
MSBC NEWS

A CONNECTION TO GOD & EACH OTHER

Soli Deo Gloria

From The Pastor

YEAR OF THE BIBLE

On February 3, 1983 at the National Prayer Breakfast, President Ronald Reagan officially designated 1983 as the national Year of the Bible. Here is the exact text of the Resolution approved by our Congress on October 4, 1982:

Whereas the Bible, the Word of God, has made a unique contribution in shaping the United States as a distinctive and blessed nation and people;

Whereas deeply held religious convictions springing from the Holy Scriptures led to the early settlement of our Nation;

Whereas Biblical teachings inspired concepts of civil government that are contained in our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas many of our great national leaders-among them Presidents Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, and Wilson-paid tribute to the surpassing influence of the Bible in our country's development, as in the words of President Jackson that the Bible is "the rock on which our Republic rests";

Whereas the history of our Nation clearly illustrates the value of voluntarily applying the teachings of the Scriptures in the lives of individuals, families, and societies;

Whereas this Nation now faces great challenges that will test this Nation as it has never been tested before; and

Whereas that renewing our knowledge of and faith in God through Holy Scripture can strengthen us as a nation and a people:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the President is authorized and requested to designate 1983 as a national "Year of the Bible" in recognition of both the formative influence the Bible has been for our Nation, and our national need to study and apply the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

If our political leaders once recognized the need for American citizens to "study and apply the teachings of the Holy Scriptures," how much more should we who are citizens in Christ's kingdom devote ourselves to the study and application of God's Word? In fact, we may even wish to declare 2019 as the Year of the Bible for our church and homes. (Of course, until Christ returns, every year should qualify for this distinction.)

Throughout 2018, we have encouraged Bible reading and study mainly through Sunday morning preaching (continuing through the Gospel of Mark) and Bible studies throughout the week at the church:

Sunday mornings – Bible Study before Worship / Junior Church

Tuesday evenings – Men’s Bible Study (Romans)

Wednesday mornings – Women’s Bible Study (Hebrews)

Wednesday evenings – Adult and youth studies

Friday mornings – Bible Study for all (Romans)

We are determined to continue these opportunities for us to study God’s Word together at MSBC, and now we are hoping to expand the study of God’s Word into our homes. There are two wonderful opportunities in 2019:

Reading the Bible in Ten Months: This will be to encourage personal reading of the Scriptures. We will meet once a month to encourage one another and discuss what we’ve been learning. Our next meeting is February 17 at 6 pm.

Small Group Bible Studies: We will have several groups meeting in homes to read and study the Scriptures together using Precept Ministries Inductive Bible Studies, beginning with the Gospel of Mark. These will begin the week of February 4-9.

Our hope is that all of us at MSBC will devote ourselves and our children to the diligent study of Scripture in 2019. As President Reagan remarked at the National Prayer Breakfast in 1983:

'Can we resolve to read, learn and try to heed the greatest message ever written -- God's word in the Holy Bible? Inside its pages lie all the answers to all the problems man has ever known.'

God bless,



February Steeple Lighting
In Memory of Tom Hodge



To light the steeple for a month in memory/honor of a loved one by donating \$50 to our Building Fund. Make check to: MSBC (note: Steeple)



OFFICE UPDATE...

Please send newsletter articles to our Communications Assist, Dorothy Purdy at her special address:

msbccom37@gmail.com

The deadline for the March newsletter items is Tuesday, February 19, 2019.



Job Opening

Part-Time Pianist

Purpose: To lead and serve MSBC in worship through music.

Please contact Pastor Michael John for more details –
mejhn.msbc@gmail.com or
978-388-0930



JR CHURCH SPORTS CAMP

FEBRUARY 18-21, 2019
FROM 6-8PM

A 4-night non-competitive program to teach a variety of sports skills & Bible in a fun and engaging manner.

Suggested Donation of \$10 per child.
This program is open to all boys & girls in grades K-6.

**To register, contact us at 978-388-0930 or at
msbcsec@verizon.net**



Card Writing Sunday



The bible says to encourage one another. Member Care is promoting a monthly card writing opportunity on the 2nd Sunday for us as a church to connect with one another during coffee hour in Friendship hall.

Write an encouragement, get well or thinking of you to bless another member.

Everything is provided to be able to write a card, address the envelope & leave in red basket for office mailing.

Greetings from Quebec!

I have safely made it to Quebec and settled into my new apartment here. It is quite cold and snowy here but the people are lovely and I'm already learning a lot. My French is coming along also, as it really is a French-only town... grocery shopping and church services in French have been quite the adventure so far! I'm looking forward to seeing what the rest of the semester entails for me.

Thank you so much for your ongoing prayers and support - they are much appreciated!

In Him,
Michelle Barlow MD



P.S. If anyone is not already receiving my monthly prayer letter but would like to be please send me a note with your email address, and I will add you to my list (the next one should come out at the beginning of February). Thank you!

Michelle is preparing to go to Galmi Hospital, Niger with Sudan Interior Mission

Blog: <https://hopeinthesahara.wordpress.com/>

Voted in at the Annual Meeting (Jan 27):

Welcome New Members: Sandy & Steve Taylor, Joe Pallazola and Raymond Glenn

Welcome Officers:

ELDERS: (3 year terms)

- Ron Fuller (1st Term ends 2020)
- Mark Pouliot (1st Term ends 2020)
- David Tateosian (2nd Term ends 2020)
- Michael John (Pastor)

DEACONS & OFFICERS (1 Year Terms)

Hospitality

- Rachel Murray
- Margaret Starr

Member Care

- Linda Burdick
- Marge Marini

Missions

- Ruth Kerr
- Anna Tateosian (Jr Deacon)

Properties

- John Garvey
- Dana Walton

Worship & Welcome

- Priscilla Robinson
- Frankie Lallemand

Clerk

Dianne Cole

Treasurer

Sharon McAfee

Financial Secretary

Andrea Bailey

MEETINGS:

February 17, 2019 Deacons' Meeting in office at 12 pm

Bible Reading Club

Meet on Sunday, February 17 at the church at 6:00 pm



SMALL GROUPS – BIBLE STUDY

The Book of Mark using the Precept Ministries method

6-Week program Begins... *Times TBA*

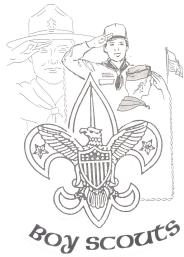
Monday night, Feb 4

Thursday morning, Feb 7

Saturday morning, Feb 9

Sign-up at church or call office.





MSBC BOY SCOUT TROOP 4



The Boy Scouts of America annually celebrates its founding on February 8, 1910, based on the program started by Lord Baden Powell in England 1907. Scout Sunday was added to the Scout celebration in the 1940s. The tradition was started to make people in churches aware of Scouting, and to allow Scouts to live out their "Duty to God" pledged each week. Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God". These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith. Scout Sunday 2019 will be scheduled TBD. The Scout will be attending worship on this day. Displays will be set up for you to view in Friendship Hall during coffee hour.

2018 Review: Tuesday nights at the church continues to be the gathering place for 20--25 boys who come together for a couple of hours away from the cell phone, computers and game boys to learn citizenship, outdoor ethics, fire building, first aid and have a little fun with other boys their age. So many of the things they work on during their Scouting journey haven't changed in the past 100 years and yet are still relevant today. What is so pleasing to the leaders is that boys are staying longer in Scouting, many till the age of 18, and many earning the pinnacle of Scouting, the Eagle Award.

The troop again qualified for the "Gold Standard" as one of the top troops in the country meeting 12 different benchmarks from advancement, retention, growth, program, short and long term camping along with financial stability. It is a true testament to the leaders who give hours of their time to meet these goals throughout the year. Two more Scouts earned the Eagle Award with one of them installing the church's security system as his Eagle Project.

Working with youth, you never know what affect you will have on them and what they have enjoyed. Recently on a social media site, the question came up as to who has ever slept out in the winter, in the snow and cold? To my amazement 11 of our former scouts bragged how much fun it is to sleep out in the winter enjoying a different type of camping, sleeping in snow shelters and not having to deal with the bugs!

With so much changing around us in the world, it is nice to see some things have not and Tuesday nights in the gym is one of these. Again, a big thank you to the people of Market Street Baptist for allowing us to meet in the church. Thank you to all the adults who give of their time and energy to make it possible and may we take something from the old verse "that in 100 years from now it won't matter what my bank account was, the type of house I lived in or the make of the car I drove but what was is we were important in the life of a boy!"

In Scouting,

Ron Fuller Scoutmaster

Denice Ellen Committee Chair

Bowen Jackson Institutional Representative

Assistant Scoutmasters:

George Langevin Josh Huston

Dave O'Brien John Baxter

John Corneau Dave Pressley

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 Bible Study for All 9:00am	2
3	4	5 Men's Bible Study 7:00pm	6 Women's Bible Study 11:00am Youth Group 6-8pm	7	8 Bible Study for All 9:00am	9
10 Commissioning of Officers	11	12 Men's Bible Study 7:00pm	13 Women's Bible Study 11:00am Youth Group 6-8pm	14	15 Bible Study for All 9:00am	16
17 Deacons Meeting 12:00pm Office Bible Reading Club 6:00pm	18 Sports Camp Week 6-8pm Please Register	19 Men's Bible Study 7:00pm	20 Women's Bible Study 11:00am Youth Group 6-8pm	21	22 Bible Study for All 9:00am	23
24	25	26	27 Youth Group 6-8pm	28	1	2

Nursing Home Ministries

Every Sunday at 9:00 am; First Wednesday and Third Thursday at 2:30 pm, Merrimack Valley Health Center, 22 Maple Street, Amesbury, MA

Fourth Wednesday at 2:00 pm, Port Center, 113 Low Street, Newburyport, MA

Fourth Wednesday at 3:00 pm, Maplewood Center, 6 Morrill Place, Amesbury, MA

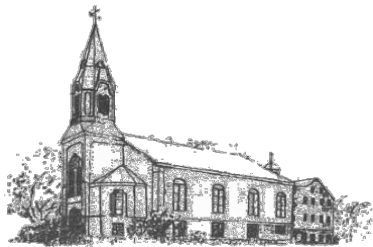
Every Sunday at 1:00 pm, Heritage Towers, 180 Main Street, Amesbury, MA

For more information on calendar events, please contact Dianne Cole, msbocsec@verizon.net

MARKET STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

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Amesbury, MA, 01913

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TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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Sunday's at 10:00 - 11:30 am

Cable TV:
ActTV12

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

Radio:

WSEW 88.7 FM - Sundays 9:00
am "Unchanging Grace"

www.wordradio.net

See page 3 for bible studies/small
groups.

www.msbcnews.org

Sermons Archive:

www.msbcnews.org/sermons

Facebook: [Market Street Baptist Church](#)

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OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm