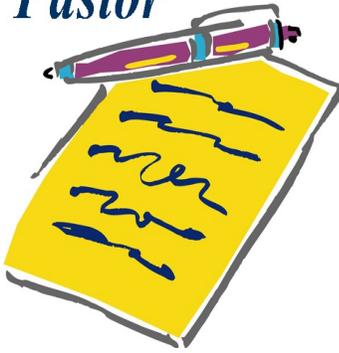


Baptist Notes

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From the Pastor



Do you ever wonder what inner strength might be hidden deep within you? And, what it will take to expose it, and release it? Stories of inspiration and conversion inspire us. We read of people who, moved with compassion and concern for their communities, become involved in partnerships, charity, and ministry. We sing hymns published by people who have had life altering moments that necessitate the sharing of their experience. Most of the hymns we sing have extraordinary stories behind them. When we read scripture, the stories of people's life changing moments are often born through extraordinary concern that take them to the brink of their faith. One common thread that runs through all of the above; the composing of hymns, people of faith in scripture, as well as contemporary examples of people known as well as unknown, is compassionate response to a broken world.

The world is broken, and there will be times when the pain suffered by people at the hands of other people gets through to us, and moves us to reflect and act. One of my hopes for our congregation's involvement in our community is we will build bridges and partnerships that create new opportunities to express mercy and compassion. We live in a community filled with helping hands, eager to see a more just and equitable society. Our congregation has a pivotal role as we gather to worship in almighty faith, believing that the Holy Spirit of God is on the move, and what is asked of us as people of faith is to care and respond. Vehicles for response are plentiful, and our congregation is involved in many ministry and charitable initiatives in Metrowest Boston. In short, there are many ways to help, and our church gives testimony that there are many willing hearts.

Having said this, I believe inner strength is renewed daily through faith and devotion to God, and the most sincere prayer we can pray is, "Yes, Lord." This takes practice and patience. Commitment to the Christian life is often a sense of timing. Sometimes when we're most eager, opportunity takes a moment. When we're most tired, opportunity springs up ready for us to act. Either way, daily devotion to God comes through daily devotion to the care and needs of others, and we should always be pursuing opportunities to minister and bless one another.

Jason

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:30 p.m. Terrific Tuesdays	3	4 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	5	6 ABW Fall Meeting
7 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship Pot Luck Lunch	8	9 6:30 p.m. Terrific Tuesdays	10	11 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	12	13
14 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	15	16 7:00 pm A&F Meeting	17 7:00 pm Executive Council	18 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	19	20
21 Put Feet to Your Faith Sunday 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	22	23 6:30 p.m. Terrific Tuesdays	24	25 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	26	27
28 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	29	30 6:30 p.m. Terrific Tuesdays	31			

Notes: AA meets : Monday evenings at 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. in the Children's Room
 Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at Noon in Reilly Hall
 Hope Bible Baptist Church rents space Fridays 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm and Sundays 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

All calendar entries are subject to change



October Birthdays

- 4 Deashawn Jette
- 4 Dotty Phillips
- 6 Sarah Russo
- 10 Lois Adams
- 11 Cayden Azurin
- 13 Ruth Fernandes
- 15 Karen Reilly
- 18 Kelly Rutherford
- 20 Gregory Zeman
- 21 Connor Reilly
- 22 Tawanna Lewis
- 27 Arianna Lewis

Millie Levin/Kathie Chute Scholarship Fund

The committee has chosen to award scholarships to five of our youth. They are:

- Diamond Campbell - Framingham State University
- Aira Erguiza - University of Massachusetts, Boston
- Ariana Lewis - Boston University
- Marcus Vaz - Worcester State University
- Patrick Watton - Framingham State University

Both Millie Levin and Kathie Chute served their church, especially with the youth. Each year we like to remember them with this scholarship. Look for our Talent Show in the spring which will benefit this fund.

Diane Halbert/Marilyn Wakeman/Ray Zeman
 ML/KC Scholarship Committee





Church Rummage/Yard Sale Save the Date - Saturday, November 10

Start thinking about cleaning out your attics, garages and the basement. We will be having a yard / rummage sale on Saturday, November 10. We need your donations to make this sale a success. We will be accepting all sort of household goods and clothes. Look under the bed and behind the door - for your discards could be someone else's treasure.

For more information contact Kathie Zeman or Linda Devine.

SAVE THE DATE

2008-2018

TEN YEARS OF KEEPING THE PROMISE

Join the Family Promise Metrowest community in celebrating all we have accomplished together.

DATE

Saturday, November 3, 2018

TIME

7:00-10:00 PM

LOCATION

Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center | 1657 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA

EARLY-BIRD TICKET SALES BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2018.

Enjoy small-plate tastings from local restaurants and entertainment throughout the evening, including Guest Auctioneer Hank Morse of WROR's Lauren and Wally Morning Show.

TICKETS

Early-Bird Ticket ~ \$85 • On sale now

General Admission Ticket ~ \$100 • On sale starting October 3

Benefactor Ticket ~ \$150 • Includes guaranteed seating, gift bag, and program listing

Table for Ten ~ \$1,250 • Includes ten tickets and reserved table with signage

To purchase tickets, visit www.501auctions.com/fpm.

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Put Feet to Your Faith Sunday, October 21

On Sunday, October 21, the missions committee will be sponsoring a day to go into the community and learn more about our partner organizations in the Metrowest area.

The four sites to choose from include:

- **Pathways Family Shelter** in Framingham (painting and yardwork) (6 to 8 people needed)
- **A Place to Turn Food Pantry** (collection and delivery of non-perishable food items) (4 people needed)
- **Family Promise Metrowest** visit family shelter program and new day center in Natick (4 to 6 people needed)
- **Happy Birthday Baby** program for assembling baby baskets for expectant single mothers (8 to 10 people needed)