA and State)

11th Veterans Day

21st **Church Thanksgiving Dinner**

25th Thanksgiving

28th First Sunday in Advent

L. I. F. T.

This past April our Ladies In Fellowship Together ministry (called LIFT) began meeting in Wayland Hall. Our new ministry has already seen some positive signs of growth as we now have seven ladies who regularly come out for a time of light exercise, bible study, devotion and prayer. We spend approximately twenty-five minutes doing some stretching and toning movements and the rest of our time is given to the study of God's word, a devotion for women and a time where together we can uplift one another in prayer. Several of the ladies have expressed how much they are enjoying this ministry and the opportunity to fellowship with other women in Christ. I am very thankful for each of my sisters in Christ who have willingly invested their time and energies to be a part of this ministry. Thank you ladies of LIFT for your support. It has been a blessing and a joy getting to know each of you better.

Linda VanHorn

 *Music Committee Notes* 

The First Baptist Choir will return for the year on Sunday, September 12, 2004. We thank all the summer vocalists and guest piano players who greatly contributed their gifts and talents during the Sunday worship service. We also thank the congregation and Pastor for their support. You may call Dr. Bruce Herrick, Minister of Music, at 617-364-0068 to arrange an audition; all singers are welcome to join us.

Sarah Zettek, Chairman Music Committee

Sunday School Begins Anew

Sunday School at First Baptist Boston will begin officially on Sunday, September 12, 2004. Boston Public Schools begin September 9 so that next Sunday will be a great time for us to start also. Our grade school class focus will be on developing a relationship with Jesus through Bible stories, arts and crafts, and scripture memorization. As a class we will investigate how to make our relationship with Christ an active part of our daily life and how we deal with others. I am very excited to announce that this year we will also have a youth group (meeting times to be announced). The youth group focus will be on gaining a deeper understanding of God's Word and how young people can serve in their church and community. The end of the year's pizza and movie party was a great success, and I look forward to having more events like that and coordinating a game night with grade school and youth. In the future I would love to have activities for our youngest members such as Sara and Julia. Please be in prayer for our growing education program, the current instructors and committee, and those new instructors (who might not know it yet) that God will call to serve in His children's ministry at FBC Boston. Sunday school will be from 10:00 am till 10:50 am on Sunday mornings. During worship service children whose parents are in the choir or layleading may sit with me. I welcome ideas for class service projects and parent involvement. You can contact me at deegee16@msn.com with any ideas or questions. Please title the emails "Sunday School" so I will be sure to pay special attention to them. I look forward to a fun and blessed year of learning about and growing closer to Jesus through our studies together. In Christ,

Megan Brown, Sunday School Teacher



Bartholdi 2004

Bartholdi's 100th Celebration

On September 18th, the bells will toll in France, commemorating the death of one of the world's most notable sculptors, **Frederic Auguste Bartholdi**. His most famous work, of course, is the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor.

But, for FBC Boston, we are very familiar with his heralding angels and frieze that adorn our Richardsonian tower, for which 19th century Bostonians called our building the "Church of the Holy Bean Blowers."

Many of the events in France will be held in Bartholdi's home town of Colmar and in Paris. Our church is proudly depicted in the Musee Bartholdi's art collection, and communication between FBC Boston and the conservateur continues. During the first weekend of October, The Protestant Church of Boissy-Saint-Léger will hold special events honoring the beloved sculptor. It is said to be the only other church with a frieze designed by Bartholdi. Members of our church have been invited to attend by their church Moderator, Michel de Mondenard.

On Sunday, October 3rd, Bruce Herrick will play *Bartholdi's March*, while Historian Earl A. Norman, Jr. will give some brief comments about Bartholdi.

Family Portrait

Jay, Linda, Collin, Michaela, Sarah and Seth VanHorn spent a relaxing week at Linda's parents' lakeside summer cottage in the Poconos... the **VanHorns** will be moving soon to their new home in Millis, MA... **Alan Andersen, Percy Mathis and Sarah Zettek** have been busy tending their gardens in the Fenway... **Earl A. Norman, Jr.** has been promoted to manager of Tucker's Auto Parts, and was elected to the board of directors for the Boston Baptist Social Union... **Rayford Glasgow**, chairman of the Board of Christian Education, and **Kimberly Moulaison** will be attending camp at Oceanwood... **Pastor Emeritus Dr. Milton P. Ryder** is Chaplain at Oceanwood... **Percy Mathis** recently attended her 50th reunion at the Knoxville, TN College... **Deborah Porter** will be attending her brother Russ' wedding in Seattle Washington, and spending the month of September there. When she returns, she will be promoting **Mission Month**. She is also busy expanding our website capability... **Dorothy Williams** recently vacationed in Minneapolis, MN and toured the Mall of America, and continues to do major security communications work at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge... **Annie Mae Everson (Granny)** was taken out on a date with her dentist for ice cream... **Robert and Marilyn Root** have been traveling extensively on business/pleasure, visiting Phoenix, Las Vegas, and Rob's home province of Manitoba... **Gwen Jemmison** continues to provide a lovely coffee hour each Sunday, and is recuperating after a brief health concern, while Mel Jemmison focuses on the Board of Deacons and the Adult Sunday School (both are busy with the Stillman Association)... *(to be continued next page)*

Prayer List

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER... the Wyatt Family, Mai Woo, Laurajeane Rood, the Williams Family, Deborah Porter, Elizabeth Simon, the Phillips Family, Rick Poor, Rev. Edmund Henley, peace in the Middle East, an end to the civil wars in Africa and Asia, the national economy, our church, local, national and world leaders.



*Friends of Boston, First
Annual Meeting*

**You are cordially invited
to the**

**Friends of Boston, First
Annual Meeting**

**On Sunday, September 12th
2:00 PM**

**Winthrop Arms Hotel
Winthrop, Massachusetts**

Dinner \$25.00

RSVP:

**Donald Thacker or Ann Herrick
at the Church by September 8th**



Grace

My soul aches
And is being battered by daily rote
Your face I long to see
For your word is etched in my heart.

The trials I want not in this mortal state
As being in mortality is a constant torment
Without the Spirit, how could I possibly be?

The mortal longs for immortality
The mires of this state have been overcome
Yet I am dastard
Wanting to satisfy the cravings of the mortal.

I see myself ebbing daily in the mirror of life
My reflection constantly reminds me of my dire
needs
Needs which are reflected only to the inhabitants of
life.

To wanders these reflections are befogged
The muck of life has clogged the avenue to life
Oh! Fallen man, where art thou!
Come to where grace abounds
For your time is measured.
Your denial will be your death.

The Author of life has decreed and prophesied.
Your marriage has been arranged
The Groom is calling his bride.

Have you not heard of the feast?

The Flowers in the Chancel are given by

- 9/5 Mildred Brandsema for Anna Ford
- 9/12 Laurajeane Rood for her mother & aunt
- 9/19 *Open*
- 9/26 *Open*
- 10/3 *Open*
- 10/10 Elizabeth Simon for her grandparents
- 10/17 *Open*
- 10/24 Ivette Foster for her husband
- 10/31 *Open*

For the Glory of God