

MSBC NEWS

A CONNECTION TO GOD & EACH OTHER

Soli Deo Gloria

From The Pastor...

RETURN TO PRIORITY

If you haven't noticed yet, we are back! And it's very good to be home. As you know, Christine and I were able to do a bit of traveling over the last two months which included a whirlwind tour of Israel. This is truly a different world, like nothing I've ever seen before. And Christine has over 2,000 pictures to prove it! In fact, we have so many pictures and reflections of our trip, that we will be taking 7 Sunday evenings (beginning Sept. 15) to briefly share just a few of our favorite sites and stories with you during our evening worship.

For now, I'll share just one experience. We arrived in Tel Aviv on a Saturday afternoon, right in the middle of Shabbat (Sabbath) – this is the Jewish day of rest. On Shabbat (which begins at sundown on Friday and ends at sundown on Saturday), everything shuts down, and I mean *everything...* all the stores, bars, restaurants and places of entertainment. The bustling city becomes a ghost town. The normally crowded streets are nearly empty. All buses and trains are grounded.

The only way for us to get from the airport to our hotel was by a Muslim taxi driver. When we arrived at the hotel, there were just a handful of Arabs working the desk and tending the kitchen. The food for the evening had been prepared the night before and there was no one around to clear the tables. This hotel even had Sabbath elevators which were programmed to run on their own and stop at every floor. This is because Jews are not allowed to run any electrical equipment on Shabbat.

The only sanctioned activity on a Saturday was worship and religious education. Even though many Jews are secular, the synagogues in Israel are full on the Sabbath. Many orthodox Jews will be seen walking (not driving) to and from their houses of worship on this day. Imagine that – one day a week where all regular activity ceases and people gather together as a family to rest from their earthly labors and give their full attention to the God who created and saved them. Something to ponder.

This may not seem all that strange to some of us. In fact, up until March of 1983, Massachusetts had some of the strictest blue laws in the nation. These are the laws that required non-essential businesses (like restaurants and stores) to close on Sundays. This was never as restrictive as you would see in Israel, but even so, there was a time when our state actually encouraged rest and worship on Sundays. Those days are long gone.

In fact, Sunday has become the busiest day of the week. Almost of all of the stores and restaurants are open (except, of course, for Chick-fil-A and Hobby Lobby) and our families are drowning in Sunday sports and activities. I remember coaching my 7-year-old son's little league team and being asked to attend a coaches' meeting at 11 am on Palm Sunday. We've come a long way from our Puritan forefathers!

Please be assured, I am not advocating a return to legalism or state-run religion. We are Baptists after all. The strict Sabbath rules in Israel may encourage religious observance, but this does not translate into faith and love. Even so, I am calling for a return to *priority*. Whatever this looks like, believers in Christ must once again prioritize the worship of our heavenly Father with our heavenly family. Ideally, Sunday worship with our local church should be the highlight and most important hour of our week, a time worth fighting for and preparing for.

There is so much more to say about this. But let's start by simply recalling and observing the clear commandments given to us in the Scriptures:

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 “**Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy**, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God...You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

Hebrews 10:22-25 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith... Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **not neglecting to meet together**, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

- Pastor Michael John

Meetings/Gatherings/Groups

- September 10 - Boy Scouts Troop 4 begins for the fall in Church gym for ages 11-18, 7-8:30 pm
- September 14 - Memorial Service for Grover Pillsbury at 2 pm
- September 15 - Deacons Meeting in office at noon
- September 15 - Sunday Evening Worship at 6 pm (beginning a 7 week series on the Pastor's trip to Israel)
- September 17 & 24 - Tuesday Prayer Group Meets 11:30 - 1:00 church library
- September 18 - Youth Group begins at 6 pm
- September 21 - Men "Encouragers" meeting 9:00 - 1:00, RSVP to Steve Taylor
- September 21 - Memorial Service for Laura and Linda Lowd at 11 am
- September 22 - "Foundations of Faith" class at 12:30 pm after church in office, everyone welcome who are interested in baptism, membership or just learning about the faith with Pastor John
- September 27 - New Brothers Fellowship Hope Mail, 12:00 - 1:00 in Friendship Hall
- October 5 - Women's Encouragers Brunch 9:00 - 11:00, please sign up at church or call the office
- October 27 - Quarterly Business Meeting at noon after Pot-Luck Lunch



Timothy D. Regis May 11, 1952 - July 21, 2019

Amesbury, MA - Timothy D. Regis, age 67, died peacefully on July 21, 2019 in his home with family by his side. He was born May 11, 1952 in Ipswich, MA, the son of the late Clovis & Rita (Brouillet) Regis.

After graduating from Amesbury High School in 1970, he married Bonnie Ackley and spent the next 8 years in the U.S. Air Force. After serving his country he returned to Amesbury to raise their four children. During his life he loved God and his family. He was an active member of the Market St. Baptist Church where he enjoyed attending Bible studies and singing. He also enjoyed camping, diving, fishing, boating, skeet shooting, and family adventures. In his retirement he enjoyed gardening and teaching his grandchildren about the outdoors.

Besides his parents he is predeceased by his brothers Clovis, Ronald, and Brian Regis. He is survived by his wife of 48 years Bonnie (Ackley) Regis, and their four children, Jason and wife Kelly Regis, Heather and husband Oliver Wright, Caryn and husband Kevin Ahlstrom, and Aaron and wife Jeannette Regis. He is survived by 10 grandchildren, Christopher, Emma, & Adam Ahlstrom, Abigail & Molly Regis, Samuel & Alice Wright, and Adeline, Noah, & Clara Regis. He is survived by siblings Elaine and husband John Paden, David and wife Gale Regis, Nancy and husband John Royce, Scott and wife Rose Regis, MaryAnn Gulezian, Laura and husband Joe Lepore.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the Market St. Baptist Church "Member Care Fund".

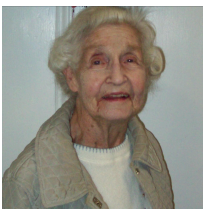
Funeral services for Tim were held on Saturday August 24 at 11:00 am at the Market Street Baptist Church 37 Market St. in Amesbury, MA. Burial with military honors followed in the Union Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the E.V. Jutras & Sons Funeral Home in Amesbury.



Grover Pillsbury Memorial Service

September 14 at 2 pm. On Friday, July 12, 2019 Grover passed into the arms of his Lord and Savior while surrounded by his wife and children.

Laura and Linda Lowd Memorial Service



September 21 at 11 am. Linda 09/19/1960- June 30, 2018. Born in Amesbury to Laura & Ralph Lowd Jr.

Leaves a sister: Dianne Noyes. Baptized at Market Street Baptist October 14, 1973. Laura (pictured on the right) was an active member of the Market Street Baptist Church where she was baptized in 1956.



Birthdays In September

Please send newsletter articles to our Communications Assist, Dorothy at her special address: msbcom37@gmail.com

The deadline for the October newsletter items is Tuesday, September 17, 2019.

CUB SCOUTS PACK 4 of Market Street Baptist Church

Fall Registration Night for New Scouts: September 17 @ Cashman Elem Cafe 6:30-8pm

Ice Cream Social: September 23 @ Cashman Elem Cafe 6:30-8pm CLASS A

Pack 4 Registration Nights for New Scouts

Do you know a boy or girl starting Kindergarten through fifth grade who is interested in Scouting? If so, invite them to either the BBQ, Registration Night, or Ice Cream Social. Our Registration Night on Sept. 17th is specifically planned for new families so they can learn about scouting, our Pack 4 events, ask questions, and register.

We are looking for a few current scouts to share their experiences at the Registration Night. If your scout wants to volunteer to help recruit new scouts, please contact Cubmaster Erin Upton at erinupton79@gmail.com.

Ice Cream Social

The Ice Cream Social is our last scheduled registration night so, it is a time to get to know the new Fall registered scouts and the scouts/leaders assigned to your den. This meeting is comprised of news, awards, ice breakers and ICE CREAM!

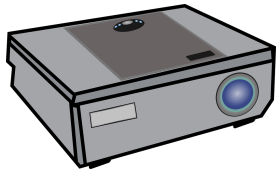
At the end of this event, anyone who would like to participate in a uniform swap may do so. Scout families who would like to donate their old rank items will place them in the donation bins and people looking for their next ranks items will have a chance to pick through the bins. As always, there is no guarantee that your rank items will be available. If they are unavailable, you can go to Ben's Uniforms in downtown Amesbury and find scouting items for sale.

WHEN CAN I REGISTER TO BE A PART OF PACK 4?

If you are a returning scout, you can register at the BBQ or Ice Cream Social. The price is the same as last year, \$90 for prior scouts who don't need a new pack shirt. New scouts can sign up at the BBQ, Fall Registration Night, or the Ice Cream Social. Lion scout (Kindergartener) fees are \$75 a scout. New scouts in 1st-5th grades are \$95 (returning scout fee + \$5 pack shirt fee). If you prefer to pay with a credit card, there will be a 2.75% processing fee. Checks should be made out to Pack 4 and given to Kim Howell.

PRAYER CORNER...

Please contact church office to have your request and/or results printed in the newsletter at 978-388-0930 or email msbcsec@verizon.net.



Sunday Evening Worship Series

Starting on Sunday, September 15 at 6pm and continuing for the next six weeks will be a Sunday evening worship series. The John's will share pictures and experiences from their sabbatical that they had this summer. There will be discussion and time for devotion. We hope to see you then!



Women's Encouragers Brunch

All women are welcome to come to the next women's encouragers brunch on Saturday, October 5 from 9-11am. Our speaker will be Mallory LeDuc. If you can bring something to the brunch like a casserole, fruit or baked goods, please sign up at the church outside of Friendship Hall or contact the church office. Or you can just sign up to come, so we know about how many people we need food for.

Youth Group

Youth Group begins for the fall on September 18 for grades 5 and up at 6 pm. All are welcome to come. Youth Group will meet weekly on Wednesdays unless otherwise indicated. For details please contact Caryn Ahlstrom.

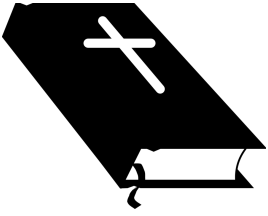
Men "Encouragers"

Saturday, September 21 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. We'll have fun lawn games, lunch and some fellowship together. Rain Date... reschedule TBD

RSVP to Steve Taylor



Foundations Class



Sunday, September 22, 12:30 pm in church library.

Anyone interested in baptism, membership or just learning about our faith, please speak to the Pastor.

New Brothers Fellowship - *Hope Mail*

Friday, September 27
Noon-1:00 pm in Friendship hall

Volunteers are needed to help Carolyn & Doug Gregan stuff & prepare 180+ envelopes to send to prisoners.



Amesbury's Village of Church Fairs Saturday, November 2 9:00 am-3:00 pm

The Churches of Amesbury designate the one day to hold all church fairs in unison. It is great fun, a well-liked fundraiser and is an opportunity for us to work as a team within our community.

Sandy Taylor has volunteered to be our chair-person for the Market Street Baptist "Family-A-Faire". Would anyone be interested in being her assistant?

Organization Meeting – Sunday, September 29 at noon at church.
This is a short meeting to get volunteers to be in charge of an area: Luncheon, Designer table, Attic Treasures in the Gym, Set-up, Clean-up etc

Volunteers Needed: to bake, cook, collect money, serve, set-up, decorate & clean-up. Sign-up for an hour or more in an area of your choice. Sign-ups will be out soon.

DONATE TO ATTIC TREASURES:

Start gathering items to donate from your left over yard sale stuff, cellar, garage or attic. Please no electronics, large furniture or clothing.

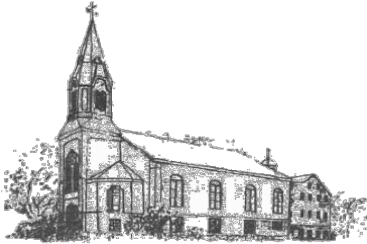
Items can be left on the gym stage starting October 13

Friendship Hall Set-up day is Friday, November 1 from 9:00 am - noon

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Thursdays 4:30 pm & Fridays 9:00 am

Haverhill 22

Sundays at 7:30 am & 5:00 pm

PortMedia 10

Thursdays 4:30 – 6:00pm

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WSEW 88.7 FM - Sundays 9:00
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Sermons Archive:

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am -
12:00 pm

Friday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm