

Baptist Notes

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NOMINATIONS FOR 2012

CHURCH OFFICERS: *(Elected Annually)*

Clerk: 2012 Marilyn Wakeman
Treasurer: 2012 Karen Vaz
Financial Secretary: 2012 Lynn Monaco
Moderator: 2012 Kathie Zeman
Chair of A & F: 2012 Neil Halbert

CHURCH DELEGATES: *(Elected Annually)*

TABCOM: Mary Moore; Paul Moore. **STILLMAN:** Naomi Stanley, Quentin Sewell.

CHURCH BOARDS: *(Elected for three-year term, maximum two consecutive terms)*

DEACONS/MINISTRY BOARD:

Diane Halbert Jay Reilly Carolyn Reilly Raymond Zeman
Marilyn Medler Annette Stefanini *(Ex-Officio-Visitation Manager)* Marilyn Wakeman

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE BOARD:

AS CHURCH OFFICER - Neil Halbert, Chair Tami Santiago Gerry Mailhoit
AS CHURCH TREASURER - Karen Vaz Lecia Shronce Chris Monaco
AS FINANCIAL SEC (Non-voting) – Lynn Monaco Quentin Sewell Jimmy Wakeman, Jr.

MISSIONS BOARD:

Alan Harrington Dorothy Tucker Tom Stefanini *(Mission Advocate)* Mary Moore
John Moore Judy Richardson Paul Moore

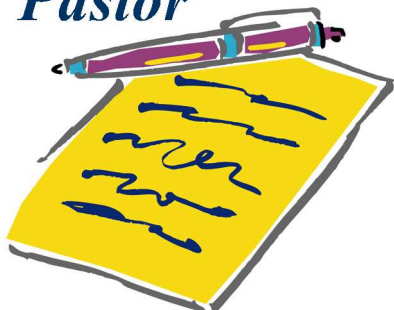
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

AT LARGE (elected annually) - Nicole Halbert
AT LARGE (elected annually)- Carolyn Reilly
Nominating Chair (Attends once per quarter, plus Oct. thru Jan.)
A& F Chair Deacons Chair *(Ex-Officio) - Church Moderator*
Missions Chair Communications Chair *(Ex-Officio) - Church Clerk*

Church Auditors: Nancy Devine, James Wakeman, Sr.
Communications Committee Chair: Linda Devine (Chair recruits committee)
Nominating Committee Chair: Raymond Zeman (Chair recruits committee)

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From the Pastor



The people who make First Baptist the vibrant congregation it is should not be forgotten. This includes generations of people who have served with heart and soul, committing their time, talent, wisdom, and care to the ministry and administration of First Baptist. Carolyn Reilly and I were talking over Christmas, and she shared stories of people who have faithfully carried out responsibilities through the years. I am mesmerized by her stories, as well as the stories of others, who do not want the adoration shared for so many to be forgotten. Out of these conversations came an idea. Once each year we will read a memorial honor roll in the worship service, and print the names of people we want to remember in our bulletin. I discussed this with the Executive Council and we settled on May 20 as the Sunday to publish and read the names. I am asking you to submit a name or names, the dates of your person's life, and one or two sentences why this person has made a difference to you. I will provide note cards each Sunday on the podium under the projection screen and I will collect the cards through the winter and spring. If you have any questions, please see me or a member of the Executive Council for more details.

Also, I want to extend the invitation to you to participate in our **Ash Wednesday Service**. The service will be held on Wednesday, February 22, at 7 pm in Reilly Hall. The service will last about thirty minutes, and consist of hymns, scripture, music by the choir, and a guided meditation that will include ashes placed on the forehead of those wishing to participate. Ash Wednesday is a Christian service marking the beginning of Lent. The spirit of the service is to bring renewal to our spiritual life as we prepare our souls for the transforming season of Lent. I have both led and attended many Ash Wednesday services in my Christian life and have always experienced the service as uplifting and hopeful. The Executive Council shared with me that this will be a new experience at First Baptist. Therefore, I encourage your questions, thoughts, and most of all your attendance. May God bless you in your spirit this new year.

Jason

*You are cordially invited to
The Service of Installation
for Rev. Jason R. Rutherford*

Sunday, February 19 at 4:00 p.m.

*The First Baptist Church in Framingham
1013 Worcester Road, Framingham MA*

February 2012

Update from Happy Birthday Baby

Happy Birthday Baby is great on-going work! We are in our seventh year of this successful local mission to needy mothers and babies. We will be asking for donations to refill our in February in our annual Valentine's Day Mission Moment. I think you will find it very enlightening!

Following is a list of the items that we are asking our membership to donate:

- round laundry baskets
- disposable diapers (sz 1)
- baby bottle brushes
- baby sleepers and onesies
- rattles
- bibs and burp cloths (or new cloth diapers that can be made into burp cloths).

We have come into this year with a good supply of stock for the baby baskets, but these few things are very low. Many of these items can be picked up at the Dollar Store or Walmart and are everyday items that we just take for granted. But they mean so much to a new mother who is struggling to clothe and provide for her new baby!

Excerpts from Thank You's received by Happy Birthday Baby

From Healthy Families:

I am writing once again on behalf of the Healthy Families participants to thank you for the very lovely gift baskets. The program was thrilled to get them and we passed them along to our young families. The families loved them and were happy to receive them! The gifts inside the baskets were perfect! The support you offer our families and the Community Welcome you give to the new babies is wonderful! Again, please know that your support, thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated.

From Friendly House:

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for your donation of Baby Baskets which you made to Friendly House.

“To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world.” Unknown.

February Birthdays

3	Gail Harrington	14	Velissa Velazco	23	Jane Williams
6	Don Chute	16	Stella Chapin	24	Carlota Velazco
6	Marques McEwan	19	Beth Bennett	24	Christine Jones
9	Oshin Samuel	20	Lynn Monaco	26	Nancy Devine
13	Bev Woodhouse	21	Virginia Loring	27	Patrick Watton
14	Cheryl Perry	22	Lecia Shronce	29	David Pond

February 2012

ADONIRAM JUDSON 200th

200 years ago Adoniram and Ann (Hasseltine) Judson sailed as missionaries to Burma. They were commissioned as Congregational Missionaries by the Tabernacle Church in Salem, Massachusetts on February 6, 1812, and departed Salem on February 20, 1812. On their half year journey, after studying the biblical meaning of immersion, they converted to Baptist beliefs and sought to be re-commissioned as Baptist Missionaries. Their request forced the loosely bonded fellowship of independent Baptist churches to form a Baptist Missionary Society in order to financially support the Judsons. Thus Adoniram and Ann became the first foreign missionaries of what was to become our denomination, American Baptist Churches - USA. Here are some of the many special events scheduled to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Judson sailing.

Sunday, February 5 - Judson Ordination and Commissioning Commemoration at the Tabernacle UCC Church in Salem. Worship will be at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Liz Walker, former TV news reporter, preaching. A special Judson Program will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 18 - Judson Heritage Bus Tour. 10:00 am to 3:00 pm to and from the First Baptist Church in Malden, MA. Reservations are \$15 and must be made by February 10th.

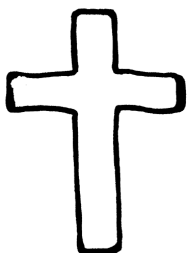
Make checks payable to The Adoniram Judson Bapt. Assoc. and mail to Dexter Bishop, 387 Boston St., Topsfield, MA 01983. The tour will include a box lunch and will make stops at Phillips Academy, Bradford, Andover Newton, Tabernacle in Salem, FBC in Salem, and Malden.

Saturday, February 18 - Burmese style spicy dinner at 5:00 at First Baptist Church in Malden. There is no charge, nor are reservations needed for the dinner nor for the Burmese celebration of Judson after dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 19 - Worship at FBC in Salem, 292 Lafayette St. (Rte. 114 eastbound) at 10:30 a.m. with A. Roy Medley, General Secretary of ABC-USA preaching. Special program at 2:00 p.m. with Dr. Rosalie Hunt, author of Bless God and Take Courage: The Judson History and Legacy.

Monday, February 20 - "The Sailing" at 1:30 p.m. at the Salem Water Front (weather permitting) or at the alternate site, FBC, 292 Lafayette St. (Rte. 114), Salem. The message will be given by Rev. Dr. Tony Pappas with reenactments by Thomas McKibbens as Adoniram and an Ann Hasseltine actress.

For more information please see Quentin Sewell.



Church Notes

Congratulations to Gregory Zeman who graduated from the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont with a BS in Natural Resources on December 17, 2011.

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:15 p.m. Bible Study	2 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	3	4
5 9:30 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship Potluck Lunch Presentation by Horace Seldon	6	7	8 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:15 p.m. Bible Study	9 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	10	11
12 9:30 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship Noon Mission Meeting 2:00 p.m. Youth Group	13	14 7:00 p.m. A&F Meeting	15 7:00 p.m. Executive Council	16 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	17 5:00 p.m. Youth Group	18
19 9:30 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Installation Service for Rev. Jason R. Rutherford	20	21	22 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service	23 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	24	25
26 9:30 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship Deacons Meeting 5:00 p.m. Youth Group	27	28	29 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:15 p.m. Bible Study			

Notes: Cathedral Agape rents every Tuesday and Sunday night from 7 - 10 p.m.
AA meets : Monday evenings at 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. in the Children's Room
Wednesday and Friday at Noon in Reilly Hall

All calendar entries are subject to change

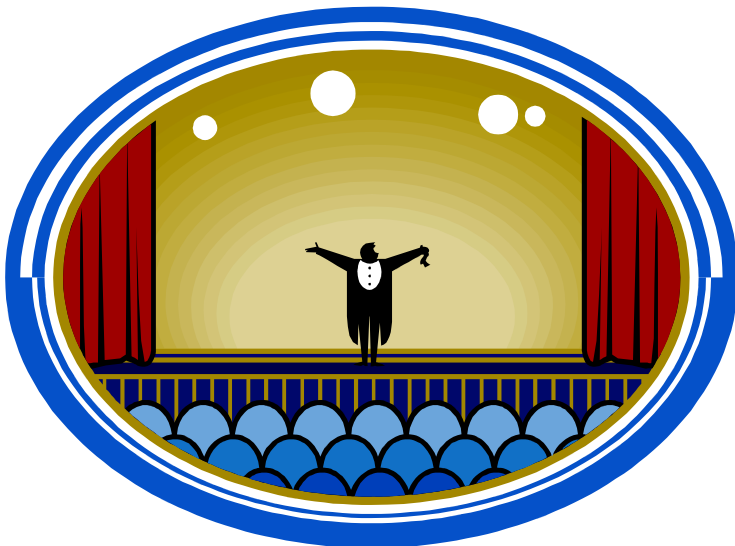


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You Can Be A Star !!



Our Annual Talent Show will be held after lunch on Sunday, March 25, 2012.

This event is always a lot of fun but more importantly is one of the major fundraisers for the Levin/Chute Scholarship Fund. Please think about sharing your talents (whatever they may be) or just being part of the audience. Deserts will be on sale at intermission and we will take a free-will offering for the Scholarship Fund.