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The Lord's Baseball Game

Bob and the Lord stood by to observe a baseball game.

The Lord's team was playing Satan's team.

The Lord's team was at bat; the score was zero to one, and it was the bottom of the ninth inning with two outs.

They continued to watch as a batter stepped up to the plate whose name was Love. Love swung at the first pitch and hit a single, because Love never fails.

The next batter was named Faith, who also got a single because Faith works wonders with Love.

The next batter up was named Godly Wisdom. Satan wound up and threw the first pitch. Godly Wisdom looked it over and let it pass. Ball one! Three more pitches and Godly Wisdom walked, because Godly Wisdom never swings at what Satan throws.

The bases are loaded. The Lord then turns to Bob and told him he was going to bring in His star player. Up to bat stepped Grace. Bob said "he sure doesn't look like much!". Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw Grace. Thinking he had won the game, Satan wound up and fired his first pitch. To the shock of everyone, GRACE HIT THE BALL HARDER THAN ANYONE HAD EVER SEEN.

But Satan was not worried, his center fielder let very few get by. He went up for the ball, but it went right through his glove, hit him on the head and sent him crashing to the ground. Then it continued over the fence for a home run!

The Lord's team won! The Lord asked Bob if he knew why Love, Faith and Godly Wisdom could get on base, but could not win the game. Bob answered that he did not know why. The Lord explained, "If your love, faith and wisdom had won the game, you would think you had done it by yourself. Love, Faith and Wisdom can get you on base, but only MY Grace can you get home. My Grace is the only thing Satan cannot steal."



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Rev. Mary Day Miller Called as TABCOM Executive Minister

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 6/23/15)—The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts has announced the election of the Rev. Mary Day Miller as Executive Minister of the region. The election was held on Saturday, June 20, 2015, and with 66 Churches, representing 7 associations registered, the motion to elect the Rev. Miller as the Executive Minister was passed by a large majority vote. Information concerning the Service of Installation will be released in the near future.



“Mary not only brings significant experience in pastoral and regional ministry, we have experienced her as a people person and a dynamic leader. In the short time she has spent with us, we have evidenced a real concern and desire to embrace the entire region, particularly portions of our region that are inactive. Her leadership and personality have birthed a renewed hope for the vitality of our region,” said the Rev. Dr. Howard A. McLendon, president and chairperson of the Board of Directors, The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts.

Prior to this new position, Miller has served as Associate Executive Minister of Mid-American Baptist Churches since August 2012, serving as regional staff to 130+ churches in Iowa and Minnesota.

Executive Minister of Mid-American Baptist Churches Marshall Peters said, “Mary has shown her strong leadership and relational skills in both the pastoral and regional staff setting. While we are sorry to her leave us, we are glad to know that she will have greater opportunities to use these gifts as she serves as the Executive Minister of TABCOM and as a leader in the wider ABC family.”

“Mary brings a deep commitment to the ABC, significant pastoral experience, as well as regional ministry experience to this new position. I am excited about the future of TABCOM as the region and their new executive discern God’s pathways,” said Rev. Dr. C. Jeff Woods, associate general secretary for Regional Ministries.

Miller also served in two long-term pastorates, as pastor of First Baptist Church in Fredericktown, Ohio, from 1999-2012, and pastor of Memorial Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, from 1988-1998.

She holds a Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Science degree from Virginia Commonwealth University, and is currently enrolled in a Doctor of Ministry program through Central Baptist Theological Seminary, with plans to complete this in 2017.

American Baptist Churches is one of the most diverse Christian denominations today, with over 5,200 local congregations comprised of 1.3 million members, across the United States and Puerto Rico, all engaged in God’s mission around the world.

Bellow is the remainder of our SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Worship services always start at 10:00 AM

Sunday, July 5th: FBC – Mr. Ken Whitson is Guest Preacher.

Sunday, July 12th: FBC Deacons Meeting @ 8:00AM

FBC – Mr. Edward Guerard is Guest Preacher.

Sunday, July 19th: Joint Worship @ First Baptist Church Gardner
14 High Street, Gardner, MA. 01440

Sunday, July 26th: FBC – Congregation-Led Hymn Sing & Scripture Reading

Sunday, August 2nd: Together in Ministry Joint Worship @ Rollstone Cong.
Church
199 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA. 01420 (across the Intermodal
Station)

Sunday, August 9th: FBC Deacons Meeting @ 8:00AM

Together in Ministry Joint Worship @ First Baptist
Church
- Mr. Jordan Daigle is Guest Preacher.

Sunday, August 16th: Together in Ministry Joint Worship @ Trinity Cong.
Church
125 Rollstone Street, Fitchburg, MA. 01420 (little white painted
church)

Sunday, August 23rd: Together in Ministry Joint Worship @ Faith United
Parish
820 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA. 01420 (next to Sentinel &
Enterprise)

Sunday, August 30th: Together in Ministry Joint Worship @ Faith United
Parish

First Baptist Church

1400 John Fitch Highway

Fitchburg, MA 01420



Saturday, July 11, 2015 and Saturday, August 15, 2015

9:00 A.M. to Noon Church Parking Lot

\$ 3.00 Donation



The Resume of Jesus Christ

Address: Ephesians 1:20

Phone: Romans 10:13

Website: The Bible.

Keywords: Christ, Lord, Savior and Jesus

Hello. My name is Jesus -The Christ . Many call me Lord! I've sent you my resume because I'm seeking the top management position in your heart. Please consider my accomplishments as set forth in my resume.

Qualifications

- * I founded the earth and established the heavens, (See Proverbs 3:19)
- * I formed man from the dust of the ground, (See Genesis 2:7)
- * I breathed into man the breath of life, (See Genesis 2:7)
- * I redeemed man from the curse of the law, (See Galatians 3:13)
- * The blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant comes upon your life through me, (See Galatians 3:14)

Occupational Background

- * I've only had one employer, (See Luke 2:49).
- * I've never been tardy, absent, disobedient, slothful or disrespectful.
- * My employer has nothing but rave reviews for me, (See Matthew 3:15-17)

Skills Work Experiences

- * Some of my skills and work experiences include: empowering the poor to be poor no more, healing the brokenhearted, setting the captives free, healing the sick, restoring sight to the blind and setting at liberty them that are bruised, (See Luke 4:18).
- * I am a Wonderful Counselor, (See Isaiah 9:6). People who listen to me shall dwell safely and shall not fear evil, (See Proverbs 1:33).
- * Most importantly, I have the authority, ability and power to cleanse you of your sins, (See I John 1:7-9)

Educational Background

- * I encompass the entire breadth and length of knowledge, wisdom and understanding, (See Proverbs 2:6).
- * In me are hid all of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, (See Colossians 2:3).
- * My Word is so powerful; it has been described as being a lamp unto your feet and a lamp unto your path, (See Psalms 119:105).
- * I can even tell you all of the secrets of your heart, (See Psalms 44:21).

Major Accomplishments

- * I was an active participant in the greatest Summit Meeting of all times, (See Genesis 1:26).
- * I laid down my life so that you may live, (See II Corinthians 5:15).
- * I defeated the archenemy of God and mankind and made a show of them openly, (See Colossians 2:15).
- * I've miraculously fed the poor, healed the sick and raised the dead!
- * There are many more major accomplishments, too many to mention here. You can read them on my website, which is located at: [www dot - the BIBLE](http://www.dot-theBIBLE.com). You don't need an Internet connection or computer to access my website.

References

- * Believers and followers worldwide will testify to my divine healings, salvation, deliverance, miracles, restoration and supernatural guidance

In Summation

Now that you've read my resume, I'm confident that I'm the only candidate uniquely qualified to fill this vital position in your heart. In summation, I will properly direct your paths, (See Proverbs 3:5-6), and lead you into everlasting life, (See John 6:47). When can I start? Time is of the essence, (See Hebrews 3:15).

Recipes of the Month

Grilled Pork Chops and Sweet Potato Foil Packets



Ingredients:

- 1 cup Manwich® Original Sloppy Joe Sauce
- 1 teaspoon Gulden's® Spicy Brown Mustard
- No-Stick Cooking Spray
- 10 ounces frozen Alexia® Waffle Cut Sweet Potato Seasoned Fries (about 20 pieces)
- 2 medium ears fresh sweet corn, husks removed, quartered
- 4 thick-cut boneless pork chops (4 chops = 1-1/3 pounds)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons chopped green onions

Preparation:

Preheat gas grill for medium-high heat. Combine Sloppy Joe sauce and mustard in small bowl; set aside. Place four 18x12-inch pieces of heavy aluminum foil on counter. Spray each with cooking spray. Evenly place sweet potatoes and corn on each piece of foil. Top sweet potatoes with pork; sprinkle pork with salt and pepper. Spoon sauce over pork. Double fold top and ends of each piece of foil, leaving space for steam to gather. Place packets on grate; cover grill. Grill 15 minutes or until pork is cooked through (145°F) and corn is tender. Carefully open packets; sprinkle with green onions

Grilled Peach and Blueberry Foil Packet



Ingredients:

- 2 cups sliced fresh peaches (2 cups = about 4 small)
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 2 tablespoons firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon Parkay® Original Spread-tub
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 4 containers (4 fl oz each) Healthy Choice® Vanilla Bean Greek Frozen Yogurt

Preparation:

Preheat gas grill for medium heat. Meanwhile, combine peaches, blueberries, brown sugar, Parkay and nutmeg in medium bowl. Place one 18x18 piece of heavy aluminum foil on counter. Place fruit mixture in center of foil. Double fold top and ends of foil, leaving space for steam to gather. Place packet on grate; cover grill. Grill 15 minutes or until fruit is tender. Carefully open packet; serve warm fruit over Greek frozen yogurt.

Local News

Stewardship



As a church family we approach the summer months.... Vacation and Family time ...

Please remember to keep your pledge up to date, the operation of the church continues through the summer.....

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First Baptist Church of Fitchburg On the Web & Social Media!

Hooray! Yes, our church finally has a real website and domain name. You can now find the church on the internet by going to www.firstbaptistfitchburg.org. Check out the website! I think that you'll love how it looks and you can get the church's basic information of services, history, monthly Beaconlight newsletter, up-coming events, and more.

Also, the church is now on Facebook! Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistchurchfitchburg> and then click on the page "Like" button to follow and keep up-to-date on things posted. I am going to do my best about posting videos of sermons from worship (when I am present at worship).

Please, visit both our website and our Facebook page. Tell your friends about both. Help our congregation become more visible to our local community but also the wider community. We are now in the internet, so let us harness this ability to further the ministry of our congregation!

Careful Planning Makes a Difference

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Elder and Disability Law
Medicaid Planning
Estate Planning
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Probate Avoidance

Please consider signing up for...

Worship Leader
Usher
Door Greeter
or Coffee Hour

We all enjoy these services!

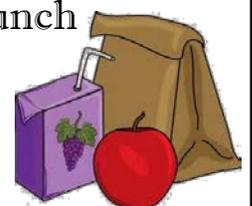


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Brown Bag Lunch

&

Bible Study



Every Wednesday @ 11:30 am



July/August Birthdays

July

- 5. Caitlin Blake (9th)
- 13. Tom Adams, Jr.
- 18. Pastor Jean Wright
- 20. Jean Osgood
- 23. Andrew Auger (12)
- 23. Christina Jaramillo
- 27. Courage Yangsi

August

- 4. Mark Bigelow
- 4. Lizzi Estrela
- 7. Katie Becotte
- 8. Kim Rooney
- 12. Leo Becotte
- 13. Megan Force (22)
- 13. Anne Mutindwa
- 19. Kaitlin Rooney (22)
- 28. Ashley Brunt



Happy Anniversary

July/August Anniversaries



July

- 3. Humphrey & Anne Mutindwa
- 12. Jim & Lynne Ruschioni
- 19. Leo & Rhonda Becotte
- 29. Bob & Karen Simpson

August

- 7. Jim & Diane Hope
- 24. Mark & Diane Bigelow
- 31. Tom & Debi Cross



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



Ardath's nephew John
Anne Ndunda's sister, Jane, in Dubai
Anne's brother, Michael
Anne's mother – trying to settle estate
Amy & Kylie Dresser
Allen Anderson's Family & Friends
Bette Adams & Mittens
Cindy Beck
Charleston Emmanuel AME Church
Diane Hope's friend's mother who fell
Elaine Corzine
Four-year old girl with cancer
George and Shirley Saari and family
Graglenn Mitchell
Jessica
Jim Benton
John Cross – health concerns, feeling good
John Fasik
Kaitlin Rooney & Kim Rooney
Karen Knowles
Kathy Gosselin
Kristy Engel, in Liberia
Linda Gosselin
Lorna Brown
Madeline, daughter of Linda's
friend, chronic pain due to injury
Mark & Diane Bigelow
Mark Gosselin
Marsha – return of lung cancer
Michael – shed collapsed on him



Nancy Peters
Norman Bigelow & Family
Pastor Becky – on sabbatical
Roberta Poole
Ruth Abell & Family
Sandra Dorsainville's father in Haiti
Shirley Webster
Ted Syphrit
Tim Primeau and family
Will's Son-in-Law – had cancer removed

World Mission offering
Our Missionaries
Our congregation and the communities
around us
People killed, uprooted, and terrorized by
ISIS
People of Nepal – still recovering from
earthquake
People of western U.S. - storms

IN NURSING HOMES



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