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Baptist Notes

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From the Pastor



First Baptist is a congregation with strong ties to the community of Framingham, and partnerships with people and organizations that work hard in service to the community. Framingham is a community rich in public good and service, as well as having a depth of spiritual resources and congregations that care deeply for the good of people. First Baptist is a strong partner, and we do our solid part to minister and care for people's spiritual and material needs. This can, and should be, a costly and overwhelming work.

In recognition of the fact that on our best day, however, we can't be all things to all people, we are still challenged to ask, "How should we spend our time, where do we apply our efforts." One way of approaching this is to understand the difference between becoming aware of circumstances, and becoming concerned. Most of us are aware of much more than we are concerned. It is not hard to learn about the many issues facing our community and personal lives. The challenge, however, is determining where and how much to apply our focus and resources.

Douglas Steere, a Quaker and spiritual mentor distinguished between our being **concerned** and our being **aware** of others and their needs. He defined **concern** in its truest form as ". . . a costly inner leading to some act that in the course of its fulfillment may take over the life of the one it engages." On the other hand, **awareness** may only scratch the surface and therefore not lead to the deeper level of commitment that concern does. This is quite significant for us Christians who are flooded with the knowledge of many needs within the lives of others at a given time. On any given day many requests for prayer and help may come to our attention from communities all around the world. Furthermore, we must manage our own spiritual wellness while simultaneously working to fulfill our God-given responsibilities. So, just how do we change the world in the name of Jesus without becoming emotionally and spiritually exhausted?

One step is to remember that those of us that make up the body of Christ are charged with being sensitive to the needs of others and this means discerning where, when, how, and how much initiative to take in the lives of others. Douglas Steere's definition of a concern tells us that when we are genuinely concerned for others we will be affected in at least two ways. **One**, our concerns will be costly. Any time we genuinely care and invest, it will cost. **Two**, our genuine inner leading comes from the inside and works its way out. We must never be far from prayer when we choose to give our concern to some-

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thing or somebody. Also, remember that our position as Christian ministers is cooperative and at no time should we go it alone. Just as our physical bodies function as a cooperative effort of its different members, so our church does as well.

I am thrilled to be sharing in a new season of our church life. September is the month we resume Sunday School and Wednesday night Bible Study. The summer has been terrific, and is always nice to enjoy a slower pace, vacations, and summer travel. As we enter into fall, we can celebrate a new spiritual season as well as astronomical season, and remember that we have already been given all we need to bless the world in the name of Jesus Christ. All that is needed is a willing heart, a cooperative spirit, and a focused plan. Consequently the Holy Spirit of God will lead us in how and where to invest our multi-talented congregation.

Jason

Worship time changes
to 10:45 a.m.
on Sunday, September 11



3RD ANNUAL KEEP THE PROMISE

Join Family Promise for an evening of Food Tasting and
Silent and Live Auctions to Benefit Families Who Are Homeless

NOVEMBER 5, 2016

Family Promise Metrowest is excited to open ticket sales for our Annual ***Keep the Promise Event*** on **Saturday, November 5th**. Last year's event sold out, so get your tickets early and save \$10 on each ticket. Or you may want to consider buying a **Benefactor Package** which entitles you to two tickets, listing in the program and a VIP gift bag. This year we are also offering **Reserved Tables** with seating for 10. Get a group of friends, family or colleagues together to buy a table for the evening. Details for all options can be found when you follow the link below to our ticket website. For the evening's refreshments, we welcome 15 local restaurants offering their delicious food tastings along with a wine tasting sponsored by Dion's Wines, beer tasting by John Harvard Brewery and hard cider tasting by Look Out Farms. Our live and silent auction items have something fun for everyone to bid on during the evening. How would you like a Wine Tasting Party with Appetizers for 10? Or Shake, Rattle and Roll, a Mixology party at Skybokx 109 for 20 of your friends?

We've also added some new activities this year beginning with Neiman Marcus sponsoring a lip art station and hand massages. The Photo Booth and Wine Pull will also be entertaining additions to the evening. We look forward to seeing you all so don't miss being part of this wonderful event!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 10:00 a.m. Worship Missions Meeting	5	6	7	8 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 Salvation Army Dinner	10
11 International Homecoming Day 9:45 a.m. Christian Education ** 10:45 a.m. Worship ** Pot Luck Lunch	12	13	14 6:30 p.m. Wonder- ful Wednesdays	15 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	16	17
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Notes: AA meets : Monday evenings at 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. in the Children's Room
Wednesday and Friday at Noon in Reilly Hall

Word of Life Church meets: Sunday evening from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and hall
Tuesday evening from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the hall

All calendar entries are subject to change



September Birthdays

- 3 Jack Bennett
- 6 Jon Harris
- 13 Kathie Zeman
- 22 Jessica Rose Leblanc

Salvation Army Dinner - Friday, September 9

We need your help: Make a casserole, cake or work in the kitchen that night. Information in Reilly Hall or speak with Jay or Carolyn Reilly.

Wonderful Wednesday— All Invited

The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. for a meal, devotion and reading time starts at 7:15, and will conclude with prayer time from 8 to 8:15. The book to be studied this fall is entitled, *"Stories Jesus Still Tells"* by John Claypool. The study begins on September 14, and continue until December 14. We do not meet on Executive Council nights

We won't cover every word in our meetings, but you will have the book as a reference for the future. This will be a positive and refreshing spiritual time for us to share, learn from one another, and experience the depth of God's anointing in our lives.

Church Notes

Congratulation to **Reshima and Nelson Samuel** who announce the birth of their son, Orion, on June 9th. He joins his sister, Oshin, who will be entering the 7th grade this fall. They now live in West Des Moines, Iowa! The Samuels worshipped with us here at First Baptist several years ago before they were transferred back home to India, then to the state of Connecticut. They visited here last year just before they moved to Iowa.

We extend our sympathies to the following:

Dawn (Hanson) McCormack on the death of her mother, Joann McCormack, on July 4th

Aileen Erguiza on the death of her father, Anastacio Valderma, on July 7th, in the Philippines

Doug and Ellen Tatreau on the death of their daughter, Elyse on August 8

From HOPE Worldwide Food Pantry: In 2016 in lieu of food we particularly need :

Bars of soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Shampoo and Conditioner

Our limited budget can rarely afford these items.



Save the Date Saturday, October 15

Start thinking about cleaning out your attics, garages and the basement. We will be having a yard / rummage sale on Saturday, October 15. 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.

Children's Day 2016

On Children's Day "Library 4" used the children's moment to tell the congregation in a question and answer form (with their teachers Mrs. Wakeman and Mrs. Ross) about two subjects they had just learned. The first was about the Christian flag (after which we pledged allegiance to the American and Christian flags). The second was about the boy Jesus and how he went to the Temple when he was 13. The children then sang "In the Temple" - "stood a little boy one day, it was Jesus....."

The Middle/High School class explained to us emotions following Easter - when the apostles were arrested, Paul and Silas in prison and about Pentecost. Marques McEwan was the worship leader and Erika Pederson led the invocation.

Bibles were presented to Ethan Theodore Kelley, Evan Francis Harris, Annalis Terrasi, Joshua Peace and Erika Marie Pederson.

After the service, everyone seemed to enjoy making-their-own ice cream sundaes.

WE NEED YOU!



Looking for responsible adults to help out with our young people in the Children's room one Sunday a month for about 25 minutes during the sermon time. No need to be a parent or have children in the room.

**For more info and/or to volunteer,
Please see: Naomi Stanley or Pastor Jason**



Put Feet to Your Faith Sunday, September 18

Mission opportunities will include some of the following:

- Yard work at Naomi Stanley's in Hopedale
- Yard work and inside painting at Turning Point Shelter in Framingham
- Inside painting (Living Room and Hall) at Clinton St. Family Shelter in Framingham
- Cutting and assembling baby quilts for Happy Birthday Baby at the Church
- House tour of Family Promise Day Program—Natick
- Housework for needy family in Framingham
- Inside painting and playground work at Pearl St. Shelter in Framingham
- Visitation of elderly and housebound members in Framingham

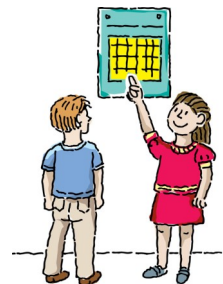
Following worship we will have a light lunch and then head out into the community to work on some of the above.

Christian Education for All - Starts on Sunday, September 11

9:30 am	Sunday School for adults
9:45 am	Sunday School Opening
10:00 – 10:30 am	Sunday School for children
10:30 – 10:45 am	Snack Time for children

All our classes this year will be using age appropriate curriculum from *Seasons of the Spirit*. *Seasons of the Spirit*.

Library 4 also returns on September 11. All boys and girls in grades 2, 3, 4 or 5 are invited, after the Children's Moment in the morning worship service, to come downstairs to Jefferson Hall where we will read books (Seasonal, Inspirational or Biblical) and then do paper work related activities.



**Sunday
School
SCHEDULE**

First Baptist Church in Framingham

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International Home Coming Day Celebrating Our Diversity



When? Sunday, September 11, 2016

Where? First Baptist Church in Framingham

Front Lawn (weather permitting)

Sunday School: 9:45am

Worship: 10:45am

**International Pot Luck:
12:00 Noon**



Delicacies from around the world