

July/August 2010

Baptist Notes

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Getting Ready To Paint the Church

The Administrative and Finance Team wants to share a capital idea that has us excited. For years, the congregation and passersby have seen that our building's exterior is suffering peeling paint and rotting wood from exposure to the elements and traffic along route 9. The church badly needs to be painted. Now we are thinking about ways to get the job done.

Before we start the painting, we need to answer several questions:

- **Who will do the job?**
We are in the process of contacting painters for quotes.
- **How much will it cost?**
So far, we have one estimate for \$42,000 to \$48,000.
- **What will the job involve?**
The paint will cover the building from the roofline down. Painters also would remove and refurbish the shutters along with repairing any damaged trim and siding.
- **When can we start the project?**
The timing depends on financing and availability of the painter. We will begin the work only when we know we have the backing and support of the congregation. It could be as early as this fall but more likely will be next spring.
- **How will we finance it?**
With an expenditure of this size, we need to plan carefully. One thought is to launch a capital fund-raising campaign. This would seek to cover the initial costs and financial support in paying back what we would need to borrow to cover the rest over a few years. We are open to other possibilities as well.

We also are looking for ways to encourage painters to discount their cost. Maybe they could use our prominent location to promote their company. Maybe the newspaper would mention them in an article. Maybe you have other ideas!

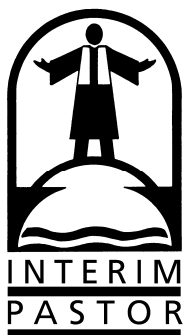
We hope that you are starting to get excited about having a crisp, clean, and safe church building again too. Please feel free to speak to anyone on the A&F Team because we'd love to hear your suggestions and answer your questions. Watch for updates as we gather more information.

—Neil Halbert, Chair of A&F

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Dear Friends,

'Tis June as I write this, but yet September will be here before we know it! At the Executive Council meeting this week we were planning for the months of September through December. Some traditional, and some new, programs are being planned. I have chosen to write about one of them in this month's newsletter article.

For seven "Wonderful Wednesday" nights beginning September 22 it will be my privilege to lead a study on **How We Got Our Bible**. Have you ever wondered who wrote it, over what period of time it was written and what is history in it and what is not? Have you noticed that there are two stories of creation in Genesis? Have you wondered whether there were other Gospels written and if so why the ones we have survived? We will look at those questions and many more, so I hope you will plan to be with us.

We begin with a light meal at 6:30 and then begin our study at 7:15. Come for both if you are able. If not come to the study at 7:15. We will conclude promptly at 8:30. I look forward to leading this time together and hope that you will join us.

Whatever your plans may be for the summer may you have a good time. When you are in town I look forward to seeing you at worship. In the meantime save those dates!

Sincerely,

George

George H. Sinclair, Jr., Interim Pastor

An Update from the Pastoral Search Committee

We have received 35 surveys and are processing them. If you forgot to drop yours off, or mail it in, please do so now. Everyone's opinion counts and we want to hear from you. If you have misplaced your survey and would like another one, please let someone on the search committee know and we will see that you get one right away.

This information will help us to know what you want in our next Pastor as well as give us some valuable information for our church profile.

Thank you!

Naomi Stanley, Chair – Pastoral Search Committee

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Diane Halbert

Chris Monaco

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Paul Moore

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Our Stewardship
Operating Receipts & Disbursements for May 2010

	2010 Budget	MAY	2010 YTD	BALANCE (Budget-YTD)
Receipts				
General Fund Pledges	\$ 52,832.00	\$ 4,692.89	\$ 20,663.89	\$ 32,168.11
Miscellaneous Donations, Gifts, Receipts	9,000.00	1,061.40	8,777.40	222.60
Loose Offering	4,500.00	517.50	1,839.50	2,660.50
Transfers From Endowment & Pleasant St. Accts.	20,000.00	-	-	20,000.00
Investments- Interest/Dividends	6,000.00	6.06	1,202.26	4,797.74
Fees	21,280.00	1,910.00	9,670.00	11,610.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 113,612.00	\$ 8,187.85	\$ 42,153.05	\$ 71,458.95
Disbursements				
Energy/Utilities	\$ 11,700.00	\$ 211.56	\$ 6,571.12	\$ 5,128.88
Pastoral Ministry	71,735.00	4,029.00	13,081.25	58,653.75
Maintenance	3,600.00	339.44	1,465.77	2,134.23
Office Expense	1,800.00	59.28	566.00	1,234.00
Worship & Religious Ed. Resources	7,550.00	851.30	2,673.08	4,876.92
Insurance	4,200.00	-	4,074.00	126.00
Salaries (Other than Pastor)	23,400.00	2,450.00	7,500.00	15,900.00
Miscellaneous	1,617.00	-	56.00	1,561.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 125,602.00	\$ 7,940.58	\$ 35,987.22	\$ 89,614.78
NET (RECEIPTS-DISBURSEMENTS)	\$ (11,990.00)	\$ 247.27	\$ 6,165.83	\$ (18,155.83)



SAVE THE DATE

We are having a Rummage Sale

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

We need your clean and saleable
clothing and shoes.

Please see Kathie Zeman for more information.

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Filling the Pulpit in August

August 1, The Rev. Dr. Joseph E. O'Donnell, Jr.

Joe having served FBC as an Interim is well known by many at the church. After serving Baptist churches in Haverhill, Weston and Winchester he had a long and distinguished career at ANTS where, by vote of the faculty and trustees, he is now Dean of Students and Director of Continuing Education, Emeritus. He is an active member of the First Baptist Church in Newton and has served there in many capacities. Presently he is a member of the Choir and of the Stewardship Committee. He and Hazel live in Newton at Lasell Village and have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. Joe will be preaching on Psalm 46: 1-5, and Luke 12: 13-34, "*Beware: Be on your guard against greed of every kind.*"

August 8, Christopher Lanzara, Esq.

Christopher has now finished all but one semester of his work at ANTS after which he will be ordained as a UCC minister. He just completed a year of Field Education at the First Baptist Church in Newton and our very own George Sinclair had the privilege of serving as the chair of the Teaching Parish Committee. He was well received and did fine work. Ministry is his third career for he has been a practicing lawyer and is an accomplished musician. Along the way he has also did some teaching.

August 15, Naomi Stanley

Naomi is an active member of this congregation. She currently serves as chair of the Search Committee. She has served the church in just about every job available—Moderator, Deacon, Chair of Missions, Worship Leader, Member of the Choir, and many more to numerous to mention.

August 22, The Rev. June R. Cooper

June is member of the First Baptist Church in Framingham having been a student pastor here and then serving for several years as our Minister of Outreach. A graduate of the Master of Divinity program at Andover Newton Theological School, June was ordained here at First Baptist. She works to more fully integrate the principles that motivate faith-based organizations with those that inform the system of community-based social and human services. She currently serves as Executive Director of the City Mission Society of Boston.

August 29, The Rev. Quentin Sewell

Quentin is another active member of this congregation. He currently serves on Board of Administration and Finance. In his many decades in ministry, he has served many churches as pastor and interim pastor. He will be preaching from Deuteronomy 15: 12-18 and Luke 4: 14-21, "*Limits of Liberty.*"

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El Salvador!

In August of this year, between the 19 – 24, six members from the Peniel Iglesia Bautista Church in Santa Elena will be here in Framingham to work side by side with us on our local missions. We are hoping that you will offer your home for them to stay in while they are here. These dates are tentative and should be firmed up shortly.

If you are able to host 1 or 2 of the group please speak to Naomi Stanley. The Mission Team, along with the short term missionaries who have journeyed to El Salvador are very excited for their arrival. We hope you will join with us as we welcome them to our country, our homes, and our church family.

Storage Requires Planning, Discipline

From the Spring 2010 Issue of Risk Reporter – a quarterly publication by Church Mutual Insurance Company

Spring cleaning isn't just for the home. Religious organizations also can benefit from setting aside time to freshen up their facilities. Although washing windows and cleaning floors are traditional tasks, spring is the perfect occasion to organize and clear out clutter while tackling any storage issues.

Inadequate storage space, compounded by too many possessions, is an issue faced by many places of worship. As items in storage compile over the years, they begin to spill out of conventional storage areas and into places not designed or safe for storage, such as boiler and mechanical rooms.

Storage areas stacked to the ceiling with heavy boxes could easily fall and injure someone. Clutter tends to block walkways, hallways and exits, presenting a tripping hazard and limiting options in the event of a fire or emergency.

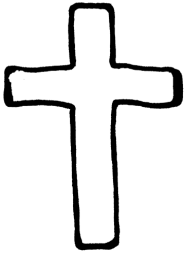
Worship centers especially tend to accumulate a large number of items over the years – from holiday decorations and boxes of files to old audio equipment and cleaning supplies.

“Purging items in storage at least once a year can help keep areas organized and efficient,” said Peter Walsh, organization expert for the popular TLC show “Clean Sweep.”

There are many different techniques for sorting through possessions; however, most involve a process of categorizing items into piles to keep, sell or donate and throw away. “Be realistic about the items you plan to keep, especially any items in storage that have not been used within the past year,” Walsh said. **“Generally, about 80% of what goes into storage never gets used.** Take a close look at the way you currently organize things, can you find items easily, and do they emerge from storage in good shape? Make the most of your storage space by using a combination of racks, shelving units and storage containers, such as boxes and bins. There are many inexpensive options available – find a system that meets your need and stick with it.”

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My Friends in Christ!

Thank you for coming and bringing your groups here last Saturday for our first, (and not our last) Youth Service Day. Not only did we get to see a lot of work being done to help the ministry of Grotonwood, but I saw the fellowship that each of you and your kids shared together as we played games that evening. I was personally blessed to have spent time with you all and hope that the experience was a blessing to you and your youth as well. God is doing great things in your midst and I rejoice to be a part of each of your groups. May God bless your families and your church youth as you continue to serve Him faithfully. Thank you again for your participation in this event.

Blessings in Christ, Bill Krueger

Dear Members of First Baptist Church,

Thank you for the lovely flowers and visit from Marilyn Wakeman and Ruthie Barlow. I enjoyed both very much.

Sincerely, Dorothy Pendelton



We will be taking the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering for the whole month of July

Where does your OGHS Offering go?

- To Burundi for flood relief
- To El Salvador for tropical storm relief
- To California for wildfire relief
- To the Calvary Baptist Church in Belmar, New Jersey for storm damage

July and August Birthdays



	<i>July</i>
2	Matthew Moore
4	Irene Hill
5	Ahlea Tucker
7	Ruth Barlow
9	Samantha Poole
11	Brad Woodhouse
16	Jocelyne Bayas
17	Lenz Bayas
22	Sarah Zeman
24	Tom Stefanini
26	AJ Mitchell
28	Edward Zeman
29	Patti Devine
31	Diane Halbert

	<i>August</i>
7	June Cooper
12	Catherine Paiva
17	Robert Hyslop
19	Jim Wakeman, Sr.
20	Erika Velazco
21	Ryan Watton
23	Tami Santiago
24	Roseanne Lowell
27	Amanda Sonnenberg
28	Scott Hyslop
29	Jeremy Adjei
30	Frank Schneider
31	Joel Bayas
31	Coleen Allen

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 12PM AA	3
4 Communion Sunday Prayer Circle CA 7-10PM	5 5:30PM AA	6 CA 7-10PM	7 12PM AA	8	9 12PM AA	10
11 CA 7-10PM	12 5:30PM AA	13 CA 7-10PM	14 12PM AA	15	16 12PM AA	17
18 CA 7-10PM	19 5:30PM AA	20 CA 7-10PM	21 12PM AA	22	23 12PM AA 3:30 PM MOMS Club	24
25 11:00 AM Deacons/Ministry Team Meeting CA 7-10PM	26 5:30PM AA	27 CA 7-10PM	28 12PM AA	29	30 12PM AA	31

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1 Communion Sunday Prayer Circle CA 7-10PM	2 5:30PM AA	3 CA 7-10PM	4 12PM AA	5	6 12PM AA	7
8 CA 7-10PM	9 5:30PM AA	10 CA 7-10PM	11 12PM AA	12	13 12PM AA	14
15 CA 7-10PM	16 5:30PM AA	17 CA 7-10PM	18 12PM AA 7PM Executive Council	19	20 12PM AA 3:30 PM MOMS Club	21
22 CA 7-10PM	23 5:30PM AA	24 CA 7-10PM	25 12PM AA	26	27 12PM AA	28
29 11:00 AM Deacons/Ministry Team Meeting CA 7-10PM	30 5:30PM AA	31		Notes: Calendar Events Subject to Change CA = Cathedral Agape		

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MID SUMMER FEST

Friday, July 30 - Sunday, August 1

Oceanwood Camp in Ocean Park, Maine



Come join us at Mid-Summer Festival
for food, fun, and friends!

- Bid on items at our auction
- Play games to win prizes
- Dunk our staff in a dunk tank
- Find bargains at our giant yard sale.