



First Baptist Church

TIES THAT BIND

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April 2016

Once I went on a retreat with a church group out in the woods. Early Saturday morning we gathered in a field and got ready to take a prayer walk. About a hundred of us walked single-file through the woods in contemplative silence for close to a half hour. Before we left there were only a few suggestions to direct our thinking and focus during the walk. As I recall, one of the guidelines was to think about people we have encountered during our life's journey.

Not too far along on our trek we needed to climb, not really a mountain but a good-sized hill. While our pace on this walk was casual, I needed to expend extra effort and energy to go up the hill. I could hear the folks behind me breathing harder as we climbed, and I suspect the folks in front of me heard some extra huffing and puffing from my exertion as well.

I began thinking about times in my life when I faced mountains, and times when I have felt low and needed to climb out of discouragement and depression. For me, it takes effort and exertion to sometimes get to that higher place. The support and nurture of family and friends also help through difficult times. I also experienced that kind of support on the walk. I had never been in those woods before and really did not have any idea where I was going. I had to trust those people in front of me.

At the same time, I also had to exercise a measure of personal responsibility. Along the rustic path were rocks and fallen branches. There were tree roots and loose dirt. I had to be careful where I placed my feet. I needed to watch where I was going. Once or twice I slipped. I was able to catch myself and not fall, but if I had not been paying attention, I could have easily turned an ankle or tumbled down the hillside. Here's the important thing I realized, even had I fallen, I was not alone. The folks I was with would not have left me injured alone out in the woods.

As a part of a church family, I do not have to journey through this life alone. No matter what may come my way, I know there are folks (some of whom may be reading this article,) traveling along together with me, helping me over tree stumps, holding branches so they won't smack me in the face as I walk by and ready to offer a steadying hand along the way.

Many thanks to these good friends,

Pastor Nevin



Notes from the Moderator.....

As per our Child Abuse Prevention Policy, all adults (age 18 and older) who volunteer in our Sunday School, Nursery and/or Youth Group must complete the fingerprinting requirement. Please do this as soon as possible and submit your receipt for reimbursement and proof of printing to Helen Bosma. Failure to comply may result in the suspension of children and youth activities until the printing is completed. Please see either Tracey Benton or Helen Bosma with any questions. Thank you.

Please consider being a greeter – No skills required, just a friendly face and welcoming attitude. (you can even sit down on the job) All it takes is about 20 minutes on a Sunday morning and you could be the first smile folks see when they come to worship. Sign up to distribute bulletins and greet people as they walk into the sanctuary. Sign up poster is on the front bulletin board. See Tracey Benton or Terry Bell for details.

It doesn't happen often that the decision is made to cancel church services. (to my knowledge only 2 times in the last 15 years) But in January, after the cancellation of service due to weather, we realized that there were gaps in our process for reaching the whole congregation in a timely manner. We want to be prepared for the next time and use technology to our advantage but we need your help.

We are in the process of updating information for emergency contact and are asking the congregation to update their information. We are also asking that you provide your email address and indicate if you would accept texts to advise of possible church closures, activity cancellations or other vital information. Tracey Benton will be “manning the desk” to personally verify, update and accept new information after services every Sunday in April. Your information will be shared with the Diaconate members who are responsible for coordinating the notification of cancelled church service and the appropriate board members if canceling a church activity. Please see Tracey Benton with any questions or suggestions.



MISSION STATEMENT

**“To be a caring, Christian fellowship- - learning, living ,
and spreading the Word of God.”**



DIACONATE

The Diaconate congratulates Joan Altman on her baptism on Palm Sunday, March 20. We hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful Easter flowers and thank all who supported this service.

We also thank the congregation for their generous support of the offering for America for Christ which was taken during communion on March 6. With total receipts of \$840, we again exceeded our target goal. This money will be used to support our Baptist Missions in the United States.

The April communion offering will go for local needs. If you have a need or know of someone in our church family in need, please contact Amy Farina or Rev. Werron. All requests are kept confidential.

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interest of others." - Philippians 2:4 (ESV).

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or donated prizes for Bingo Night. The light refreshments were delicious and everyone was a winner- "That's good BINGO!"

The Youth Group had a great time at Snow Camp in early March and can't wait to go back next year. April meetings will be tentatively held on the 10th and 24th. Please confirm meeting dates and special events by checking the bulletin board in the church foyer or by contacting Cheryl Danley or Kevin Nelson.

Board of Christian Ed. continued.

As a reminder, there will be no adult supervision in the Nursery on Communion Sundays; however, the Nursery room will remain open for your use. Please fill out a registration form if your child utilizes the nursery during the church service, if you have not done so already. Blank forms are located in the back of the sign in book. Please remember to sign your child in and out of Nursery each Sunday. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Melanie de la Cruz or Helen Bosma.

The April schedule is as follows:

April 3	COMMUNION SUNDAY	COMMUNION SUNDAY
April 10	Holly Studzinski	Katie Studzinski
April 17	Robin Caruso	Arianna Erbes/Nia Catania
April 24	Thelma Carroll	Colleen Carroll

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WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Women's Society is April 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the church lounge. Mary Johnson and Cheryl Danley are hostesses and Ruth Heitzenroeder has devotions.

All women are invited for Christian Fellowship and interaction with other women of the church.

Food Pantry

Items for the Bordentown Food Pantry located at St. Mary's Catholic Church can be brought to church on any Sunday. Please place the non-perishable items on the upstairs kitchen counter. **Please check the expiration date on the items, as no outdated items will be accepted.**

Motel Ministry

Churches in the Bordentown area continue to provide a bag of groceries to needy people in the area motels. Our church is responsible for providing **Cartons of Milk that require no refrigeration (i.e., Parmalat or Hershey brands), non-perishable Microwaveable Meals, Canned Meats with pop-up lids and Soup with pop-up lids.** These items continue to be needed due to the economy and the number of individuals staying in the motels. Please place these items on the upstairs kitchen counter. **If you have any questions, please contact Anne Kettner at 298-9258.**

Prayer List

We will list the name of an individual who is in need of our prayers in the Sunday bulletin for four consecutive weeks. A person with a long-term illness will be listed on our long-term list. If someone has gotten better and can be removed from the list, please inform Tracey Benton (790-7361).

Prayer Partners

If you have a specific concern and would like a member of the Prayer Team to pray for you, please place your request in the prayer box located in the back of the sanctuary. A Prayer Team member will pray everyday for a week for each request. **In an emergency, you can call Tracey Benton at 790-7361 or Helen Magowan at 298-1401 and she will start a prayer chain.** The Prayer Team will be glad to pray for you or with you.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BORDENTOWN
2016**

CHURCH STAFF:

Interim Pastor	Rev. Nevin Werron
Organist	Helen Magowan
Choir Director	Paul Chapin
Assistant Choir Director	Janice Chapin
Secretary	Terry Bell
Custodian	Michael Carson

OFFICERS:

Moderator	Tracey Benton
Church Clerk	Barbara Blair
Assistant Church Clerk	Chris Norcross
Local Expense Treasurer	Ken Neeld
Assistant Local Expense Treasurer	Robert McCormick
Benevolence Treasurer	Marty Goodrich
Financial Secretary	Susan Scassero
Assistant Financial Secretary	Terry Zahorchak
Church School Superintendent	Cheryl Danley
Congregation Liaison	Donna Palmucci

BOARD OF DEACONS

*Amy Farina	2017	Betty Jo Hutson-Marek	2018	Bev Alustiza	2019
Rick Scassero	2017	Kris Kunkel	2018	Alex Palkovich	2019
Nancy Nelson	2017	Scott Magowan	2018	Anthony Pegues	2019
John Lafferty	2017	Denise Sullivan	2018	Marge Witman	2019

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Sharon McCormick	2017	John Brady	2018	Ron Franks	2019
Kevin Nelson	2017	*Sherry English	2018	Bob Witman	2019
		Larry Goad	2018	Becky Carson	2019
				Tom Stuart	2019

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*Helen Bosma	2017	Holly Studzinski	2018	Lauren McWhirk	2019
Kristi McCormick	2017	Frank Vareha	2018	Melanie DeLaCruz	2019

Chairperson of Board indicated by *



CHURCH COMMITTEES FOR 2016

Nominating

Bev Alustiza
Tracey Benton
Barbara Blair
Helen Magowan
Sharon McCormick
Frank Vareha

Financial Support

*Steve Rafferzeder
Joan Altman
Marilyn Fraser
Matt Masterson
Dodi Nelson

Music

*Tom Stuart
Kristin Keenan
John Kettner
Ken Needl
Don Strusz

Ushering

*Chris Norcross	Scott Magowan
John Brady	Matt Masterson
Tom Fox	Debra Mills
John Lafferty	Kevin Nelson
Jim Lathrop	Rick Scassero
Josh Lathrop	Bob Witman

Audit

*Tom Fox
Alex Palkovich

Advisory Council

*Tracey Benton
Barbara Blair
Helen Bosma
Cheryl Danley

Delegates to Convention

Tracey Benton
John Lafferty
Helen Magowan
Lynn McCabe

Investments

*John Pavlovsky
Phil Heitzenroeder
John Lafferty

Sherry English
Amy Farina
Marty Goodrich
Ken Needl
Donna Palmucci
Rick Scassero

Rules for Church Property

*If you open it - close it.
If you turn it on - turn it off.
If you make a mess - clean it up.
If you move it - put it back.
If you break it accidentally- let someone know.
If you break it on purpose - let's talk about it.
If you smoke outside - police yourself and your butts.
If you borrow it - return it.
If it belongs to someone else - get permission.*



APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

Mark Hoisington - 10
T.J. McGonigal - 11
Rev. Jay Rambo - 14
Mary Lou Hengeli - 17
Tina Lathrop - 22
Joan Altman - 22

Thank You Note

Pastor Werron & the Officers & Members of 1st Baptist Church,
"Just a note to let you know that sharing in Christian Fellowship with you was a blessing and gift.
Thank you for your hospitality.

Psalm 133:1 - "Behold, How Good and Pleasant it is for God's People to dwell together in Unity"
With Love in Christ Jesus, God Bless You indeed,
Rev. Dr. Carla Royster & Family

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Jacob Andrew	John Kellher	Rev. Erin Phillips
Mike Barley	Mike Immordino	Sally Radosti
Adam Bengis	Rev. Bill LeConey	Greg Schetter
John Brady	Marion Letts	Thomas Sedor
Lillian Brady	Robert Letts	Mae Smires
Andrea Carson	Scott Magowan	Madeline Strusz
Ginny Corson	Mike McCormick	Dorothy Wilbert
Lisa Dunham	Katherine Miller	Mary Wood
Beatrice Furth	B.J. Morton	Terry Zahorchak
Betty Goad	Betty Nelson	Rose Zaiss
Joseph Hayden	Veronica Noel	Truck Stop Ministry
Shirley Hauser	Dan Perro	
Nancy Heitzenroeder		
Phil Heitzenroeder		
Mary Lou Hengeli		
Woody Hutson		

Change in Room Number

Louise Weida
Clara Estates, **Room M208**
201 Crosswicks Street
Bordentown, NJ 08505

Change of Address

Nicole Cavalier (Gauntt)
12 Herrick Ct. #2
Bayonne, NJ 07002

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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE: Mary Johnson: 298-0972, Marilyn Fraser, Terry Bell, Bette Roberts, Bob McCormick

News and Reminders

Coffee Hour Sunday, April 17th

Soup Kitchen Monday, April 18th

Motel Ministry Monday, April 25

Items for the Food Pantry can be given on any Sunday. Items for the Motel Ministry are due on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Please place your donations on the appropriate counter in the upstairs kitchen.

Deadline for the May issue of TIES THAT BIND is April 15th.





April



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Notes:</p> <p>Youth Group Meetings: Sunday, April 10th 6:00 p.m. Sunday, April 24th</p>					1	2
<p>3 9:00 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Jr. Choir</p>	4	<p>5 Bd. Chr. ED. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>6 Singles Dinner 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>7 Bell Choir 6:00 p.m. Sr. Choir 7:30 p.m.</p>	8	9
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<p>24 9:00 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Jr. Choir</p>	<p>25 Motel Ministry 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>26 Women's Society 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>27 Bible Study 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>28 Bell Choir 6:00 p.m. Sr. Choir 7:30 p.m.</p>	29	30