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Baptist By-Line



FEBRUARY 2019

Message from Rev. Dr. Carl Heck

Dear Friends

I can always tell when Pastor Bruce has been in the office. Things seem to be just a bit more disordered, ever so slightly messy. Apparently he does not feel the same need for neat piles that I do. If I say something to him about it, he flashes me a look which clearly says "What's your problem?" I mention this because I just became aware of a new cultural phenomenon which had not been on my radar. Have you heard of Marie Kondo? She is a small, gracious Japanese lady who goes into people's homes and assists them with organizing their possessions and getting rid of those items which are never used and which do not "spark joy." She has written a book and has a current television series which is apparently all the rage.

Kondo writes, "Possessions that have a place where they belong and to which they are returned each day for a rest are more vibrant." My mother always used to say, "A place for everything and everything in it's place." Can anyone live such an ordered life? I'll tell you one thing. If that nice little lady ever comes into my house, she will never get her hands on my books. While it may be a losing battle to keep everything in it's place, taking an inventory of what truly produces joy in our lives can be a fruitful spiritual discipline. My hunch is that it is not so much our physical possessions as it is other gifts of God which truly provoke a sense of joy.

When I think of joy I think of the smile on my grandchildren's faces. Bruce just finished helping his grandson Owen prepare for a Pinewood Derby. That is a unique kind of joy. I had the privilege of listening to granddaughter Daisy read one of her books to me. Once again, joy. At a deeper level, to be able to talk with God is joy. Sometimes we do this in the midst of circumstances which are anything but joyful. Nevertheless, to know that God hears us, that God cares, that God is working for our good even when just how is not apparent produces both peace and joy in our deepest self. Meaningful work, friendship, music, family and worship are all capable of producing a joy which possessions can never attain. The well ordered life is not just about being neat. It is also the capacity to recognize the best gifts of God, name them, and give thanks.

By the way, please don't ask Pastor Bruce to reflect on my failings. I don't want to hear it.

In Christ,

Carl



Ladies, if you want to spend a morning having a good time and joyful fellowship, then join us each **Tuesday at 10AM (Year-round)!**

January 2019

Over the past few weeks we have had our dear Miss Betsy pass away. She was a steadfast leader in the church and an original member of Helping Hands. Rosemary had a granddaughter that passed away also far too young. Condolences to the families. Now on to brighter days. As New Year's Day fell on Tuesday we stayed home to recuperate after a busy nite!!! Our next meeting we had a Yankee swap. Bring in something you don't want, new and wrapped and then everyone can choose by number and swap. But everyone liked what they picked. Next was our business meeting and instead of lunch we made a breakfast. Blueberry French toast, quiche, sausage, biscuits, juice, a new egg creation from Pat and all delicious. Due to inclement weather we cancelled the next meeting Last was a game day. Cribbage, dominoes, Farkel. Our service project for the month is Scituate Animal Rescue. Collecting old towels, cleaning supplies, office supplies, food and toys. Next month maybe a movie, collecting things for the Seafarers. Be good to your Valentine!

Our functions and purposes are service and outreach, self-development (sharing & learning) and fellowship (overcoming aloneness). We invite all ladies of the church and their friends to join us anytime.

February Planned Activities:

Feb. 5th - 10 AM - Trivia with Nancy.

Feb. 12th - 10 AM - Sign cards for Shut-Ins.

Feb. 19th - 10 AM - Bring your own lunch. Decorate them for the auction!! Money will go to our KY class.

Jan. 26th - 10 AM - Out to movie in Hanover.



Financial Secretary Report

12/31/2018

Mortgage

Annual Budget	\$ 40,612.00
Received to date (5 months)	\$ 22,645.00
Needed (5 months)	\$ 27,564.00
Shortfall	\$ - 4,919.00

General Fund / Current

Annual Budget	\$ 60,972.00
Received to date (5 months)	\$ 57,108.00
Needed (5 months)	\$ 50,370.00
Overage	\$ 6,738.00

Missions

Annual Budget	\$ 9,708.00
Received to date (5 months)	\$ 4,538.00
Needed (5 months)	\$ 4,854.00
Shortfall	\$ - 316.00

Expense Report on Greeter's Table.



TREASURER'S REPORT

12/31/2018

Receipts To Date:

General Fund:	\$ 33,765.00
Misc. (Fund Raisers & Loose)	\$ 6,795.00
Rent:	\$ 10,200.00
<u>Loose</u> :	<u>\$ 1,005.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 54,580.00

Checkbook Balance:	\$ 21,556.18
On Hold (Roof):	\$ 3,194.75
Available Funds:	\$ 18,361.43

Mortgage Fund: \$ 13,319.50

Memorial : \$ 5,030.93



Feb. 3rd Souper Bowl Sunday!

INDOOR FUNDRAISER

Cabin Fever Show Craft Show/Yard Sale Home Party Reps.

February 23th, 2019
10AM - 2PM

25+ tables Unique Items Offered!
Church, Vendors, Home Party Reps.
FREE Admission!

Buy Coffee, Delicious Lunch at our Famous Eatery
in the Fellowship Hall! E-Mail: fbchanson@verizon.net

Snow Date: April 27, 2019



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Church Family Night

The Deacons are hosting a light supper (soup/stew, bread, dessert) then Following, part 1 of 3 of the movie "Ben-Hur" From IMDB.com the synopsis is as follows: In A.D. 26- Jerusalem, the wealthy merchant and son of a Jewish family, Judah Ben-Hur, enjoys a comfortable life. However, the unexpected reunion after many years with his childhood best friend and now a Roman tribune, Messala, will lead to an eventual separation, banishing Judah to a life of slavery and imprisonment at a galley ship. Only an unforeseen and gracious act of pardon will set free the once noble prince, who is now bent on revenge, as the incendiary teachings of the Nazarene Jesus rapidly gain ground. Will Judah finally find peace in this revolutionary and enlightened new doctrine of kindness?

Please let us know if you are planning to attend and if you can bring any food for the evening OR HELP SET-UP. THANK YOU!

MISSION MATTERS

By Wanda MacCurtain

You are the SALT of the Earth. Matthew 5:13

MISSION TRIPS COMING UP:

LaRomana Mission Trip 2019: LEAVING: Saturday, February 23, 2019
RETURN: Saturday, March 2, 2019. We have 5 Missionaries going from our Church! Please pray for Rick Hayward, Silvia Mauerhofer, Robert Devine, Pastor Bruce & Barbara Bardon as they prepare for this mission journey.

PUERTO RICO - REBUILDING, RESTORING, RENEWING: Join American Baptist Home Mission Societies and Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico for ongoing volunteer service work as we seek to rebuild, restore and renew the hurricane-ravaged island. Construction skills are not required; unskilled workers will be supervised and directed on the job. Licensed contractors needed! Volunteers are responsible for transportation. The \$150 cost includes housing, food and registration. Info: Abigail Medina-Betancourt at 939-231-0120 or Abigail.Medina@abhms.org;

HAITI – July 15th-23rd, 2019, The Haitian American Baptist Ministers Association is united with The Haitian Association of the Church of God of Boston will lead the mission trip. We will serve in Les Cayes, Gonaives and Port-au-Prince. These items are badly needed for the trip: Toothbrushes, toothpastes, soaps etc..., candies, cookies, gums; clothing and over the counter medications (i.e., penicillin, aspirin, Tylenol) pens, pencils, flashlights, batteries etc... It would be much appreciated.

AMERICAN BAPTIST USA BIENNIAL MISSION SUMMIT "Summit by the Sea" CELEBRATE our unique American Baptist identity with sisters and brothers at the 2019 Biennial Mission Summit in Virginia Beach, VA June 21 - 23, 2019. For more information please go to: www.americanbaptists2019.com.

FRIENDS OF REGIONAL MINISTRIES (American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts) has sent our church a Thank You. We really appreciate your support of Grotonwood and Oceanwood. Your church has always affirmed our camping ministry. THANK YOU for partnering with us as we do Kingdom business. From: Ed Gerard, coordinator.

NEW HOPE CORRECTIONAL MINISTRY-"Changing Lives from the Inside out." Chaplain Dan Croce saw the light in 1985 while serving a two year sentence at the Plymouth County Jail. Someone gave him a Bible and Dan was amazed when he read God's word and he fell in love with JESUS. Chaplain Bob Hanson told him he needed to be saved! So Dan went back to his cell, got on his knees and gave his life to JESUS. Dan knew he wanted to serve the Lord and after graduating from Wheaton College he was ordained and begin serving as full-time Chaplain at the Plymouth County Correctional Facility. The name of this ministry is New Hope Correctional Ministry. Rev. Croce and his wife Kim have five children. New Hope Correctional Ministry is Faith-funded and your prayers and financial support is greatly appreciated!! Thank you First Baptist Hanson for your continued financial gifts and prayers. To read this letter entirely or for more information on Chaplain Dan's ministry contact New Hope Correctional Ministry Plymouth, MA tele:508-830



Old Colony Baptist Association

Saturday March 16, 2019 at the United Evangelical Christian Church, 144 Belmont St, Brockton. (Plenty of off-street parking, Handicapped accessible)
Check-in starts at 8:30 AM, Program begins at 9:30 AM.

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kirk Byron Jones, Topic: *Spirituality for Our Church Leaders*. Dr. Jones' book will be available for purchase at the conference.

Cost is \$10 (Includes lunch.) or the group rate is \$9 per person. Registration is available at www.oldcolonybaptist.org or mail a check to Old Colony Baptist, 45 Parker Terr., North Easton, MA 02356. Open to all from across our region.

This event is sponsored by the Old Colony Baptist Association in partnership with the Conference of Baptist Ministers in Massachusetts.

Here are a few pictures from the end of 2018: (Bottom pic.) Our new flag pole was donated in memory of June Shire. A huge **Thank You** to our Property Board and helpers for making this happen! (Middle pic.) Pastor Carl making his sermon "Real". (Top pic.) Operation Christmas Child boxes, about 53 were collected. Thank you everyone!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

**Irene Somers - 1, Dick Shire - 7,
Tessa Markunas - 22, Peg Duggan - 26, Rick Hayward - 28,
Robert Burt - 28**



February Birthdays for our International Missionaries

Please remember them in your prayers as they spread God's message around the world.

**Tan Coats(Thailand)-16; Nancy James(Haiti)-17;
Becky Mann(Thailand)-27; Barb Bolick(Chile)-29**

Contact For More Information:

**Deacons: Carol Lane - 781-585-2631; Helping Hands or Memorial Gifts: Tangra Deyesso - 781-293-7693;
Hospitality: Karen Hansen - 781-294-0358; Missions & Evangelism: Wanda MacCurtain - 781-293-3502;**

♥ FEBRUARY ♥

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 * 8:30AM Band Rehearsal ☺
3 9:15 AM Choir, 10 AM Communion Worship Service / Sunday School / Child Care <b style="color: blue;">Boards & Committees Meet this Week	4	5 Helping Hands 10AM	6 6 PM Adult Bible Study;	7	8	9 * 8:30AM Band Rehearsal ☺
10 9:00 Band Rehearsal, 10:00AM Worship Service / Sunday School /Child Care *	11	12 Helping Hands 10AM;	13 6 PM Adult Bible Study;	14 6PM Executive Council Meeting	15	16 * 8:30AM Band Rehearsal ☺
17 9:00 Band Rehearsal, 10:00AM Worship Service / Sunday School / Child Care	18	19 10AM: Helping Hands	20 6 PM Adult Bible Study;	21	22 6 - 8 PM Set-up for Craft & Yard Sale	23 * 8:30AM Band Rehearsal 10-2 PM Craft & Yard Sale ☺
24 9:15 Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM Worship Service / Sunday School /Child Care	25	26 Helping Hands 10AM	27 6 PM Adult Bible Study;	28 6 PM Family Night	1	2 * No Band Rehearsal ☺
6 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study; 9:00 AM Choir, 10 AM Communion Worship Service / Sunday School / Child Care						

☺ * FBCH Thrift Store Open 10AM-2PM Saturdays throughout the Winter months.
**Coffee Fellowship after the worship service.

HANSON FOOD PANTRY

Hours :

Tuesday 10AM - 12PM

6PM - 8PM

228 High Street, Hanson

Direct Line: 781-293-1400

Did you know that the Hanson Pantry now provides food to Pembroke residents? As with Hanson clients, they just need to provide proof of residency.

For donations, First Baptist Church is being asked for the following food items: coffee and brown rice, as well as the following personal care items: toilet paper, shampoo, and dish detergent, deodorant and toothpaste. The Dollar Tree is a great place to find these items at a reasonable price.

Paper and plastic bags are always needed. As always, any donations are greatly appreciated. Starting in 2015 Please leave donations at either entrance of our church in the provided receptacles.

Like them on Facebook! Log into Facebook and Search for: **Hanson Food Pantry 2015** or copy this in the address line of your browser.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Hanson-Food-Pantry-2015/375916832588832?fref=ts>



Youth Group

Our youth has joined forces with the Hanson Congregational kids for activities and events. Contact Kathy Fuller (781-293-7997) to get involved!



FBCH Sunday School

We are still looking for volunteers. Please talk with Jan or Tangra if you can help out.

Planting Your Spring Garden:

FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE. THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.



Missing You!

M. Scott Ibbitson

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IS A GROWING CHURCH THAT SEEKS TO BRING THE LOVE, CARE, AND EXCITEMENT OF CHRIST TO PERSONS OF EVERY AGE AND SITUATION. *WELCOME!*

JOIN US AS WE ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TO:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself' "

~ Mark 12: 30-31

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