

MSBC NEWS

A CONNECTION TO GOD & EACH OTHER

Soli Deo Gloria

From The Pastor...

Being And Making Disciples

Before leaving this earth and ascending back to Heaven, Jesus gave His final command (the Great Commission) to His disciples:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

This has been the defining task of every church in every age: to proclaim that Jesus is God’s appointed King and Savior of all people everywhere and to call people to repent and follow Him. God’s will is that we become disciples (students) of His Son, Jesus Christ, that we learn to trust and obey Him. This is clear.

It is the second question that will require a little more thought and reflection: *how* do we grow and mature as His disciples and *how* do we help others become disciples? We do not need to think too hard on this. Jesus makes this clear also. We become and make disciples through baptism and instruction. Each of us must first renounce our old and self-centered ways, repent and believe and be washed of our sins. But that’s just the first step. Once we have come to Christ, now we must be taught. We have to learn an entirely new way of thinking and living.

This may take time, but it is not optional. When someone signs up for the military, he must first renounce his civilian ways and be “baptized” into the service. But that signing ceremony means nothing if the soldier forgoes bootcamp and skips any further instruction. So it is with disciples, we are to be continual learners.

Now for the third question: how do we learn, *by what method?* Truly, we must become students of the word. Like the first disciples who devoted themselves to the Apostles Teaching (Acts 2:42). We must become well-acquainted with the Scriptures for this is where we find the actual teachings of Christ. God’s Word is our bread and we are to always read, study and memorize as much as we can. “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom...” (Colossians 3:16)

But that is not enough in itself. You see, Jesus’ command is not that we would just learn His commands, but that we would learn to OBEY His commands. It is one thing for me to read and study and even memorize the manual for my car. It is far more important that I learn how to properly drive and maintain this vehicle. That’s why discipleship requires more than just learning the Scriptures. We need one more thing. Consider the Apostles’ instructions on this matter:

Be imitators of me as I am of Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1)

Brothers, join in *imitating* me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the *example* you have in us. (Philippians 3:17)

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and *imitate* their faith. (Hebrews 13:7)

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an *example* in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. (1 Timothy 4:12)

So I exhort the elders among you... shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being *examples* to the flock. (1 Peter 5:1-3)

To really learn the way of Christ, we all need examples. We all need mentors. We never really learn the Christian life until we can see it lived out before us. It is like learning any skill or trade. If you wanted to become a doctor or plumber or chef or martial artist, you would start by taking classes to learn the basics, but most of your time would be spent as an apprentice or intern – working side by side with someone of more experience in the field. Over time and guided practice, you would grow in your proficiency and eventually become a master. This is how discipleship works. We become mature Christians by attending to the Word *and* by imitating and practicing the faith with good and experienced mentors.

Final question: *where* do we find such mentors? This may be the easiest to answer. They sit right next to you in church. A mentor is simply someone who is further along the path than yourself. Someone who has already gone through and survived and learned valuable lessons from the stage of life that you are presently in. Are you a teenager dealing with peer pressure? Connect with that solid Christian college student. Newly married? Talk to that faithful older couple. Dealing with troubled kids? We've got folks who have dealt with all kinds and have learned a thing or two from this painful experience. Suffering grief and pain? You are not alone.

I think you get the idea. God has blessed MSBC with an abundance of mentors. We have so much to learn from one another. It is my hope and prayer that we will all take full advantage of the resources that God has graciously provided us. So, before we go into all the world, let's start by being disciples and making disciples of one another.

- Pastor Michael John

Meetings/Gatherings/Groups

- February 1 - Women Encouragers Brunch 9-11 am
- February 9 - Commissioning of Officers (during worship)
- February 9 - Summer Mission Info Meeting 4 pm
- February 9 - Sunday Night Series in chapel 6 pm
- February 16 - Sunday Night Series in chapel 6 pm
- February 16 - Deacons meet at noon in office
- February 16 - Baptismal Class at noon
- February 18 - Tuesday Prayer Group in library room 11:30 -1 pm
- February 23 - Sunday Night Series in chapel 6 pm
- February 25 - Tuesday Prayer Group in library room 11:30 - 1pm



Please send newsletter articles to our Communications Assistant, Dorothy at her special address: msbccom37@gmail.com



Youth Group 2020

Meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm for fellowship and both spiritual & physical food. Open to all youth in grades 5-10. For details please contact Caryn Ahlstrom.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2019

Offering

Oct \$12,646 Nov \$12,208 Dec \$19,959 YTD \$179,238

Member Care

Oct \$616 Nov \$1,566 Dec \$798 YTD \$9,680

Fund to help members in need – collected on the 1st Sunday of the month

Building Fund

Oct \$0, Nov \$1,369 Dec \$4,511 YTD \$11,081

Payments are \$1,339.22 per month on the 20-year loan taken in 2015 to fix steeple & renovate sanctuary \$250, 000

Thank You Church Leadership 2019

To all the Deacons/Elders for serving the Lord this past year. Priscilla Robinson is leaving as Worship/Welcome Deacon.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES to begin Sunday, February 16 at noon

Contact Pastor John or call church.

Women's Encouragers Brunch

Saturday, February 1 from 9-11am

All women are welcome for good food, good speaker and good fellowship.

SAVE THE DATE for the next one!

Saturday, April 4 from 9-11am

SAVE THE DATE, WOMEN'S RETREAT

May 1-3 at the cottages



**Commissioning of Officers - Sunday, February 9 during worship
Welcome Church Leadership 2020**

DEACONS & OFFICERS (*1 Year Terms*)

Hospitality: Rachel Murray & Margaret Starr
Member Care: Linda Burdick, Haven Clark, Marge Marini, Joe Pallazola
Missions: Ruth Kerr & Anna Tateosian (Jr. Deacon)
Properties: Dana Walton & John Garvey
Worship & Welcome Frankie Lallemand & Mark Purdy
Clerk: Dianne Cole
Treasurer: Sharon McAfee
Financial Secretary: Andrea Bailey

ELDERS:

Ron Fuller (1st Term ends 2020)
Mark Pouliot (1st Term ends 2020)
David Tateosian (2nd Term ends 2020)
Steve Taylor (1st Term ends 2022)
Michael John (Pastor)

Summer Missions Info Meeting on Sunday, February 9 at 4:00pm

Learn about this summer's mission trips and local outreach events to find where you can be a help.

Upcoming Sunday Night Series 6pm in Chapel

February 9 – March 29

How to Talk about Your Faith: Do you have trouble talking about your faith with family and friends? Join the club! We all need help. Even the Apostle Paul asked the church to pray for him so that He can speak this Gospel clearly and fearlessly. (Ephesians 6:19-20 and Colossians 4:4) This will be an 8-week series that we hope will encourage and equip each us. Lessons from Greg Koukl's Tactics.

April 19 – June 7

How to Grow in Your Faith: Now that we've come to faith in Christ, how do we continue in our growth? And how can we help each other grow? This 7-week series will focus on what it means to be a disciple of Christ and how we can help make disciples for Christ.

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.



Paul A. Roger

June 23, 1930 - December 30, 2019

Paul Roger, 89, passed away at his home. He was born in Haverhill, son of the late Ernest and Marguerite (Beauregard) Roger. He served with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was employed in sales for many years and then worked as a letter courier for the U.S. Postal Service from which he retired. After his retirement he also worked at Amesbury Chair. A generous contributor to numerous charities, Paul also loved to play golf, going to the beach, telling jokes, taking pictures, tinkering with technology, and video editing at his church.

He was predeceased by his loving wife Shirley I. (Braley) Roger who passed away in 2008, his daughter Kathleen D. Mackay 2016 and brothers, Albert and Raymond Roger and his sister, Alma Gigliotti. He is survived by his two sons, Kenneth W. Lang and Scott P. Roger (Lynn), his son in law Richard Mackay and 2 grandchildren, 2 great grandson. A memorial service was held January 25 at Market Street Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607. (www.lovetotherescue.org) or Emmaus Inc., P.O. Box 568 Haverhill, MA 01831. (www.emmausinc.org)

For more information please visit www.farmerfuneralhomes.com

Note from church office records: "Paul, a devoted Christian, was a member of Market Street Baptist Church since 1994. He was instrumental in organizing the Audio Visual Ministry by running the video camera weekly to tape the Sunday Worship service and editing it to air on the local cable TV."



George B. Langevin

March 21, 1952 - January 15, 2020

Assistant Scoutmaster 34 years for Market Street Baptist's Boy Scout Troop 4

George Langevin passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones. George was the oldest of 5 children. He is survived by his wife, Pam, son, Eric...At the age of 23, George was victim to a workplace accident and was paralyzed from the neck down. He was told he wasn't going to live, but George defied the odds. Then he was told he'd never walk. Again, he defied all odds. George's trademark stubbornness and absolute commitment to doing things his way saved him again and again. Eventually he'd regain the function of his right side, but not his left. That did not alter or stop the course of George's life.

When his son, Eric, was old enough to join the Boy Scouts, George became highly involved as an assistant Scout Master. He influenced the lives of countless young boys, mentored scores of Eagle Scouts, and guided boys through summer camp for 34 consecutive years. George never faltered, he never sought blame for his paralysis, and he never complained. He was a fiercely independent man who left an indelible mark on the lives of those who knew and loved him. Gardening was one of his passions, and most days he could be found on his riding mower, on his knees pulling weeds, or re-landscaping the beautiful borders of his property. His yard was colorful in all seasons and neighbors frequently stopped by to offer compliments on the beauty it added to the neighborhood.

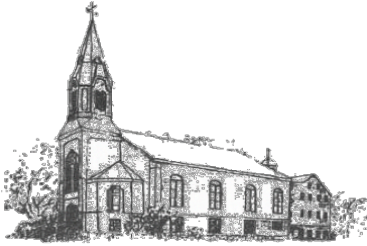
In lieu of flowers or other gifts, the family asks for donations to kindly be sent to Boy Scout Troop 4, C/O Market Street Baptist Church, 37 Market Street, Amesbury Massachusetts, 01913.

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

Friday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm