



THE FLAME

"...I REMIND YOU TO FAN INTO FLAME THE GIFT OF GOD FOR GOD DID NOT GIVE US A SPIRIT OF TIMIDITY, BUT A SPIRIT OF POWER, OF LOVE AND OF SELF DISCIPLINE."—2 TIMOTHY 1:6-7(NIV)

Paths of Communication

Dear Church Family,

Happy summer! Prayers for blessings on all our summer activities from the local rhythms of unique summer activities such as swimming, biking, walking and hiking, boating, and, for some, the special family tradition of fishing. My encouragement and hope is that we all, as guided and to the best of our abilities, embrace summer as a blessed season of the year.

My goal, with this writing, is to share my reflections on communication. My hope is to encourage ever-increasing healthy communication within our church family.

Shared Blessings

Simply stated, a blessing is a gift, which, as people of faith, we attribute to God as the source. One is able to compound a blessing by thanking God and sharing it with others. For raising an authentic voice of the impact of a blessing is a way expressing gratitude for loving gifts.

Personally, a historic and present blessing is having and traveling to my family cottage in Ontario. This heritage began the summer of 1958, when my Dad began to build the cottage. Plans are in place for this summer, with gratitude that in 66 years I have only missed a few years of getting to the lake.

My trip this year is possible, once again, due to Pastor Geoff stepping in to fill all pastoral responsibilities. I am also thankful to the church for being generous with vacation time, considering years of service.

Interpersonal Connections

Over the years I have experienced and appreciated the network of interpersonal connections within the church. Recently, several people have shared details of their connections further, and I am learning of shared events and more. Hearing about these interactions is a blessing to me. It is deepening my awareness of the personal inner workings of the church. Praise God for all the telephone calls to check in with each other and taking opportunities to encourage our sisters and brother personally. It is an active blessing to share burdens through reaching out, listening, and even, at times, stepping up to help. Being and doing these acts of love enlivens and empowers our family. Such love is essential to vitalize a church family.

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Paths of Communication continued

Essential Worship Communications

I believe in worship, and therefore rarely miss a week. Do you believe in worship too? Communication is the manifestation of worship. Communication with God is offering our praise and expressing our belief that our relationship with God is real. Prayer is communication with God and one another. It is faithfully and persistently uniting hearts in God's presence. Teaching is communication. Sermon preparation each week is a priority for both your pastors. This foundation is our interactive communication with the bible lessons and with God empowered by the Holy Spirit.

National Communication

There are great ministries empowered by our church and thousands of American Baptist churches both nationally and internationally. Media communications empower our awareness. Annual national offerings sharpen our focus, and we are mindful of the One Great Hour of Sharing we have begun to introduce. I am inviting all to actively engage in reading and listening to learn more about the empowering response of giving. The amount of our gifts varies, but collectively we are empowering the Light of Christ to shine dispelling darkness in our world.

Like A River Glorious

by F. R. Havergal

Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day,

Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Communicating the perfect love of our family. Encouraging the flow to be fuller, growing, and deepening daily.

Prayerfully with love,



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UPCOMING EVENTS:



June 18th at 12:30 hosted by Janet Andrews Please RSVP

Men's Fellowship Dinner

Tuesday, June 17th @
6:30PM

FBC Hingham
85 Main St., Hingham
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BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE SOUTH SHORE UNITY COUNCIL



**JUNETEENTH
FREEDOM DAY**
5TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION
THURSDAY 6.19 4-7 PM
THE BANDSTAND HINGHAM HARBOR

South Shore Unity Council Juneteenth Celebration

June 19 @ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm | FREE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

THE WOODEN PROJECT

The Wooden Project is bluegrass/folk band made up of veterans of the local music scene. They play a variety of acoustic instruments including fiddle, mandolin, banjo, upright bass, and guitar



When:

Sunday, June 29th

3:00pm to 4:30pm

Free Admission! All Ages Welcome

Free Will Donations are Appreciated

Where:

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INTRODUCING THE LESTERS, A GOSPEL SINGING GROUP FROM MISSOURI



Time: 7 pm

Date: Friday, July 18th

Location: Temple Baptist Church
540 Manley St.
W Bridgewater, MA

 www.thelesters.com

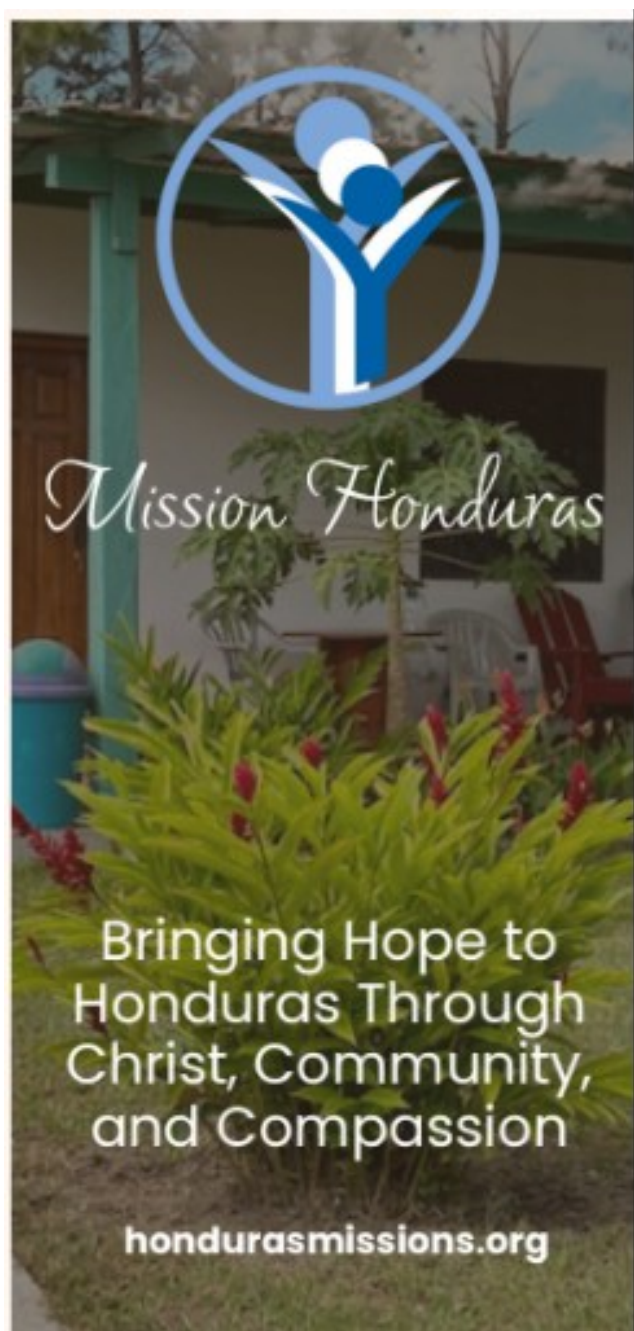
\$15 free-will donation



Fourth of July Hospitality

9am–12pm

MINISTRIES:



MISSIONARY: DR. HECTOR NEWMAN



Born and raised in La Ceiba, Honduras, Hector accepted Jesus as his Savior at the age of 16. His family emigrated to the U.S. in 1966 where he finished his High School education.

Receiving a call from the Lord into the ministry, Hector earned a bachelor's degree in theology, a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees. He was ordained in 1976 with the American Baptist Churches. Hector pastored in Boston before returning to Honduras as a missionary in 2001, he founded the International Community of Love Church.

Since then he has been used of the Lord to plant over 25 churches, various schools, and the El Arca Camp and Retreat Center.

MEDICAL OUTREACH

In general, medical treatment in Honduras is significantly cheaper compared to the United States and other developed countries. However, the cost of medical treatment can vary depending on the level of care needed, the location of the hospital or clinic, and the availability of medical equipment and supplies. In urban areas such as Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula, private hospitals and clinics offer high-quality medical treatment, but the cost of care can still be relatively expensive. On the other hand, public hospitals and clinics offer more affordable healthcare services, but they may have limited resources and longer wait times.

In rural areas, medical facilities and services may be more basic, and patients may need to travel to urban centers for more specialized care. It is important to note that medical insurance is not widely used in Honduras, and most medical expenses are paid out of pocket.



As a result, our ministry has set up free medical brigades in poverty stricken areas to provide assistance with common medical issues that can be treated.

MINISTRIES:

SHINING THE LIGHT ON FOOD SECURITY.

Orfelina works with families in the northern regions of Honduras to help them understand how to transform their families and communities through agriculture. The list of things she does is mindboggling: Checking on local farmers' harvest. Monitoring water projects. Teaching the women in the community how to prepare more nutritious meals for their families. Chatting up community leaders for support. Running workshops for things like creating organic fertilizers and sprays.

But Orfelina doesn't just work with farmers and their families, she supports and encourages them. Visiting them in their homes. Bringing God's light to everyone she meets. And all of this is made possible through your giving to One Great Hour of Sharing. Because of your giving, projects like these and thousands more around the world are changing lives. Transforming communities. And spreading God's light. Be the Light. Give to One Great Hour of Sharing.

One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING



You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine!
— Matthew 5:14-15



Harry S. Truman, 33rd U.S. President

“There are thousands of children in foreign lands today who have no memory of their parents, no knowledge of the meaning of the words “home” and “family,” and who have forgotten what it feels like to have enough to eat. There are hopeless thousands who wander among the shattered towns seeking a place to rest, seeking security and a chance to begin their lives anew. There are many who pray to God only in secret, fearing persecution if they profess their beliefs openly. It is hard for us to comprehend grief and distress such as this because we in America are so much more fortunate. Our country has been blessed with material riches. Our homes are secure. We can go to our churches and worship God as we desire. We know that we enjoy these great blessings not because of any special merit on our part, but because of the bounty of God. It is to His Providence that we owe the richness of our country and our heritage of freedom. Since these good things come to us from Him, we know w that we must use them for the good of others in accordance with His will.”

- Harry S. Truman March 26, 1949

A NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR:

Hello Church Family,

We wanted to include a note in this month's Flame to bring a few updates to your attention.

FBC ACTIVE WEBSITE

We noticed that emailed Zoom links were occasionally getting lost between sending and needing to use them. So if you head over to the Upcoming Events section of the church website (on the front page) you will see the Zoom meeting links for the Fellowship, Studies, and Prayer Group meetings all posted. We update these links weekly so you don't need to worry if you didn't get your email invite—it's available on the website.

In the same vein, community events are also posted in the next section of the website. We post our own upcoming events but also other community events. So if you know of something coming up, please reach out and we will gladly post the information.

PARTICIPATION

We have provided links on the bottom of the front page of the website to sign up for reading the Call to Worship and Lessons and to provide Coffee Hour treats. None of these have been utilized and in response to that we will be putting up physical sign up sheets on the bulletin board once again. If you sign up through the website, we will add you to the physical list. Those enthused to read, we definitely would love for you to get that opportunity.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any insights to how we can grow our presence both online and in person. Our viewership of our posted weekly church services is holding steady, but it is in our other special events that we seem to be reaching many more people through YouTube, FaceBook, and our own website.

Thank you all so much for all your support in all the things that we try to do.

With Great Love and Appreciation,



Amy

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