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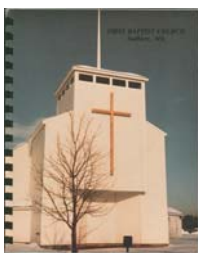
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GBBA Annual Meeting & Installation Service for our new Director of Missions Al Riddley

October 21, 2006

GBBA Annual Meeting 8:30am
Installation Service 10:00am



First Baptist Church, Sudbury
162 Landham Road
Sudbury, MA 01776

A Reception and light lunch will follow the
Installation Service



RSVP for lunch reservations and child care
781-449-4000 or e-mail: gbba@bostonbaptist.org

"Passion, Process, Play-Offs, and Purpose"

Have you noticed how "buzz" words dominate our conversations? Visiting with a friend a few days ago, all of these words were in our conversation. Of course, 'words and words alone' have little power unless they are driven by action and priorities that validate their importance.

For example, the mention of 'play-offs', immediately creates the image of the Red Sox beating the Yankees, which becomes a delightful visual, where hats are being tossed and millionaire athletes are hugging and crying.

This pandemonium happens because they have planned, prioritized, practiced, and purposely designed a preferable future. Go Sox!

As we move together to form a new team in the GBBA, let me take the opportunity to declare some personal priorities. I want to be passionate about our purpose, and to be 'out-front' with my personal mission statement. This will give you a better understanding of how I will invest my time and leadership.

They are:

*To Love and Serve God with all of my heart, mind, and soul.

*To Care for those I love as God intended.

*To Devote my working time to God, in order to reach as many irreligious people as possible, and lead them to become fully devoted followers of Christ.

I anticipate some wonderful celebrations in the years to come.
Blessings,
Al Riddley



Great Boston Baptist Association presents...

Super Saturday 2006

"Preparing You for the Challenges of Ministry"

September 30, 2006

8:30 AM to 3:15 PM

At

University of Massachusetts, Boston

(easy access off Route 3/93, access to public transportation and plenty of parking)

\$20.00 per person

(includes lunch and program materials)

\$10.00 per child for children's activities

(ages 4– grade 6)

This full day of training will include workshops for all church members and leaders.

MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND TODAY!!!

Workshops include: 3-D Sunday School, What is Your Spiritual Temperature?, Spiritual Warfare: Is It Real?, Spiritual Disciplines, 2007 VBS Preview, Evangelism, Effective Planning, Developing a Men's Ministry and much, much more...

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5 Steps to a Healthier Retirement

Daily we're reminded of ways to improve our physical health: eat less fat, exercise, drink more water and reduce stress. While these things are certainly beneficial and important, we can't neglect our financial health either. Let's aim for a healthy body and a healthy retirement as well. Here are five steps for you to consider today:

- Take time now, and figure out where you are. Whether you've started saving late in the game, or you're right on target, it's crucial to know exactly where you stand. Use a balance sheet format and make a list of all your assets and liabilities. Know where all of your accounts are, and how they are invested.
- Decide on a plan for the future. This is the fun part. Spend some time dreaming about what you want retirement to look like. Will you downsize to a smaller home? Considering moving to another city or state? What will your activities be? How much

monthly income will you need to make this dream a reality?

- Make saving for retirement a priority. You will likely spend 20-plus years in retirement, and inflation may average 3% per year or more. Whatever is getting in the way of saving for retirement may have to wait, whether it is a new car, that long vacation or even the children's college expenses. Put a percentage of your income into retirement savings automatically each month, increasing it as you can. Most financial experts encourage you to save 10–15% of your pay for retirement.
- Balance the budget and pay off existing debt. Too much month left at the end of the money? Make sure that expenses are in line. For three months, keep a record of all your expenses and then study the list for ways to reduce cash outflow. If you are carrying high interest rate debt, you are actually negotiating the interest rate you're earning on your retirement assets. Cut up those

credit cards and begin paying them off as quickly as you can.

Monitor your progress at least once a year. If your retirement plan offers online tools and calculators, use them to determine your risk tolerance and to make sure your portfolio allocation conforms to it. You may need to adjust your investment mix as you get closer to retirement. Most importantly, don't panic if you're behind in your savings. Many adjustments can be made to live less expensively after you leave the workforce, in addition to delaying retirement or working part time in retirement.

Whatever your situation, take the time to fully understand your goals and your retirement assets. The best time to prepare for your future is today.

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SUPER SABADO

Septiembre 30, 2006

9:00 a.m. hasta las 3:00 p.m.

Lugar: Universidad de Massachusetts

Tendremos talleres cubriendo temas para todos los miembros y lideres de su congregacion, algunos talleres que se estaran ofreciendo seran: para maestros de niños, juvenes, adultos, talleres para lideres en general, talleres de evangelismo, de adoracion/alabanza, ensenanza sobre la salud etc.

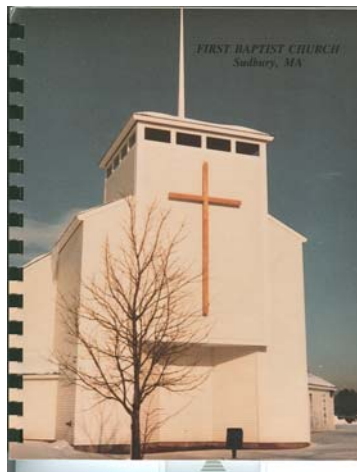
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Church Focus — First Baptist Sudbury



First Baptist Church began on September 27, 1961, in Framingham, Massachusetts when two local families met with an area missionary, the pastor, and a representative from Rice Memorial Baptist Church of Northborough. The foundation was laid with a weekly home Bible study, which began immediately. The First Sunday worship was in April, 1962 with 15 in Sunday School, 21 in worship, 13 in what was then Training Union, and 15 in the evening worship service. That year the church contributed to the Cooperative Program and to Lottie Moon International Mission and the Annie Armstrong Home Mission Offerings. A Women's Missionary Union was organized in April, 1963. On October 11, 1963, the church was constituted as Calvary Baptist Church of Framingham with 37 charter members.

In 1968 the church purchased 4.2 acres of land on its present site,



162 Landham Road, Sudbury. The church occupied its initial building on this site in 1971 and changed its name to First Baptist Church. In 1979 a two-story education wing and fellowship hall were added and in 1987 the present sanctuary and preschool care center was completed.

Working through the Greater Boston Baptist Association and the

Baptist Convention of New England, First Baptist has sponsored many ethnic and community congregations throughout the Boston and Metro west areas. This support has been not only financial but has included the sharing of present facilities and other resources with Greek, Spanish, Brazilian, and Anglo mission congregations. In 1986 almost one third of the membership of First Baptist was commissioned for the start of Grace Baptist Church as a mission in Marlboro. This congregation has since moved to Hudson and numbers approximately 800 members.

First Baptist Church continues to be committed to fulfilling the Great Commission through its member's lives and through the sponsorship of other churches and missions.

BCNE ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your Calendar...November 9-11, 2006

Featuring Dr. Henry Blackaby

Teaching Focus: A Mandate to Missional Living

Convention Hotel—Radisson Hotel and Suites
10 Independence Drive—Chelmsford, MA 01824
800.333.3333/978.256.0800



Hotel rooms are \$79 plus tax for reservations made until October 21. All reservations are required to be guaranteed with a credit card. Upon calling, you should state that you are with Baptist Convention of New England.

Church Planting-Compass Community Church



Q: "So in your estimation, do you consider yourself a Christian?"

A: "Yes"

Q: If on your way home tonight you died in a major car accident, are you 100% sure without a shadow of a doubt that you are going to heaven?

A: (Pause) Sometimes I feel assured and sometimes I don't.

This was my interaction with one of my friends on Tuesday, August 8. He is the eldest son of one of our active growing church members. She came to Christ 3 yrs. ago and I baptized her 2 yrs. ago. Her heart's desire is to see her children come to Christ.

I met him on December 8th of 2004 at Starbuck's. We sat for

5.5 hours. I listened to his problems for 5 hours and for the last half hour I walked him through the Gospel using Luke 18:18-29.

At that time I did not cover the Gospel, even though he was going through some major problems, but explained that being a Christian in this world is tough because we are going against the tide. However, Christ will be there for every situation.

Last summer we played tennis together every Saturday morning. I have had open discussions with him. He has come with me to a men's conference.

As we continued that discussion last Tuesday night, I walked him through the book of First John which deals with the issue of assurance (1 John 5:13) I would

have him read the verses and then ask him questions. We also talked about what real faith is.

I did not have him repeat a prayer like some magic formula. I simply told him what he needed to do and listed some of the benefits of becoming a Christian.

He has been reading the Bible, Christian books, going to church. He knows that certain things that have happened in his life are not coincidence but God getting his attention. Pray that through his financial and marital struggles God will draw him to the Savior.

(John 6:44)

By Hariton Deligiannides,
Pastor



ARE YOU A PEACEMAKER?

Why is this such an important issue?

- 1) Because it is on God's top priority list (Rom. 12:16; 14:19; 1 Cor. 1:10; Eph. 4:3; Phil. 2:2; Col. 3:15; Heb. 12:14; 1 Pet. 3:8)
- 2) Because it will impact your relationship to the Lord. (Mt. 5:23-24; Mk 11:25)
- 3) Because it will impact your relationship to the lost (John 13:35; 17:23)

Why are most people not peacemakers?

- 1) Because they think all conflict is wrong. Solution: View conflict as an opportunity to:
 - ...glorify God
 - ...serve others
 - ...grow to be like Christ
- 2) Because they don't know how to resolve conflict.
- 3) Because they fear the other person's response.
- 4) Because it is too much work. (Rom. 14:19; Eph. 4:3)

What is the source of conflict?

- 1) Anger (i.e. Cain & Abel, Gen. 4:5-8)
- 2) Jealousy (i.e. Joseph's brothers, Gen. 37:3-11)
- 3) Selfish desires (James 4:1)

How do people respond to conflict?

NOTE: How people view conflict will determine how they respond to it.

- 1) Peace-faking (**Escape**) - Focus: "**me**" Example of flight - Hagar (Gen. 16:6-8). Example of suicide - Judas
- 2) Peace-breaking (**Attack**) - Focus: "**you**" Example of assault - Joseph's brothers (Gen. 37:17-28) Example of Murder - Cain
- 3) Peace-making - Focus: "**us**" Example: Joseph (Gen. 50:15-21)

What does it take to be a peacemaker?

- 1) Your humility (Phil. 2:3-4)

Pride	----->	Self Interest----->	Conflict
Humility----->		Other's Interests----->	Harmony

- 2) Your effort (Rom. 14:19; Eph. 4:3; Heb. 12:14)
- 3) A commitment that you will do your part, even at the risk of the other person not responding favorably (Rom. 12:18)
- 4) A commitment that you will not play God (Romans 12:19)
- 5) A commitment that you won't allow bitterness to ruin your life (Hebrews 12:15)

How you can prevent your fellowship from sinking... When we have hurt a brother or sister in Christ (Mt. 5:23, 24)... When we have been hurt by a brother or sister in Christ?

- 1) Overlook minor offenses (Proverbs 19:11) When not to overlook an offense:
 1. When it is dishonoring to God.
 2. When you've seen a pattern of sin with no repentance.
 3. When the offense is damaging to the relationship.
 4. When you know the offense is hurting others.
- 2) Go talk to your brother in private (Mt. 18:15)
- 3) Take 2 or 3 others. (Mt. 18:16)
- 4) Bring it before the church (Mt. 18:17a)
- 5) Treat him as a nonbeliever (Mt. 18:17b) Ultimate purpose: Restoration (Galatians 6:1)

A Final Word (Matthew 7:1-5) NOTE: I have been personally trained as a mediator in the reconciliation process. I have found this to be the most relevant issue unfortunately in churches today. If you personally or your church needs help, please feel free to contact me: harimorf@yahoo.com

Boston International Ministries



BIM NEWS

What a summer we have had! What fun it is to make new friends and help lead them to seek after Christ. God is at work bringing the nations to Himself. What a privilege we have to join Him in that work.

- Michael D. Dean

SPECIAL THANKS TO . . .

Grace Baptist Church for helping us with my national ISM Summit in late May and other summer outreach events!

First Baptist, Sudbury for hosting our annual picnic on the Charles River in July.

Cambridgeport Baptist for hosting the international seeker Bible study and for assistance on the China trip.

New Colony Baptist Church for your assistance with ongoing ministry programs.

All our prayer & financial partners who sent us to teach as English teachers in China.

CHINA MOMENTS

- ~We witnessed 100 baptisms
- ~We taught English to over 300
- ~We shared over 300 Bibles (that were printed in China)
- ~We visited several returnees from Boston in Beijing
- ~We witnessed God at work
- ~We were rejuvenated for our strategic mission here to the world at our doorstep

WE NEED YOU:

- Native English speakers for English classes Thurs at 1 pm
- Website Design Help
- More Friendship Partners to connect with an international visitor or scholar monthly

To get more involved in the lives of internationals, contact Michael at mdean@mit.edu

What is International Ministries? By touching Boston we touch the world !

HOW?

- Take internationals to church*
- Explain the sermon*
- Start a seeker Bible study*
- Teach English & Culture*
- Tutor in conversation*
- Host a visitor at home*
- Give funds for a conference*

- Elizabeth leading a book club*
- Dae-Sung at a postdoc lunch*
- Gideon speaking in Chinese*
- Barbara finding host families*
- Ernie keeping a database*
- Michael leading a outing*
- Michelle teaching a class*
- Susan leading a trip to Salem*
- Shelly practicing Japanese*
- Jenny going to the library*
- Meiying sharing a Bible*

- Help open a bank account*
- Make a pick up at the airport*
- Watch kids for a Bible study*
- Learn about Islam*
- Share the truth about Jesus*
- Listen patiently*
- Be a servant*
- Teach a cooking class*
- Love your neighbor*
- Shepherd a stranger*

All of this is what volunteers and staff do through GBBA & Boston International Ministries. To join in contact Michael at 781.449.4000 x 203

“Who Me a Missionary?”

Come learn & be equipped to reach the nations right here. Sept 30th at *Super Saturday*. Also, please attend this training in order to host internationals in your home for Thanksgiving.*

Also, you can be equipped to start an English class or other international ministry outreach through your church.

PRAISE AND PRAYER

- Praise- New believers
- Praise- New BIM volunteers

Pray For:

- New friends- seeker Bible study
- Elizabeth’s new book club & English classes
- Barbara’s Seeker Bible Study
- CBC’s Int’l S.S. class
- Bible studies & English classes at Hope Fellowship
- Fall Retreat planning team & Scholarships for attendees

FALL FUTURE DATES

- Sept 30**— BIM Training at Super Saturday
- Oct 13-15th**—Fall International Student Retreat in NH \$85.00 per person
- Nov 12th**—Annual BIM Thanksgiving Banquet
- Nov 23&24th**— Thanksgiving Dinner Hosting / Conference

HOW TO PRAY:

Please pray for the many upcoming outreach events, new church plants & new ministry efforts among Asian Indians, Japanese friends, Chinese visitors & others.

Also, please pray for our Fall Retreat and let us know of any new international students who might like to join us Oct 13-15 in New Hampshire.



International Outreach Event on August 12th in Maine

Call to PRAYER for Boston Collegiate Ministry

September 2006

Update from August: A Note from Doug—*It is so hard to believe that this day is here. It reminds me that my life is in the hands of a sovereign God.*

As of the end of September, I will no longer be serving as the CCPC Coordinator. It has been an amazing 3½ years. I will always remember these days as ones where I was blessed to walk with an amazing group of ministers of the gospel. I understand more and more what Paul meant when he said that it is only by God's mercy that we have this ministry.

As the month of September winds on, my family will be moving to Jackson, MS., where I will serve on the staff of Pinelake Church. I have complete confidence that God is leading us and that He has great things in store both at Pinelake and for the CCPC.

I want all of you to know that I have felt your prayers every month. You have been and will always be the key to what God is doing in Boston. Thank you for your faithfulness.

*Jer. 33:9
Doug Hunt*

- 1 Pray for **God** to become more famous in Boston in September than He was in August! Pray that this city will bring renown, joy, praise, and honor to Him. (*Jeremiah 33:9*)
- 2 Pray for the **mission team** from Hope Fellowship Church as they go to Quebec this weekend to help students move in to the dorms at Bishop's University. Pray for good connections with students as they serve them. Pray for Amy and Troy as they lead the team.
- 3 Pray for **TJ and Dena** as they move into their new apartment today, which will serve not only as their home, but the center of their ministry for Trinity Church.
- 4 Chris and Courtney have been attending a **House Church Conference** in Denver over the weekend. Pray that what they see and hear and share with the Team will be able to assist us all in growing the Kingdom of God in Boston.
- 5 Pray for each of the **welcome week** activities at Northeastern this week. Pray that new students who are looking for people and a group to connect with will find Karin and Christian Student Union.
- 6 Pray for the Emerson leadership team as they are **finalizing plans** for the upcoming semester/year. Pray that God would deepen

His call to missions in their community and around the world.

7. Pray that God would provide the **Trinity Church** team with avenues to meet students on the campus of Boston College.
- 8 Pray for **Rob** as he builds relationships with incoming freshmen at Northeastern, and for effective, legitimate ways to be involved on campus.
- 9 Pray today for **Stacey**, as she will be taking on the role as **CCPC Coordinator** when Doug leaves. Pray 1 Thessalonians 2:7-12 & 5:16-14 over her life as she leads the Team.
- 10 Tonight is **Welcome Back Sunday** at The Church at The Gate. Pray that returning students would bring their friends, and that new students would be able to connect there.
- 11 Pray for The Church at The Gate as they seek to reach out specifically to **international students** in the BU community.
- 12 Pray for **Troy Douglas** as he leads a group of guys in a **small group** at Hope Fellowship Church. Pray for wisdom, honesty and transparency.
- 13 Pray that God would continue to reveal His will for how **Shawmut Springs Church** (in the Fenway area) should engage its focus campuses and the city. Pray for clarity as they wrestle with questions of meeting space, format and structure.
- 14 Pray for a **dedicated and faithful man** to lead the guys involved with Emerson Good News Fellowship. Pray that he will be someone who is consistent and honest with them, who can show them the Truth of God's Word.
- 15 Pray for **Karin** and the leadership team at Northeastern as they plan and seek to meet new students. Pray for creativity in their conversations with new students.
- 16 Pray for all the **incoming freshmen** that already have a relationship with Christ—that they would connect quickly with a church community, stay faithful, and be a witness to their peers.
- 17 Pray for **Shawmut Springs Church**, that they would be good stewards of the students that God entrusts to them. Pray that they would begin to see growth in numbers in their community.

18 Tonight there is a missions mobilization concert with **Sonic Flood** here in Boston. Pray for a great turnout, and that God would **mobilize students** for the Kingdom.

19. Yesterday was **Anne's** birthday! Pray for her as she just started seminary classes, for diligence and stamina.
- 20 Pray for **Hope Fellowship Church** as they establish all of their **small groups** this month.
- 21 Pray for **Doug** while he participates in a 2-day training retreat in preparation to lead a community group at the Passion07 conference in January.
- 22 Pray for the thousands of **incoming freshmen** who do not know Christ, that He would make Himself known to them.
- 23 Pray for **Trinity Church** as they officially begin meeting tomorrow! Pray that God would be honored in their worship.
- 24 Pray for **The Oasis Church** as they meet together tonight. Pray for them in the transition time now that Doug and his family are gone, using 1 Corinthians 1:4-9.
- 25 Pray for **Rob** as he continues to plant seeds at his workplace and that he would find favor with his employers.
- 26 Pray for **Gordon Isaac**, Protestant Chaplain at Emerson, that his short time on campus each week will be filled with conversations and meaningful relationships with students.
- 27 Pray today for **Dena** as she is seeking God's will about looking for a job.
- 28 Pray for **Anne** and her transition into the role of Evangelism director at Trinity Church. Pray for guidance and good relationships with students.
- 29 Pray for **Christian Student Union** at Northeastern and **Shawmut Springs Church** as they seek to intersect, help each other out and connect with students during the first few weeks of school.
- 30 Pray for the **CCPC Team** as they continue to meet together and support one another. Pray for unity in heart and purpose, and that God would be glorified in all they do, whether in word or deed.

Visit our website at www.ccpccoston.org. And if you have any questions or comments about the prayer calendar, e-mail us at prayer@ccpcboston.org

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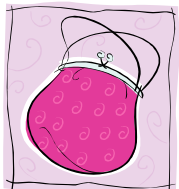
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Collegiate Ministries



"Purse-onality"



Pastor's Wives Luncheon

**Saturday—October 14th
11:00 am—2:00 pm**

**Fellowship Baptist Church
135 Summer Street, Hanover, MA 02339**

**Why should you kick back and join us for an uplifting afternoon of
fellowship-worship-food-door prizes and just plain fun?**



Cause you have... *"Purse-onality"*

Cost: \$10.00

For more information contact Eileen Wall: 508-697-0792

