



Baptist Notes

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From the Pastor



A bold question to ask, but worthy of our time and reflection is, “What makes God angry?” The answer(s) are printed clearly in our scripture and can definitely be applied to our current day, and world circumstances. In the Old Testament we read of God singling out a family, which later evolved into a nation, for the purpose of establishing a covenant relationship. The Hebrew people were clearly in the heart of God, and at the same time often were the subject of God’s anger. The purpose of their special attention was to become a demonstration to the world of God’s promise; a promise from which they would benefit, and respond to with their fidelity. Their responsibility was two-fold: (1) to trust in God alone to meet their daily needs, and (2) to treat one another fairly and with respect. In response, God would fulfill their needs and provide for the whole nation, equitably. And, consequently their neighbors would see the truth of God, and follow in like manner.

The covenant broke down immediately. As God began to provide for food and national security, the people began to hoard and store up provisions, which consequently spoiled. And, rather than trusting God for security, begged for a military leader similar to other nations, rather than trusting in the providence of God. In short, taking matters into their own hands. Their lack of trust in God became a lack of trust in one another and led to typical behavior of a non-trusting environment; manipulation of resources, stealing, and cheating one another. All hell (separation from God) broke loose, and the covenant people, who were the object of God’s desiring, eventually found themselves the object of God’s wrath. What makes God angry? Broken promises and placing our trust, first, in anything other than our Lord. Similarly, treating one another in any way that diminishes dignity and honor.

In the New Testament we read of God’s desire to reconcile. This reconciliation was for more than one nation alone. This reconciliation was for all nations and all people, and came through the life and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The hope for the world was through faith and trust in one God for all humanity. The earliest followers of Christ assembled and became the seed of what we practice today through our faith in one Lord. Setting all doctrinal and denominational differences aside, the heart of God is for all people to Love the Lord with all our heart, and love one another as we are so loved by our Creator.

Any yet, we still struggle. The foundation of our struggle as people has and continues to be trust in the Lord. Trust for our security, fulfillment, and relating with one another in a fair and dignified way.

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What makes God angry? To break the covenant promise that our Creator will be our God, and we become the people and object of God's desiring. As we grieve together warring nations, national leaders flexing ego and aggression rather than diplomacy and cooperation, natural disasters flooding entire communities, as well as our greed and manipulation resulting in poverty and suffering, we too cry out for a reconciliation to God. What makes God angry is our giving into the temptation to take matters into our own hands rather than trusting in our Creator to provide. What we can do as a first step is to posture ourselves in a place to receive. This takes humility and trust, but is the necessary first step to becoming a reconciliation force to God in the world. As we receive, we are so inspired to share. It is in our sharing that we truly realize our purpose: To be God's people, receiving and sharing the blessings of God.

Jason

Church Notes

We offer our condolences to **Belta Ndzi** and her family upon the recent death of her mother.

Meet the Candidates: Thursday, October 19 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Greater Framingham Community Church. Get together to discuss Framingham concerns and meet the candidates for city offices.

Stewardship starts on October 29. Every Christian knows that we are called to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. But what about our wallet? We are asked to open it every Sunday when the offering basket comes by and are told that giving is a way of being a "good steward," but what about spending money at a restaurant or grocery store? We will use Best-selling author Mike Slaughter comprehensive look at how Christians use their money in *The Christian Wallet* as the inspiration for this year's campaign. Slaughter explores today's culture of consumerism and the impact of what we buy, asking difficult questions about morality and money. *The Christian Wallet* helps Christians grapple with important questions about stewardship: how we spend, how we live, how we save, how we give, and what it all means.

Church Rummage/Yard Sale Saturday, October 21 9 AM—2 PM

You can start bringing your items on Wednesday, October 18. There will be a designated area in Jefferson Hall where you can drop off your items.

Want to get involved? We need help on Friday, October 20 as we sort, organize and price items. Come to Reilly Hall anytime after 4:00 PM and we will be working. A light supper will be provided.

Help is also needed on the day of the Rummage/Yard sale. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Then we need help to sell and last but not least we need a clean up crew.

Be sure to stop by the day of the sale, there will be bargains galore and the very special "Baptist Boutique" where you will find designer labels at fantastic prices.

Bag sale starts a 1:00 p.m.

This year, all profits will go to the painting fund.

Please see Kathie Zeman to volunteer to help or call 508-875-2357 or email kczeman@gmail.com



October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	2	3	4 6:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays	5 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	6	7
8 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship Pot Luck Lunch	9	10	11 6:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays	12 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	13	14
15 Put Feet to Your Faith Sunday 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	16	17 7:00 pm A&F Meeting	18 7:00 pm Executive Council	19 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	20 4:00 pm Rummage/Yard Sale Set up	21 9:00 am Rummage/Yard Sale
22 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	23	24	25 6:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays	26 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	27	28
29 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	30	31				

Notes: AA meets : Monday evenings at 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. in the Children's Room
Wednesday and Friday at Noon in Reilly Hall

All calendar entries are subject to change



October Birthdays

- 3 Emylee Poole
- 4 Dotty Phillips
- 10 Lois Adams
- 15 Karen Reilly
- 18 Kelly Rutherford
- 20 Gregory Zeman
- 21 Connor Reilly
- 22 Tawanna Lewis
- 27 Arianna Lewis
- 31 Daniel Stearns

Millie Levin/Kathie Chute Scholarship Fund

The committee has chosen to award scholarships to six of our youth. They are:

Victory Barrack-Anidi
Diamond Campbell
Katie Donovan-Mailhoit
Ariana Lewis
Connor Reilly
Erika Velazco



This Scholarship is given in the Memory of Millie Levin, mother of teenagers, and Kathie Chute, a college youth. They both served their church, especially with the youth. Each year we like to remember them with this scholarship. Look for our Talent Show in the spring which will benefit this fund.

Diane Halbert/Marilyn Wakeman/Ray Zeman
ML/KC Scholarship Committee

Save the Date

4th Annual Keep the Promise

Join Family Promise Metrowest for an Evening of
Food Tasting and Auction to Benefit Families Who Are Homeless.

Date:

October 28, 2017

Time:

6:30–9:30 PM

Location:

Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center
1667 Worcester Rd., Framingham, MA

Enjoy delicious small-plate tastings from local restaurants.
Entertainment throughout the evening for your pleasure.

Tickets

Early Bird Ticket Sales

September 5 through October 9, 2017 ~ \$85

General Admission

October 10, 2017 ~ \$100

Purchase a table for 10 for reserved seating with table signage. ~ \$1,250

Visit our website for details and tickets:

www.501auctions.com/fpm or www.familypromisemetrowest.org



Family Promise Metrowest
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The Keep the Promise Committee has been busy planning for this year's event. We are very excited about our new venue, the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center in Framingham and the line up of restaurants taking part in the tasting. The new location allows us to have plenty of seating and space for our guests and the restaurants that are participating in the tasting.

Tickets are on sale now at \$85 each or you can purchase reserved seating and a table for \$1250 for 10 guests.

Tickets sold out last year one month before the event. Please get your tickets early. Thank you for your support.

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Put Feet to Your Faith Sunday, October 15

Mission opportunities will include the following:

- Visiting home-bound members - led by Mary Moore
- Serving a meal at the Turning Point Men's Shelter - led by Mary Moore and Jason Rutherford
- Painting and clean-up at a local shelter - led by Jason Rutherford
- Deliver food to A Place to Turn food pantry - led by Kelly Rutherford
- Happy Birthday Baby basket making - led by Lorna Mailhoit