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The Messenger

The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield

SEPARATION OF STATE AND CHURCH

I had the pleasure of going to the National Constitution Center with a friend visiting Philadelphia. It's been a while since I read the Bill of Rights and Constitution. Today I am reflecting on these words: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Also, the beginning of the U.S. Constitution reads:



We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

The Founding Fathers recognized that politics is not a religion nor a substitute for one. Religion seeks truth; politics deals in power. Religion aims at unity; democracy is about mediation of conflict and respect for diversity. Religion refuses to compromise; politics is the art of compromise. Religion aspires to the ideal; politics lives in the real, the less than ideal. Religion is about truths that do not change; politics is about the challenges of the constantly changing. Harold Wilson said, "a week is a long time in politics." The book of Psalms says, "A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is gone." (Psalm 90:4)

After witnessing centuries of bloodshed over religion in Europe, with their state religions leading to the inquisition and the crusades, as well as the blood shed between religious sects; the Founding Fathers held on to the principle of tolerance of diversity for the common good and unity in the nation.



After centuries of bitter experiences, people have recognized that when religion acquires influence with it relinquishes power. Religion is most alive not in the palaces of power, but in the real lives of ordinary people. It becomes the voice of the voiceless, the conscience of the community, the reminder that there are moral limits of power and that the role of the state is to serve the people, not the people to serve the state. Kierkegaard, the Christian philosopher, writes, "When a king dies, his power ends. When a prophet dies, his influence begins." Religion is at its best when it resists the temptation of politics and opts instead for the influence of moral conscience. What religion tells us is that civilizations are judged not by power but by their concern for the powerless; not by wealth but by how they treat the poor; not when they seek to become invulnerable but when they care for the vulnerable. Religion speaks not for those wielding power, and is unafraid to criticize power when it corrupts and diminishes those it governs over.

Jesus said, "Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." For this reason and their own history of being persecuted, Baptists have long held firmly to the separation of church and state. I shudder when I hear a candidate promise a large group of Christian evangelicals more influence in politics if that candidate wins. Likewise, I wince when I hear a Christian group name a candidate and judge either for or against.

Do Christians have a moral and ethical voice that must be said to those in power? Absolutely. It is our prophetic obligation. But it is not a religious institution's place on the campaign trail to represent that religious institution in a political endorsement or condemnation.

Isis has surrendered their religion to the use of power and coercion, causing catastrophe. Let us preserve that fine line between religion and state in our country.

Blessings,

Pastor Michael

PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUESTS...

To add someone to the prayer chain, contact Linda Jacobson at 856-354-1031 or fill out a blue prayer card. Please mark on the card if you would like your prayer placed in the bulletin. We love to hear updates and praises as well as concerns! Please notify the office if someone can be removed.

Rankine and Privett Families - Prayers for peace and strength for Tammy's family.

Sue Nutt - Praise the Lord that she has been approved for neck surgery, which is scheduled for October 7.

Nicole - Jim Dennion's niece; battling cancer.

Mike Malmos - Carol Bauman's grandfather; his health is failing.

Lloyd Wood - Health issues.

Janice Scull - Elaine Nieukirk's sister; has been to HealthSouth Vineland for rehab post-stroke. She has a long road ahead for her as right side affected.

Heidi Haff - requesting prayers; having breast cancer surgery/reconstruction.

Jacob - freshman in college; infection in heart.

Sue & Jim Smith and Grandchildren

Jennifer - Linda Jacobson's niece; has heart problems and had a defibrillator implanted.

Van Bruner - Pray for relief of his nerve ending pains.

Pat Tarditi - Jack Tarditi's sister; in rehab following a stroke.

Don Nutt - swelling in his legs.

Greg Nutt - Dizzy spells and palpitations; back pain.

Ashley - Janice's daughter. Fatigue syndrome.

Len Pine - Marilyn Nutt's brother. Back issues.

Anna Keppen - Severe pain in left knee.

Joy Kramer - Prayers that Joy will pass the evaluation for trial for treatment of Lupus.

Ken Guy - Back and hip issues.

Friends of FBC who may be losing their home.

Sara Hender - Stage-4 cancer.

Diane Dunbar - Marilyn Nutt's sister. Prayers for continued recovery.

Christian - 7-year-old in CHOP.

Viola Warefield - Cindy Minuti's mom; having digestive issues.

Violet - Linda Jacobson's friend. Undergoing radiation after brain tumor removed.

Janice - marriage issues.

Teen with heart problem - prayers for direction, healing and strength.

Donald - Anna Keppen's husband. He is having back pain and PT isn't helping.

Kevin - Prayers for him to hear the Lord's calling.

Kathy Seymour - Issues following eye surgery.

Donald Steadman - Marilyn Steadman's brother. Re-occurrence of cancer.

Lisa - friend of Jim & Sandra Dennion. Sciatica.

Brian Carpenter - Friend of Julie Eckert. Cancer.

Please Continue to Pray for These People With Ongoing Needs

Jan Gardner; Connie Asquith; Sandy Williams; Rachel Ivan Avery; Jim & Pam McCullough's grandchildren Kate McCullough, Hugh & Luke; Liam; Nancy Hubbard; Pat Papa; Mildred Mayes; Alma Goodman's daughter-in-law Randi; Pastor Erin Phillips; Brian Brick; John Reheis; teen with eating disorder (Jane Brick's friend); Allan & Janet (Eleanor Shockey's brother and sister-in-law); Loue & Campbell Families; Jaclyn Smith; Walker Hinkle; Bob Fish; JoAnne Trout; Diane Ott; Father Michael Doyle; Janice Hill; Mary Ann Boyle; Antell/Spates Family; Rita Ralston; Maria Morello; Karen Bartley; Jane Sanborn; Jan Williams.

September Birthdays

1 Rev. David Hojin Yu

9 Rev. Elizabeth Marsh

18 Bill Mezger
Kathy Voldish

2 Chris Saladik

12 Brian Jones

21 Erin Phillips

3 Judy Obert
Robert Hoskins, Jr.
Betsy Maya

13 Jane Brick
Ronnie Rankine, Jr.
Marion Wertz

23 Marlea Gruver

4 Patrick Hurley

14 Lily Yu

24 Emily Flasiński
Zachary Krogstad
Kali Wood

6 Cindy Minuti
John-Michael Earwood

15 Jack Wood

25 Bob Hertzog

8 Frank Stevens
Kenneth Clark

16 Nancy Hubbard

26 Daniel Kennan

17 Amy Bobb
Mary Thomson

30 Dennis Wood



September Anniversaries

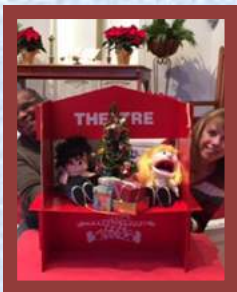
7 Mr. & Mrs. William Mezger

14 Mr. & Mrs. James Havens

30 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Nutt



Our beloved Tammy Rankine went home to the Lord on August 23. Tammy loved the church and the church loved Tammy. We will miss Tammy's loving heart, cheerful spirit, and enthusiasm for everything she did.

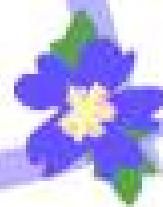
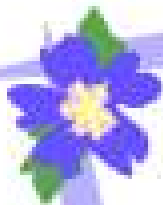


Ron and the family thank the congregation for the outpouring of love and prayers.



Thank you also for all of the meals, which were very helpful.

Friends in Faith enjoyed a picnic at Kathie Voldish's home on June 14th. It was a beautiful evening sitting by the Rancocas Creek celebrating Flag Day and all our June birthdays.



A special welcome to Janice Kessler, who was baptized and became a member of the church on July 3, and to Sharon Yu, who was baptized and became a member on August 28, 2016.



Welcome to our church family!



GOD'S CREATION



Back in the Day, the Lord made dinosaurs of all types.
There are lots of puppies with patterns like spots and stripes.

Tigers are white or orange but they all have stripes that are black.

Cats are very flexible and smarts they don't lack..

Kittens come from their moms, they're cute and they play.

Rabbits have long ears and pink noses, they're cute and small and hop around all day.

Bears are big and lions are too.

You can find them both in a zoo.

THANK YOU GOD!

Written by The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield

Sunday School Class

Greg Nutt – Teacher on 8/14/16



Authors include: Arwen, Isabelle, Ben, Rebecca,
Matthew, Beryl, Marilyn and Greg



On August 19, the Joint Youth Group of The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield, Mt. Olivet and the First Asian Baptist Church attended a Phillies game. Although it was a loss for the Phillies, it was a win for the kids, who had a great time!





Stay tuned for
information on the next
outing!



Pam and Jim McCullough's grandson, Jack Creegan, has been assisting Pam with the Christian Ed Bulletin Board. We are so grateful that Jack is sharing his gift for design and for finding just the right message to share. Thank you, Jack! We look forward to seeing what else you have in store for us!



				Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 12:00 PM AA Mtg. (BR)	2 4:30 PM Asian Church Youth (SL)	3 7:00 AM Volunteer Work Group
4  <i>Service of Communion</i> 9:30 AM Asian Baptist Ch (SL) 10:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service 11:00 AM Worship w/Communion (S)	5 Labor Day 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (SR) 7:00 PM Missions Board (BR)	6 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (BR) 12:00 PM Pastoral Prayer Group (BR)	7 7:00 PM Christian Grief Support Group (L)	8 9:00 AM Brass & Beat (SH) 12:00 PM AA Mtg. (BR) 6:45 PM Carillon Ringers (B) 7:45 PM Chancel Choir (M)	9 4:30 PM Asian Church Youth (SL)	10 7:00 AM Volunteer Work Group 8:00 AM Fellowship Breakfast @ FBC
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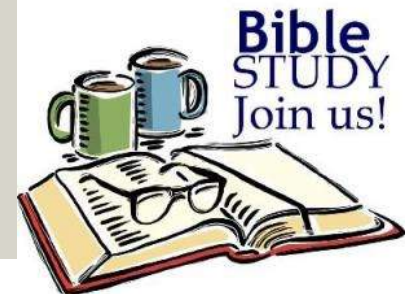
KEY: S - Sanctuary, L - Lounge, MR - Middleton Room, BR - Boardroom, N - Nursery, SH - Social Hall, K - Kitchen, SR - Scout Room, ABC - ABC Room, SL - Skylight Room, G - Green Room, B - Bell Room, M - Music Room



The Sunday Contemporary Service resumes on **September 4th at 10:00 AM**, and continues **every Sunday**. The service is led by Jason Hahn and Pastor Michael.

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Sunday morning Adult Bible Study will resume on **September 18th at 9:30 AM**. The group will study the book of James.



## MUSIC MINISTRY AT FBC

**CHANCEL CHOIR** rehearsals will resume on **Thursday evenings at 7:45 p.m. beginning September 10th**. We are VERY EXCITED to reunite with our dear choir family and to welcome new singers. Remember...if you come for the first time as a "trial run" you are not automatically committed to joining. We love exploratory guests! Our first rehearsal will be followed by refreshments.

**CAROL CHOIR** will have their kickoff picnic at the home of the Chandrans at 5 Pheasant Drive, Mt. Laurel, NJ, on **Sunday, September 11th**. Boys and girls ages 5 through 8th grade are welcome to join this group which rehearses **Sundays at 12:30 beginning on September 18th**. We are looking forward to another wonderful year!





**The World Mission Offering will be taken on  
Sunday, September 25. Please help us reach our goal of \$750**



I recently reconnected with a former student at a Pastoral Care for Women event. I remembered when "Helena" had teared up while explaining why she was taking one of my courses: she was reeling after her husband had abruptly left their marriage. She'd later shared how the classes helped her have improved communication with him as well as a renewed reliance on God.

When I saw her again at the event, Helena gave me a big hug as I asked how she was doing. "I've just put my marriage in God's hands. I keep praying for God to work in his life even though, he filed for divorce. However, he's started attending an evangelical church and likes it," she responded with hope. I encouraged her to continue trusting God and also to recognize how much stronger she was than she had been last year.

My ministry is about God's healing and hope, and I praise God that Helena is receiving both.

Read more about Sue's ministry at [www.internationalministries.org/teams/68](http://www.internationalministries.org/teams/68).



Is God calling you to learn more about how you or your church can volunteer with Baptist partners in Costa Rica? Please contact [volunteers@internationalministries.org](mailto:volunteers@internationalministries.org) for information.



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## QUIZZIE HADDON TRIVIA NIGHTS

This monthly fun night of friendly competition resumes on Tuesday evening, September 22 at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. If you enjoy answering trivia questions of a general nature, this is the event for you! Come as a small team or join an existing team. Snacks and beverage provided. Free will offering will be taken. All are invited!



**Monday, September 12th at 7:00 PM—Missions Board (Middleton Room)**

**Monday, September 12th at 7:30 PM - Finance Board (Board Room)**

**Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00 PM - Executive Board**

**Sunday, September 25th at 12:30 PM—Quarterly Business Meeting**

### 2016 Fellowship Hour Assignments

September - Diaconate

October - Mission

November - Property

December - Finance



The Diaconate Food Drive is ongoing. All donations are greatly appreciated. You may place items in the large wooden box in the Middleton Room. Please be generous. Every item helps!



### Offertory Prayer Volunteers - Pulpit Assistants Schedule

|                 |                |               |                      |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| September 4th:  | Susan Nazak    | October 2nd:  | Gary Farnesi         |
| September 11th: | Linda Jacobson | October 9th:  | Sandra Dennion       |
| September 18th: | Ken Guy        | October 16th: | Rev. Elizabeth Marsh |
| September 25th: | Chuck Benson   | October 23rd: | Rita Soukup          |
|                 |                | October 30th: | Pamela Powers        |

If you are unable to assist on your scheduled day, please find a replacement and advise Jack Tarditi and the church office of the change.

## STUDIES and GROUPS

### FOR WOMEN



**FRIENDS IN THE SPIRIT** will resume in October, and will meet **Wednesday, October 5th and 19th at 1:30 PM** in the Boardroom.

If you have questions, contact Sandra Mezger at 856-429-7540. All are welcome!

**FRIENDS IN FAITH** - We will begin our Fall meetings at the home of Sue Nazak on **Monday, September 12th**. Eileen Black will host the meeting on **Monday, September 26th**. We gather at 9:30 AM for refreshments, Christian fellowship and Bible study. The group will be starting a new Bible study and women of any age are invited to give us a try. Call Sue Nazak at 856-321-9360 with your questions or if you need directions.

### **WOMEN'S BOOK & BREAKFAST** - Next meeting is Friday, September



**23 at 10:00 a.m.** The group will be discussing "**A Man Called Ove**" by Fredrik Backman, Meets at The Bistro Restaurant on the corner of Kings Highway and Tanner. Any questions, contact Sandra Mezger at 856-429-7540. All are invited!

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FOR ALL



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY will resume **September 18th at 9:30 a.m.** in the Boardroom. The group will be studying of the book of James.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST - The breakfasts take place at 8:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month, alternating between First Baptist and Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. The next one will be **September 12th at FBC**. Women are welcome!



The Quarterly Business Meeting of The
First Baptist Church of Haddonfield
will be held after the worship service on
Sunday, September 25, 2016
at 12:30 p.m. in the
Social Hall. Lunch will be served.



Christian Grief Support Group will meet at The First Baptist
Church of Haddonfield
every Wednesday evening 7 PM to 8 PM.

Come and be supported with the strength we receive from one
another and which the Lord gives. All Are Welcome!

The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield
124 Kings Highway East
Park in First Baptist Church parking lot off of Chestnut Street.
Entrance doors to meeting off parking lot.

Any questions, please call our office at
856-429-2326

The Music & Arts Board has announced their Fall-Winter Concert Schedule

This popular concert series is crafted to present a variety of musical talent and style, both secular and sacred. You are cordially invited to attend!

**Friday, September 23rd
at 7:30 PM**

The Brass & The Beat
Big Band Sound with Vocalists

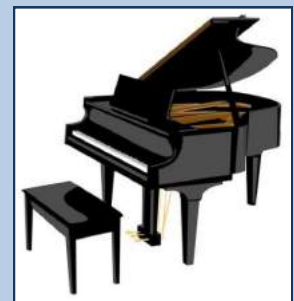


**Saturday, October 29th
at 7:30 PM**

The Philadelphia Ukulele Orchestra

**Sunday, November 27th
at 4:00 PM**

Mark Shockey Piano Concert
"Mostly Chopin"



**Sunday, December 18th
at 4:00 PM**

The Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Annual Women's Fall Kickoff Dinner

Celebrating Fall Startup of Bible Studies at
The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield
Monday Evening, October 3, 6:30 PM
Social Hall

Sponsored by the Women's Friendship and Discipleship Groups
All women of the church and their daughters, granddaughters
and friends are invited.

Music and Praise: Eleanor Shockey
Guest Speaker: Barbara Li, Member
The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield
"A Testimony of Faith"

Dinner will be provided by Natalie's Custom Catering

Menu

Garden Salad
Cheese Lasagna Roulades (Roll-ups)
Meatballs
Zucchini and Grape Tomatoes
Beverages and French Rolls
Desserts: Fruit Salad
Lemon Poppyseed Cake and Ice Cream

Cost: \$15.00. Reservations and payment due by Sunday, September 25
Signup sheet and box for payment in Middleton Room

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GRAND EVENING OF
PRAISE, PRAYER, AND FELLOWSHIP.
YOUR BEING THERE WILL HELP MAKE IT SO!**

For childcare or any special needs, contact Sandra Mezger at
wmezger@aol.com or 429-7540.



Sunday, September 18th we kick off our 2016-2017 Sunday School year. Only this year it's called **"Sunday Enrichment."** After "Moment with the Children" in worship, our young people will "swim" off to a new adventure.



Our theme for the first ten weeks is "Deep Sea Discovery." We'll be divided into pre-school, and elementary and pre-teen sections.

"Discovery" helps kids experience each exciting Bible story in a new and relevant way. They'll be challenged to **KNOW**, **EXPLORE** and **SERVE** as they see God's presence in the lives of Bible people and their own.



They'll play roles to engage their imagination and attention, choose a way to serve others, engage in crafts, and explore safe science experiments with a nautical theme. All in the midst of deep sea decorations and sound effects.

We'll take two weeks for each lesson to pack in all of the activities and learnings. And we'll run this exciting series through 10 fun-filled weeks.

Plan to be there every week so you don't miss out!



Happy sailing,

Pastor Michael

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STARVING
CHILDREN



MOBILEPACK

**"IT TAKES A VILLAGE" 2017 KICK-OFF EVENT
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH 2-6 PM**

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**\$40 P/P BUFFET LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM
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**THE MOBILE PACK EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON
MARCH 24TH AND 24TH, 2017!**

MUSIC

at Bunker Hill

presents their Ninth Season of
Chamber Music Concerts in Sewell, NJ

Golden Age of Jazz and Mozart Clarinet Quintet Sept 25, 3:00 p.m.
(Mark Dover, clarinet)

Quintessential Quintets Nov. 6, 3:00 p.m.
(Mozart, Mendelssohn)

Kwan Yi, piano Mar 12, 3:00 p.m.
(Scarlatti, Beethoven, Debussy, Chopin)

Piano Quartets Apr 9, 3:00 p.m.
(Brahms, Mozart)

Balliett, Mundy and the Ovid Players May 7, 3:00p.m.
(Schubert, Dowland, Joni Mitchell, The Beatles, Balliett)

Concerts: Bunker Hill Presbyterian Church
330 Greentree Road, Sewell, NJ 08080 856-494-6077
Tickets \$20 www.musicatbunkerhill.org



This program is made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/
Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts and the
Gloucester County Cultural & Heritage Commission at Rowan College at Gloucester
County.

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Deadline to submit for next issue: September 15th!

WE ARE A RECYCLING COMMUNITY! PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSLETTER.

<u>Church Staff:</u> The Rev. Dr. Michael J. Feicht, Pastor Eleanor Shockey, Organist Dr. David Shockey, Director of Chancel Choir Robert Gardner, Director of Handbells Marilyn Nutt, Sunday School Superintendent Judy Petrongolo, Office Administrator Caitlynn Capra & Dakota Wright, Nursery Staff Betty Willingmyre, Cemetery Administrator	<u>Church Office Hours:</u> Tuesday through Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Phone: 856-429-2326 Fax: 856-795-3680 Email: info@firstbaptisthaddonfield.org Website: www.firstbaptisthaddonfield.org Cemetery Phone: 856-429-1644	<u>Every Sunday</u> ~ 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study ~ 10:00 AM Praise and Prayer Service ~ 11:00 AM Worship Service ~ 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School <u>First Sunday of Each Month:</u> ~ Communion is served at the 11 am worship service
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