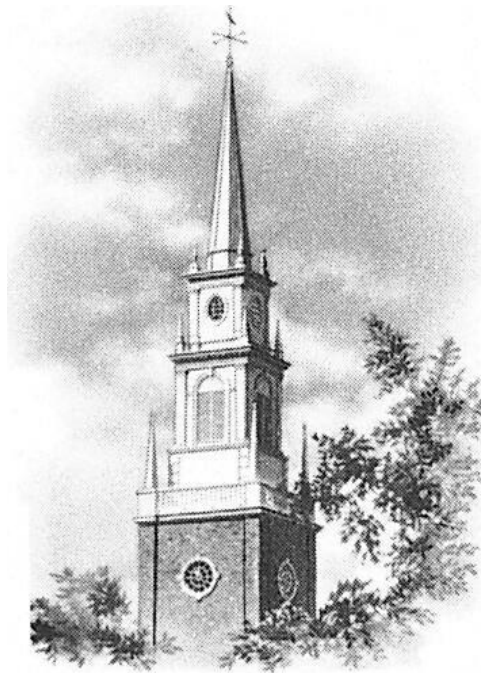


# *First Baptist Church*

*June 1, 2008*



**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**  
*Communion*

**June 1, 2008** ..... **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** Carillon ..... Dean Wagner  
b. 1961  
Praise to the Lord ..... Kevin McChesney  
b. 1963

**\*HYMN 3** God, We Praise You! ..... Rustington

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** ..... Thomas R. McKibbens

Leader: Built upon the rock of Christ's love, our faith in God brings us to this moment.

**People: We yearn for that solid foundation amidst the shifting sands of life.**

Leader: Come to Christ, who welcomes us even when our faith wobbles.

**People: We yearn for that welcome in a world that storms with hatred and fear.**

Leader: Christ our Rock holds us now, even as God holds us throughout life's storms.

**People: We come to be together, to worship, and to praise.**

**ALL: We come with faith in God's love.**

**\*INVOCATION**

**Rock of ages, hold us now. Be the road beneath our feet. Be the foundation of our faith. Be the strength of our very lives. As the sands of life shift all around us, help us to remain steadfast and true. As the winds swirl and blow, help us sense your Spirit's breath. As we worship, help us rebuild our faith. Shore up those places where doubt has crumbled our faith or shifted our priorities. Center our focus on the foundation you offer, that we may live with Christ-like love and rock-solid faith. As Jesus taught his disciples to pray, we say: Our Father...(debts)**

**\*GLORIA PATRI 734**..... Greatorex

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BELL ANTHEM** I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger.....Tammy Waldrop  
b. 1958

**THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

**Call to Giving**

**Offertory Anthem** We Would Offer You This Day..... Jane Marshall  
b. 1924

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRIPTURE** Matthew 7:24-27 (p. 788) ....Rachel Levine

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**.....John Minott  
*(After which, the children ages 4 years old through 4th grade may depart to attend Junior Worship.)*

**SCRIPTURE** Genesis 8:1-12 (p. 6)

**COMMUNION MEDITATION** *A Sprig of Hope*..... Thomas R. McKibbens

**\*COMMUNION HYMN 412** He Comes to Us As One Unknown ... Repton

**A SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Great Thanksgiving in Preparation for Communion

Sanctus in Bb .....Charles Stanford  
1852-1924

The Passing of the Bread and Wine

Let Us Break Bread Together ..... William Lawrence  
1895-1981

The Passing of the Peace and "Blest Be the Tie"

**\*HYMN 717** Go Now in Peace ..... Tallis' Canon

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE** The Peace of God .....John Rutter  
b. 1945

**POSTLUDE** Toccata in D minor, BWV 538.....J.S. Bach  
1685-1750

*\*Those who are able may stand.*

*Chancel Choir*

*First Handbells*

*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.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS...**Today's arrangement is dedicated by Natalie and David Alto, in honor of Etta and Andrew Wisenbaker.

**COFFEE AND...**in Gordon Hall, following the service. Join your friends, and perhaps make a few new friends, in fellowship.

**SCROGIN FORUM...**Today will be our final Forum of the program year, meeting to select the books for 2008 — 2009, so join us in the Roy Room at 11:15 AM, and rally for your favorites!

**MANY THANKS TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS...**for their dedication to our ongoing Christian Education program. Senior Minister Tom McKibbens is delighted to invite all Sunday School Teachers to have lunch in the Lee Room today following Sunday School at 12:30 PM!

## BIBLE & BAGELS!

A new Bible Study for Adults



**WHEN:** Sundays, Beginning June 1, 2008  
**TIME:** 9:00 AM  
**WHERE:** The LEE Room (change!)  
**TOPIC:** The Gospel of Mark with "TD<sup>2</sup>"  
**LEADERS:** Tom & Donna Grisso AND Tom & Donna McKibbens (TD<sup>2</sup>)  
Come as early as 8:45 to enjoy coffee and bagels...really!

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## Murals From Mark

A NEW AND EXCITING ACTIVITY FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF FBC!

**T**he children and youth will create murals coinciding with the stories from the Gospel of Mark that "TD<sup>2</sup>" will be using during their "Bible & Bagels" study. We'll be using different types of paints and pastels, so be sure to bring an old t-shirt or paint smock so that your clothes are protected!

**WHEN:** Sundays, beginning June 1, 2008

**TIME:** 9:00 AM

**WHERE:** The Green Room (classroom near Stoddard Hall)



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**YOUTH GROUP**...will meet today at 12:30 PM, to begin plans on painting the Youth Lounge—hope you did your brainstorming! Also, in case painting actually begins, bring an old t-shirt or paint smock. **JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP will NOT be meeting today.** Stay tuned...

**MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP**...meets on Saturday, June 7, 2008—8:00 AM at the Bickford's on Lincoln Street. This will be our final fellowship of the program year, so please plan to join us! Contact Tom Ward for additional information [tward@oxps.org].

**EDUCATION SUNDAY & CHURCH PICNIC**...is NEXT Sunday, June 8, 2008! Please join us in recognizing and celebrating all those who have been such a great help with our many programs and activities! The picnic will be held out



on our church front lawn, and we will have games and activities for all to enjoy. Good food, good conversation, good people. What more could you expect?

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**BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE...**the meeting scheduled for June 2 has been moved to **June 9, 2008** at 5:45 PM. Committee members should make a note in their calendars. Thank you!

**HEALTH CABINET MEETING...**will now take place on the **SECOND** Tuesday of the month at 5:15 PM [**June 10, 2008**]. Committee members are requested to make this change in their calendars, Thank you!

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS...**begin on Monday, June 9, 2008. Office hours during the summer months will be 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL...**will begin on Sunday, June 15, 2008. It will be held during the regular morning Worship service.

**FOR ALL AGES—SIGN-UP FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP!** Vacation Bible Camp takes place **Monday through Thursday, June 23 through June 26, 2008 6:00 PM—8:00 PM** at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main Street in Worcester. This year's theme, "BEACH Party—Surfin' Through the



Scriptures" will take you seaside, where you will learn the basics of surfing, ride the wave of God's love, and go home with a new "Beach Be-Attitude." Sign up on the Bulletin Board outside the Youth Office across from Gordon Hall TODAY!

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR THE JULY ISSUE...is Friday, June 6, 2008.**

Please submit all items to **Cindy Johnson** via e-mail OR fax [cindyj@fbc-worc.org/508-797-3313], regular mail addressed to Cindy's attention at the Church Office, or a hard copy placed in her mail slot in the Church Office. Thank you!



**SPECIAL INVITATION FROM THE WORCESTER ISLAMIC CENTER...**Imam Abdulkarim Hassan of the Worcester Islamic Center has extended a warm invitation to our members who would like to participate in an Elderhostel on June 14 entitled, "Building Bridges to Islam at the Worcester Islamic Center." The program highlights informative, interactive presentations by practicing Muslims, followed by question-and-answer sessions. There will be an opportunity to observe prayer and worship and to enjoy a taste of traditional Middle Eastern cuisine. You will learn about Islamic aesthetics as you take in an impressive display of Islamic art and architecture. For more detailed information about registration and the program schedule, please refer to the web site:

[<http://www.elderhostel.org/programs/programdetail.asp?RowId=1%2D40YBN9>]

Or, you may call the Worcester Islamic Center at 508-595-0298.

**Prayer...**

*Grant unto us, O Lord, this day to walk with you as Father,  
to trust in you as Savior, to worship you as Lord;  
that all our works may praise you and our lives may give you glory.*

~Author unknown

Please pray for...

- ✎ The TD<sup>2</sup> Bible & Bagels sessions
- ✎ The youth of the church and their families
- ✎ Summer Sunday School and the Vacation Bible School
- ✎ Those living with chronic illness
- ✎ Cheryl Goff
- ✎ Those grieving and those facing grievous issues
- ✎ The Benevolence and the Social Action Committees
- ✎ The refugee ministries
- ✎ Victims of natural disaster in this country and around the world
- ✎ Our military personnel and all those who live in harm's way in warring countries

The Women's Prayer Fellowship and the Evening Prayer Fellowship will not meet during the summer months. In the interim, the Prayer Pyramid will honor your requests. Please use the Prayer Request Cards located in the pew racks, and post them in the Prayer Mail Boxes located outside the sanctuary entrances, and in the main lobby. Both Prayer Fellowships resume meeting on Wednesday, September 24.

**The Skein of Knitters will have their final meeting of the season for lunch at the home of Valerie Loring, 61 Lexington Circle in Holden, on Tuesday, June 10, 10:30 AM.**

## An English Tea!

**JUNE 16 OR  
JUNE 17 OR  
JUNE 18, 2008**

**3:00 PM—5:00 PM**



In the beautiful garden at the home of Lynne Carroll, 61 Fales Street, Worcester. Delectable delights await you at this lovely event. Please sign up by calling the Church Office at 508-755-6143 by June 13, 2008. A donation of \$20 to benefit the Piano Restoration Fund is requested.

*ONLY LIMITED SPACE REMAINS, SO CALL TODAY!*

## OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

|                                                           |                |                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TODAY, June 1                                             | 9:00 AM        | <b>Bible &amp; Bagels (with TD<sup>2</sup>) Lee Rm;<br/>Murals From Mark (Greenroom)</b> |
|                                                           | 10:00 AM       | Worship                                                                                  |
|                                                           | 11:15 AM       | Sunday School; Scrogin Forum (final)                                                     |
|                                                           | 12:30 PM       | Youth Group;<br><i>Sunday School Teacher Luncheon</i>                                    |
|                                                           | 5:00 PM        | Pleasant Street SDA Benefit Concert                                                      |
| Mon., June 2                                              | 7:00 PM        | Habitat VIS                                                                              |
|                                                           | 7:15 PM        | Music & Arts Committee                                                                   |
| Tue., June 3                                              | 9:00 AM        | Literacy Volunteers                                                                      |
|                                                           | 10:00 AM       | Full Staff Meeting                                                                       |
|                                                           | 7:00 PM        | Social Action Committee                                                                  |
|                                                           | 7:30 PM        | Liturgical Dancers                                                                       |
| Wed., June 4                                              | 4:30 PM        | First Friends (set up)                                                                   |
|                                                           | <b>6:30 PM</b> | <b>First Friends Graduation!</b>                                                         |
|                                                           | 7:30 PM        | MA Council of Churches                                                                   |
| Thu., June 5                                              | 7:30 PM        | Alcoholics Anonymous                                                                     |
| <b>Fri., June 6 — NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for July issue!</b> |                | <i>Choir Banquet — offsite</i>                                                           |
| Sat., June 7                                              | 8:00 AM        | Men's Breakfast at Bickford's (final)                                                    |
|                                                           | 5:00 PM        | Wedding                                                                                  |
| <b>Sun., June 8 — EDUCATION SUNDAY</b>                    |                |                                                                                          |
|                                                           | 9:00 AM        | Bible & Bagels; Murals from Mark                                                         |
|                                                           | 10:00 AM       | Worship<br><i>Sunday School Picnic</i>                                                   |

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