

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
IN  
WICKFORD**

**TO OUR VISITORS!**

If you are visiting us this morning we want to extend a warm welcome to you. Please join us in Fellowship Hall following this morning's service for a brief time of refreshment and fellowship.

See **Cox Cable Channel 14, Verizon Channel 33, Sundays at 4 PM** to watch a slightly shortened version of our Sunday Morning Services.

**AUDIO CDs AVAILABLE**

If you would like an audio CD of this week's service please speak with John Bellisle or call the church office.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS :**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

Worship	10:00 AM
Nursery for infants up to age 3 (located in the front of the Sanctuary)	10:00 AM
Children's Sunday School (CB)	10:15 AM
Fellowship Gathering (FH)	11:00 AM

**REV. HARRY E. BRONKAR**

Interim Pastor

**MRS. ELAINE ALEXANDER**

Music Director

**MRS. CINDY BELLISLE**

Administrative Assistant

**MRS. HOLLY PIERCE**

Nursery Attendant

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*January 18, 2009*

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## † PRELUDE

*Come, Holy Spirit  
Fill Me Now*

## † WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

† \*HYMN #435 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

## INVOCATION

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

### \*GLORIA PATRI #813

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*12 Days of Christmas  
Sunday School Children*

## CHILDREN'S STORY

*(Children may leave for Sunday School)*

## CALL TO PRAYER

## PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN #604

*I then Shall Live*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #384

*Spirit Song*

\*DOXOLOGY #166

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## COMMISSIONING OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 72:1-7

## SERMON

*And Justice for All*  
Rev. Harry Bronkar

\*HYMN #433

*Rise Up, O Church of God*

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

*A warm welcome and thank you to Eric Van Dervort for joining us  
this morning with his gift of music!*

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\* All who are able, please stand

† Ushers may seat people at these times

**PRAYER LIST 1/18/09**

**CELEBRATIONS:**

Birth of Noriko and Taka's twin grandchildren, *Yuta (5lb.boy), Yuno(3+lb.girl)*  
 Jessica Ortiz Sweeney & *birth of baby boy Joshua Roger Sweeney, on 12/29*

**PRAYERS:**

Pastoral search.....prayers  
 Cheryl Bellisle(J.Bellisle)2.....difficult time with Lymphoma  
 Harriette Cavanagh(C.Bronkar's friend)2.....dialysis, heart, rehab in NJ  
 George Chasse (C. Chasse)2.....badly hurt: motorcycle accident  
 \*Julia Corey (C.Bellisle's Grandmother).....lung collapsed, pneumonia  
 Vivian Fanning, 90's(L&K Lawrence)2.....cancer treatment  
 Jeannie Fetter(Kim Fetter's sister-in-law)2.....difficult time with cancer  
 Capital Funds Campaign.....prayers  
 Peter Gardiner(P.Curry)1.....melanoma, has spread  
 Earl Jenks.....having his ups & downs  
 Don Joslin(M.Gibson's nephew)1.complications w/bone marrow transplant, difficult time  
 \*Kruger family....their parents, David&Mary Beth, had to close business, difficult time  
 Marin, 12(C.Horridge)4.....recuperating from bad ski accident  
 Martha Kinnecom(Andy Kinnecom's wife)3.....cancer in bones, great deal of pain  
 Nancy Marden(L&K Lawrence)2.....cancer, bone marrow transplant  
 John Montanaro (C. Bellisle)2.....Leukemia cells in optic nerve  
 Millie(L.Brayman's cousin)4.....has had a stroke  
 Mary Ostiguy-3.....eyes  
 \*Paul(Michele Pearces's Uncle).....deployed to dangerous area of Iraq  
 \*Laurie Records Muddiman & Faith Records Arnold...medical mission to Nakura, Kenya  
 Sean Shumaker,18(N.Armstrong)4...attending college, leukemia treatments continued  
 Frank Toner (G.Sherman's grandson)1.....imbedded with Afghan Army  
 Grace Utter, 6(N.Armstrong)4.....peritoneal dialysis  
 Jodi & Matt Utter(Grace's parents)1.....need prayers  
 \*Rev. Mary Walsh(B.Bullock's friend).....cancer surgery on 1/20  
 Walter Wild (Wes's brother)2.....cancer, spread to liver  
 Mae Williams (C.Bronkar)2.....prayers for transition to Seasons  
 Bob Westcott-3.....hospice care, continued prayers  
 Mary Zorabedian(E.Reardon)2.....in hospital, cancer, lungs congested

**SYMPATHY**

\*Melanie Gibson & family.....her Aunt Elaine Lampe died 1/12/09  
 \*Family of Gregory Lefevere (C.Horridge).....passed away

\*added this week or changes made

**Please note week notation after prayer request. They will be removed after the 4th week unless there is a request to keep it on longer.**

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Jan.19.....Diaconate (CR).....700pm  
 Jan.20.....Adult Bible Study (SH).....6:30pm  
 Jan. 21.....Prayer Group (SH).....10:00am  
 Kyrie Road (CB).....6:00pm  
 Jan.22.....Choir Rehearsal.....7:00pm

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**YEAR END STATEMENTS**

Year end statements are available in fellowship hall.



**THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING**

The flowers today are given by Andy & Michele Pearce in celebration of Aiden's 3rd birthday.



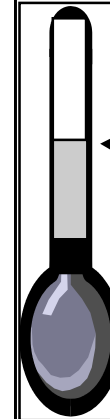
**PREPARING FOR BAPTISM**

We are planning to hold a service of believers' baptism on Palm Sunday, April 5. Baptism is a public ceremony, held as part of the worship service, when persons make a confession of their faith in Jesus Christ. Normally, young people from ages ten or eleven and upwards, who have gone through Sunday School classes, request to be baptized. But baptism is also for adults; perhaps you are a new believer or churchgoer, and have never been baptized.

This service is for you as well.

Pastor Bronkar would like to meet with all of you who feel you might be ready for baptism. Let's meet after church on Sunday, February 25. We'll gather in Fellowship Hall and find a place to meet. Call the pastor if you have questions.

**CAPITAL FUNDS EFFORTS**



Goal \$180,000  
 TOTAL PLEDGES - \$79,838.00  
 TOTAL RECEIVED AS OF 1/11/09  
**\$31,178.00**

Thank you for supporting this important effort –an opportunity to preserve our past and build our future..



**FOOD PANTRY**

**Food pantry needs:** CANNED FRUIT, ASST. BEANS (CANNED), POTATOES (INSTANT) REG. SZ., PKG. BAKING GOODS (CAKE MIXES, ETC.), TOILET PAPER. Monetary donations are always welcome too! Thank you!

The calling of a new minister is one of the most important tasks a church can undertake. While the members of the Search Committee will perform much of the actual work, it is essential that this process have the full support and encouragement of the entire congregation. Therefore this morning we introduce the members of the Committee to the church body, and together we will dedicate ourselves to this challenge.

Will the members of the Search Committee come forward as I call your names?

Walt Horridge, chairperson

Michelle Pearce, secretary

Pat Curry

Ginny Mancini

Dan Pirhala

Harry Sleicher

Jan Soban

Matt Bellisle, Moderator, ex-officio member

Minister: Each of you has been personally selected to serve on this Search Committee, to seek a new pastor for the First Baptist Church in Wickford. Do you accept this responsibility?

**Committee: Humbly and prayerfully, we do.**

Minister: Realizing that this task will require considerable time and energy, will you make every effort to give the work your top priority?

**Committee: With the help of God, we will.**

Minister: Will the members of the congregation stand: You all are vitally involved in the search for a new pastor. She or he will be the pastor of the entire church. The committee will need to know your hopes, dreams, visions, and expectations. Will you be honest and forthright in sharing your concerns with them?

**Congregation: We will.**

Minister: Do you, as members and friends of the First Baptist Church in Wickford, promise to pray for the committee, and in every way give them your enthusiastic support?

**Congregation: We do.**

Minister: Do you all, committee and congregation, promise to be patient and understanding when the search moves at a slower than expected pace? Will you work together, under the leading of the Holy Spirit, in unity and harmony and peace, trusting that in God's time the search will come to a successful conclusion?

**Committee and Congregation: With God's help, we will!**

Minister: Let us pray. O God of light, you led the Hebrew people on their journey to a promised land; we know that you will bless this church on its process to discover a new pastor who will lead them into the new millennium. We pray for the committee members: for Walter, for Michelle, for Pat, for Ginny, for Dan, for Harry, for Jan, and for Matt. Empower them by your Spirit; grant them insight as they sift through resumes and interview candidates. Endow them with patience when the road seems to lack direction. Enable them to work together in a true spirit of cooperation, remembering always the sacredness of their task.

Also, dear Lord, we pray for the good people who make up this congregation. We thank you for their devotion, their faith, and for their many gifts that make this such a strong church. In your wisdom bring to them the person who will join them in their ongoing mission. And hear us all as we offer our prayer of consecration:

**ALL: Strengthen us, powerful God, for our task. We dedicate ourselves to you and to your service, in faith and hope and joy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**