



THE BEACONLIGHT



Newsletter of the First Baptist Church of Fitchburg

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Dear Congregation,

This past month has seen many changes. Some good, some sad, and sadly the weather was not one of them. With so many dreary days and the sorrow of saying farewell for now to a dear friend and fellow worshiper, it can be hard to remember that the winter has passed and, even as I write this, there are faithful signs that all things are being restored and made new.

The petals on shrubs and buds on the trees remind us that just as God promised that the days would one day be warm again and full of sunlight as He said, "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." (*Genesis 8:22, NRSV*), we can trust that the words spoken through the Apostle Paul are also true:

"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:4-6).

The Lord has blessed us with many things over this past year, both within the physical structure of our church, and in the fellowship of those who have joined us as a body of worshipers. The hard work, determination, and willingness to share of the gifts that God has blessed us with have not been sewn in vain. The Good work that was begun in 2018 has carried on and will continue to completion until Christ returns, not because of who we are, but because of the promise of the One who loves us so.

So in any moments of despair, when things still seem to be at a standstill, I ask you to trust that just as surely as the Lord is working miracles below the surface of the ground that seem to come up into sight all of the sudden, as if out of nowhere, so is He also working in your unique situation behind the scenes for your good.

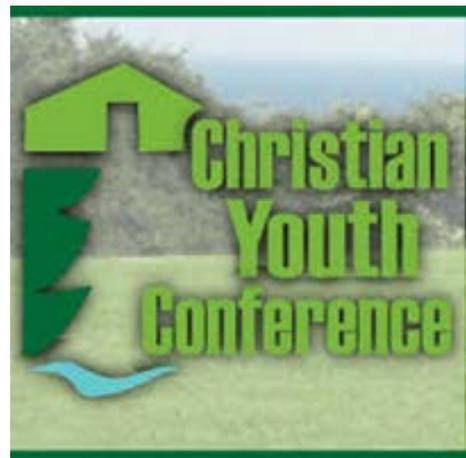
I pray for an abundant, unexpectant breakthrough for each of you this season, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Regards,

Pastor Meredith

May's Special Offering:

Camperships



Help are young people to be able to go to camp this summer.....

Along with money raised through this special offering this month, every registered camper will receive a one hundred campership from Central Massachusetts Baptist Association. Deadline for camperships is Sunday, June 9, 2019; please see Mark Bigelow for all the information.

Dear Friends,

The longer Mindi and I work with the kids in trouble, especially the boys who we see in the juvenile lock ups that we visit, the more I am convinced that one of the most important parts of our ministry in THE WAY UP is simply to be a friend. That is where we can best stand in for Christ.

A couple of weeks ago we were discussing the parable of the Prodigal son. The kids can relate to wanting to run away from home like the prodigal son did. The boy in the parable took his inheritance and left his father's home to party and have fun, which he felt he needed to do.

These young people are often looking for a family to be there for them. They didn't feel important and valued at home. We were noticing that the boy in the Biblical story didn't respect his father or anyone else either. He just wanted to leave and live his life away from rules and regulations. Out of nowhere came a voice that blurted out "I live in the house of sin." Everyone turned to see if it was Joey. He was new to this institution as of yesterday. No one knew much about him. We didn't want him to share too much and regret it later. I paused and said I was sorry to hear that, but I understood this happens sometimes and if we know it is a bad environment to be in, we need to look for a better living situation to live in. Sometimes, I said, if your parents aren't parenting you, you have to parent yourself. He then said, "yes, your right. It is more comfortable to live in lock ups than with my so-called family. Here I have a warm place to live, food three times a day, snacks throughout the day, a bed of my own with sheets and blankets (He confided that he never had a bed before)

and people who will talk to you without screaming." This young man became an active member of our youth church. He was eager to help us clean up when our service was over.

We are into our Lenten Services and the kids are seeing the stories of Jesus in a different format every time they come. They will get palms to wave for Jesus as He enters into their hearts. We will have eggs for them to dye, while we talk about the meaning of the colored egg. Then our conclusion, during Easter week, they will learn Christ was buried and arose on the third day. Easter is the day on which Christ arose. We tell them about the love of God for them . . . and we try to show them how much God loves them by having Jesus die on the cross for each one of us.

We encourage you to remember the overwhelming love of God, which still comes to us through Jesus Christ. Happy Resurrection Day!!!

Sincerely,
Patti Langevin

P.S. If you or your church group would like to support the missionary work we do in the name of Jesus Christ, please send a check to THE WAY UP at the address listed below and below. Remember we have no particular church or church group to support us. We depend on individual givers, like you. Your contribution may be tax-deductible.

Thanks.

THE WAY UP - P.O. Box 5 - West Bridgewater, MA 02379-0005

Local News

Our church supports TABCOM and Grotonwood/Oceanwood by donating to the Region Offering, (a.k.a Friends of Regional Ministries). That support is used for camperships, facility development, new resources and helping TABCOM resource churches. It is very appreciated and along with that appreciation is a standing invitation to visit the camps or attend a regional event.

For more information, call 617 721-5738 or visit our Website at www.TABCOM.org.

*On Mother's Day Sunday, May 12, 2019
Love Gift Boxes will be collected*



Love Gift Boxes are available on the table in the hallway or see Marilyn Carter.

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*First Baptist Church of Fitchburg
Adams Fellowship Hall*

*Every Monday Night
7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.*

Notice

*The Beaconlight is getting smaller
That's because the same few people
contribute to it.*

*Without input there may be no
Beaconlight in the near future!*

*Any suggestions?
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Recipe of the Month

Chocolate and Caramel-Cinnamon Roll Skewers



Ingredients:

1 can Pillsbury Grands! Flaky Supreme refrigerated cinnamon rolls with icing

5 (12 or 10-inch) wooden skewers

25 caramels, unwrapped (from 14-oz bag)

1 tablespoon milk

3/4 cup Fisher Chef's Naturals® Chopped Pecans

3/4 cup Hershey's milk chocolate baking chips

1 teaspoon Crisco Pure Vegetable Oil

Preparation:

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Line large cookie sheet with cooking parchment paper or spray with Crisco® Original No-Stick Cooking Spray. Separate dough into 5 rolls; reserve icing. Unroll each roll into a strip; thread each strip onto wooden skewer. Place on cookie sheet.

Bake 13 to 19 minutes or until golden brown. Place piece of waxed paper under cooling rack. Transfer skewers from cookie sheet to cooling rack.

Meanwhile, in 2-quart saucepan over low heat, heat caramels and milk, stirring occasionally, until caramels are melted. Place pecans on piece of waxed paper. Generously drizzle caramel mixture lengthwise over cinnamon roll strips; roll in pecans. Return to cooling rack.

In small resealable freezer plastic bag, place chocolate chips and oil; seal bag. Microwave on High 15 to 25 seconds or until softened. Gently squeeze bag until chocolate is smooth; cut off tiny corner of bag. Squeeze bag to drizzle chocolate crosswise over cinnamon roll strips.

Place reserved icing in small resealable freezer plastic bag; seal bag. Microwave on High 10 seconds or until softened. Gently squeeze bag until icing is smooth; cut off tiny corner of bag. Squeeze bag to drizzle icing crosswise over cinnamon roll skewers. Serve warm.



May Birthdays

- 2. Rhonda Becotte
- 6. Paulo Gomes
- 10. Peter Sprigg
- 12. Eric Yangsi
- 16. June Dawson
- 16. Betty Rousell
- 23. Betty Holland
- 25. Pastor Ken Whitson
- 27. Connie Gariepy



Happy Anniversary

May Anniversaries

- 7. Glenn & June Dawson
- 7. Joe & Amy Weeks
- 19. Wilfrid & Connie Gariepy



IF YOU'RE BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY IS NOT HERE, LET US KNOW AND WE'LL INCLUDE IT IN THE BEACONLIGHT! REMEMBER TO NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO YOUR ADDRESS OR TO OUR MONTHLY LISTING OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
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PRAYER LIST

Anoura Rose Angelini

Atera Ngange

Bette Adams

Cindy Beck

Connie & Will Gariepy

Daniel Bascomb

Kathy Gosselin

Kim & Katie (Bette Adams daughter & granddaughter)

Linda Gosselin

Mark & Diane Bigelow

Marsha – return of lung cancer

Nancy Peters

Renee Brideau - Crohn's Disease

Roberta Poole

Susan Force (Bette Adams daughter)

Tom and Karen Adams

Karen Simpson

Marilyn Carter

Roger Steward

Roberta Steward

Roger Abell

Pastor Becky

John Mim

Elaine Corzine

Martha Quinn

Brady, Amy Giordano / Weeks

Pastor Garcia & his ministry

First Baptist of Wakefield

Our Missionaries

Rovaungha Richardson

Marilyn Raatz

Daniel Auguste and the Haitian

Missionary Team



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