



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)

March 19, 2025

Beloved Family,

At the time of my writing, we are on the 13th day of Lent. Recently I responded to a question about how Lent was determined. My explanation is Lent is on the Christian calendar as the 40 days leading up to Easter, excluding Sundays. The reason being that all Sundays celebrate Jesus' resurrection, with Easter identified as unique memorial day marked on the calendar as the day traditionally celebrated by Jesus' actual resurrection. Their response was "...that doesn't make any sense."

52 Sundays of the calendar year are set aside as the Sabbath as the church gathers to worship. These are standing days with no variation. There are 40 days of fasting. This a period of preparation by Jesus as he entered public ministry. For us Lent is 40 days to prepare for the special celebration of Easter, the Day of Resurrection. Makes sense to me. These were traditions, seasons that are marked to get our attention, spiritually inserted into the normal yearly and seasonal cycle of everyday living.

Two weeks ago I encouraged us all to plan to insert a plan to make our Lenten journey special. How has it been going? Have you shared your plans with anyone else? Speaking of our spiritual plans empowers our focus and strengthens our resolve to follow through.

Personally, my goal is to add extra reading to my routine. Candidly with our travel plans, and the intrusion of illness, I am off to a slower start. I have another 27 days to follow through.

In the midst of all the challenges of these unique days we are living through, may each of us choose to *turn our eyes upon Jesus through increased prayers, reading, sharing, serving, and worshipping for the balance of the 2025 Lenten season.*

Prayerfully with love,

(781) 249-3721

MISSIONS:



We are pleased to let you know that, with the help of 11 people, we will be sending \$927 to the America for Christ. That is a \$72 increase from last year!

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2025

GRACE UPON *Grace*

“BE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE TO ONE ANOTHER, FORGIVING EACH OTHER, JUST AS IN CHRIST GOD FORGAVE YOU.”

EPHESIANS 4:32 (NIV)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Hymn Sing at First Baptist Church of Hingham

Led by Minister of Music Rev Dr Geoffrey D Hicks



When:

Sunday, March 30th

3:00pm to 4:30pm

Free Admission! All Ages Welcome

Where:

First Baptist Church of Hingham

85 Main St Hingham MA 02043

781-749-2516

Fbc.hingham@verizon.com

Gather together in song.

An afternoon of praise and celebration

Have a favorite hymn?

Come sing with us!!

UNITED WE SING!!



Hospitality Following

EASTER EVENTS:

Here's a list of the various Easter Services

April 13—Palm Sunday Service at 10am

April 17—Maunday Thursday Service at 7pm

April 18—Good Friday Service at 7pm at FBC Hanson. Pastor Gary will be giving one of three guest sermons on the last 7 words and suffering of Jesus.

April 20—Easter Sunrise Service at 7am in the Hingham Gazebo then 10am Service in the Sanctuary

Easter Flowers

First Baptist Church Hingham

Your Name: _____

Please submit your payment and this order form by **Sunday, March 30th**. You can mail these to the church office, 85 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043.

Dedications will be printed in the Easter Bulletin on Sunday, April 20th.
Please enter your Dedication on the line below.

Thank you for the flowers which enhance our celebration of the joyous news that Jesus has risen. You may take home your plant(s) after the Easter services.

Options:	Price (ea)	Quantity:
Easter Lilies (5-6 Blooms)	\$16.00	_____
Daffodils (6" pot)	\$11.50	_____
Tulips (6" pot)	\$11.50	_____

Color (please circle): Pink Yellow Red Purple

Dedication: _____



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