



*We are a community of believers who seek
to grow in our faith and understanding as
we live the Way of Jesus Christ.*

The First Baptist Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Church
Worcester, Massachusetts
August 15, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP in GORDON HALL

August 15, 2010..... 10:00 AM

Please turn pagers and cell phones to silent mode.

Nursery care is available for children during the worship service.

Please speak to one of the ushers for assistance.

PRELUDE

Four preludes from the *Klavierbuchlein für Wilhelm Friedemann Bach* J.S. Bach

BWV 924, 926, 927, 928

1685-1750

***OPENING HYMN** 71 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.....Lobe den Herren

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Heather Kattan

Leader: Today is the first day of our week.

People: Lord, help us to find peace and joy in this week.

Leader: Open your hearts and receive God's breath of new life.

People: Lord, help us to be ready to hear your words of life.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord with great joy!

ALL: Praise be to God!

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Patient Lord, we schedule our lives down to the very second. We crowd in as much activity as we can and then wonder why we are so stressed out and tired. We are afraid to miss out on anything. And when it comes time to be with others we spend our time worrying about details rather than longing for the visit. Forgive us when we get so caught up in the details and miss the opportunity to sit at your feet, learning, listening, growing in our faith. Help us to place ourselves in your care. Slow us down, just a bit, so that we can see the wonders you have placed before us and truly enjoy and share the blessings you have given to us. For we ask this in Jesus' name as we pray together: Our Father (debts)...

***GLORIA PATRI** 734..... Creatorex

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER**.....Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

SOLO *Für Elise*.....Ludwig van Beethoven
1770-1827

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Acts 9:32-42 (pg. 893) Lynne Carroll

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING Children Praying
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

AFFIRMATION OF THE CHILDREN Heather Kattan
(Children who desire to participate in Summer Church School are invited to join their worship leader following the Children's Message.)

SERMON *Do What You Can Do*..... Rev. Adrienne Berry-Burton

***HYMN 466** *Take My Life and Let It Be*Hendon

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory *Nocturne in D minor* John Field
1782-1837

***Doxology**..... Old Hundredth
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***CLOSING HYMN 349** *Seek Ye First*.....Lafferty

***BENEDICTION** Adrienne Berry-Burton

POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord*Charles Callahan
b. 1951

**Those who are able may stand.*

Brielle Stovall, piano
William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts
CCLI #2763143

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TODAY'S GUEST MINISTER:

Rev. Adrienne is an ordained minister. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education from Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA (1983), and a Master of Divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School, Newton, MA (1997). She continued her studies as a Harvard Divinity School Urban Ministry Fellow (Certificate, 2003).

Rev. Adrienne has been an educator, minister, and a professional organizer. Before coming to UMass, she worked for the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization, helping diverse people-of-faith work together as forces for positive social change. She also worked as an Associate Pastor and Minister at Zion Baptist Church, Lynn, MA, and as a Youth Organizer with First Lutheran Church in Lynn. She currently serves on the campuses of UMass Boston, and Regis College in Weston, MA.

Rev. Adrienne came to UMass in September of 2000. She provides Pastoral Care, a listening ear, prayer, referrals to local Houses of Worship, opportunities for dialog, interactive faith events, and fun fellowship. She also leads Bible study discussions and meditation.

PASTORAL CARE REMINDER:

Rev. Don Crosby will be available for pastoral care emergencies during Tom's sabbatical. His home phone number: 508-459-0210; cell phone number: 508-723-2600.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH VALUE STATEMENTS

INCLUSION

We welcome all in Christ's love.

FREEDOM OF FAITH

Individual interpretation of God's Word and freedom of expression are cornerstones of our faith.

SERVICE

We seek to be a Christ-like presence in the world.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

We encourage all to seek Christian growth.

WE WELCOME YOU...to the Morning Worship of the First Baptist Church. If you are a guest, we express a special word of welcome and invite you to fill out the Welcome Card found in the pew rack. We are honored by your presence and hope you will return whenever you are able. The congregation of First Baptist Church, believing that God's unbounded love and grace are offered to all and meant to be shared and celebrated by all, embraces persons of every age, race, sexual orientation, denomination, cultural background, and economic means as vital and integral members of God's family. We welcome everyone to participate in the membership, life, worship, and activities of this church.

IF YOU ARE VISITING FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY:

Please join us for fellowship in the Lee Room following the service. You can enjoy refreshments, meet members of the congregation, and learn about the many programs of this church. The Lee Room is located one flight down by exiting Gordon Hall through the rear door, and taking the staircase exit next to the bubbler (or enter the elevator and press BR). Turn left through the glass doors at the bottom and enter the Lee Room by the first door on the right in the hallway. **If you are searching for a church home,** we would love to get to know you. Please speak with one of our Ministers, or call to speak with them during the week at 508-755-6143.

Those with infants and children ages up to age five are welcome to take them to the **Nursery/Preschool class (located in the Caboose).** Please ask one of our ushers to assist you.

Hearing Aids, Large Print Bulletins, and Children's Bulletins are available... Please speak with one of our ushers for assistance.

FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL...During the month of August, the Floral Arts Committee encourages the gardeners among us to consider sharing the beauty of their gardens! We welcome any arrangements, and ask that you bring them with you on Sunday before Worship and place them at the front in Gordon Hall. 🌸

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:45 AM: Nursery & Preschool Room Opens (@ Caboose)

10:00 AM: Morning Worship; Summer Church School

11:00 AM: Refreshments and...

Youth Group: See bulletin announcements or the posted schedule.

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL...Children will be dismissed following the Children's Affirmation, and have class in the Green Room on the second floor. Parents may pick up their children following Morning Worship. For directions to the Green Room, please speak with one of our ushers for assistance.

REFRESHMENTS AND...Join with the family and friends following this morning's service in the Lee Room. Be sure to take time to reach out to those among us who are new at the First Baptist Church!

THE PRAYER PYRAMID will assume the responsibility for your prayer needs while the prayer fellowships are not meeting. Please contact the Church Office (508-755-6143) or Eleanor Brockway (508-753-7827) with any prayer requests.

PREACHING THIS MONTH

August 22 Rev. Gordon Swan

August 29 Rev. Paul Ferrin

THIRD ANNUAL CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC is COMING SOON...to Barre Falls Dam in Hubbardston, MA on **September 12, 2010**. We look forward to another wonderful day, departing immediately following Morning Worship and enjoying the beautiful picnic grounds as long as we like. Pick up a copy of the flyer TODAY!

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING TODAY...High blood pressure usually has no symptoms, and uncontrolled high blood pressure can lead to stroke, heart attack, heart failure or kidney failure. The only way to tell that you have high blood pressure is to have your blood pressure checked. A free screening is scheduled **today** in the Library following Morning Worship. Sponsored by the Health Cabinet.

NEWSLETTER: GOING “GREEN”...Beginning with the September, 2010 issue, we will send an e-mail notice when our monthly newsletter is available online at www.fbc-worc.org (where is it already posted each month!). Hard copies will continue via U.S. Mail, unless you opt out by contacting the Church Office at 508-755-6143 or info@fbc-worc.org.

DONATIONS FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES NEEDED...Warren Jones continues to coordinate pick-up and delivery of much needed household items for arriving refugee families. **Please contact Warren to arrange pick-up items you wish to donate: 978-368-1310.** Current needs include:

- Crib and/or infant bed
- Single, double, and/or bunk beds (or any parts of one)
- Two-seat sofa
- Dining table and chairs
- Washers
- Juicer/blender
- Microwaves
- Computers
- DVD players

DRIVER NEEDED...A volunteer is needed to transport refugee children who are members of the Chorister Choir to rehearsals on Tuesday afternoons, beginning in September. Any individual available to assist with this effort should contact Warren Jones at the above telephone number.

YOUTH GROUP T-SHIRTS...Love the t-shirts worn by the Youth on Youth Sunday and wish you owned one? You're in luck—we are now taking orders for those interested in making a purchase! Place your name, number and shirt size you desire on the sheet outside of Rev. Heather Kattan's office. Pricing determined by the size of the order, so place your order today!

HOPE FOR HOUSING...Remember to stop by our table in Gordon Hall each week to purchase your food shopping cards! When used, 5% of your total purchase goes toward the prevention and early intervention assistance to those who are at risk of homelessness.

OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Sun., Aug. 15, 2010	9:45 AM	Nursery & Preschool Opens (@ Caboose)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship in Gordon Hall; Summer Church School
	11:00 AM	Refreshments and...in the Lee Room; BP Screening in the Library
Mon., Aug. 16, 2010	1:30 PM	Weekly Staff Meeting <i>Elm Park Ministries Urban Camp Week Two @ Trinity Lutheran Church</i>
Tue., Aug. 17, 2010	6:00 PM	MBIA
Wed., Aug. 18, 2010	7:00 PM	Food Addicts in Recovery
Thu., Aug. 19, 2010	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous
Fri., Aug. 20, 2010	7:00 PM	Christian Singles
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Fall POTLUCK Picnic @ Barre Falls Dam
Festival Sunday/BRUNCH
New Directory Photos
Laity Sunday

...and much MORE!