



Baptist Notes

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From the Pastor



Holy Scripture is our resource for growing deeper in the wisdom and character of God. For example, in the twelfth chapter of Luke Jesus tells a story. The story is in response to someone in the crowd asking Jesus to settle a sibling rivalry over an inheritance. “Teacher, order my brother to give me a fair share of the family inheritance” (Luke 12:13). Jesus’ response to the person is to tell the story of a rich man who owns a farm. The farmer produces a terrific crop and decides his barn isn’t big enough. He decides to tear down the existing barn and build bigger barns in its place. Then, being impressed with his accumulation, says to himself, “I can now retire and relax, eat, drink, and be merry.” God speaks up and says that tonight the farmer will die and asks the farmer who will get his beautiful barns? Jesus tells the man in the crowd what will happen when you fill your barns with self rather than God. Jesus chose not to judge between the siblings, but rather offers wisdom in how to proceed.

This passage of scripture causes us to pause and consider what and for whom we live our life. In other passages of scripture Jesus challenges us to love God, serve others, and not store up treasure on earth where moths and rust destroy. We measure our worth by what we share and give to others, not accumulate for ourselves. Our heart will be where our treasure is, and what we treasure will consume our lives.

The invitation Jesus offered the crowd is to embrace what cannot be taken from us. We live in a material world, and are in need of provisions for our life, and this is not in dispute. However, Jesus cautions that we not be consumed by that which cannot last, but rather by what we cannot lose. When we face our sacred purpose for living, to be a community of faith and live in service to one another, we find our God-Given treasure. In the story Jesus told to the crowd, he reaffirms that some things pass away. This is true. Some things in our life have a shelf-life, and will not last. Our faith leads us to examine and know the difference between what will always be, and what is for only a season; then to assign an appropriate measure of care. Our heart will always follow our treasure, and our treasure will define our deepest need and consolation.

Jason

Church Notes

Since 2010 **Mrs. Wakeman** has volunteered to visit homebound and those in nursing homes and in the hospital. In 2011 she became First Baptist's Visitation Manager. She will be unable to continue visiting in 2017. She is pleased to inform you that Mary Moore will now do our visiting.

Our sympathy to **Jane Williams** on the loss of her sister, Paulette Harrison-Wells, who lived in Atlanta, and passed away on February 21st.

Earth Day - Textile Drive: We will be setting up a tent on the church green on **Saturday, April 29**, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please start now to gather donations from your home and ask all your friends to do the same. Here's what we'd like to collect, all of which must be clean:

- Clothing
- Hats
- Belts and ties
- Purses and tote bags
- Footwear (tied in pairs)
- Blankets
- Sheets
- Towels
- Soft or stuffed toys

We cannot take pillows. Although the donations must be clean, the clothes do not have to be wearable. Bag2School, the group that buys them from us, may sell those that are reusable. Torn and stained items can be recycled into other products. If you would like to join the fun in setting up, collecting donations, loading donations into a truck at the end, or cleaning up, please talk to Linda Devine.

Thanks to all who helped with the terrific **ML/KC Scholarship Fund Talent Show**. Over 25 people participated in the recent extravaganza. Special thanks to those young people who shared their talents: Annabelle, Annalis, Daniel, Evan, Isabella, Janie, Jillian, Jubilee, Katie, Marcus, and Sarah. Thanks to all who provided goodies for the bake sale. **We added \$622.50 to the scholarship fund!!** Anyone who is applying to college, or is continuing for another year, or taking any educational course may obtain a copy of the application from Diane Halbert, Marilyn Wakeman or Ray Zeman, the Scholarship Committee. Please return before June 1.



8th Annual Walk Away Homelessness Walkathon Saturday, April 8

**Natick Community Senior Center
117 East Central Street, Natick**



Registration : 8:00am
Walk Begins : 9:00am

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY

Music, children's crafts, face painting and much more!

Your participation is key to the success of our programs for the families we serve. All proceeds benefit Metrowest Family Promise. For details visit: www.familypromisemetrowest.org or call 508-318-4820

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship Potluck Lunch	3	4	5 Wonderful Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:15 p.m. Bible Study	6 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	7	8 Family Promise Walkathon
9 Palm/Passion Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship	10	11	12 Wonderful Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:15 p.m. Bible Study	13 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	14	15 Noon Good Friday Service
16 Easter 7:00 a.m. SonRise Service 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Egg Hunt after Worship	17	18 7:15 pm A&F Meeting	19 7:00 pm Executive Council	20 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	21	22
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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

Word of Life Church meets: Sunday evening from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and hall
 Tuesday evening from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the hall

All calendar entries are subject to change

April Birthdays



- 5 Warren Leach
- 6 Inez Villaro
- 9 Beulah Novinger
- 12 Catherine Azurin
- 13 William Perry
- 13 Alex Vaz
- 14 Mary Moore
- 18 Chester Azurin
- 18 Marge Oxford
- 19 Martin Acevedo
- 20 Howard Lewis
- 27 Shirley Ross
- 27 Alan Harrington
- 29 Caroline Harrington
- 29 Jeffrey Harrington



EASTER OFFERING

Executive Council has voted that the Easter Offering be designated for first floor interior updates (mostly bathrooms).

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HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday

10:45 a.m. Worship

Thursday, April 13

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service in Reilly Hall

Friday, April 14

Noon One Hour Service at St. Andrews Episcopal Church

Sunday, April 16 - Easter

7:00 a.m. Sun Rise Service on Church Green followed by breakfast

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School, no Sunday School for children

10:45 a.m. Easter Worship Service - Children will be singing

Following worship Easter Egg Hunt