



## PASTOR'S PAGE - September, 2009

Now that we have waded our way through two months of unremitting rain and faced the prospect of a VERY short Fall season, we can begin the process or experience of setting our sights on the months ahead where we will hopefully embrace more than a few new beginnings for our church.

However, before I continue, I want to personally thank the members of our church for your prayers, care, offerings of food, and concerns as Linda and I continue to face an exceedingly difficult time in our life that started back as far as April 16, 2008. Words elude me in any effort to express our gratitude. And though there have been times where our faith has been challenged and our hopes seemed to fade in light of so many setbacks, we have never wavered in trusting Linda's care in the strong arms of the Lord and your combined prayers.

We have come to know that people are not statistics nor are they the sum total of their illness, but rather children of a living God Who alone knows our destiny and Whose love for us is tender and eternal. God's abiding love NEVER quits! The Lord is our strength, our song, and our salvation.

Having shared that; it is time to move on. I am very excited about the fact that our church is one of only seven churches in Massachusetts and about seventy churches nation wide involved in a missional endeavor that will give us greater visibility in our community and we seek to follow Christ into God's mission; become individuals who respond in faith to the needs all around us while working as partners in God's present Kingdom!

As one writer so aptly reflected: "...the church exists for the well-being of others and creation, not for self-serving purposes." Therefore, we are called to view the world as an ever changing mission field; our nation as an ever changing mission field; our community as an ever changing mission field. Ours is a call to recognize that God's mission begins at the front steps of our church and extends beyond local, national, and international borders!

It should be noted also that churches involved in this exciting experience are churches just like ours; small in numbers but large in faith. They are churches in rural areas and suburban areas. They are churches that have realized the need to be an authentic community of faith that takes seriously the "Great Commandment," and "The Great Commission."

A team from our church has been working through this summer in an effort to develop our own challenge to become an authentic community of faith through a program called "*Friends With Wheels*;" Our "Artists in Residence" have put together a very creative and self-explanatory poster that truly conveys what we are all about; others have done a great deal of research in an effort to make sure we have dotted all the I's and crossed all the T's in order to make sure we do not break any legal boundaries and connect with other local agencies providing similar services.

In August we had a wonderful meeting with the other six churches participating in the endeavor and realized that though we were all in a different place in terms of ideas and progress, we were all very excited about what God is doing in and through us; more to come!

Bible study continued through the summer along with two movie nights and at least twelve sessions on various topics following Sunday worship; this will continue with a powerful presentation on prayer led by Linda Smith.

I would be remiss if I closed this page without mentioning the superb time we had early this summer with a group of Au-Pairs who have been visiting our church on a regular basis. We planned a barbeque along with various activities such as Croquet, Bocce Ball, and Badminton; everyone had a blast. One of the Au-Pairs had mentioned that this was the first barbeque she ever attended; another said that her host parents serve everything but rolls for the burgers or franks! She was ecstatic!

But again, please note that our goal was not to "Get more members;" our goal was to direct the focus of our ministry outward and be other-serving rather than self-serving.

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Needless to say, WE HAVE TURNED A CORNER IN TERMS OF THE WAY WE DO MINISTRY and I know that God will bless us richly. Yet I also know that it will take the commitment and talent of all our members and friends to keep our sails ahead of the winds that will carry us further ahead in helping God to fully realize His Kingdom on earth.

As we head into a new church year, this is by far the best time to get back on board and prepare to be part of an exciting and blessed movement of God. Jesus Christ is drawing us upward and outward through the power and prodding of the Holy Spirit so "Buckle up" and come on board!

Pastor Frank

### *Happy Birthday!!*

Linda Lazzari	Sept 2
Chan Park	Sept 5
Pat Thurston	Sept 26



### *Happy Anniversary!!*

Herb & Edie Randle	Sept 5
Bob & Cindy Mosher	Sept 21

### In Our Prayers

Linda Armstrong  
Dot Lilliot

Millie Davis  
Jack Williams

Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:  
-Thank you



### A "Walk for Hunger" Note From Bob Mosher

Bob Mosher would like to extend a special note of thanks to everyone from FBC Weston and the Rotary Club of Weston/Wayland who supported him in his Walk for Hunger. He estimates his total contribution to Project Bread to be approximately \$400.

Congratulations Bob on a job well done!!

### One Great Hour Of Sharing

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous support in the "One Great Hour Of Sharing" campaign. With all your support, we were able to exceed our goal of \$400 dollars in this effort. Many Thanks!!



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

You and I follow Jesus because God used someone to share the good news. We have continued and grown as followers of Jesus because God has used others to celebrate with us in victory, encourage us in defeat and call us forward in faith.

You can help to make the same things happen in the lives of people half a world away! That's why I am writing to ask you both to pray for and to give to the 2009 World Mission Offering.

Our congregation uses the World Mission Offering to support more than 2,500 short- and long-term missionaries annually, bringing U.S. and Puerto Rico churches together with partners in 76 countries in cutting-edge ministries that tell the good news of Jesus Christ while meeting human needs.

Our giving to the World Mission Offering helps people

Come to Christ

Grow in Christ

Change their world with Christ

This year International Ministries invites us to look at global mission in these terms:

**Be Surprised by Walking in Different Shoes.**

"In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus... he gave up his place with God and made himself nothing. He was born as a man and became like a servant." Philippians 2:5,7 New Century Version

I believe God is able and wants to use us to provide more support to global missions this year than last year. **Our 2009 goal is \$500.** Please join me in embracing this challenge. We will be receiving the World Mission Offering on Sunday, **September 27<sup>th</sup>.**

We have received from the Lord. Let us also give and let Him empower our gifts to transform the world.

Yours because of the always-surprising love of Jesus,

Mission Committee  
Linda Armstrong, Chairperson



## **NEW STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUP**

### **“When God’s People Pray”**

Prayer can change lives and circumstances like nothing else can. What are the keys that unlock it’s power, that turn prayer from a mere activity into a vital link with God and all his resources?

Jim Cymbala, pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, shows the truths about prayer that God has used to turn his own church from a tiny (8-10 people), struggling inner-city congregation into a vital, thriving community of believers who pray with passion, focus and faith.

This powerful study and discussion will take place after Sunday Worship starting September 20th for six weekly sessions. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

### **Clark Grant Team Meeting**

There will be a Clark Grant Team Meeting on Saturday, October 31st from 9:00am-2:30pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### **Grotonwood Events**

October 10-12: Grotonwood Fall Youth Retreat  
A Retreat for Middle & High School Youth

October 12: Grotonwood Family Fun Day 9:30-4:00  
Games, Comfort Food Buffet, “Grotonwood Idol”

October 18: Ladies Night Out at Grotonwood - 5:30pm  
Come & hear what God is doing in Honduras!

November 7: Father-Daughter Dinner Dance at Grotonwood  
A night of dining, dancing and fun!

November 15: Men’s Fellowship Dinner  
Tod Murphy, NBA Player & Gordon College coach shares his life’s journey.

Contact Grotonwood for more information on any of these events  
(978) 448-5763 or visit [www.grotonwood.org](http://www.grotonwood.org)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:30 Boy Scouts	2 6:15 Bible Study 7:30 Choir	3	4 10:00am Mother's Group 7:30-10:30 Korean	5
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