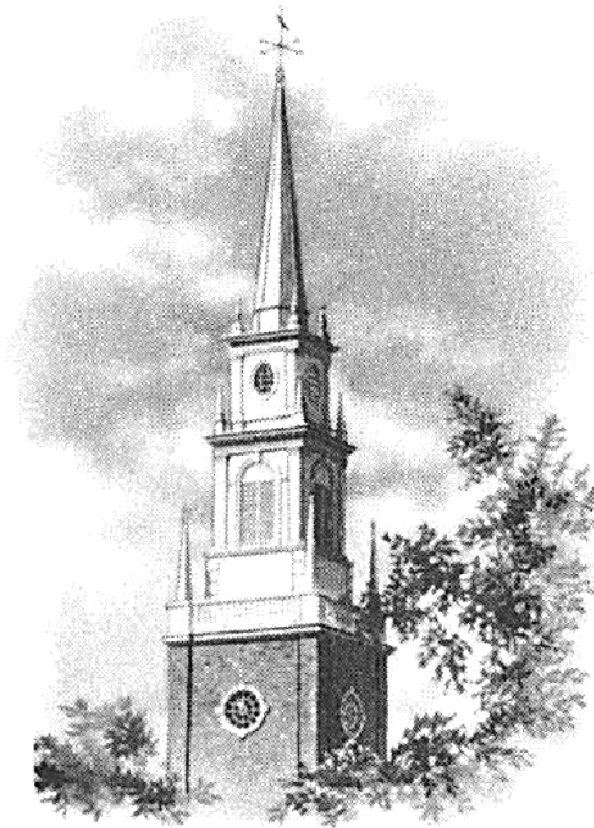


First Baptist Church

June 21, 2009



Worcester, Massachusetts
A Welcoming and Affirming Church
Mission Statement

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

Morning Worship



FATHER'S DAY

June 21, 2009 **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 Prelude in G major (BWV 451) J. S. Bach
1685-1750

***HYMN 358** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Beecher

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Heather Kattan

Leader: Let us lift up our voices and hearts to the creator of heaven and earth, and all that dwells therein.

People: **I will bless the Lord at all times; praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be glad!

ALL: **O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt the name of the Lord together!**

***INVOCATION (Unison)**

Loving God, we come to you this hour asking for your blessing and help as we are gathered together. We pray for guidance in the matters at hand and ask that you would clearly show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Give us the desire to find ways to excel in our work. Help us to work together and encourage each other to excellence. We ask that we would challenge each other to reach higher and farther, and to be the best we can be. We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray: Our Father...(depts)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Heather Kattan

SOLO *On Eagle's Wings* Michael Joncas
(based on Psalm 91) b. 1951

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Heather Kattan
2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (pg. 940)

LITTLE CHILDREN, WELCOME Koleda

Little children, welcome! Earth is yours to live in; arms of love protect you, little children, welcome!
We, the church of Jesus, we will help your growing, Jesus' love enfolds you, little children, welcome!

AFFIRMATION OF THE CHILDREN..... Heather Kattan

(Children may return to their seats following the Children's Message.)

SERMON *This is the Day* Rev. Michael Harvey

***HYMN 353** Grace Greater than Our Sin Moody

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS..... Michael Harvey

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS..... Heather Kattan

Offertory *All Things Bright and Beautiful* *English Traditional*

***Doxology 34**..... Old Hundredth

***Prayer of Dedication**

***CLOSING HYMN 559** Here I Am, Lord..... Daniel Schutte

***BENEDICTION**..... Michael Harvey

POSTLUDE Fugue in G major (BWV 541).....J.S. Bach

**Those who are able may stand.*

*Michelle Williams, soprano
Wesley Hall, guest organist*

ABOUT OUR GUEST MINISTER:

Michael Harvey is the Executive Director of the Conference of Baptist Ministers in Massachusetts. He came to this position after 38 years of being a pastor in rural Kentucky and in urban Chicago. Michael is a graduate of Berea College and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He has led workshops and conferences on Dialogue, Prayer, Marriage, and Biblical Studies. Michael is married to Paula, and they and their daughter, Stephanie, and her grandmother, Joyce, attend the First Baptist Church in Worcester. **You may contact Michael in response to his sermon at [cbmm@charter.net].**

ABOUT OUR GUEST ORGANIST:

Wesley Hall is a member of the Worcester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and has studied the organ for over six years, most recently with William Ness at the First Baptist Church, Worcester. Wesley substitutes as invited for area organists. For the last several years, he has performed at Trinity Church of Boston's *Fridays on the Square* recital series. He is also a regular recitalist for the Worcester Chapter AGO which has consistently supported his organ study. Wesley was home educated for eighteen years and is now enrolled at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music at Oberlin College in Ohio where he focuses on pipe organ performance.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH VALUES 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.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE & PROGRAMS

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.✚

HEARING AIDS AVAILABLE DURING THE SERVICE...If you would like to take advantage of our hearing aids, please speak with one of our ushers, who will explain this simple yet effective device.

LARGE PRINT BULLETIN AVAILABLE...with the Order of Service. Please speak with one of our ushers to receive a copy!

CHANCEL FLOWERS...Today's arrangements are dedicated by Natalie Graham in loving memory of Alfred H. Graham. ✨

SUPER SUMMER SUNDAYS...Summer Sundays are truly SUPER at First Baptist Church! We offer excellent programming for every group at 9:00 AM. Dedicated teachers will lead the children in object-oriented, interactive, Bible-based learning in the Green Room, using the **KidsOwn Worship®** Curriculum. **Bible & Bagels** continues in the Lee Room. Join your friends for a study of Galatians. No prior knowledge required. ☺

COFFEE AND...Join with the family and friends following the service today in Gordon Hall. Be sure to take time to reach out to those among us who are new at the First Baptist Church! ☑

oops! WE GOOFED! The names of those who assisted with Children's Worship this year were inadvertently omitted from the list in last Sunday's bulletin recognizing Christian Educators. **Cathleen Samborski, Warren Jones, Phyllis Whitten, and Becca Ayres** were an immense help in ensuring the success of the Children's Worship program during the past year. Our deepest apologies for the omission, and MANY thanks to them for all of their help!



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING TODAY...Please take the opportunity to have your blood pressure checked absolutely free TODAY in the Library, beginning at 11:15 AM. Sponsored by the Health Cabinet.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED...to a shower to welcome Patience Kagomo on Sunday, June 28, 2009. He was born on April 1, 2009 to parents Martha and Gerald (and big sister Geraldine) who are refugees from Burundi, Africa. At present the he weighs about nine pounds. Disposable diapers are always welcome. Please join us in Gordon Hall following the worship service on June 28. Sponsored by the Social Action Committee. Questions? Contact Anne Puffer [508-829-9705].



SUMMER CHOIR...will function on **July 5, 12, 19, 26**, for those who are interested in singing only on Sunday morning with no robes. We will sing one Anthem per Sunday. Join with us and sing!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP...Experience & Discover God Everywhere during **CAMP E.D.G.E.**, August 2—5, 5:30—8:30 PM at FBC! VBC is not your typical stroll through the woods. It's an action-packed, expedition that teaches kids and adults their might and strength come from God! **SAVE THESE DATES**, and plan to join the adventure. Parents of children and youth should look for more information and a registration form in the mail. Anyone interested in helping "behind the scenes" should speak with Heather Kattan.



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.



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

GARDEN FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL...Due to so few floral dedications for the months of July and August, the Floral Arts Committee encourages the gardeners among us to consider sharing the beauty of their gardens with us! We welcome any arrangements, and ask that you bring it with you on Sunday before Worship, to be placed on the Chancel in July or in Gordon Hall in August.



**COMING SOON:
4-R-KIDS 2009!**



**A Summer Learning Program with the Elm Park Community School
and the Worcester School Department.
VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED to walk from the school site to FBC
and back, AND/OR to help with crafts, breakfast, lunch, and snacks.
CORI required. More info to come. Please speak with Heather Kattan
or Jean Perkins for more information!**

PLEASE NOTE...The Women's Prayer Fellowship and the Evening Prayer Fellowship will resume their 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM schedule on Wednesday, September 23, 2009.

SAVE THE DATE...The 35th Annual Worcester CROP Walk will be held on October 25, starting from Trinity Lutheran Church. As this is a special anniversary, they are hoping to raise \$35,000, and will need lots of prayers, donations, and workers to pull this off. **SAVE THE DATE** and then **PLAN TO WALK** for hunger.





See, now is the
day of salvation!

2 Corinthians 6:2



Summer Sundays are truly SUPER at First Baptist Church in 2009! In addition to worship at 10:00 AM, there is excellent programming for every group at 9:00 AM. Here are the details:

8:45 AM Coffee and bagels in the Lee Room

9:00 AM Nursery & Preschool: Open

Children: Super Summer Sundays in the Green Room.

Dedicated teachers will lead the children in object-oriented, interactive Bible-based learning in the Green Room, using the KidsOwn Worship® Curriculum.

Adults: Bible and Bagels in the Lee Room.

Join your friends for a study of the book of Galatians. No prior knowledge is required.


10:00 AM SUMMER WORSHIP PREACHING SCHEDULE

June 21	Rev. Michael Harvey
June 28	Rev. Bob Bachelder (week of American Baptist Biennial in Pasadena, CA)
July 5	Rev. John Minott
July 12	Rev. Diane Kessler
July 19	David Goff
July 26	William Ness
August 2	Rev. Ken Swenson (Mid-Summer Communion in Gordon Hall)
August 9	Rev. Ken Swenson
August 16	Rev. Heather Kattan
August 23	Rev. Nick Carter
August 30	Rev. Thomas R. McKibbens returns

11:15 AM Refreshments

OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY, Jun. 21, 2009



8:45 AM Coffee & Bagels in the Lee Room
9:00 AM Bible & Bagels; Super Summer Sundays!
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Coffee and...; BP Check

Tue., Jun. 23, 2009

9:00 AM First Friends
9:30 AM Literacy Volunteers
10:00 AM Weekly Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Literacy Volunteers
7:00 PM Brd. of Deacons; Brd. of Finance

Wed., Jun. 24, 2009

7:00 PM Park Cong.; Food Addicts in Recovery

Thu., Jun. 25, 2009

9:30 AM Literacy Volunteers
12:00 PM Literacy Volunteers
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Sun., Jun. 28, 2009

8:45 AM Coffee & Bagels in the Lee Room
9:00 AM Bible & Bagels; Super Summer Sundays!
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Coffee and...; Baby Shower (Kagomo)

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