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Baptist By-Line

SEPTEMBER 2020

Message from Pastor Bruce Bardon

The Times We Live In

We live in "interesting" times. None of us have ever lived through the kind of days we're currently experiencing. There is more than enough anxiety to go around. There are fears about COVID, anxiety about the economy, worries about the direction of our country and the world. All of these combined, and given that we're in an election year, exacerbate an already toxic political climate.

In the political discourse the need to "join together" often means "you need to think like I do." Compromise means you need to do things my way, and if you don't you're wrong!

Over the next couple of months, the noise is only going to get worse.

Social media can be a good thing at times, but I am disturbed by the level of intolerance among people, even Christian people. I have a Facebook friend, a professing Christian, who has nothing but disdain for one of the presidential candidates. Several times a week she posts disparaging remarks. Periodically she has written, asked anyone who doesn't share her position to "unfriend" her immediately. I haven't yet, but I'm tempted!

Ephesians 4:2-3 in the NIV reads "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of love." These are some of the ways we live out Paul's exhortation in vs. 1 to "live a life worthy of the calling we have received." Among believers there can be differences of opinion. But thinking differently on a subject (political or otherwise) doesn't give any of us, especially Christians, the right to run roughshod over others.

We are going on six months of feeling the effects of the pandemic. March 15th was the last day we were together in the sanctuary; it feels like forever! There is a wide spectrum of opinions among our church family about the ongoing situation. There are some who believe it's all a hoax, or at a minimum totally overplayed. There are others who are gravely concerned about the disease and fear that many are not taking the risks seriously enough. We have folks who have enjoyed worshipping together in the parking lot; we have others who have not, but watch the Facebook live broadcast. Sometimes people's reactions to these kinds of phenomena along political lines, other times they're not.

It is my prayer as we continue to navigate our collective response, and enter what promises to be a contentious campaign, that we can be humble, gentle, and patient with one another. That we will bear with one another in love and do all that is humanly possible to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of love, **EVEN IF WE DISAGREE!**

Blessings,

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)!**

August 2020

August is the end of "summer". Back to the normal routine of school, sports, work, seasonal social activities. But there is no normal normal anymore. We have had 6 months to get used to this but it still doesn't sit well with us. Again a but -- we are all trying to make the best of it. Veggie gardens are bursting with their last gifts and fall flowers are waiting for us at the stores. Tangra is still sending cards and making calls to check on her "chicks". Good to see friends at church. All hoping to be able to be inside soon. Cold weather will be here before we know it. Trying to come up with a lunch trip whether it's the parking lot or restaurant or an ocean view. Eye sight could be getting fuzzy from all the books we've read and the TV shows we've watched. Fingers are sore from knitting, crocheting and any other craft projects. Can't do much baking cause I can't eat it all. I suppose I could but I shouldn't. Am still making jam and my granddaughter came down to learn how to do it. Maybe she will continue on in my stead. Prayers for all our ladies to continue on. Get out for some fresh air and sunshine. Wash hands. Wear your mask when out and about. And we will get together again! Soon!

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.

August 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

7/31/2020



Mortgage

Annual Budget	\$	42,620.00
Received to date (1 month)	\$	3,429.00
Needed (1 month)	\$	3,717.00
Shortfall	\$	-288.00

General Fund / Current

Annual Budget	\$	64,344.00
Received to date (1 month)	\$	7,850.00*
Needed (1 month)	\$	8,557.00*
Shortfall	\$	-707.00*

Missions

Annual Budget	\$	8,688.00
Received to date (1 month)	\$	765.00
Needed (1 month)	\$	724.00
Shortfall	\$	41.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

7/31/2020

Receipts To Date:

General Fund (Pledges):	\$	5,142.00
Misc. (Fund Raisers, etc.)	\$	1,008.00*
Rent:	\$	1,700.00*
Loose	\$	0.00*
Total Receipts	\$	7,850.00*

Checkbook Balance:	\$	44,045.11
On Hold (Roof):	\$	6,572.75
Available Funds:	\$	37,472.36

Mortgage Fund:	\$	21,364.09
Memorial :	\$	4,465.12



Treasures of Our Hearts presents

CRAFT EVENT

SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

Outside event

Noon - 4PM

*All proceeds to go to
Dynamic Family Farm Inc*



Masks are required

Balloons

Vendors



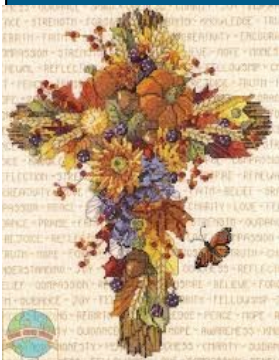
Food Trucks

Ice Cream Truck



Now OPEN

Executive Council meets the second Thursday of every month at 6PM . All church officers and a representative from each board and committee should attend. *During Covid-19 we meet after Church on the 2nd Sunday.*



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

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 \$72. 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

"Faith, Hope, and Love, But the greatest of these is Love." 1 Corinthians 13 :13

"I once was blind but now I see." Mark 8:22-26

WORLD MISSION OFFERING (WMO)- During the months of September and October WMO is typically promoted and an offering collected. This is a budget item here at First Baptist Hanson of \$400.00. Your continued financial gifts and prayers is making it possible for 125 global servants, 900 plus volunteers, home staff and 250 plus international partners serving around the world with International Ministries. (IM). Every September and October congregations come together for a time of awareness, advocacy, and action for global mission. Churches across the country celebrate and support the ministries that God is using to transform the world. THIS IS THE WORLD MISSION OFFERING. The Bible verse this year for WMO is "I once was blind but now I see." Mark 8:22-26. Sharon Koh is IM's CEO. She says, "When confronted with uncertainty, we as Christians have the opportunity to respond with faith in JESUS. "Dear Church family, YOUR generosity for the World Mission Offering is greatly appreciated! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

THANK YOU NOTES AND ONGOING MINISTRIES

Soldier's Care Package Outreach: THANK YOU to everyone who writes cards to our U.S. Deployed Soldiers! Our Soldier's truly appreciate receiving them. This summer our church family wrote 110 cards which were sent to First Baptist Hingham and then the cards will be put in Soldier's Care Packages. Currently we are collecting size A2 (5.50" X 4.25") unsigned Holiday Cards so the Deployed Soldiers can send them to their loved ones during the holidays. Its not likely they can run to a hallmark store to get cards. If you would like information on these wonderful projects you may contact Irene Somers. Try and get them in by November 1st.

A THANK YOU from Ed Guerard-Coordinator-**FRIENDS OF REGIONAL MINISTRIES:** "We are very grateful for the support your church has given to our regional camp ministries through the Friends of Regional Ministries. We appreciate your gifts !In 2003 the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts introduced a fundraising initiative, called Friends of Regional Ministries, to support it's regional and camp work.

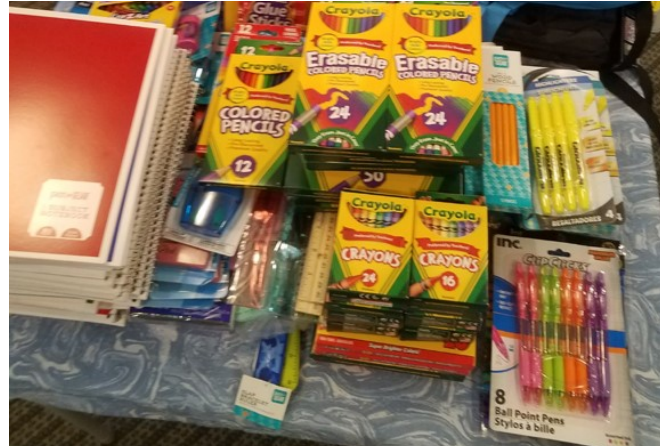
On behalf of **American Baptist Home Mission Societies** THANK YOU for you generous financial gift to the America for Christ Offering. AFC Offering impacts communities and provides support for our regional office.

HANSON FOOD PANTRY appreciates our continued support and help. Hours open: Tuesday 10-noon and 6:00-8:00. For more info: 781-293-1400. 228 High Street Hanson MA.

MOMS IN PRAYER INTERNATIONAL: Impacts Children and Schools worldwide for Christ by gathering moms to pray Our school and children need our prayers more than ever in the 2020-2021 school year as they continue to navigate uncharted waters. Let's Be there for them in Prayer! PRAYER IS POWERFUL! Anyone can pray, men and women. Praying for schools and children.

Samaritan's Purse **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Shoebox gifts. National Collection Week November 16-23, 2020. The empty Shoe books will be available soon (Later this month) !

Springfield Rescue Mission Project



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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Peter McKeague - 04, Judy Smith - 08, Gladys Hammond - 09,
 Joshua MacVicar - 12, Marah Burt - 17, Tommy Reed - 20,
 Lisa Whitman - 21, Carol Lane - 26, Sarah MacVicar - 27



September Birthdays for our International Missionaries

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

Ketly Peirre(Nicaragua)-1 Rhonda Reed(Bolivia)-1 Cheryl Jones(South Africa)-5 Carole Sydnor(Development Workers)-7
 Janet Doyle(Development Workers)-9 Debby Witmer(Thailand)-9 Bruce Borquist(Brazil)-11
 Miriam Noyes(Democratic Republic of the Congo)-11 Lauren Bethell(Global Consultants)-18
 Mercy Gonzalez-Barnes(Mexico)-23 Dwight Bolick-(Chile)-25 Terry Myers(Bugaria)-25
 Dan Buttry(Global Consultants)-26 Mylinda Baits(Regional Missionaries)-28 Dwayne Doyle(Development Workers)-29

Contact For More Information:

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 6PM Deacons' Meeting	4	5 *Thrift Store 10AM - 2PM
Boards & Committees Meet this Week →						
6 Communion Pastor Bruce 10:00 AM Worship Service	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8 Thrift Store Closed Office Closed for Duct Cleaning.	9 Office Closed for Duct Cleaning.	10	11	12 *Thrift Store 10AM - 2PM
13 Pastor Carl 10:00 AM Worship Service/ Executive Council Mtg	14 Office Closed	15	16	17	18	19 9:30AM Band Rehearsal ; *Thrift Store 10AM - 2PM
20 Pastor Bruce 9AM - Band Practice 10AM Worship Service	21 Office Closed	22 * Thrift Store 10AM - Noon	23	24	25	26 Thrift Store 10AM - 2PM **Craft Show Noon - 4PM
27 Pastor Carl 10AM Worship Service	28 Office Closed	29	30	1	2	3

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**Check out the new seasonal clothes
 Being offered at our Thrift Store!**
****Craft Show Noon - 4PM See page 3**



HANSON FOOD PANTRY

Hours :

Tuesday 10AM - 12PM

6PM - 8PM

228 High Street, Hanson!

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 On Hold



Back to school time is a great time to start stocking up on items to fill your Operation Shoe Boxes! Keep an eye out for sales on crayons, colored pencils, markers, notebooks, etc. Also, t-shirts will begin being on clearance. O.C.C. collection week will begin in early November. Thank-you for your yearly support of this great mission!

Church Outside Sundays 10AM

Pastor Carl



Pastor Bruce

Sunny Sundays this summer! An average of 35 attending (wearing facemasks). Plus 15 - 20 watching on Facebook Live. Some from Georgia and Florida! No Quarantine needed! All non-infected are welcome at our Church with facemasks!



Our Praise Band played on the 30th.

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"**

