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See You in September!

As most of you already know, I will be on sabbatical from the church until September 1, 2015. (Actually 2 months on sabbatical and one month on vacation...) I will be at home in Holden except for one week in Maine in late August. This is a much needed and much appreciated time for me, as the past year has been difficult. My dad was hospitalized twice with serious illnesses; he is doing much better now, but there is no denying that time is marching on.

The First Baptist Church is finally making some progress in addressing financial and functional difficulties. This is something that must happen – as the body of Christ, every church has to find ways of being the church today in a rapidly changing environment. I am so pleased to see the stirring of more energy and more spiritual awareness in our congregation! I pray that it will continue. We have many strengths, but we have to keep focused on the reality that all churches exist to spread the Gospel and to change lives – our own as well as other people's.

May the Lord's peace and inspirational guidance continue to be with us all!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Becky

Stewardship



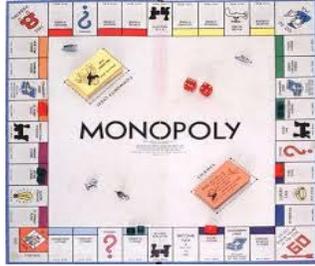
As a church family we approach the summer months....
Vacation and Family time

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

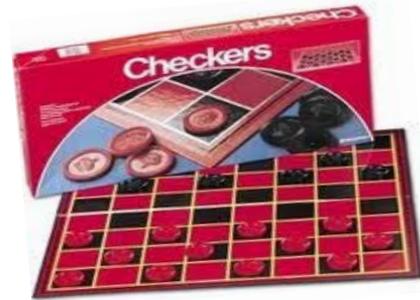
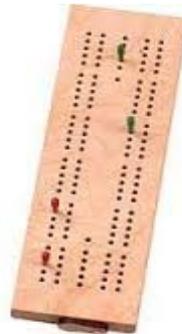
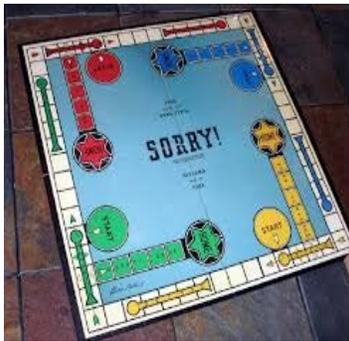
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A Few Things to Think About

1. Anger is a condition in which the tongue, works faster than the mind.
2. You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying over the future.
3. Love ... and you shall be loved.
4. God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him.
5. All people smile in the same language.
6. A hug is a great gift, one size fits all. It can be given for any occasion and it's easy to exchange.
7. Everyone needs to be loved, especially when they do not deserve it.
8. The real measure of a man's wealth is what he has invested in eternity.
9. Laughter is God's sunshine.
10. Everything has beauty but not everyone sees it.
11. It's important for parents to live the same things they teach.
12. Thank God for what you have, TRUST GOD for what you need.
13. If you fill your heart with regrets of yesterday and the worries of tomorrow, you have no today to be thankful for.
14. Happy memories never wear out... Relive them as often as you want.
15. Home is the place where we grumble the most, but are often treated the best.
16. Man looks at outward appearance but the Lord looks within.
17. The choice you make today will usually affect tomorrow.
18. Take time to laugh for it is the music of the soul.
19. If anyone speaks badly of you, live so none will believe it.
20. Patience is the ability to idle your motor, when you feel like stripping your gears.
21. Love is strengthened by working through conflicts together.
22. The best thing parents can do for their children, is to love each other.
23. Harsh words break no bones but they do break hearts.
24. To get out of a difficulty, one usually must go through it.
25. We take for granted the things that we should be giving thanks for.
26. Love is the only thing that can be divided, without being diminished.
27. Happiness is enhanced by others but does not depend upon others.
28. You are richer today if you have laughed, given or forgiven.
29. For every minute you are angry with someone, you lose 60 seconds of happiness that you can never get back.
30. Do what you can, for who you can, with what you have, and where you are.
31. The best gifts to give:
 - To your friend, loyalty;
 - To your enemy, forgiveness;
 - To your boss, service;
 - To a child, a good example;
 - To your parents, gratitude and devotion;
 - To your mate, love and faithfulness;
 - To all men and women, charity;
 - and To God, your life.



Family Board Game Night



First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall ~ Friday, June 19, 2015

Beginning at 5:30 P.M going until at least 8:30 P.M.

Refreshments:



Local News

White Cross Coordinator
First Baptist Church

Dear Marilyn,

On behalf of Massachusetts Baptist Multicultural Ministries, I send a hearty "thank you" to the American Baptist Women's Ministries of First Baptist Church in Fitchburg. Please pass on our deep appreciation to these White Cross participants. As you know, we have an urgent situation on our hands with the refugee families coming into our state from Iraq, Somalia, Burundi, and Bhutan. Please let your participants know that your donation of coloring books, crayons, toiletries, and sweat pants/shirts comes at a good time and has gone a long way in helping us towards our goal of filling needs.
Thanks again!

Blessings,
Mar Imsong
Executive Director

To My First Baptist Church Family and Friends,

I miss you all, and am slowly gaining back my strength. Doctors are still trying to help my back problems.

Thank you for all your prayers, visits, cards and phone calls.

They meant allot during my long recovery. I would love a visit, but please call first. Between therapy and doctor appointments, it keeps me busy.

Our church body is strong in faith, devotion, and love for God and each other. I pray we have the patience, as we pray together, to wait for God's direction for our church, in His Time and His Way.

I try very hard to have patience, and often go to this passage from Philipians 4: 6-7,

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

God Bless You All,
Bette Adams

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Thought for the Day:

How do my words express my love for God?

Today's Devotional:

“Ginger, do you love God?” my friend Sherry asked.

“Well yes! You know I do.” I was shocked by this question. Sherry walked with me every day on our breaks, and we talked about our faith and life in general. We came to know a lot about each other, or at least I thought we did — until I heard this question. We had talked about the changes we had been through and how God had delivered each of us.

“Then why do you constantly take God’s name in vain?” Just like that, she had let the wind out of my sails. I accepted the loving admonishment and made a change that very day. I wasn’t raised to disrespect God in any way, big or small.

King Josiah also knew he needed to make a change. When a book of the law was found, he had it interpreted by the prophetess Huldah. The interpretation let him and the people know that they had abandoned God and that God was angry.

Just like Josiah, I began a new relationship with God. I thanked Sherry that day for pointing out something that I had been too careless or blind to see. I’ll never forget how much love she showed for me and for God with one simple question.

Ginger Robinson (Texas)

Prayer:

Dear God, you know our hearts and that our desire is to be close to you. Correct us when we wander from your path. Amen.

M. Carter

Recipes of the Month

Sweet 'n Smoky Ham



Ingredients:

- 1 can (15 oz each) Manwich Original Sloppy Joe Sauce
- 1 pound thin-sliced lower sodium honey ham
- 1 pkg whole grain white hamburger buns, toasted
- 8 green bell pepper
- 1 can (8 oz each) crushed pineapple in juice, drained

Preparation:

1. Heat Sloppy Joe sauce in medium skillet over medium-low heat until hot. Add ham; heat until hot, stirring gently.
2. Divide meat mixture evenly between bottom halves of buns. Top each with bell pepper ring and a generous tablespoon of pineapple. Cover with tops of buns. Serve immediately

Tropical Fruit Sauce over Angel



Ingredients:

- 1 pudding cup Snack Pack Vanilla Pudding
- 1 container (4 oz each) tropical fruit in lightly sweetened juice, undrained
- 2 slices angel food cake

Preparation:

Stir together pudding and fruit in small bowl. Spoon half of sauce over each slice of cake.



June Birthdays

1. Diane Hope
6. More Chingor
10. Brandon Auger
19. Lizz Clark, Luskin
21. Kevin Mutindwa
24. Amy Brown - NC
24. Heidi Daigle
25. Steven Bigelow
28. Ardath Dewhurst
28. Amy Blake



June Anniversaries



21. Dick & Donna Auger



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 Dresser's father-in-law
Bette Adams & Mittens
Cindy Beck
Elaine Corzine
Four-year old girl with cancer
George and Shirley Saari and family
Glenn Dawson's brother
Graglenn Mitchell
Jessica
Jim Benton
John Cross – health concerns, feeling good
John Fasik
Justin Dresser
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
Nancy Peters (Broken Wrist)
Norman Bigelow & Family
Roberta Poole
Sandra Dorsainville's father in Haiti
Ruth Abell & Family



Shirley Webster
Ted Syphrit
Tim Primeau and family
World Mission offering
our Missionaries
Our congregation and the communities
around us
People killed, uprooted, and terrorized by
ISIS

IN NURSING HOMES



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