



# Baptist By-Line

JULY 2020

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**Bruce's Musings**

***I'm tired of COVID; there I said it; face coverings, social distancing, quarantine, and phased re-opening are new to all of us and there seems to be no end in sight.***

***When things began to change in March, I thought this would be a short-lived thing; no need for Zoom or Facebook Live, we would be back to "business as usual" in a few weeks. Well that didn't happen, and we've been forced to try new things. Worship services and meetings online and in the parking lot. Relating to one another in new ways.***

***I came across a quote recently by Eddie Hammett that I can't get out of my head. Eddie is an author, church consultant, and was the speaker at the Old Colony Association spring meeting a few years ago. He writes...***

***I grieve for all churches who are more intent on returning to 'old norms' than creating 'new norms' for a new world God is calling forth. We have the opportunity to walk courageously into new lessons being learned during the pandemic! I fear, too many, will return to known and familiar traditions as they resist the 'birthing of the new' that can move church, faith and hope forward for us all. Embrace opportunity. Resist comfort. Open to the Spirit's leading not the traditions pull. Too many churches and denominations are busy propping up 'old structures' and missing the excitement of the new God is bringing forth. Pay Attention! Whose voice are you listening to the most now? (emphasis added).***

***Isaiah 43:19 reads (God speaking): "I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." I don't know what's going on. I don't know what the future holds. I don't know when/if we'll get back to normal. But I do know the One who holds the future! In the meantime, we watch, we wait, we seek God's plans and purposes knowing that the King is still on the throne. He will not leave us or forsake us. We'll get through this together!***

**Trusting and hoping!**

**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)!**

June 2020

Helping Hands ladies are alive and well and itching to go out to lunch!! Maybe we can do a picnic at the beach in September. Tangra still checking on her "chicks" and sending out cards. Those who receive cards from anyone in church appreciate the ones they do receive and phone calls are also appreciated. We are looking forward to hopefully sponsoring a classroom in Kentucky again this next school year. Have not heard back from our teacher as to what is happening in September. A mystery world wide! Good to see those who come to the parking lot service on Sundays. Still leery of crowds. Try to time my shopping later in the day after most people have shopped. Some of us are able to work in our gardens, baking, knitting, crocheting and reading. Have books if anyone needs any. This stay at home edict has been tough on many. Prayers and hugs for all. This too shall pass.

***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.***

**July Activities:**

Stay in "touch" with one another e-mail, Facebook, telephone, Skype, send a card. Pick a different person every other day and communicate. It just takes a couple of minutes.



**Financial Secretary Report**

5/31/2020



**Mortgage**

Annual Budget	\$	44,628.00
Received to date (11 months)	\$	39,916.00
Needed (11 months)	\$	40,887.00
Shortfall	\$	- 971.00

**General Fund / Current**

Annual Budget	\$	65,956.00
Received to date (11 months)	\$	55,027.00*
Needed (11 months)	\$	89,794.00
Shortfall	\$	-1,964.00*

**Missions**

Annual Budget	\$	9,492.00
Received to date (11 months)	\$	8,683.00
Needed (11 months)	\$	8,701.00
Shortfall	\$	- 18.00

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

5/31/2020

Receipts To Date:

General Fund (Pledges):	\$	55,028.00
Misc. (Fund Raisers, etc.)	\$	12,641.00*
Rent:	\$	18,400.00*
Loose	\$	1,207.00*
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>87,276.00*</b>

Checkbook Balance:	\$	34,118.96
On Hold (Roof):	\$	6,567.75
<b>Available Funds:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>27,551.21</b>

Mortgage Fund:	\$	18,085.72
Memorial :	\$	4,583.09



# SPECIAL JULY EVENTS!



**SPRINGFIELD  
RESCUE MISSION**

## BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK DRIVE

**JULY 1st — AUGUST 15th, 2020**



### SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

- |              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Backpacks    | Plastic Rulers    |
| Glue sticks  | Colored Pencils   |
| Calculators  | Crayons & Markers |
| Pencils/Pens | Notebooks & Paper |
| Pencil Cases | Binders & Folders |
| Sharpeners   | Tissue Packs      |
| Erasers      | Wet Wipes         |
| Highlighters | Hand Sanitizers   |

*Donations will be accepted at 10 Mill Street, Springfield  
Monday - Sunday, 8am to 8pm*

*Thank you for helping our neighborhood Children!*

## Restore Hope, Dignity and Lives.

Please help support our local K-8 students in-need by donating new backpacks and school supplies to the Springfield Rescue Mission.

Your donations will help the children of families visiting our Give Away Center feel prepared and confident starting this new school year.

### Springfield Rescue Mission's Mission Statement:

The goal of the Springfield Rescue Mission, since 1892, is to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the hungry, homeless, addicted, and poor by introducing them to Christ and helping them apply the Word of God to every area of their lives.

### Meeting the Needs

The Springfield Rescue Mission (SRM) is a leader in meeting the needs of the poor and homeless in Greater Springfield. As an Emergency Shelter, Mobile Feeding Program, Rehabilitation Center and Transitional Living Facility, SRM provides food, shelter, clothing, medical attention, Christian counseling, literacy training and advocacy – free of charge. The programs help individuals take meaningful steps toward becoming responsible and productive members of the community.

SRM began as a community outreach ministry located over a laundry facility on Stanford Street in Springfield, MA in 1892. For the next four decades, SRM continued to provide the homeless with services to meet their basic needs.

The Springfield Rescue Mission has been a safe place of refuge for Springfield's homeless for more than a century. SRM is one of the oldest human service agencies serving the poor and homeless in the Greater Springfield area. In 2017, SRM served 93,917 meals to men, women and children, provided 19,772 safe shelter beds to homeless and recovering addicts, and distributed 64,269 items of clothing to men, women and children through the Clothing and Give-Away Center – all FREE OF CHARGE and without direct government assistance.



**18th  
July**

## Treasures of Our Hearts Presents: Proceeds for Hanson Food Pantry

# CHRISTMAS IN JULY

**Vendors**

**11am – 4pm**

**Lunch with Santa\***

**1pm – 3pm**

\*Pre-registration required – email [treasuresofourhearts2@gmail.com](mailto:treasuresofourhearts2@gmail.com) to reserve your seat

Executive Council meets the second Thursday of every month at 6PM. All church officers and a representative from each board and committee should attend.



Reminder: All Boards and Committees meet by the first Thursday of every month. Check with your chairperson regarding time and location.

# Now OPEN



## FBCH Thrift Store

Find Bargains Here!



First Baptist Church  
214 Main Street; Rte. 27  
Hanson, MA 02341  
781-293-3502  
fbchanson@verizon.net

**Hours: Sat. 10AM-2PM ONLY**  
**Donations taken during these hours.**

Offering a wide selection of gently used / like new clothing also ceramics, glassware, toys, and other "yard sale" type items.

**Thrift Store now open the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 10am - Noon**

# Let Us Pray...

Continued Prayers for a CoVid-19 cure/vaccine and recovery for all those infected. Prayers for the good health of residents in long term care facilities where CoVid-19 has taken a foot hold.

Prayers for ALL people working at this dangerous time. Keep them safe and healthy! Workers like Medical staff, people stocking our store shelves, drivers delivering what is needed and anyone else interacting with others either in person or through the internet.

Remember this as our state starts re-opening business', isolation only keeps folks away from those infected, it is & was in no way a cure! **PLEASE** be careful to not get or spread this virus. Wear your masks in public, use hand sanitizer/wash your hands frequently and keep your 6 foot distance from others.



We are listed on Amazon as part of the Amazon Smile Charities. If you order from Amazon use this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/04-3408706> If you end up using search, Our Church is listed currently as "Baptist Church Hanson, MA" but using 04-340876 will save you time. We will get .5% of all qualified purchases. Please spread the news. If you or your school age children/grandchildren need supplies or toys or stuff use this internet address when you place your order! With only 9 supporting the Church so far we've earned \$68. Now more than ever we need your support and here is a way without the donation coming directly out of your pocket!

Transfer stocks to the Church for tax credit. Contact your broker and have them transfer whatever stock you wish to the FirstBaptistHanson account # 469-017943 at Morgan Stanley.

## **MISSION MATTERS**

By Wanda MacCurtain

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

**WHITE CROSS** is a mission that our budget supports. The importance of White Cross is immeasurable and God multiplies the impact of your support. 100 years of White Cross was celebrated in 2019. White Cross has in the past been administered by the American Baptist Women's Ministries National and of Massachusetts groups. Each state had a coordinator that would distribute the requests to coordinators in their state's Associations. Unfortunately the decline in membership and producing volunteer coordinators has forced national to no longer have the ability to support White Cross so in turn Massachusetts, having declined in capable coordinators as well must also no longer support this most worthy 100 year old program. Don't worry because donations can still be made via the internet. Through the White Cross internet site, gifts of money are donated by local women's organizations and churches so urgently needed supplies can be purchased locally as specifically requested from missions through Overland (ABHMS) and Overseas (IM) Internet sites. White Cross supports vital projects around the world to promote Health and Wellness, Education and Abolishing Global Slavery. THANK YOU for your loving commitment to meeting the needs of ministries around the world and here at home. Your gifts continue to be a great help!!

**MainSpring House** in Brockton is a Homeless Shelter that our mission budget supports. Thank you for your continued financial gifts! You literally saved lives! At the MainSpring House our guests receive a place to sleep, nutritious meals, health and mental services, with on-site clinics, shower facilities, and basic personal items. Also the staff members work with each guest to help them develop a service plan with goals such as :permanent housing, job placement, and outside resources. The MainSpring House is committed to ending and preventing homelessness in Southern Massachusetts. "Nobody Should Be Homeless."

The **SOLDIER'S CARE PACKAGE OUTREACH** of Hingham (First Baptist) is in need of cards to include in Care Package shipments to the Middle East. Personal comments and expressions of appreciation mean as much to these troops as the supplies we send. Many post them in their living facilities. Cards of any size or shape is accepted. You may mail your cards to First Baptist Church Hingham- 85 Main Street- Hingham, MA 02043 "Brighten, support and sustain a soldier's day."

**HANSON FOOD PANTRY**-Your generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated!! Hours Open: Tuesday 10:00 to noon and 6:00 to 8:00 pm For more information call 781-293-1400 - 228 High Street, Hanson MA 02341

**NEW HOPE CORRECTIONAL MINISTRY**- God Bless and THANK YOU for Your Support. (The mission budget supports this ministry,) "Changing Lives from the Inside Out." Address: P.O. box 1694 Plymouth, MA. 02362

Thank You: On behalf of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, thank you for your generous gift of \$631.00 on 4-30-2020 in support of the **AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2019**. Your financial support to ABHMS is making a transformational difference across the United States and Puerto Rico. We are grateful for your continued partnership and financial gifts.

**PRAYER:** The believer's war room. **MOM'S IN PRAYER INTERNATIONAL**-Join us!! "Every child and every school in the WORLD covered in prayer! ANYONE who desires to pray for children and their schools.



**Waiting for the Pastor.**

**Getting settled.**



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jan Nascarella - 02, Lori Dalton - 14, Debbi Emery - 22,  
Ken Lagerblade - 23, Meghan Hayward - 25, Donna Mark - 28  
Brendan Arrighi - 31



### July Birthdays for our International Missionaries

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

Tim Rice(Democratic Republic of the Congo)-8, Madeline Flores-Lopez(Dominican Republic)-11,  
Katie Longkumer(Development Worker)-16, Katrina Williams(Democratic Republic of the Congo)-19,  
Gordon Hwang(Japan-Mainland)-21, Larry Stanton(Liberia)-21, Ruth Mooney(Costa Rica)-25,  
Carlos Bonilla(Nicaragua)-30

### Contact For More Information:

**Deacons: Cheryl Eastman - 781-293-3502; Helping Hands or Memorial Gifts: Tangra Deyesso - 781-293-7693;**  
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# JULY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28*	29	30	1	2	3	4
<b>Boards &amp; Committees Meet this Week</b>						<i>Happy 4th of July</i>
5 <small>10 AM Communion Outdoor Worship Service ** Facebook Live Video</small>	6	7	8	9 <small>6PM Executive Council Meeting</small>	10	11 ****FBCH <small>Thrift Store OPEN! 10-2</small>
12 <small>10:00 AM Outdoor Worship Service ** Facebook Live Video</small>	13	14 <small>****FBCH Thrift Store 10-1</small>	15	16	17	18 ****FBCH <small>Thrift Store 10-2 Treasures of Our Hearts Outdoor Craft Fair 11-4PM</small>
19 <small>10:00 AM Outdoor Worship Service ** Facebook Live Video</small>	20	21	22	23	24	25 ****10AM - 2PM <small>FBCH Thrift Store</small>
26 <small>10:00 AM Outdoor Worship Service ** Facebook Live Video</small>	27	28 <small>****FBCH Thrift Store 10-1</small>	29	30	31	1 **** <small>FBCH Thrift Store 10-2</small>

**\*All Boards and Committees 1st meeting of the new fiscal year. Please elect your chairperson at this meeting;**  
**\*\* Back to School Mission Project See page 3 for additional information. Project ends August 9th.;**  
**\*\*\*Treasures of Our Hearts Outdoor Craft Fair 11-4PM**  
**\*\*\*\*FBCH Thrift Store Open**

**HANSON FOOD PANTRY**

**Hours :**

**Tuesday 10AM - 12PM**

**6PM - 8PM**

**228 High Street, Hanson!**

**Call 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!**



We are looking for additional teachers. Please speak to Tangra if you are willing to help out.

Miracle! Watch the Facebook Live video from 7/5/20 to hear Debby's testimony.



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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