



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)

Is Life Overwhelming? – Act

Assassinations, school shootings, police officers shot in the line of duty all raise concerns of the political divisiveness within families, communities, and the nation. All are heart-breaking dynamics that are compounded as two active wars roar on. As are the added concerns of our families and friends with all the personal challenges we face. These dynamics begs the question: *How then shall I live?*

Yes, I know, this is not exactly a yippee skippy topic to write about in the Flame. Yet, I am compelled, with hopefully a touch of the Spirit, to offer input about what is actually going on in our lives.

Please consider the following insights, which hopefully encourage us all to think, pray, and talk with one another, leading to all of us being strengthened in the midst of adversity.

Here is an invitation to take specific action:

First - Live Philippians 4:4-7 (simplified):

Always rejoice! Do not be anxious, but in every situation, through prayer present your requests to God. Let God's peace guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

I observe that all of us, to varying degrees, are upset with life. We need to intentionally think and reflect to identify the underlying specifics that trigger difficult emotions. We should seek the spirit's guidance to determine and follow a wise course of action. Having accomplished what is possible, we can release our worry and anxiety and embrace rest having accomplished that which is possible. Such a plan counters a destructive human condition – nonaction breeds anxiety.

Second – Engage in conversation. Isolation from one another, especially with those who may view life differently, exasperates the divisions. I believe core Christian living is to foster nonjudgemental relationships as we learn from each other.

Recently, I learned of a driving force in the life of historian Dave McCullough. He was curious, especially about people. When engaging with people he asked questions and then listened. His conclusion was there is always something to learn from anyone.

Prayerfully with love,

UPCOMING EVENT:



Returning Sunday, October 26th



Thank to everyone
for the great
support for the
Daughters of the
American
Revolution's
national bell
ringing to
commemorate the
ratification of the
U.S. Constitution

JAZZ BBQ



Dear Church Family,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all of you who came out on Sunday afternoon for the Jazz/BBQ on the lawn of the church.

Many thanks to my musicians, Bruce Bardon on Drums, Warren Childs on Bass, Kenji Kikuchi on Saxophone, and of course our own Ginny Gibson on accordion with Sue Cunningham, who did the whistling on one of the songs (Amazing!). I saw a lot of you singing many of those songs with us, and we had a bunch of folks dancing to the music, which was very exciting. We actually had close to one hundred folks altogether, for which I am very thankful to the Lord.

A SPECIAL 'Thank You' to Andy and Kristin for coordinating the BBQ. Also thank you to those who made contributions to make this the most successful Jazz BBQ that FBC Hingham has ever hosted.

THANKS, Big Time!!!

Many Blessings,

Pastor Geoff



MINISTRIES:



Hello!

As we've spent this month learning more about God's life-transforming work in Thailand and Ukraine through International Ministries, I hope you have been prayerfully considering how God may be inviting *you* to take part in the *new thing* He is doing through His global mission.

If you are still wondering why you should participate in the World Mission Offering, you might like to read [Why Participate in the WMO?](#) and hear from other churches who have seen how God has used their giving in their own community and in other countries around the world.

How can you give to the World Mission Offering?

- **Give your WMO gift to our church office.** We will send these donations through our American Baptist Churches USA regional office. If you give by check, please write "WMO 2024" on the memo line.
- **Send a check directly,** made payable to "International Ministries," and mail it to International Ministries, 1003 W 9th Avenue, Ste A, King of Prussia, PA 19406.
- **Give online at** worldmissionoffering.org.

Kingdom work happens all year long! I pray that the time we've spent this month sharing about global mission can continue to impact us as Christians throughout the year. Let's dedicate our prayers and finances to take part in what God is doing around the world.

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FAITHFUL AND PERSISTENT PRAYERS:



We ask that you keep Geoff and Irene in your prayers especially today as Geoff had his rotator cuff surgery. Hopefully, this surgery is the beginning of a full and complete recovery. Geoff coordinated ongoing support and we thank all that are stepping up to assist him in the first couple of weeks of his recovery.



Alexia is thankfully on a steady path of improvement after her liver transplant.



Deb & Gary Ludwig's grand-nephew, Everett, was released from the hospital to a rehabilitation facility to heal from his traumatic brain injury. The family update will be available on Sunday or as requested by email.



Prayers simply by name for the following:

Teddy

Ryan

Cindy

Paula

Joyce

A NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR:

Hello Church Family,

I wanted to add a little note in this month's Flame to thank you all for all the support and love not only to myself, but all the Pastors and staff here at the church.

I would like to remind everyone that the church website (<https://firstbaptistchurchhingham.com>) is being updated at least weekly with direct links to zoom meetings and other events. We have also re-initiated sign up sheets on the bulletin board for Coffee Hour and Service Readings.

If you are willing and able to bring snacks for after service or read during service, please sign up.

With Great Love and Appreciation,

Amy

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