



Baptist Notes

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From the Pastor



I believe with all conviction that in every person is the need and desire to worship. This is part of our spiritual DNA from God. We will identify something or someone as the object of our worship, and what we choose will guide our life. Anything that becomes the object of our desire and what we worship is given the power to shape and lead our lives. We must choose faithfully, and we must choose deliberately our one, true Lord. As we enter the Easter season, my prayer is we will clarify that our God is the only part of our lives worthy of worship.

One faith-filled moment of worship and affection for the Lord can be found in the New testament shortly before the crucifixion of Jesus. Mary of Bethany, one of at least six identified people named Mary in the New Testament, demonstrated sincere worship of the Lord. In the twelfth chapter of John we read of a visit by Jesus to the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. These three siblings frequently hosted Jesus when he was in Bethany. The scripture reads that while Martha was preparing the meal, Jesus was sitting around a table with Lazarus, Mary, and other disciples. While they were seated, Mary opened a very valuable bottle of perfume, poured it on his feet, and proceeded to wipe his feet with her hair.

Although she drew criticism from Judas, the disciple who would later betray Jesus, Mary was steadfast. This was an extraordinary moment and one that continues to inspire us today. Mary was completely caught up in this moment of giving her affection to Jesus, not distracted or tempted to waver for any reason. Also, Mary brought to the feet of Jesus something of great value and gave it liberally. How are we, too, inspired by Mary? **First, we can live fully in the moment of our worship**, not wavering or distracted for any reason. We can worship with the conviction that there is no other earthly way to substitute or replace this time together with the Lord. Every worship time is an opportune time to grow deeper in our affection for our Lord and be led deeper in service to one another. **Second, we can bring to the Lord what is most valuable from our life**, remembering that as we bless the source of our life, so we are blessed. The spirit of God is among us throughout our days. We are privileged to be together during this holy season of remembrance, sharing in the rich glories of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jason



9th Annual ***Walk to End Homelessness*** Walkathon

SATURDAY, April 7, 2018

at the Natick Community Senior Center (117 E. Central Street)

Registration opens at 8:00 AM

Join WROR 105.7 FM radio personality LBF and hundreds of walkers of all ages for fun, music, food, face painting, prizes and more!

Special Guest: Laura Vecchione

TOGETHER WE WILL WALK TO END HOMELESSNESS!

Church Notes

Wallace Jack Bennett, 92, passed away on Sunday, March 4th in in Charlton. Our sympathy to his son, Richard, and his daughter Deborah Curran, and their families. Jack was a long time member of Park Street Baptist and First Baptist.

Save the Date: **Campership Sunday** - May 6. Breeze Lucas from Grotonwood will speak during the morning service. We will take a freewill offering for the fund. Over the last few years we have had children and youth attend both Grotonwood and Oceanwood camps.

We will celebrate **Children's Sunday** on June 10.

Volunteer Opportunity: Guests from Family Promise MetroWest will be hosted at First Parish in Framingham for one week from Sunday, April 15th to Sunday, April 22nd. Together, we will provide food, shelter and camaraderie for homeless families from our community. We need volunteers to provide dinner; others to share a meal, conversation and activities with guests (including their children) during the evening hours; and still other volunteers to stay overnight. We also need people to help us on Saturday, April 14th to transport beds, bedding and supplies from storage to First Parish (and return to St. Andrews on Sunday, April 22nd). There is also a need for volunteers to do set-up on the first Sunday, April 15th after the service and then take-down just before the service on April 22nd. If you can do laundry, that is greatly appreciated also. Please contact Lecia Schronce if you can help.

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1 Easter Sunday</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship</i>	9	10	11	12 <i>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</i>	13	14
15 <i>9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship 12:15 p.m. Missions</i>	16	17 <i>7:15 pm A&F Meeting</i>	18 <i>7:00 pm Executive Council</i>	19 <i>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</i>	20	21
22 <i>9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship</i>	23	24	25	26 <i>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</i>	27	28
29 <i>9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship</i>	30					

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

All calendar entries are subject to change

April Birthdays

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| 5 Warren Leach | 14 Mary Moore |
| 6 Inez Villaro | 18 Chester Azurin |
| 8 Marge Oxford | 19 Martin Acevedo |
| 9 Beulah Novinger | 27 Shirley Ross |
| 12 Catherine Azurin | 27 Alan Harrington |
| 13 William Perry | 29 Caroline Harrington |
| 13 Alex Vaz | 29 Jeffrey Harrington |



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Thanks to all who helped with the terrific **ML/KC Scholarship Fund Talent Show**. Over 20 people participated in the recent extravaganza. Many thanks to those who shared their talents: Evan and Janie Harris, Katie Shea, Jillian Kelley, the entire Thompson family, Paul Moore, Cathy Lewis, the Rutherford family, Linda Devine, Naomi Stanley, Sarah Russo, Kathie, Ray and Ed Zeman, Dan Cetrone, and our emcee - Jay Reilly.

Thanks to all who provided goodies for the bake sale. This year we added a small Silent Auction - only three items - inspired by Lecia's donation of a handmade quilt.

We added over \$1050.00 to the scholarship fund!! Our best year by far!

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.

