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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



Easter Sunday - Egg Hunt - 17 April













**Graduation Day** 

# **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!



#### CONGRATULATIONS

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



## **BIRTHDAYS**:

#### June

June 5	Diane Kirkwood
June 6	Agnetta Wilson
June 15	Brenda Cox
June 18	Naariah Mbi
June 19	Ethan Cain
June 21	Norma Brunner

#### Anniversaries

June 23	Shannon and Mark Cain
June 27	Cathy and Ian Jackson
June 29	Kristen and Michael Buttrick

#### July

July 7	Charles P. Chudigian
July 20	Nell Hevelone

#### Anniversaries

July 8	Diane and Norm Magnuson
July 20	Nell and Jon Hevelone
July 28	Daphne Durham and Scott Copley

#### August

#### **August Birthdays**



- August 3 Peter Sweet
- August 4 Hayley Veno
- August 8 Daphne Durham
- August 20 Norm Magnuson, III
- August 23 Carol Chudigian
- August 26 Michael Buttrick

#### Anniversaries

August 14 Marjorie and Frank Shelton

### Sermon Topics for June through Sept 4

June 5 – Guest Preacher: William Ware June 12 – Guest Preacher: Rev. Mar Imsong June 19 – John 6:1-15 "Food for Five Thousand" June 26 - John 6:16-21 "Walking on Water" July 3 - John 9:1-40 "Blind No More!" July 10 - John 21:1-14 "So Many Fish!" July 17 - John 11:38-44 "Come Out!" July 24 - James 1:1 "A Season of Service" July 31 - James 1:2-6 "Happy Trials to You" August 7 - James 1:19-27 "Ears, Tongues, Hands & Feet" August 14 - Guest Preacher: TBA August 21 - Guest Preacher: Jack Donaldson August 28 - James 2:1-9 "Favorites and Favoritism" September 4 - James 2:10-13 "Law Breakers! Mercy Wins"

#### **\*PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Our country, all our home bound, Cameroon Nigeria, Ukraine, Rev. Mary Miller (healing) Debbie's father (hospice at home) Jean Butler's sister (hospice) and niece Karen (cancer) Agnetta Wilson's father Lemuel Spence, sister Nancy Spence Jamie Sobin (Agnetta's son-in-law) Lena Bryant, Silvana (Lena's mother-in-law) Milburn Stevens (Lena's godfather, MS)

Flori Higgins (Lena's friend, loss of child) Aldo (heart), Jean Farnsworth, Brenda Cox Herb and Jean's 25 yr, old friend Zachary (Herb and Jean's grandson,

3-month mission), Isabelle Harper Sara Sullivan, Eugene Ware, Noah Lesley (Ben Bragg's nephew's wife, cancer) Gabrielle Pierre, Gabrielle's mom Sylvia Simone (prayers for her mother and family in China)

Scott's 99-year-old grandmother in rehab Cathy's friend Linda's neighbor (heart attack), and niece's baby boy, Jackson (breathing problem)

Pamela Andre (Norma's missionary friend in Ukraine)

\*Please call or email the office for any changes or additions to these prayer requests. Thanks.

#### All-Church Prayer Meeting First Wednesdays of the Month

Anyone can join the **All-Church Prayer Meeting** on Zoom, and even if we meet physically in church, it will also be on Zoom. Send your prayer requests by email or by calling the church office. This would be an opportunity for those who have prayer requests to join in and we will pray for you. Our next meetings will take place on **Wednesday June 1** at 7 **pm**. See you there!

#### **GROTONWOOD CAMP**

### **Pastor's Vacation**

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

### **Worship Leaders:**

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

### **Tech Team:**

June 5 - <u>Producer</u>: Paul Chudigian Sound Monitor: Laura Wilczewski June 12 - <u>Producer</u>: Ian Jackson

Sound Monitor: Julius Takang June 19 - <u>Producer</u>: John Rogers

Sound Monitor: Marjorie Shelton

June 26 - <u>Producer</u>: Mark Jones Sound Monitor: Janice Weber

## Tuesday Bible Studies- 7 pm "The Miracles of Jesus"

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

#### **Pastor Peter's Schedule**

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.

#### **Pastor's Visits**

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!

#### **CONDOLENCES**

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.

#### FIRST BAPTIST GUIDELINES - MARCH 1, 2022

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.

## **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to help edit videos to be posted on Facebook, webpage and (soon) Arlington Public Access TV. Edits must be made on an Apple of Mac computer. Thanks.

#### <u>Statement of disclosure</u> <u>on recording worship services</u>

Please be aware that in order to share music and the Message on our church Facebook page, on our web site and on Arlington Public Access TV, we do record our weekly worship services. For your information, we never share the children's story or the prayer time publicly in this manner.

#### Flowers

The Sanctuary is now open. Anyone wishing to have flowers for our worship service on Sundays, in memory of or in honor of, may call the church.

Flowers can be ordered though the church, or you can provide your own. All available dates.

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

## Proverbs 23:24

The father of a righteous man has great joy; he who has a wise son delights in him.

### **Summer Office Hours**

Starting on Monday, June 13, the church office will be open only on **Fridays**, from **9 am to** 



#### **Neighbors Serving Neighbors**

**Noon**. Feel free to leave messages on the answering machine, they will be checked.

We are collecting non-perishable food items to donate to Arlington EATS.

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#### From your regular home phone:

- 1) Call: 1-646-876-9923
- 2) When asked for the Meeting ID, enter church phone #: 781 643 3024
- 3) THEN, press the "#" sign
- 4) When asked to enter the password, enter 781 643 3024 (yes, the same as the ID)
- 5) THEN, press the "#" sign once again (During the prayer sharing time, if you want to share, then press \*9)

#### **Smart Phone People:**

- 1) Download the "ZOOM Cloud Meeting" App
- 2) Follow the prompts to sigh up (ZOOM is free, so don't upgrade)
- 3) For a meeting, open your ZOOM App select "Join"
- 4) When prompted, enter the "Meeting ID" (it's the church phone #) 7816433024
- 5) When prompted, enter the password: 7816433024 (yes, the same as the ID)

#### **People using their computers:**

- 1) Enter this link: https://zoom.us/j/7816433024
- 2) Click on "Join a Meeting"
- 3) When prompted, enter the "Meeting ID" (it's the church phone #) 7816433024
- 4) When prompted, enter the password: 7816433024 (yes, the same as the ID)
- 5) Click on "Join"

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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**

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	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
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