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*"Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path."*

Psalm 119:105

Dear First Baptist Family and Friends,

You are walking late at night along a dirt road through the woods. You have a powerful flashlight in your backpack, but you don't take it out. So you stumble along, tripping over small stones, fumbling as you bump into low hanging branches or other hazards on the road that you cannot see. Why don't you take out your flashlight? It makes no sense, does it?

Yet, this is what we as Christians do when we go through life's journey without God's Word as a part of our everyday lives.

- You: "But Pastor, it's too difficult for me to understand!"
 - Me: "Try to keep reading and look to see if you understand better."
- You: "But Pastor, there are things that bother me in the Bible."
 - Me: "Would you prefer that the Bible was filled with only things you liked? How would that still qualify as God's Word?"
- You: But Pastor, I don't have time to read the Bible."
 - Me: "Would you say that to people who are important in your life ("Sorry, I don't have time for you!")? Maybe you should re-think what is most important to you.

My proposal: that you consider placing God's Word in a higher priority in your life. This will give you a lamp for your feet and a light for your path!

I have a test: Would you consider changing how important God's Word is for you? If yes, please tell me and I will give you a special gift. That's right, a free gift. You can e-mail me (pastorpeter@aol.com) or text me or call my phone (207-409-0997) and share with me how you plan to change the place of God's Word in your regular life. Then I'll give you a free gift. It's that simple.

It might also help me to see... who really reads this newsletter article! Ha!

May God bless you and yours as we navigate the paths of our lives... with a light to help and guide us along the way!

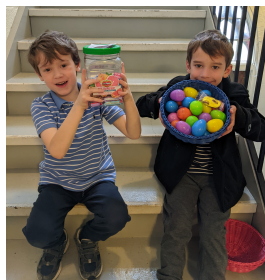
Blessings,
Peter Beckwith
Interim Pastor



**Baptisms -
Palm Sunday 10 April**



Easter Sunday - Egg Hunt - 17 April



June Events & Celebrations

Sunday, June 12

10 am Worship Service

Children Day/Scholarship Sunday

3 pm, Mystic Brass Ensemble

"Liturgical Brass" Concert



Happy Father's Day!

F is for the faith in God he's shown me,
A means that my Dad is "always there."
T is for training that he gave me;
H is for the happy times we share.
E means extra, endless love and patience.
R is right, and Dad's just right for me:
 Put them all together, they spell Father,
 and he is very dear to me!

Graduation Day



CONGRATULATIONS

to **Jerry Takang** on graduating
 from Minuteman High School on
 June 3, 2022. He will be
 attending Mass Lowell in the fall.



June

Anniversaries

July

Anniversaries

August

Anniversaries

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“Ears, Tongues, Hands & Feet”

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Pastor Peter will return from vacation on June 14. While he is away, please contact Bill Ware for any immediate emergencies.

June 5 - Frank Shelton
June 12 - Agnetta Wilson
June 19 - Gabrielle Pierre
June 26 - Laura Wilczewski
July 3 - Laura Wilczewski
July 10 - Janice Weber
July 17 - Amanda Bulman
July 24 - Agnetta Wilson
July 31 - Mark Jones
August 7 - Gabrielle Pierre
August 14 - William Ware
August 21 - Marjorie Shelton
August 28 - Yvonne Akwo

June 5 - Producer: Paul Chudigian
Sound Monitor: Laura Wilczewski

June 12 - Producer: Ian Jackson
Sound Monitor: Julius Takang

June 19 - Producer: John Rogers
Sound Monitor: Marjorie Shelton

June 26 - Producer: Mark Jones
Sound Monitor: Janice Weber

Bible Studies are led by Paul Chudigian and Norma Brunner (on Zoom).

Pastor Peter can be reached at pastorpeter@aol.com and his cell phone is (207) 409-0997. Peter will be available on **Mondays, Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**, unless it's an emergency.

If you, or someone you know would like to have a visit from the Pastor, please call him and he will be happy to come!

The congregation wishes to extend Christian sympathy to John Survelas, on the death of his wife, Elaine. Let us keep the family in our prayers.

Please read the following Guidelines, effective March 1, 2022.

- Entering and exiting the Church will only be through the front door even if you use the back parking. Six-foot markers will be on the flooring to allow safe distancing.
- **The wearing of masks is Recommended. For worshippers who still want to wear a mask and need one, masks will be available in the narthex.**
- The sign, requesting worshippers not to enter the Church if you have any signs of illness, will remain in the narthex.
- Hand sanitizers will be in the narthex for your use. Shaking of hands is up to the individuals. Please be respectful of the person's choice. A smile and/or a bow will suffice.
- In the narthex, there will be a sign-in sheet that you must sign with your name and phone number each week; so, we have a list of contacts for each Sunday in case Covid is identified in the Church.
- There will be no ushers. One person will be in the narthex to greet, provide a bulletin, and on Communion Sundays, hand the worshipper a pre-packaged wafer and juice cup. This person has the authority to ask you to leave the Church if you show illness.
- There will be no nursery coverage.
- Pews will be roped off to provide 'safe distancing' during the service. Bibles and hymnals will be in the pews.
- Bulletins will be available at the entrance to the sanctuary.
- There will be collection plates for your offering in the front of the sanctuary. If your offering is a cash donation, envelopes will be available for your offering.
- If a child needs to go the bathroom, they need to be accompanied by a parent, not a sibling to guarantee their swift return to the sanctuary
- Sunday School classes will continue to be held on Zoom.
- Church office is not accessible before, during, and after the service. If you wish to make copies please use the copier in the upstairs boardroom.

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Announcements:

- ♦ **All-Church Prayer Meeting** - Wed June 1 at 7 pm
- ♦ The church and Pastor Peter are on **Facebook**. You can friend him at “Peter Beckwith”
- ♦ **Prayer requests** and **announcements**: please email or call the church with any prayer requests or announcements.
Deadline for the September Newsletter is Sunday, August 21, 2022.
- ♦ **Tithes & Offerings**: For those who are able to continue to give, please mail your checks to our collector, Janice Weber, 29 Crescent Hill Ave., Arlington, MA 02474-2501.

June 2022

Wednesday, June 1	7 pm, All-Church Prayer Meeting on Zoom 6-9 pm, Boy Scouts
Thursday, June 2	7:30 pm, Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
Saturday, June 3	9-Noon, Boy Scouts
Sunday, June 5	10 am, Communion Worship Service
Tuesday, June 6	7 pm, Bible Studies “The Miracles of Jesus” on Zoom
Wednesday, June 7	6-9 pm, Boy Scouts
Thursday, June 8	7:30 pm, Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
Sunday, June 12	10 am, Worship Service, CHILDREN DAY/SCHOLARSHIPS Noon, Board of Property and Finance on Zoom 3 pm, Mystic Brass Ensemble “Liturgical Brass Concert”
Tuesday, June 14	7 pm, Bible Studies “The Miracles of Jesus” on Zoom
Wednesday, June 15	6-9 pm, Boy Scouts
Saturday, June 18	10 am, Board of Deacons
Sunday, June 19	10 am, FATHER’S DAY Worship Service
Tuesday, June 21	7 pm, Bible Studies “The Miracles of Jesus” on Zoom
Sunday, June 26	10 am, Worship Service
Tuesday, June 28	7 pm, Bible Studies “The Miracles of Jesus” on Zoom
Wednesday, June 29	7 pm, Board of Christian Education