



THE BEACONLIGHT



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Dear Congregation,

There have been many changes since Fall 2018. As a team, the sanctuary, rooms and building that comprise our Father's house have been made safe and beautiful for His glorification. I am honored to be part of a congregation that desires to utilize the blessings that have been entrusted to them for the sake of the safety and wellbeing of those who dwell both inside and outside the walls of our home to God's glory.

I am reminded of when the Israelites were sent out from their comfortable beds in Egypt to go into a wilderness in order to worship God. At the time they were called, they were lacking in those material things that were required in order to sustain themselves and dwell outside of their protected homes on their own.

Yet the Lord insured that His people went out into their future with more wealth than they had ever seen. They were made rich in precious metals, linens, jewels, and treasures beyond their imagining through the things that had been gifted them by the people they were leaving (Exodus 12:35-36), however the wealth was not given them for their own sake. The Lord was providing all the building materials they would require in order to create a nation set apart with His holy Presence in residence among them.

God's people had been given the means to build the Ark of the covenant, the Tent of meeting, the Ephod, priestly garments and riches that would one day be admired throughout the known world (Exodus 25-28), each given and created to the glory of God, for His purpose.

As we turn a new page in the story of FBC Fitchburg, let us be encouraged and excited that the Lord has indeed given us all that is required in order to glorify Him, educate His children and care for His people. We may not be carrying jewels and precious metals, however He has given us far more precious commodities as we go forth to spread His love to others.; His Word, His Spirit and His presence.

We have been given the nourishing Bread of Life, Living water, the Word of God, the Holy Spirit who goes with us, in us, and the Lord's blessing so that we can carry the Light of God into our homes, our town, our state and nation with confidence, assured that the Lord Himself goes before us, so I ask each of you, let us go forth rejoicing into this new territory of ministry, together, for the Lord has provided all that we need for all that He has planned for us, and with His help, we can accomplish amazing things, together.

Regards,
Pastor Meredith

Upcoming Events

- October 12, 2019 **Lady's Circle Meeting 9:30 A.M. Refreshments,
10:00 A.M. Meeting**
- October 13, 2019 **Deacon's Meeting following Coffee Time**
- October 14, 2019 **Columbus Day**
- October 20, 2019 **Kitchen Committee Meeting following Coffee Time**
- October 20, 2019 **We will be having a visiting missionary from
*Light A Candle ministries.***
- Nov 1 – 3, 2019 **Fall Vacation for Adults with Disabilities
Hosted by [Grotonwood Camp & Conference Center](#)
Call for details (978) 448-5763**
- Nov 22-24, 2019 **Women Oasis Weekend: Empowerment
Hosted by [Oceanwood](#)
Call for details (207) 934-9655**

Bible Study Every Tuesday Afternoon at 2:00 P.M.

Al-Anon Every Monday Night at 7:00 P.M.

TO BE ANNOUNCED: "A SERVICE OF BELIEVERS BAPTISM"

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Just a Chuckle

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque.

It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it.

The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up; stood beside the little boy; and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning. Pastor," he replied, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor, what is this?"

The pastor replied, "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, "Which service, the 8:00 or the 10:30?"

Recipe of the Month

Country Chicken Casserole



Ingredients:

1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's® Condensed Cream of Celery Soup (Regular or 98% Fat Free)

1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's® Condensed Cream of Potato Soup

1 cup milk

1/4 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed

1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper

4 cups cooked cut-up vegetables *

2 cups cubed cooked chicken or turkey

4 cups prepared Pepperidge Farm® Herb Seasoned Stuffing

Preparation:

Stir the soups, milk, thyme, black pepper, vegetables and chicken in a 3-quart shallow baking dish. Top with the stuffing.

Bake at 400 degrees F. for 25 minutes or until the stuffing is golden brown.

Chef's Notes:

Use a combination of cut green beans and sliced carrots

Local News



Congratulations

Rev. Meredith Christian

*Let May Goff know your favorite hymn
We will sing one a week as long as they last*



Careful Planning Makes a Difference

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The Charles Blondin Story

I love using the Charles Blondin story as an illustration of faith! Not only was he a fascinating man, but the story of his pushing a wheelbarrow across Niagara Falls is one in which kids as well as adults can identify the difference between mere belief (head knowledge) and true faith (belief in action; heart knowledge).



An Acrobat, A Wheelbarrow, and a Challenge of Faith

Can you imagine a tightrope stretched over a quarter of a mile and spanning the breadth of Niagara Falls? The thundering sound of the pounding water drowning out all other sounds as you watch a man step onto the rope and walk across!

This stunning feat made Charles Blondin famous in the summer of 1859. He walked 160 feet above the falls several times back and forth between Canada and the United States as huge crowds on both sides looked on with shock and awe. Once he crossed in a sack, once on stilts, another time on a bicycle, and once he even carried a stove and cooked an omelet!

On July 15, Blondin walked backward across the tightrope to Canada and returned pushing a wheelbarrow.

The Blondin story is told that it was after pushing a wheelbarrow across while blindfolded that Blondin asked for some audience participation. The crowds had watched and "Oooooohed" and "Aaaaahed!" He had proven that he could do it; of that, there was no doubt. But now he was asking for a volunteer to get into the wheelbarrow and take a ride across the Falls with him!

It is said that he asked his audience, "Do you believe I can carry a person across in this wheelbarrow?" Of course the crowd shouted that yes, they believed!

It was then that Blondin posed the question - "Who will get in the wheelbarrow?" Of course...none did.

(Later in August of 1859, his manager, Harry Colcord, did ride on Blondin's back across the Falls.)

The Charles Blondin Story - A Picture of Faith

The story of Charles Blondin paints a real life picture of what faith actually is. The crowd had watched his daring feats. They said they believed, but their actions proved they truly didn't.

It's one thing for us to say we believe in God. It's true faith though when we **believe God** and put our faith and trust in His Son, Jesus Christ.

Don't worry, Jesus has carried many across to Heaven's gates. He can be trusted!



October Birthdays

- 1. Rebecca Irfan
- 2. Craig Poole
- 2. Brady Blake
- 21. Timothy Primeau
- 23. Olivia Ruschioni
- 27. Pam Chapman
- 28. Kristen Primeau
- 30. Maxwell Ruschioni
- 31. Jason Ruschioni



Happy Anniversary

October Anniversaries

- 5. Michael and Meredith Christian
- 30. James and Kristen Primeau



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Anoura Rose Angelin
Bette Adams
John Mim
Cindy Beck
Connie & Will Gariepy
Daniel Bascomb
Susan Force (Bette Adams daughter)
Kathy Gosselin
Kim & Katie (Bette Adams daughter & granddaughter)
Linda Gosselin
Mark & Diane Bigelow
Marsha – return of lung cancer
Nancy Peters
Roberta Poole
Ed Guerard
Tom and Karen Adams
Karen Simpson
Elaine Corzine
The Blake Family
Renee Brideau - Crohn's Disease
The Steward Family
Roger Abell
Catherine De Barge
Mark & Diane Bigelow
Marsha – return of lung cancer
Marilyn Carter



Pastor Becky
Martha Quinn
Brady, Amy Giordano / Weeks
Pastor Garcia & his ministry

Our Missionaries

Rovaungha Richardson, William Seo
mission trip to Afganistan

Daniel Auguste and the Haitian Missionary Team

Other Concerns

Baptist Church of Grafton
First Baptist Church of Gardner

For those under persecution for their faith.
For our civic leaders- local and national

Prayers for those suffering from acts of violence around the world



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