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Baptist By-Line

JANUARY 2019

**Message from Rev. Bruce Bardon
Turn the Page**

Wow! 2019! We close one chapter and begin a new one. 2018 was a tumultuous year; drama on the world stage, a toxic political climate and economic uncertainties domestically. How was it for you? Perhaps you experienced unexpected challenges. Wouldn't it be great if we could TURN the PAGE and have a start fresh? We're not the first people to live in difficult days. Life is often hard.

The Old Testament book of Lamentations was written during tough times. Jeremiah, the author, is sometimes referred to as the "weeping" prophet, a title he earned for the sadness that comes through in his writing. He witnessed, firsthand, the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 586 BC. He lived, and wrote, during difficult times and lived with the feeling that God had deserted his people.

Lamentations is a series of five poems, each independent, but closely aligned, outlining the troubling times. It is sometimes called the "saddest" book in the Bible. We see the agony of the nation through the experience of a single individual. In chapter three we read that Jeremiah experienced physical ailments (3:4), pain (3:11), jeering and taunts (3:14), anxiety (3:17), hopelessness (3:18), and discouragement (3:20).

Though Lamentations accurately portrays the suffering of the day, it gives hope that hard times CAN lead to spiritual maturity and new beginnings. C.S. Lewis wrote in *The Problem of Pain*, "God WHISPERS to us in our pleasures, SPEAKS in our conscience, but SHOUTS in our pain; it is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

In the middle of complaining about the bad things happening around him, the prophet begins to see the present predicament as an opportunity for a new start, as a chance to "TURN the PAGE" made possible because of a loving God. In Lamentations 3:22-24 we read "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are NEW every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore, I will wait for him."

One of our great hymns is born out of this scripture. "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" was written by Thomas Obediah Chisholm in 1923. He wrote the lyrics of the song having experienced difficult times in his own life. He became a Christian at age 27 and entered the ministry at age 36. He was in poor health and was forced to step away from the ministry just a year later. He eeked out a meager existence selling insurance but he had serious health issue throughout his life. He came to realize he had to rely not on his own strength but on God's faithfulness. And thus a great song of Christianity was born.

Happy New Year

Bruce



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

December 2018

December is on the way out. A joyous season for most of us. Family get togethers, holiday parties, funny looking sweaters, lots of sweet things to eat, sugar plums dancing around. Some of us are having health problems newly diagnosed or just lingering and making the days not so bright. Faith, hope and love will get us through the toughest of days. Helping Hands did some crafty things this month. A lighted ornament to sit on the window sill or hang on the tree. Memory books from all the calendars. Please bring us your old or new calendars. We also give new calendars to the Seafarers. And we had our business meeting, discovered our secret pal, took a collection to fill stockings for a Veterans' home in Whitman, elected next year's slate of officers, and had a delightful Christmas lunch at the Meadowbrook Restaurant. (See picture below.) We will not be meeting till next year. Our service project will be the Scituate Animal Rescue collecting old towels, cleaning supplies, office supplies and toys for our furry friends. Remember why we are celebrating this season and what He means to us. Merry Christmas and a healthier New Year!

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.



January Planned Activities:



- Jan. 1st - Off - Happy New Year Everyone!
- Jan. 8th - Yankee Swap
- Jan. 15th - 9AM Breakfast then Business Meeting & Birthdays. Love offering due.
- Jan. 22nd - Board games.
- Jan. 29th - Movie - here - Admission is a donation for the pet shelter.

This month's service project is: Scituate Pet Shelter.

Financial Secretary Report

11/30/2018

Mortgage

Annual Budget	\$	40,612.00
Received to date (5 months)	\$	18,275.00
Needed (5 months)	\$	22,970.00
Shortfall	\$	- 4,695.00

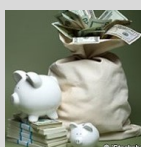
General Fund / Current

Annual Budget	\$	60,972.00
Received to date (5 months)	\$	45,339.00
Needed (5 months)	\$	41,975.00
Overage	\$	3,364.00

Missions

Annual Budget	\$	9,708.00
Received to date (5 months)	\$	3,366.00
Needed (5 months)	\$	4,045.00
Shortfall	\$	- 679.00

Expense Report on Greeter's Table.



TREASURER'S REPORT

11/30/2018

Receipts To Date:

General Fund:	\$	29,250.00
Misc. (Fund Raisers & Loose)	\$	6,795.00
Rent:	\$	8,500.00
<u>Loose</u>	:	<u>\$ 794.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$	45,339.00

Checkbook Balance:	\$	16,187.87
On Hold (Roof):	\$	3,026.75
Available Funds:	\$	13,161.12

Mortgage Fund: \$ 14,926.28

Memorial : \$ 5,358.32



Church Fundraiser

Spring Cleaners & Crafters Needed!



"Cabin Fever" Show



February 23rd

10 - 2 PM

First Baptist Church of Hanson

214 Main Street (Route 27)

Hanson, MA 02341

781-293-3502 or fbchanson@verizon.net

Rent your table/space NOW!

Spring Clean early or if you know of anyone who does crafts as a business or side business let them know we are renting 6' tables/space for \$30 each. Full Payment due by February 8th!

Also, we will have limited space for any "home party" Reps that want to take orders, book parties or sell inventory.

Snow date: April 27th

Church Family Night

Sponsored by the Board of Deacons. If you plan to attend and have not signed up yet, please fill out the other side of this sheet and drop it in the collection plate with your offering.

The Deacons are offering a light supper (soup/stew, bread, dessert) immediately following will be the video of the stage play of "Moses". "Moses" a musical production put on by the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster County, PA. This is staged before a live audience. It uses live animals, panoramic stage that surrounds the audience on 3 sides, moving scenery, special effects (they "part" the red sea) and original music. Approx. 116 minutes.

Please let us know if you are attending by filling out the bulletin insert.

Thursday Jan. 17th at 6PM.

MISSION MATTERS

By Wanda MacCurtain

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

Mission Opportunities 2019-LA ROMANA Mission Trip: Sat .Feb. 23 -Return Sat. March 2-Cost:\$750 plus airfare. PUERTO RICO looking for on going volunteers to help rebuild, restore and renew the hurricane ravaged island. Volunteers are responsible for transportation. \$150 cost includes housing, food and registration. Contact: Abigail Medina-Betancourt at 939-231-0120-Abigail.Medina@abhms.org-

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;

AMERICAN BAPTIST USA BIENNIAL 2019: MISSION SUMMIT June 21-23 AT Virginia Beach. info- <http://www.americanbaptists2019.com> **NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP** Summer 2019. (Haven't received info yet.) Any questions about Mission opportunities please check bulletin Boards and Sunday bulletin announcements or call our church office.

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 The Flyer, registration form and directions packets are available on the table outside the office.

Snow cancellations will be determined by the Moderator and Chair of the Deacons. If a service is cancelled due to inclement weather the cancellation will be determined on Saturday night and listed on TV stations' cancellation lists (4,5 & 7) provided there is internet service. A phone message will be recorded on our phone and an e-mail blast will also go out the night before (Saturday) again, provided there is internet and electricity. The Deacons will make calls to their list of the congregation which should cover everyone in our congregation that doesn't have access to e-mail.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Vernisha Deyesso - 12, Linda Woodward - 19, Mary Cornax - 16, Ricky Hayward - 22,
Debbie Reed - 22, Silvia Mauerhofer - 28, Aleta Vokey - 28, Richard Parece Jr - 29,
Kerri Trumbull - 29, Bob Arrighi - 31



If you aren't listed let the office know your Birthday!

January Birthdays for our International Missionaries

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

Pieter Kalkman (Czech Republic)-1, Ingrid Roldan-Roman (Panama)-5, Judy Sutterlin-9,
Kyle Witmer (Thailand)-10, Ann Borqist (Brazil)-11, Marcia Binkley (Thailand)-20

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Hospitality: Karen Hansen - 781-294-0358;
Missions & Evangelism: Wanda MacCurtain - 781-293-3502;

JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31 <i>Thrift Store Closed</i>	1 	2	3	4	5 10AM-2PM - Thrift Shop Open
Boards & Committees Meet this Week						
6 Communion 9:15 Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM Worship Service / Sunday School / Child Care	7 <i>Thrift Store Closed</i>	8 Helping Hands 10AM	9 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study	10 6PM Executive Council Meeting	11	12 8:30AM Band Rehearsal; 10AM-2PM - Thrift Shop Open
13 9:00 Band Rehearsal, 10:00 AM Worship Service / Sunday School / Child Care 2PM G. Hetrick Mem. Svc.	14 <i>Thrift Store Closed</i>	15 Helping Hands 10AM	16 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study	17 **6PM Family Night	18	19 8:30AM Band Rehearsal; 10AM-2PM - Thrift Shop Open
20 ** 9:15 AM Band, 10:00 AM Worship Service / Sunday School / Child Care	21 <i>Thrift Store Closed</i>	22 Helping Hands 10AM	23 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study	24	25	26 8:30AM Band Rehearsal; 10AM-2PM - Thrift Shop Open
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*Coffee Fellowship with light snacks after the Worship Service.
** Church Family Night. See Page 3 for more information.

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>



KID ZONE!

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.



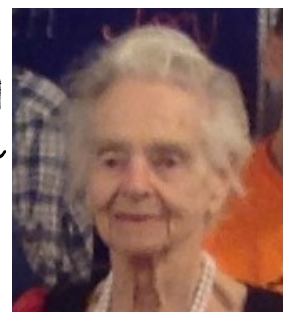
Sunday, February 3, 2019

Missing Our Sisters & Brothers in Christ called home in 2018: Tom Almeida



A. Ellen Lane

Margaret Dumont
John Brenton
Gary Hetrick



Betsy Stanton

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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Reaching Out With Joy"

