

The First Baptist Church of Worcester
MORNING WORSHIP



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

King James Bible Sunday

October 23, 2011..... 10:00 AM

PRELUDE Chorale in E Major.....Caesar Franck (1822-1890)

*** HYMN 59** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee..... L. Beethoven (1770-1827)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.

People: Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Leader: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

People: Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

*** INVOCATION (Unison)**

O eternal Word of God, limitless and free, yet handed down to us through careful human speech, telling salvation's story in the homely and glorious words of our own mother tongue: translate what we hear and read into lives that speak your truth afresh in this generation, that many may come to love you, and follow the way of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray: Our Father (debts)....

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE..... Joe S. Nolet

**Those who are able, may stand.*

Please turn pagers and cell phones to silent mode. Nursery care is available for children during worship service. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH VALUE STATEMENTS

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WE WELCOME YOU...to the Morning Worship at First Baptist Church. If you are a visitor, we express a special word of welcome and invite you to fill out a Welcome Card and place in the offering plate or give to an usher. We believe that God's unbounded love and grace are offered to all persons, of any age, race, sexual orientation, denomination, cultural background, and economic means as integral members of God's family.

IF YOU ARE VISITING FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY... Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in Gordon Hall following the service. If you are searching for a church home, we would love to get to know you. Please speak with a Minister or call during the week at 508-755-6143. Those with infants and children up to age 5 may take them to the Nursery/Preschool class. An usher will be happy to assist you with directions to rooms in the church building, and with any special needs.

WE WELCOME OUR GUEST MUSICIANS ...Randy Poser, tenor, and Robert Wilson, organ. We are most fortunate to once again have both of these fine musicians for our service .

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS have begun and there are 3 more sessions in this 4-part series. Dinner is served at 5:30 PM, followed by a class taught by Thomas R. McKibbens at 6:30 PM. The class series is called **SPEAKING CHRISTIAN: THE LANGUAGE OF ZION**. We will look closely at the meaning of Christian terms and think together about their use and misuse. Please sign up or call the church office for dinner reservations by Tuesday @ noon.

THE BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE IS PLANNING...*The Living Gift Market* at First Baptist on November 13th @ 11:00 AM, following worship service. This is a fun, family-friendly, "hands on" activity! And, there are still many opportunities to help with this worthy cause! To learn more about the Heifer International Living Gift Market, please visit www.heifer.org and click on the "living gift market" box—or see Denise Wolf (nisiewolf@gmail).com or any of the Benevolence Committee members to learn more about the Living Gift Market.

50-YEAR MEMBER RECOGNITION...the Deacons are sponsoring a 50-year member recognition on Sunday, November 6th. It has been a few years since our last celebration of this significant milestone so we will have many members to recognize!

PRAYER... "Prayer moves the hand that moves the world" - John Aikman Wallace

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS...

- *Our church family throughout the "Wonderful Wednesdays" suppers and seminars
- *Pastor Thomas McKibbens and staff
- *The Oct. 22nd Revels event, held this past Saturday
- *The Oct. 24th Monday Beck Lecture!
- *The Prayer Shawl Ministry and all those who knit
- *Robert Slayter, Harry and Gloria Bayliss, Marion Anderson, and Roberta Fitch
- *The Diaconate; the Church Choir
- *Those who are in transition; the unemployed
- *All the residents of Briarwood
- *Those who are bereaved
- *Caregivers
- *Courage and Wisdom for the world's leaders
- *Those suffering from severe or debilitating illnesses

THE PRAYER SHAWL COMMITTEE KNITTERS... have delivered a LOT of smiles, often accompanied by tears, but also smiles of appreciation, support and friendship. But, these smiles are delivered at some cost. This is why we are asking you to consider making a tax deductible donation to this ministry. Over the years, they have created more than 253 shawls and 172 pocket prayer shawls. The committee has spent over \$3,800 on yarn and supplies. Thanks to several people who have generously supported this ministry, they have been able to be self sufficient, until now. Please help us to help people.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR...there are still many Sunday services with available dates for altar flower donations to remember and honor loved ones. Pick up a flower donation form or call the Church Office (508-755-6143) to request one to be mailed to you.

HOPE FOR HOUSING CARDS... the holidays are coming and so is colder weather. The Central Mass. Housing Alliance receives 5% of the purchase value of each grocery card that you purchase. It's that simple. Please remember to purchase grocery cards which will benefit this Homeless Prevention program, and thank you for your continued support of preventing family homelessness.

ROY FUND LOAN APPLICATIONS...2nd semester loan applications are DUE no later than November 1, 2011. Contact Andrea Letourneau with questions: AndreaL@fbc-worc.org

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WORLD MISSION OFFERING... Please remember to make your pledge during this month. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and needed.

THE MASSACHUSETTS BIBLE SOCIETY...is sponsoring the annual Harrell Beck Lecture on *God'S Secretaries, the Making of the King James Bible*, in celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the "KJV" (King James Version). Adam Nicolson is the lecturer and the author of this wonderful book. Please join us in the Sanctuary on Monday, October 24th at 7:00 PM. There is no charge. For more information, visit www.massbible.org.

MEN'S SATURDAY BREAKFAST @ 8 AM... Men of all ages, mark your calendars for (mostly) the 1st Saturday of the month (note exceptions): Nov. 5, Dec. 3, 2012: January 7, February 4, March 3, April 14, May 5, and June 2.

Location: 122 Diner

1392 Main Street, Holden MA (across from Wachusett High School)

Contact Tom Ward @ tward@oxps.org with any questions.

New! FBC FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT... on Saturday, October 29th at 7:00 PM in the Lee Room. Bring the whole family and watch a "spooky movie." There will be popcorn and fun for all ages.

PARK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH... is having their famous Spaghetti Supper on October 29th at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults & \$5.00 for children ages 5-12. Please see Holly Proulx for tickets.

OPEN MIC NIGHT...Making a Difference: FBC members and friends in the community are invited to this free, concert-style event on January 6th from 7:00 -9:30 PM. Please join us in Gordon Hall to celebrate a new year among friends and family. This event is being coordinated by an experienced program/event planner and includes a variety of performers, poets and musicians, including folk, blue grass, jazz, classical, pop, etc. Stay tuned for additional information.

This Week at First Baptist Church

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TODAY, Oct 23	8:30 AM	Breakfast; Nursery Opens
	9:00 AM	Bible & Bagels; Sunday School; Choir warm-up
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Fellowship and Refreshments
	11:20 AM	Adult Forum: KJV Sunday
Mon., Oct 24	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting
	5:30 PM	Stewardship
	7:00 PM	Beck Lecture
Tues., Oct 25	1:00 PM	Salisbury Belles
	4:15 PM	Chorister Choir
	6:30 PM	Habitat Board
	7:00 PM	Benevolence Committee; Board of Deacons
Wed., Oct 26	9:00 AM	Women's Prayer Group; Jericho Road Comm.
	9:00 AM	Music Guild
	5:30 PM	Wonderful Wednesdays (2 of 4wks)
	7:00 PM	Food Addicts in Recovery
Thurs., Oct 27	6:15 PM	First Handbells
	7:00 PM	Worcester Tennis Club
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Fri., Oct 28	3:15 PM	Girl Scouts
Sat., Oct 29	5:00 PM	FBC Family/Youth Movie "Halloween"
	6:00 PM	Park C.C. Spaghetti Supper
Sun., Oct 30	8:30 AM	Breakfast; Nursery Opens
	9:00 AM	Bible & Bagels; Sunday School; Choir warm-up
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
		Adult Forum: Fall Business Meeting