



# 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)

## **Beloved Family, Summer Greetings**

At last—following a prolonged stretch of cooler-than-average spring weather—we are fully immersed in summer. A number of our church family have already enjoyed wonderful experiences: time with loved ones in Missouri, Texas, and Colorado; international travel; and even a getaway to the 'Big Apple'. If you haven't heard about any of these adventures, I encourage you to check in with your church family—you may find the stories uplifting and inspiring.

Personally, Deb and I will be sharing time with family in Mount Desert Island, Maine, as well as making our annual sojourn to our family cottage in Ontario, Canada.

With all our comings and goings, let us keep one another in prayer for safe travels. Let us also remain faithful and persistent in remembering those who are facing surgery, illness, and ongoing challenges.

I am thankful to report that Don is now back in his apartment and that Peggy continues to make progress following the medical setback after her surgery. This is only a partial list as we each remain personally connected and mutually supportive. I look forward to hearing from those who are seeking additional prayer support—both requests and updates. Together We: **Praise God.**

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## **A Request for Your Helpful Feedback**

As previously shared, we now have a new camera. You are all invited to review at least a portion of the recordings from June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup>. We are seeking your input on the effectiveness of these recordings:

- Is there a clear improvement in quality?
- Do you have a preference regarding filming locations (e.g. main sanctuary floor versus the balcony)?

How would you assess the audio quality?

The Council's decision to upgrade our camera reflects our commitment to improving the quality of our recordings as we seek to expand our outreach in this area of ministry.

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In the midst of all our summer activities, may God continue to bless each of us. In the coming weeks, may we remain united in our shared ministry, as our lives are interwoven in faith—each receiving every blessing as a gift from God with gratitude and thanksgiving.

Prayerfully with love,

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# UPCOMING EVENTS:

## Hymn Sing!



June 28th at 3pm

First Baptist Church of Hingham

85 Main St Hingham MA

Light Refreshments Following—Free Will Donations Are Appreciated!

**LIVE** FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HINGHAM  
FRONT LAWN—BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!!  
85 MAIN ST. HINGHAM MA

**Jazz**

**AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> AT 3PM**

*Free concert and bbq lunch—donations are appreciated*

**Please join us for a  
Gospel & Jazz Music**

Featuring: **Cookout**



Hosted by The First Baptist Church of Arlington

On Sunday, August 16th from 4 to 5:30 pm

Bring a lawn chair and your appetite for burgers,  
dogs, cookies, and live music!

819 Mass Ave, Arlington, MA

We gladly accept donations of non-perishable food items  
to support the Arlington Food Pantry!



**Open Doors Hospitality—  
Music on the Lawn –  
Parade Viewing  
July 4th, 9am-12pm**

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# MISSIONS:



## Our love offering to the world.

Your offering helps rebuild from disaster, feed the hungry, provide clean water to the thirsty, empower the oppressed, and restore hope.

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)*



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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.

