



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)

Legacy Can Be Powerful

Old expressions become old expressions for two reasons: first, they capture a measure of truth; second, they get repeated. As I prepared to write this letter, I was reminded of the saying, *By the Fourth of July, the summer is over*. And here we are — it has happened again.

This summer has been filled with moments that reminded me of legacy: the new ones being formed, and the old ones that continue to shape who I am.

A New Legacy

Our immediate family made it a priority to spend as much time together as possible. This meant overlapping vacation time in Maine, where Kendra and Nick invited all of us to share part of their summer along the coast of Maine. Thankfully, all seven of us were able to be together — a gift I do not take lightly.

An Enduring Legacy

My father began building our family cottage in Ontario during the summer of 1958. After my parents moved from our home in Kenmore, N.Y., gathering at the cottage became a way of coming home. I am deeply grateful for the time we spent there this summer, and for the reminder of how powerful that legacy remains in my life.

One of the cottage's regular features has always been the call of the loons at night. Hearing them again this year stirred something in me — a confirmation of my decision to celebrate my daughter Andria's accomplishment as a certified tattoo artist. The tattoo she created for me honors the cottage legacy, weaving her artistry into our family story.

Reflecting on legacy has stirred memories and awareness of the legacies present in your lives as well. If so, I encourage you to share those insights with others. Legacy grows when it is spoken aloud.

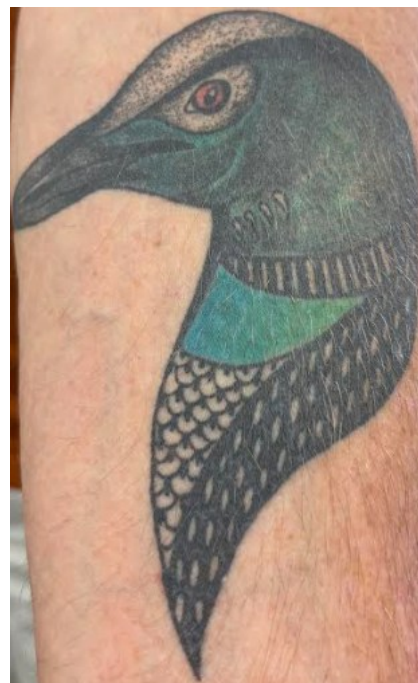
Legacy in Our Church Family

The legacies within our congregation vary. Some were raised in this church. Others found their way here and are now fully immersed in its ministry. Still others are exploring the depth of connection with this church family.

Wherever you find yourself in relation to your legacy at First Baptist Church, my prayer is that as we enter the fall season, each of us will reflect on, celebrate, and invest in the legacies that shape our shared life together as a family of God.

Prayerfully with love,

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Gary's Tribute to Dolly Parton

In listening to the wide range of tributes offered in recent days — each reflecting the breadth of her remarkable life — one word continues to rise to the surface for me: **light**.

Light embodies truth, love, generosity, grace, acceptance, and action. True light is lived; it presses back darkness simply by being what it is. Ultimately, darkness

is not a force in itself — it fills a void in the absence of light.

Dolly Parton lived as light. She offered it freely, consistently, and without pretense.

May each of us strive to be light in our own spheres of influence, inspired by the example of **Dolly's life of light**.



MISSIONS:

Individuals Are Stronger When United

As a church, as part of The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts (TABCOM), and as members of the wider American Baptist Churches USA (ABC-USA), we are strengthened in ministry when we stand together. Each person's participation shapes how we are bound to one another and to our world as the Body of Christ.

Our National Special Mission Offerings are a clear expression of this shared ministry. This year, we have already joined together in support of two national efforts: the ***America for Christ*** offering in the spring, and ***One Great Hour of Sharing*** this summer.

Some will say, *Missions begin at home*. America for Christ responds to this conviction by supporting mission efforts across our states. And through the parable of the *Good Samaritan*, Jesus teaches that we



are called to love our neighbor and “dare not pass by those in need.” These offerings help address natural disasters, housing insecurity, food insecurity, and other urgent needs across our nation.

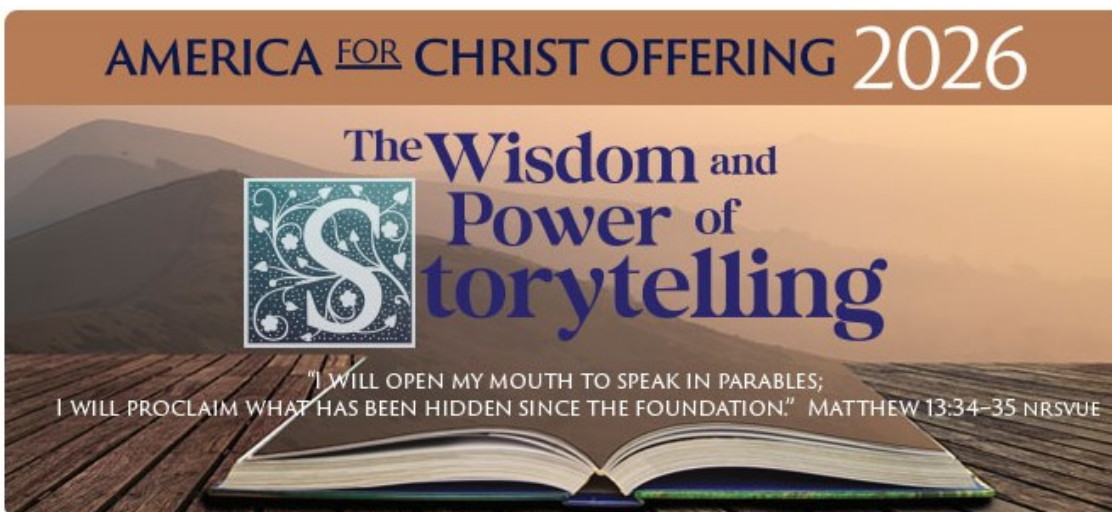
Special Offerings to Date

- Spring – America for Christ: \$565 (six gifts of support)

Summer – One Great Hour of Sharing: \$600 (nine gifts of support)

We extend sincere appreciation to all who contributed. Your individual contributions strengthen our shared ministry.

We also invite continued and additional gifts of support across all areas of our church's mission. When each of us responds to Christ's call to support financially, our collective witness grows stronger.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Please sign up for the following:

____ Ushering ____ Welcoming guests
____ Reading Call to Worship and/or Scripture
____ Altar Flowers ____ Fellowship snacks

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Wednesdays 6-7:30 pm

Memorial Hall

\$15 per class

Bring your mat and stretch with us!

Time to
YOGA

With
Heidi
Shahbaz



Join us on Sunday, September 27th 3-4:30pm to welcome back

The Blue Moon Dance Orchestra



First Baptist Church, Hingham—85 Main St

Free will donations are appreciated



An Afternoon of Classical and Sacred Church Music



In Concert:
Kett Lee, Cello &
Geoffrey D. Hicks, Piano
Sunday Afternoon,
October 25, 2026
3PM

First Baptist Church
85 Main Street
Hingham, Massachusetts

Tickets \$15.00
781-749-2516



2026 ANNUAL JAZZ BBQ

We want to offer a huge thank you to everyone that helped make this year's Annual Jazz BBQ a roaring success from the band, to the cooks, to the kitchen help. FBC Hingham came together to make it a very special occasion!



L-R Kett Lee, Sax; Geoffrey Dana Hicks, Piano & Vocals; Bruce Bardon, drums; Warren Childs, bass guitar.

Geoff's biological and adopted granddaughters taking home some of the Sunday flowers.

