

History

The cornerstone of the First Baptist Church was laid in 1825, though Baptists had been in the Framingham area for more than 50 years by that time. After the revivals in 1814–1815, the Baptists decided to build a new house of worship, completed in 1826. In 1854, 20 members from First Baptist Church joined other Baptists in South Framingham and Ashland to worship at the newly built Park Street Baptist Church in downtown Framingham.

Both congregations had histories of outreach to the community and mission to the world. They served those in need locally and sponsored missionaries in foreign lands. In the 1950s, First Baptist Church sponsored 3 families from Hungary, and in the 1970s, Park Street Baptist Church sponsored a Chinese family from Burma.

In 1998, the members of the two churches began to worship together at the First Baptist Church. In 2002, a merger was formalized and the two congregations became one.

Today, the First Baptist Church in Framingham, located across Route 9 from Framingham State University, is a beacon of worship, education, and mission. We are creating new ministries and becoming involved in new outreach programs as we seek to share the message of God's love through Jesus Christ with the Town of Framingham and beyond.



Welcome!
We invite you to join us for
a day, a while, or a lifetime.

Sunday Schedule

Adult Education: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal: 10:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m. (10:00 a.m. in July & August)
First Sunday of the Month: Potluck Lunch Fellowship

Fellowship Opportunities

Coffee and refreshments: Sunday following worship
Youth Group: A vibrant youth ministry to middle and high school students. Youth group meets regularly from September to June and includes a rotation of learning activities, community service projects, and fun activities.
Wonderful Wednesday: Dinner, Bible discussion, and fellowship, 6:30 p.m. (check website for schedule)
Choir: Rehearsals Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m.

Call the church for more details or visit our website at
www.firstbaptistframingham.com
for an updated list of church events and activities.

The sanctuary is handicapped accessible.
Childcare is available.

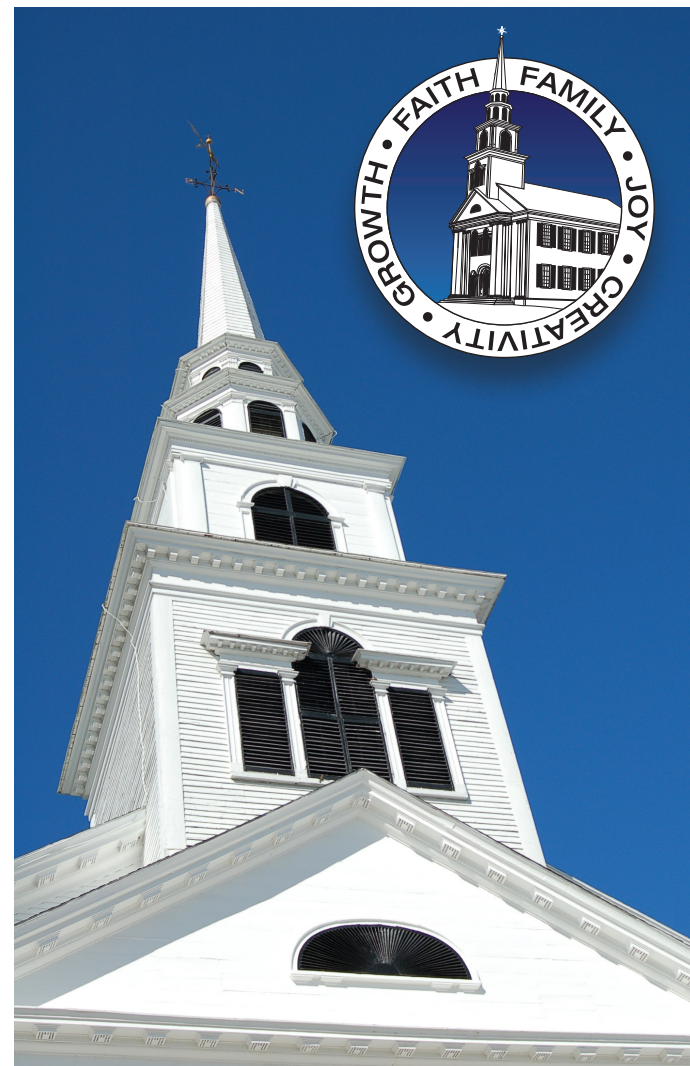
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*Check Framingham Cable listings for broadcast times
of the Sunday Worship Service.*

Welcome to the
First Baptist Church
in Framingham



The first Commandment is, "You shall love the Lord your God with all you heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other Commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

Who We Are

The First Baptist Church in Framingham is a community of faith in Framingham Centre committed to the Good News of Jesus Christ, sharing God's unconditional love locally and globally.

We are a caring, loving, and nurturing congregation, believing that all people are part of the family of God, and we seek to grow closer to each other and to God through our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our journey is ongoing and continues as we grow personally and spiritually. Our commitment to Jesus Christ propels us to nurture relationships with one another; transform our communities, our nation and our world; engage every member in hands-on ministry; and speak God's prophetic word in love.

A diverse community, First Baptist Church draws from Framingham and beyond, to all corners of the MetroWest area of Massachusetts, with its richness of cultures from nine countries on four continents, and across the United States. We are of all ages, single and married, children and youth, parents and grandparents. We embrace our diversity and invite you to be a part of this growing family!

Our Beliefs

We are committed to certain key Baptist principles, including religious freedom (separation of church and state), local church autonomy (with democratic polity), and soul liberty (the responsibility of each person to interpret scripture independently).

We are a church:

- ✦ That is undergirded by the Bible
- ✦ That is informed by the preaching and teaching of the revealed Word of God centered in Jesus Christ
- ✦ Whose members believe that God is revealed to individuals and more fully revealed in the gathered community
- ✦ That is committed to a worship of God that reflects the multicultural nature of the congregation
- ✦ That embraces the spiritual gift of hospitality and seeks to nurture a welcoming environment
- ✦ That recognizes its heritage in the stewardship of the building and is committed to continuing to use it as a major resource for mission in the community
- ✦ That supports ecumenical programs and projects to the fullest extent possible in evidence of our realization of human concern and united witness

Missions

We are committed to living out the Gospel through service to the local area and world, through outreach, relationships with other churches and organizations, and support of the national and international ministries of the American Baptist denomination.

Our outreach includes:

- ✦ Supporting a local food pantry with monthly donations
- ✦ Serving meals at the Framingham Salvation Army
- ✦ Working with Family Promise MetroWest, an interfaith partnership offering support to homeless families with children as they seek permanent housing
- ✦ Providing hands-on experiences with short-term mission opportunities; we have traveled several times to our sister church in El Salvador and have taken trips to Appalachia and New Orleans
- ✦ Providing space for three weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings
- ✦ Supporting the "Happy Birthday Baby" project, which gives new teen moms essential items to help in the first few months of their children's lives and encourage responsible parenting

