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PRAYERWALKING 2008

As the Greater Boston Baptist Association leads churches to prayerwalk their communities, we will be providing special venues to help you facilitate this strategy in your church. Join us on one of the following dates to train your members and to participate in a prayerwalking experience. We will continue prayerwalking in other areas from June through December. We will notify you in the near future with the dates and locations.

Each training experience will take place 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It will include instruction from Randy Sprinkle and everyone will be encouraged to participate in a prayerwalking experience in the church neighborhood. If you would like more details about locations and some information to help you implement prayerwalking into your overall church strategy, please

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April 5	The Church at the Gate, Allston
May 3	Victory Baptist, Marshfield

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GBBA Semi-Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

To be held at the GBBA Office:

754 Greendale Avenue
Needham, MA 02492

Come join us!
6:00-7:00pm

Dinner and Fellowship

7:00-9:00pm
Meeting

Please call Eileen at: 781-449-4000 ext. 0 for dinner reservations or
e-mail: gbba@bostonbaptist.org

What is Happening in GBBA Churches

CHURCHES

ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor Harmon Claiborne – Antioch is celebrating its 27th Anniversary this month. They are looking to do a large renovation project in the near future.

ARABIC BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor Sinote Ibrahim – The church is starting as English as a Second Language course for the many young people who have visited and they are ordaining 2 men to the ministry.

ARABIC EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor Khaled Boshra – In December Arabic Evangelical opened Light House, an Early Learning Center. They have also been active in Evangelism, bringing the word in stories at Downtown Crossing.

BERACA EVANGELICAL CHURCH – Pastor Garry Depestre – Beraca continues to remodel their facility and a house on the property.

BERKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor Paul Kim - BBC celebrates the 27th anniversary of founding of the church in Berkeley, California near Oakland hence where the name Berkland comes from. On this special historical day the church ordains Bro. Joseph Han as a minister of the gospel. Prof. Scott Gibson, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in S. Hamilton, MA was the guest speaker. The church hosts 14 ministers to attend for the ordination service. BBC rejoices in the Lord for His mighty work in the Greater Boston area. Holy Land Study Tour --Pastor Paul Kim and his wife Rebekah Kim joined the SWBTS' Winter Tour to Israel and Jordan from Dec. 28 - January 13.

BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH –Bethesda's Pastor has resigned.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH – Bethlehem is seeking a new Pastor.

BRAZILIAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF FRAMINGHAM- Pastor Jason Silva – The Church is continuing to work on renovating their new building.

CAMBODIAN BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor Sim Srey – Pastor Srey is starting a new Leadership Training Strategy.

CAMBRIDGEPORT BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor Dan Szatkowski – Pastor Dan is preaching on the Word in the book of Acts, teaching about the expansion of the Gospel.

CELEBRATION CHURCH – Brazilian & English – Pastor Nivaldo Nassiff & Pastor Joe Souza – Celebration Church celebrated their 3rd Anniversary on March 9th.

CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON – Pastor Raymond Yeung is Interim Pastor. Rev. Henry Mak will be installed as their new Pastor on April 6th.

CHRISTIAN LIFE WORSHIP CENTER –Pastor Nick Zaccardi – Recently held revival services with Rev. Dick May and as a result the people felt the urgency of winning the lost.

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor Tom Dagley – A Mission's Conference weekend is planned for the end of March. Myron Witmore, missionary to India, will be their main speaker.

COMPASS COMMUNITY CHURCH – Pastor Hariton Deligiannides – Compass continues to meet on Sunday morning and they are active in the life of Newton Corner Worship Center.

EGLISE BAPTISTE HAITIENNE – Pastor Prosper Etienne – This congregation is now meeting in Allston, MA.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF MT. OLIVET – Pastor Dereix Saint Cloud – Mt. Olivet is working hard at rebuilding their youth ministry to make it stronger. They are planning a Gala in June to raise funds to buy a building.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH –Pastor Phil Hardwick - The Visioning Team of Faith Baptist Church in Carver is working on the action plan phase of its strategic planning. Objectives include becoming more visible in the community and growth in worship attendance, discipleship, and ministries .

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor Ray Wall – The Church has been prayerwalking their community and preparing for revival.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Chelsea – Pastor David Aponte – The church started a Nouthetic Counseling Institute (Biblical Counseling) in February. They hope to run this for 3-4 years.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Sudbury – Pastor Dan Stammann – A major remodeling and renovation project has been started. The church is also looking for a Youth/Education/Associate Pastor .

FIRST BRAZILIAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF CAMBRIDGE – Pastor Antonio de la Zerda – 1st Brazilian is looking to sponsor a new church plant in Quincy.

FIRST HAITIAN CHURCH – Pastor Verdieu LaRoche – 1st Haitian is very active with Mission Haiti. They have started 3 churches, a school and a clinic through this mission. They are also holding a revival from March 16-March 23.

FRANKLIN BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor Ed Guindon – Franklin is selling their current building in order to move into a larger facility in the town of Franklin. They are also looking to hire a Music Director, someone who would be willing to work with young adults as well.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor David Bennett – Grace has gone to 4 Worship Services on Sunday. Currently they are searching for a Pastor/Director of Children's Ministry.

GRACE CHURCH – Pastor Sean Sears – Their growing congregation has moved to several facilities over the last year and now they are renovating a building for worship in Stoughton.

HAITIAN BAPTIST CHURCH of CAMBRIDGE – Pastor Dieubon Coicou -

HAITIAN BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor Dieudonne Raymond – Haitian Bible continues to serve the Lord with worship services and bible studies.

HELLENIC GOSPEL CHURCH – Hellenic recently lead the way to turning their facility into “Newton Corner Worship Center”. There are currently 6 different churches that worship at this facility.

HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor Mike Beckner – Hope is concentrating on discipling their 20-30 year old group of young men, preparing them to earnestly contend for the faith.

HOPE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH – Pastor Curtis Cook – Hope continues to have a strong English as a Second Language Program. They started the program 4 years ago and have added bible studies for those who are interested. Several years ago they also started sponsoring an Arts Festival that they hold every April.

IGLESIA BAUTISTA BIBLICA – Pastor Jose Gracia – The church has recently gone through some extensive renovations.

IGLESIA BAUTISTA EL CALVARIO – El Calvario is currently looking for a Pastor for their congregation.

IGLESIA BAUTISTA HISPANA – Pastor Jose Reyes – The church has recently paid off their mortgage.

IGLESIA DE JESUS SENDAS DE FE – Pastor Jaimie Cabal- The church is going well and they are preparing for a team to come and help them with Vacation Bible School this summer.

MARKET STREET BAPTIST CHURCH - Pastor Michael John – has developed a partnership with South Africa after having made several mission trips there and a local pastor came, with his family, to visit for a month .

MT. SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor Eduardo Yarde – They are preparing for Holy Week with Rev. James Allen coming for 3 nights. The church also sponsored a program on Black History with a professor from Leslie College

NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor Timothy Jones – Pastor Jones will be installed as the Pastor of New Bethel on April 6, 2008. They are also holding a Missions Event on March 20, 2008

NEW COLONY BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor Phil Wilkes – New Colony is busily planning for Super Summer in July.

NEW ENGLAND BRAZILIAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF NEWTON – Pastor Porfirio dos Reis- New England Brazilian worships in a contemporary style and they are attracting new families. They have started new small home groups and they have a Wednesday night Bible study where they study Revelations.

NORTH SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor Michael Ballou – The church is preparing for Easter and they are making plans for Vacation Bible School the first week in July.

PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH – Pastor Arnel Dioneda – New people have been coming and the Pastor is very busy with bible studies, counseling and preparing for Worship services.

PORTUGUESE BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor Reginaldo Krukliis - The Portuguese Baptist Church in Cambridge is finishing major renovations in its building at 114 Inman Street - Cambridge. We are marveled at the motivation of members and non members to help. This is part of what we have called "The Nehemiah Strategic Restoration Plan". Physical, Spiritual and Emotional and restoration is under way. Also the two new Missions in Hyannis and Martha's Vineyard are striving forward. Pr. Krukliis is being sent by the Church in March on another Mission Trip where he will be teaching in Cali Colombia and several places in Brazil.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA DE Boston – Pastor Gonzalo Graupera – Primera recently ordained Dr. Gonzalo Graupera to the ministry and called him to be Pastor of the church. They have also purchased a church building in Saugus.

TIMOTHY BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor Larry Green – Pastor Green celebrates his 14th Anniversary this year as Pastor of Timothy Baptist Church.

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor Bob Remick - Victory Baptist in Marshfield will be immersed in Rev. Randy Sprinkle's, Prayer Walking Study and expecting an exciting new vision.

MISSION CHAPELS & BIBLE STUDIES

BETHESDA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor Alexander Michelet – This church has recently applied to join the Association and they are under the consideration of the Credentials Committee.

BOSTON BANGLA CHURCH – Paul Biswas-It was our prayer that God would raise a committed person from First Baptist Church, Manchester, Connecticut. Because everywhere we go we want to work with our local Southern Baptist churches. Praise God that He answered our prayer last December. A young man, whose name is James Kaminski, made a commitment to work with us voluntarily. He was inspired by my teaching through the seminar which I offered at First Baptist Church on December. He regularly attends our Cambridge Bengali Fellowship. He is an active member of First Baptist Church, Manchester, Connecticut. James went to Iraq with US Military infantry Division and he was there 18 months. In Iraq God spoke to his heart and showed him a vision to reach out the Muslim world by showing genuine love to them. He will be preparing himself to work with us before he goes as a missionary to overseas.

BRIDGEWATER MISSION – Mike Hyde – The Hyde’s will be hosting summer mission teams. Mike has completed his Seminary studies at Southeastern Seminary.

BROOKVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastors Dennis Bauder & Larry Smith – Brookville has voted to join the Association and they are under the consideration of the Credentials committee.

DISCOVERY CHURCH – Chris Willis – Chris will be starting a new church in the Weymouth/Braintree area.

EGLISE BAPTISTE MAHAMAIN – Pastor Daniel Registre – This church has recently applied to join the Association and they are under the consideration of the Credentials Committee.

ETHNE – Pastor Osei May – Ethne has Outreach plans for starting new groups this spring. They are considering “PowerPlant Strategy”.

EVANGELICAL BAPTIST TEACHING AND WORSHIP CENTER – Pastor Dick May – EBTWC has experienced physical and spiritual growth over the last year. They are currently looking for a larger facility. Pastor Dick has also initiated a motorcycle ministry in the Association.

FIRST PORTUGUESE SPEAKING CHURCH OF BROCKTON – Pastor Souza is the interim Pastor at 1st Portuguese.

GRACE & FAITH CHURCH – Pastor Emmanuel Fontaine – Grace and Faith recently started Sunday School. They also hosted the 1st Haitian Pastors Prayer Meeting at their church.

IGLESIA BAUTISTA HISPANA – Pastir Antonio de la Zerda

IGLESIA BAUTISTA SHALOM – Pastor Jose Flores – Pastor Flores is starting a new bible study in Somerville, as a potential new work.

IGLESIA CRISTIANA FUENTES DE Vida – Pastor Eladio Alvarez – The church has called Pastor Eladio and will install him on March 9th.

IGLESIA PALABRAS DE VIDA – Pastor Claudio Yeme – Iglesia Palabras continues to grow and be involved in the community. Pastor Yeme has started a radio program. He disciples and encourages his people to work in the ministry with him.

IGREGA BATISTA DE MARLBORO – Damivan dos Santos – The church continues to grow as they celebrate their second year as a congregation.

KOREAN CHURCH OF THE SHEPHERD – Dae Sung Choi – Pastor Choi has recently left his secular job to become full-time Pastor of the church. The church holds 3 bible studies at; MIT, BU and NEC. They will have 2 baptisms in March.

LIBERIAN FELLOWSHIP – Pastor Torli Krua - This church has recently applied to join the Association and they are under the consideration of the Credentials Committee.

LIFE CHURCH – Aaron Cavin – Pastor Cavin is planting a church in Quincy.

MARTHA’S VINEYARD – a church plant sponsored by Portuguese Baptist in Cambridge.

MEETINGHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH – Pastor James Thomasson – This is a thriving and growing church plant.

MID-CAPE CHURCH – Pastor Mike Alford - Midcape Church will celebrate its 6 month anniversary in March. We have recently started a Tuesday night small group. We are averaging 25 people on Sunday mornings.

NORTH SHORE EVANGELICAL MISSIONARY CHURCH – Pastor Paul Daniel - This church has recently applied to join the Association and they are under the consideration of the Credentials Committee.

OASIS – Pastor Brent Jones

SHAWMUT SPRINGS – Chris Nichols – It has been a good year for Shawmut Springs. They continue to grow, build and strengthen their congregation. They have been active in community service in their neighborhood and they are beginning to see the fruit of this ministry. Some members are excited about upcoming mission trips.

THE CHURCH AT THE GATE – Pastor Nathan Creitz – The Church at the Gate will be concentrating on Community Ministry Development with events like “Saturday in the Park”.

TRINITY CHURCH – TJ Odom—They have just returned from a mission trip to Ireland.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

- The sale of the **Craft House** was complete on January 25th. The Administrative Leadership Team and the Finance Committee continue in the process of investing the proceeds of the sale.
- **The Hispanic Pastors Fellowship** elected officers at their last meeting. Rev. Antonio de la Zerda is President, Rev. Jose Reyes is the Vice President and Rev. Jose Flores is the Secretary. They meet monthly.
- **The Haitian Pastors Fellowship** was started on February 23rd with 6 Pastors in attendance. They will continue to meet every other month, the next meeting will be on April 26th at 10:30am at Grace & Faith Church in Somerville.

VERITAS @ MIT

We had the pleasure of hosting Tim Keller from Redeemer Presbyterian in New York City. He shared in an outreach forum on February 26th. Several MIT student groups & leaders worked this past year to organize this event. Six hundred believers and seekers heard him share why the problem of suffering is not strong evidence against the existence of a loving God. Pray for many seekers from around the world as we do follow up in small groups and book studies in the coming weeks. I'd recommend Keller's recent book entitled, *The REASON for GOD: Belief in an Age of Skepticism*.

English Classes

We are excited for the continued ministry of our churches as they use English to meet needs and share Christ. We continue to offer English classes nearly every day of the week throughout GBBA. Go to: <http://bostonbaptist.org/english>

If you want to see a class in action or perhaps begin your own class through your church, just get in touch with me below.

CHINESE NEW YEAR



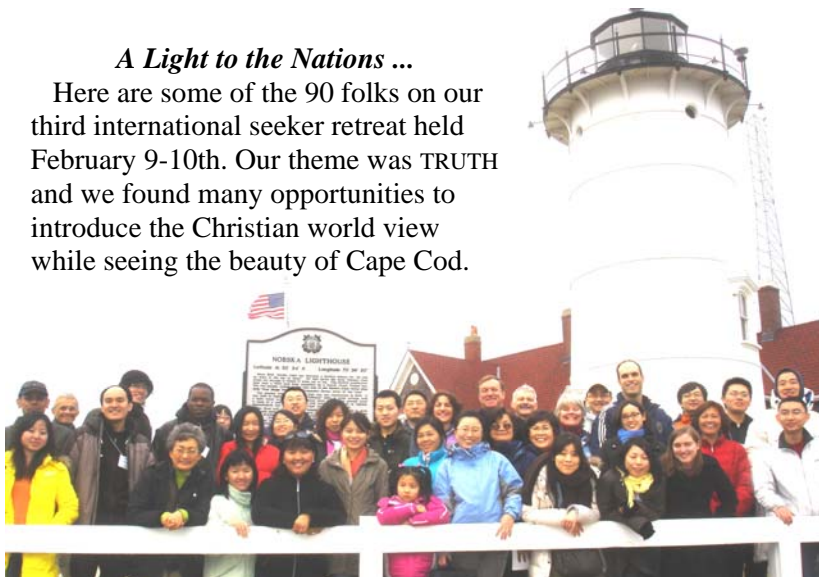
This wonderful couple gave special thanks to the Beevers & Deans by cooking a wonderful meal to celebrate a traditional Chinese New Year. [Photo taken by Nathanael Dean]

Touch Boston & Touch the World

To join in BIM or our outreach events contact Michael Dean at 781.449.4000 x 203 mdean@mit.edu

A Light to the Nations ...

Here are some of the 90 folks on our third international seeker retreat held February 9-10th. Our theme was TRUTH and we found many opportunities to introduce the Christian world view while seeing the beauty of Cape Cod.



Easter Comes Early This Year

Our BIM team hosted an Easter dinner March 8th in Cambridge. Easter is a wonderful time to spread the love of Jesus Christ with those who do not yet know him. We explained to over 60 folks what Easter is all about and held a testimony from a Chinese believer. Thanks for your prayers for many present as we follow up with them and point them to Christ.

~ Michael Dean
BIM Director

Video Bible Class Begins

We just began a new outreach class using *THE HOPE* video. It gives a chronological overview of God's redemptive story from Genesis to Revelation. We share an excerpt each week and follow up with discussion groups. Pray for new seekers as they learn about the Truth during this special season.

Babies Babies Babies

God has blessed many of our international friends with children in recent months. We know several more couples having their first child in the next few months. Pray for those who are not yet believers to come to know Christ during this exciting time in their lives.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Many couples having first child
- Easter outreach

PRAISES

- Wonderful Veritas Outreach Event
- Successful retreat



Women's Fellowship: "A Walk in the Garden"



Saturday, April 5, 2008

10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m.

**Baptist Temple Church
Fall River, MA**

INSPIRATION

Guest Speaker: Amy Mendes of New Bedford, MA

◆
FELLOWSHIP

*Great Opportunity to meet new friends
Enjoy a Hot and Cold Salad Buffet*

◆
FUN

Wait and See!!! You won't want to miss it!!!

**Register TODAY
by contacting Eileen Wall 508-697-0792**



Mark Your Church Calendar PLEASE!!!

Super Saturday '08 — September 27

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location and Topics to be announced!!!

***Don't miss this special opportunity to provide inspiration,
training and fellowship for your church!!!***

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Call to PRAYER March 2008

The Collegiate Church Planting Community

March 1-8:

Please pray this week for the team from **Trinity Church** as they are in Ireland on a mission trip. Pray for them by name and as a team: TJ & Dena Odom, Nick Lake, and Ellen Itzkowitz. Below are some specific things to remember this week:

- Pray for their safety and health as they travel to a new climate
- Pray for them as they prayerwalk many streets and villages, that the Spirit would give them insight as to how to intercede for the people there
- Pray for the team of missionaries that they are working with, that the Trinity team would be an encouragement to them
- Pray that they would relate well to each other as a team
- Pray for TJ and Dena as they lead the team

We are also praying this week for a team that will be in Boston on a mission trip. A group of students from the University of Mobile, AL, will be coming on the 3rd to work with The Church at the Gate. Please be praying for them as well, that they would be a blessing to the people they meet and a blessing to the community at The Gate.

Pray for both of these mission teams, that each trip would not just be a week separate from the rest of their lives, but that God would use it as part of their journey with Him to teach them new and exciting things about His plan for their lives!

9 Pray for the **Oasis Church** as they seek to reach the neighborhoods of Medford and Somerville, and the Tufts University community.

10 Pray for **Brent Jones**, pastor at the Oasis, as he shepherds that community. Ask God to fill Brent with courage, wisdom, and the knowledge of His will.

11 Pray for **The Church at the Gate** as they reach out to the Allston community along with students at Boston University.

12 Pray for **Nathan Creitz** as he pastors at The Gate. Pray for clarity and wisdom as they walk forward with the vision God has given them.

13 Pray today for **Lewie Clark** as he travels to Boston from Chicago to lead our Training Weekend. Pray that God would begin to prepare the hearts and minds of those who will attend the training.

14-15 Pray for our **March Training Event: "Community: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"**. Pray for Lewie as he leads; pray for candid and honest discussion as we talk through what it means to love one another as a community of faith.

16 Pray for **Shawmut Springs Church** as they reach out to the Mission Hill neighborhood of Boston, along with students at Northeastern and Wentworth.

17 Pray for Shawmut Springs' pastor, **Chris Nichols**, that God would draw near to him as Chris calls on Him in truth.

18 Pray for **Trinity Church**, reaching out to the Brighton community along with Boston College.

19 Pray for **TJ Odom** as he pastors Trinity Church, that the Spirit would lead him into all truth as he presents the Word week by week.

20 Pray today for **Sharla Jones, Kim Creitz, Courtney Nichols and Dena Odom** as they all have the important role of pastor's wife! Ask the Father for grace and blessing as they support and walk alongside their husbands.

21 Read **Habakkuk 3:2**, and pray that the city of Boston, a city founded on Christian principles, would return to its roots. Pray that God would have mercy on our city when so many have turned their backs on Him.

22 Read **Jeremiah 33:6-11** and pray that the fame of Jesus Christ would be restored in Boston.

23 Read **Isaiah 6:8**. Pray for the ministries of InterVarsity, Campus Crusade, Chi Alpha, the Navigators, and other campus-based ministries in Boston. Pray that God would provide more staff members to carry out their mission in the city.

24 Read **Isaiah 62:6-7**, and pray for all of the church planting teams in Boston, that as they seek to grow relevant, vibrant churches, they would not rest until Boston is a city of praise for the Father.

25 Read **Jeremiah 3:15**. Pray that God would call people to Boston that would lead God's people in our city. Pray for the pastors in Boston, that they would feed their communities with knowledge and understanding.

26 Read **Psalms 90:17**, and pray for the churches of the Collegiate Church Planting Community: The Church at The Gate, The Oasis Church, Shawmut Springs Church and Trinity Church. Ask the Father to show them favor in the eyes of the communities and people they are trying to reach.

27 Read **Revelation 7:9-10**, and pray for the 30,000 international students studying in Boston. Pray that as they come from over 140 different nations, they would find Christ while in Boston and would take His gospel back to their countries and homes.

28 Read **Ezekiel 22:30**, and pray that God would raise up intercessors all over the city of Boston and beyond to "stand in the gap" and pray for the students and people of Boston.

29 Read **1 Thessalonians 1:5**, and pray that the Body of Christ in Boston would share the Gospel with boldness, knowing that it is more than just words!

30 Read **1 Thessalonians 5:11**, and pray that those ministering in Boston would be encouraged and built up by the Spirit and the prayers of the saints.

31 Read **Colossians 4:2-4**, and pray that God would open a door for His message in the hearts of many. Pray that followers of Christ in Boston would proclaim the Word clearly and faithfully.

Update from February:

Join us as we rejoice with Kelly and Steve Josti at the birth of their daughter! Kelly gave birth on February 12th to a beautiful 10 lb, 13oz baby girl, Madeleine Leigh. They appreciate so much your prayers on their behalf, and ask that you continue to pray for them as they adjust in their new role as Mom and Dad! Our CCPC Family continues to grow—Praise the Lord with us!

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CHURCH FINANCIAL ROUNDTABLE

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

At the Greater Boston Baptist Association offices, Needham

FOCUS: Budget Preparation and Year End Reporting

Join us as we shed light on the importance of a functioning Church Budget and how to go about putting one in place that will serve to complement the ministries of your church and help you to plan for the future.

TO SIGN UP: Please call Eileen at 781.449-4000

