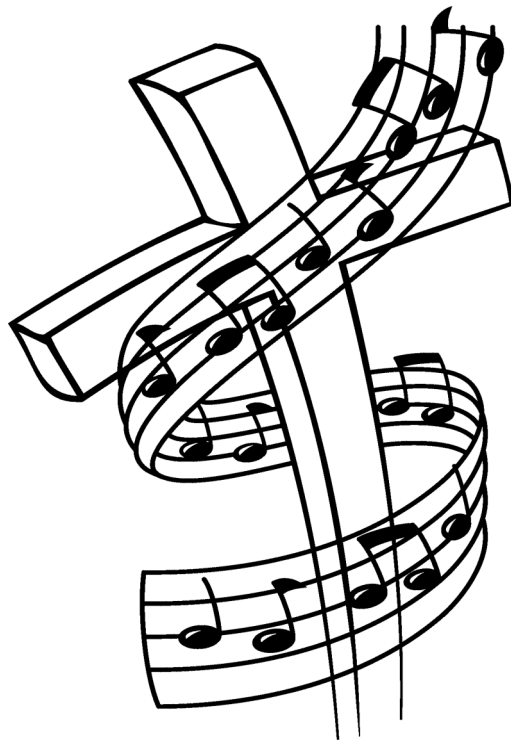


First Baptist Church

May 3, 2009

MUSIC & ARTS SUNDAY



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.

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

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 12:1-6 (pg. 558).....Rose Pierce and Heather Kattan
Psalm 23 (435)Ann Ming Samborski
John 7:53-8:11 (870)..... Brenda Baker

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 who desire to participate in a Children's Worship Experience
are invited to join their worship leader following the Children's Message.)*

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS..... Thomas R. McKibbens

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory Anthem *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*Mack Wilberg
Psalm 23 paraphrase by Isaac Watts, 1674-1740 b. 1955

***Doxology** Hymn to Joy

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead!

***Prayer of Dedication**

COMMUNION MEDITATION *Stepping Away*..... Brenda Baker

***COMMUNION HYMN 698** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* Linstead
Choir sings stanza 1, and then all join in singing stanzas 1 through 3.

A SERVICE OF COMMUNION.....Thomas R. McKibbens & Brenda Baker

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

SanctusHans Leo Hassler
1564-1612

The Passing of the Bread and Wine

O Bread of Life From Heaven..... David Ashley White
b. 1944

(Continued)

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need..... Sunita Staneslow
The Passing of the Peace, and Blest Be the Tie

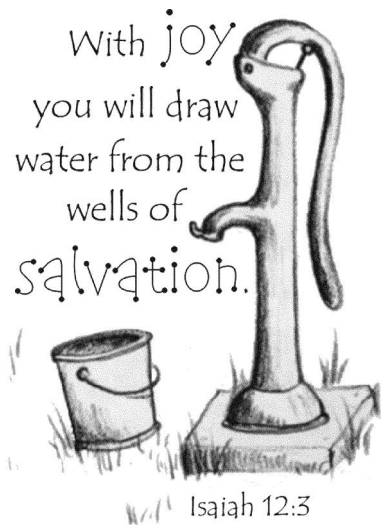
***CLOSING HYMN 641** For the Music of Creation..... Rustington

***BENEDICTION**..... Brenda Baker

POSTLUDE *The Lord's My Shepherd*..... Robert Powell
b. 1932

**Those who are able may stand.*

*Sarah Sams, flute
Tyler Rand, oboe
Lira Cady, harp
Chancel Choir
William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts*



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 in memory of Gertrude and James Wooten, Evelyn and Henry Sawin, and Robert Chapman, by Lois and David Sawin.✠

SUNDAY EDUCATION...We offer a variety of worship and learning opportunities for children and youth. Following the Children's Message, children are invited to attend a Children's Worship session upstairs in the Green Room. At 11:15 AM, we have Church School classes for all ages on the second floor. For more information, please speak with one of our ushers, or the Rev. Heather Kattan.☺

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 to the First Baptist Church!☺



YOUTH GROUP TODAY...A Movie & A Plan! We will have pizza and popcorn during the movie, and then finish up any plans for Youth Sunday. Please meet in the Lee Room at 12:30 PM.

TODAY'S SCROGIN BOOK FORUM...on the topic of Native American Culture & Theology, today's selection is entitled, *Black Elk Speaks: Being the Life Story of a Holy Man of the Ogala Sioux*, as told through John G. Neihardt (Flaming Rainbow). Please meet at 11:15 AM in the Roy Room.

TODAY'S ADULT FORUM...ASK THE PASTOR! Join us at **11:15 AM in the Lee Room** for an **Adult Forum Q&A** featuring our own Senior Minister, Rev. Thomas R. McKibbens. You may ask questions directly or use one of the index cards provided in the Lee Room to write your question anonymously. No question is too big...or too small!




BRENDA BAKER'S LAST SUNDAY...Brenda Baker has been our Field Education Intern from the Andover Newton Theological School for the 2008-2009 academic year. Brenda's last day with us will be next Sunday, **May 10, 2009**. Please join us for worship as we express our gratitude to God for her ministry, and for a reception in her honor following the Morning Worship service.



YOUTH AT FIRST TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP...The Youth Group will take part in the First Tuesday Fellowship at Briarwood Continuing Care Retirement Community **this Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 6:30 PM**. Please sign-up outside Heather's office, or contact her [508-755-6143 x228/ heatherk@fbc-worc.org]. *Don't forget your permission slip!*

NOTICE TO THE GOVERNING BOARD...The regular Governing Board meeting scheduled for **May 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM** will take place at the **United Congregational Church, 6 Institute Road, Worcester**, for Information Gathering. **We will ALSO meet the following Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 7:00 PM at FBC** in the Roy Room. *Please make note in your schedule!*

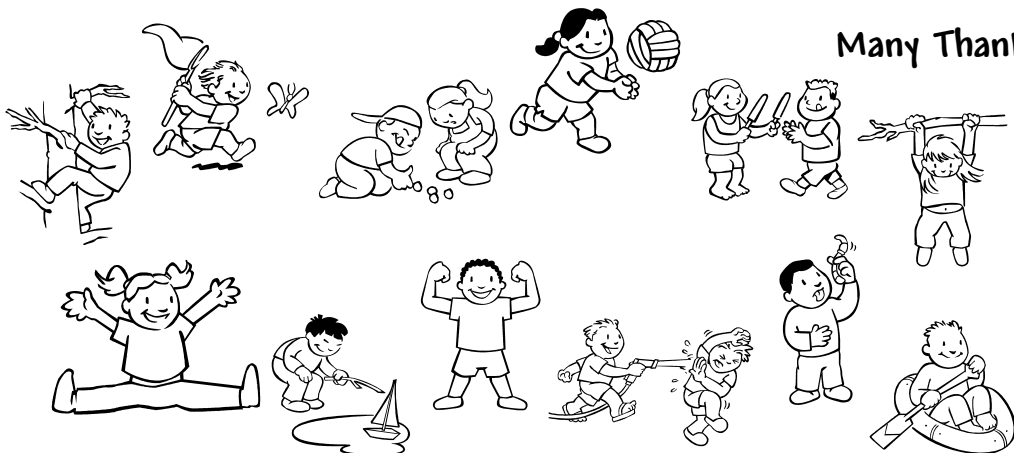
IT'S "WALK" TIME AGAIN—AND WE NEED YOU!...Please join us at beautiful Elm Park for the 24th Annual WALK for the Homeless on **Sunday, May 17, 1:00 PM**. Last year, about 900 participants raised over \$125,000. Part of the funds raised support Hope for Housing, so we will be there as *Team First Baptist*. Last year our team raised more than \$1,000 and we are counting on YOU to help  **DOUBLE** that this year. Please pick up a pledge sheet in Gordon Hall following the service, write "Team First Baptist" as the organization, and we will be on our way! If you cannot participate in the WALK, you may still fill out a pledge sheet, and then hand it in to Jean Perkins or Anne Puffer at FBC on May 17. Thank you!



Donations for Grotonwood & Oceanwood CAMPERSHIPS

Grotonwood and Oceanwood are Christian summer camp and retreat centers located in Groton, Massachusetts and Ocean Park, Maine. The camps offer great opportunities for social, recreational, and spiritual development for the children and youth of this church. However, finances are tight for many these days, and affording a week of camp may not be entirely possible.

Because we all want the best for our youth and children, we are asking everyone to help defray the expense of camp by rebuilding our fund for CAMPERSHIPS [camp+scholarship]. Please take a moment and make use of the small envelope found in this bulletin, and add as much or as little as you are able in cash, or by writing a check (indicate "Camperships" on the memo line). We will collect the envelopes through YOUTH SUNDAY, which is May 17, 2009. Be sure to seal the envelope and place it into the offering plate.



Prayer...

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

~Colossians 4:2

Please include in your prayers:

- The Men's Breakfast Fellowship
- Habitat for Humanity
- The Music & Arts Committee
- The Briarwood Ministries
- Young people seeking jobs; education
- Wisdom for the leaders of the world
- Those affected by the Swine Flu
- Arlene Alexander, David Siddle, Jean Mills, Susan Gustafson, Daryl Otobo, Margaret Gowetz, Alexandra Bergstrom, Charlotte Thalen
- The refugees in our midst
- Those facing difficult choices and decisions
- Those with chronic disease; those receiving therapy

YOUTH GROUP SERVICE WEEKEND...at Camp Oceanwood May 22 through 25. Those interested should sign-up on the sheet outside of Heather's office. Schedule and details will be sent out to those who sign-up!

VBS...Experience & Discover God Everywhere during ***CAMP E.D.G.E.***, August 2—6, 5:30—8:30 PM at FBC! SAVE THESE DATES!

HOPE FOR HOUSING...Remember to stop by our table in Gordon Hall each week to continue making your food shopping card purchases! When cards are used at local grocery stores, the store will contribute 5% of the total purchase to Hope for Housing to give to the Central Mass Housing Alliance, for use in prevention and early intervention assistance to families and individuals that are at risk of homelessness.

SUMMER CHOIR...will function on the following Sundays: **July 5, 12, 26, and August 2**, for those who are interested in singing only on Sunday morning with no robes. We will sing one Anthem per Sunday.

TRIP TO TANGLEWOOD...You are cordially invited to join us for a trip to **Tanglewood on July 12** with Herbert Blomstedt conducting and Joshua Bell, violin with the BSO. Music is *Egmont Overture*, Beethoven; *Violin Concerto no. 1*, Bruch; *Symphony no. 8*, Dvorak. If you are interested, please sign-up in the Church Office for a Sunday afternoon excursion with dinner following in Springfield upon our return. **[508-755-6143]**

OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

- TODAY, May. 3, 2009 8:00 & 9:00 AM Bible & Bagels
 9:00 AM Music & Arts Photo Exhibit (until 3:00 PM)
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Church School; Scrogin Forum; Adult Forum
12:30 PM Youth Group
 5:00 PM Habitat
- Mon., May 4, 2009 5:45 PM Building & Grounds
 7:00 PM Music & Arts
 7:00 PM Habitat
- Tue., May 5, 2009 9:30 AM Literacy Volunteers
10:00 AM Full Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Literacy Volunteers
 1:00 PM Salisbury Belles & Beaux
 4:00 PM Children's Choir
 7:00 PM Social Action; Compassionate Friends
- Wed., May 6, 2009 9:00 AM Women's Prayer Fellowship; Jericho Road;
 5:00 PM Habitat
 6:00 PM Women's Group
 7:00 PM Evening Prayer; Park Cong.; Food Adds/Rec.
- Thu., May 7, 2009 9:30 AM Literacy Volunteers
 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
- Fri., May 8, 2009 3:15 PM Girl Scouts
- Sun., May. 10, 2009 8:00 & 9:00 AM Bible & Bagels
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Church School; Adult Forum;
 4:00 PM AGO Scholarship Recital

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