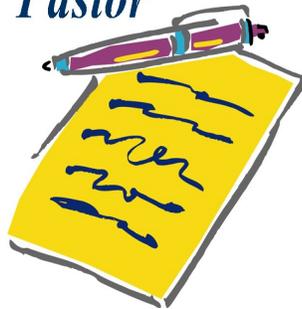


Baptist Notes

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From the Pastor



The time Jesus spent with people in person evoked strong emotions and reactions. One inspirational story from the gospel of Matthew is when Jesus retreated to a solitude place to mourn the death of John the Baptist. Matthew 14 tells of the crowd of people following him around the lake. When he saw them coming he had pity on them and began to minister to them and heal the sick. Then, as it was getting late, the disciples suggested that Jesus dismiss the people so they could go back into town and buy food. Jesus responded by saying to the disciples, "You give them something to eat." The disciples hesitated, saying they didn't have enough food to feed so many people. And then, well, you know, Jesus fed the crowd of five thousand.

This story is inspirational on many fronts. The disciples, like many of us today, were afraid. Actually, the disciples were afraid that they couldn't provide for the people who came looking for help. We sometimes struggle with that same fear today. Our congregation is a part of the Body of Christ, organized to meet the needs of people in Jesus' name. But scarcity exists. "Lord, we don't have enough to meet so many needs," we might say . . . or worse believe. This is a natural and expected reaction to learning of so many needs around us. However, I caution all of us to remember that it is the Lord that responds to people's need, and our responsibility is to listen for guidance. We become the conduit (can-do-it) for this to happen. We believe that our role in meeting needs of people around us will be provided for by God. We do believe the power, resources, inspiration, and vision will all come together in the spirit of Jesus Christ. The testimony of scripture and call of the spirit of God says "Yes!" When we learn of the struggles of people in our community, we begin by praying, and continue by responding as the God's Spirit in us leads us to compassion.

Also, this is a story of community. Jesus, the disciples, and the growing multitude of people realized their need and Jesus' desire to help. We, too, are a community. Henri Nouwen, author of Making All Things New, speaks of community as being grounded in God, not in similarities of status, background, or education. In this context, our functioning together as a church goes beyond a sentiment of similarities alone, and ministers because we are bonded by our faith in God, not outward likeness and culture alone. We realize that we are a living miracle, and as people of faith, can minister by this amazing truth. We can minister to the desire of God's heart.

In the upcoming weeks and months there will be opportunities for us to exercise our faith in God. Some will come through our personal relationships and community involvement, and others through organized church ministry. Each of us knows that a part of our life draws us to humility as well as a reason to celebrate our calling. Working this out within our community of faith is when we really begin to see sparks fly, lives changed, and the heart of God blessed.

Jason

Church Notes

Opportunity: Do you like working with flowers? Maybe you even have flowers to share. Maybe you would like working with the Flower Committee. We take turns bringing simple arrangements on Sundays for the Worship Center in the sanctuary. We also arrange the displays on Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. For details, please contact Marilyn Medler.

Congratulations to Darlene McLellan on the birth of her twin boys: Robert William Washington Jette McLellan and Theseus Vincent Jette McLellan on March 4th, 2018. They join siblings Lilly Jette and Deashawn Jette.

Congratulations to our graduates in June:

Marcus Vaz on June 2nd from Keefe Tech

Aira Erguiza on June 3rd from Framingham High

Patrick Watton (Wakeman's grandson) on June 3rd from Framingham High

Levin/Chute Scholarship Applications are due in by June 30th. Please return your completed form to Diane Halbert, Marilyn Wakeman or Ray Zeman.

Children's Sunday - June 10: Children and Youth will lead us in worship. We will recognize our graduates. The Children's Choir will sing "I've Got Peace Like a River." Following worship, come to Reilly Hall for Make-Your-Own Sundaes.

Work Day - Saturday, June 9 starting at 9:00 a.m.: Our primary objective is to clean out the basement of our Pleasant Street property. Many other jobs to be worked through out the church building. Coffee and donuts provided.

We are Sharing Space with the Holy Bible Baptist Church: This group will be using the building (sanctuary, kitchen, Reilly Hall and Jefferson Hall) Fridays from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Sundays from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Library 4 Update

After painting wind wheels to represent the wind that blew on Pentecost Day, another Sunday they made cards for their mothers. Near the end of May they played games for the last time. The last story read was "Samuel' the Boy Who Listened". On Children's Day, Najay Allen will receive her NlrBible as she completes second grade.

Mrs. Wakeman will retire from teaching "Library 4" in June, along with Mrs. Ross, as they have done it for the past 10 years. Francesca and Janie Harris will become "Librarians" and take care of the 400 books in our bookcase (the legacy Mrs. Wakeman is leaving for the First Baptist children). Linda McKenzie will be doing "Library 4" in the fall.

Mrs. Ross / Mrs. Wakeman

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship Potluck Lunch	4	5	6	7 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	8 5:00 p.m. Serving at Pearl St. Café	9 9:00 a.m. Work Day
10 Children's Sunday 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 *Worship Time Changes* 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Missions 11:30 a.m. Communications	18	19 7:15 pm A&F Meeting	20 7:00 pm Executive Council	21	22	23
24 10:00 a.m. Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30 MCI Apprecia- tion Lunch

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

June Birthdays

- 9 Peter Wadsworth
- 12 Janice Cooper
- 15 Marty Tucker
- 15 Ed Russo
- 23 Arlene Mills
- 27 Pat Travis
- 29 Gerry Mailhoit
- 29 Katie Donovan-Mailhoit
- 30 Nicole Halbert



**Worship
time
Changes**

**to 10:00 a.m.
on Sunday, June 17**

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All Church Picnic

Join us on

Sunday, June 24
Following worship

at Ashland State Park

Mayda Velazco will be grilling

Bring a dish to share

