

First Baptist Church in Wickford

THE GOOD NEWS

April 2006

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 9th 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE—CHORAL CANTATA

Thursday, April 13th at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, April 14th from Noon-1:00 PM in the Sanctuary

EASTER MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES—APRIL 16TH

SUNRISE SERVICE—7:00 AM at the Town Dock

followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall

EASTER MORNING WORSHIP—10:45 AM in the Sanctuary

(There will be no Sunday School on Easter Morning)

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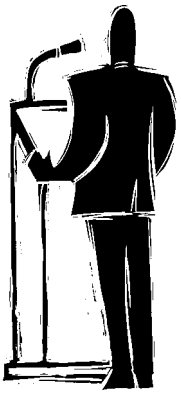
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THE DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL ISSUE OF THE GOOD NEWS IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH



The Spirit is Moving

By Rev. Dr. Clifford Hockensmith

Beginning with the concert by the Alderson Broaddus College Concert Choir on Tuesday March 7th, this past month of our Church life has been absolutely blessed by the Holy Spirit. I want to try to describe that experience for you, in case you missed that concert.

Had I not already been sitting down when the choir started, I most certainly would have had to sit, kneel or lean against the wall. They surrounded us in the sanctuary, and literally enveloped us in harmony. And not just any harmony. Forty five voices, singing as one, unaccompanied by any instrument, used the sanctuary itself to reverberate their sound. In the third row, I felt part of the choir, and more, part of the music. I felt lifted, high. One of our members said later that she thought she was in heaven. She was.

I dared not look back at anyone else, because within the first minute of the first song I was weeping quite freely. I suspect most everyone was doing the same. Because at the close of the concert, when we finally began to speak to each other, most all eyes were still moist. Everyone there proclaimed that they had never heard anything like this.

In my 29 years as a minister, I never have.

Now anyone reading this knows that, however skilled a choir is in the technical aspects of concert making, there is something more involved in causing an entire audience to be so moved. That something more is power. The power of the Holy Spirit of God. Sure, these are students and a music director at the top of their shared skills. But more, these are Christians sharing and using the gift of music to impart the very joy of heaven on earth.

Let me skip now to last Wednesday, when our church hosted the Lenten luncheon for the North Kingstown churches. 80 mostly retired persons gathered for a hearty soup luncheon. Again, the skills of individuals were involved, this time in cooking and meal presentation. But again, there was more. Many who normally spend their day alone found company- and more- community. Moreover, they praised God together with hymns- which most of them knew by heart, from childhood. There was a lot of love served in that soup and bread, and also a lot of love expressed in that hymn singing.

The presence of the Holy Spirit was again palpable.

Last but not least, I have also felt the Spirit in each and every worship service- in our own choir- in our own congregational singing, in our own prayers and Bible studies, in our own coffee times after worship. This is not just because it is Lenten season- this is the movement of the Lord Jesus among us.

As we close out this church program year and prepare for a new one, I am expecting great things, for great things have already begun. May God continue to anoint and guide us as we continue to experience heaven on earth. May God continue to bless and renew the vision for mission here in Wickford, and everywhere His Spirit travels.

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAYS

9:30 am

Sunday School
Chapel Building
& Stafford House

10:45 am

Worship
Sanctuary

11:45 am

Fellowship Hour
Fellowship Hall

TUESDAYS

1:30 pm

Prayer Group
Stafford House

WEDNESDAYS

10:15 am

Bible Study Fellowship
Stafford House

1:00 pm

Ladies Guild (2nd Wed.)

12:30 pm

Craft Workshop
(1st, 3rd, & 4th Wed.)
Stafford House

THURSDAYS

7:15 pm

Choir Rehearsal
Choir Room



**FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE
AS OF MARCH 28, 2006**

Plan
07/01/05 - 03/28/06 07/01//05 - 03/28/06

Income

Pledges & Repeat Supporters	\$ 83,246.65	\$ 92,336.83
Other Income	\$ <u>22,031.17*</u>	\$ <u>27,815.28*</u>
Total Income	\$ 105,277.82	\$120,152.11

Expenses

Current Operating Expenses	\$ <u>115,333.73</u>	\$ <u>120,152.11</u>
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Net Income	\$(- 10,055.91)	\$ 0.00
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* Includes \$10,973.23 from reserves per plan.

MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 11th
4:30 PM

Personnel & Admin.
Stafford House

Monday, April 17th
6:00 PM

Board of Deacons
Stafford House

Wednesday, April 19th
2:00 PM

Worship Committee
Stafford House

Wednesday, April 26th
7:00 PM

Congregational Meeting
Fellowship Hall

SPECIAL EVENTS

Lenten Study & Dinner

Tuesday, April 4th
6:00PM – Fish Dinner
7:00 PM – Lenten Study
Fellowship Hall

Lenten Study & Dessert

Tuesday, April 11th
7:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

*Maundy Thursday
Choral Cantata*

Thursday, April 13th
7:30 PM – Sanctuary

Good Friday

Community Service
Friday, April 14th
12:00 PM – Sanctuary

Easter Morning

Sunday, April 16th
Sunrise Service -7:00 AM
Town Dock

Pancake Breakfast (after
sunrise service)

Fellowship Hall
Easter Worship-10:45 AM
Sanctuary

Church Yard Sale

Saturday, April 22nd
8:00 AM

WOMEN'S GUILD BROWN BAG AUCTION



The regular meeting of the
Women's Guild will be
Wednesday, April 12th at 1PM
in the Stafford House.

Bring an item for sale in a brown bag and note
the value of the item on the back of the bag.

CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

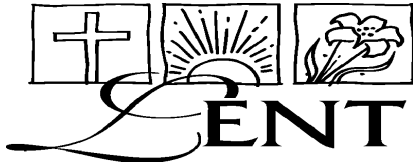
There will be a congregational meeting on

Wednesday, April 26th at 7:00 PM in
Fellowship Hall

The purpose of this meeting is to elect the Officers
for the fiscal year 2006-2007

Thank You!

Thank you so much for the beautiful collation you prepared for our family.
Your generosity, graciousness and warmth are deeply appreciated.
-The Family of Thelma Curry



FBC WICKFORD LENTEN STUDIES AND DESSERTS

We will be gathering together on three Tuesday nights during Lent to study and fellowship together. We will be sharing in dessert at the **FIRST** and **THIRD** gathering with a special **FISH DINNER** for the **SECOND** gathering.

Below is a list of the times and places.

For more information contact the church office.

‡ Tuesday, March 28th 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

‡ Tuesday, April 4th Fish Dinner at 6:00 pm,
followed by the study in Fellowship Hall (see below for more details)

‡ Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

Join us for the final two Lenten Luncheons sponsored by The North Kingstown Clergy Association.
Luncheons begin at Noon. For more information please contact the church office.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wednesday, April 5th **	St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Wednesday, April 12th (Holy Week)	7th Day Adventist Church

** Pastor Cliff will be speaking at this service

FISH DINNER AND LENTEN STUDY

Tuesday, April 4th at 6:00 PM

Sign up in Fellowship Hall

HELPERS NEEDED: If you are interested in helping prepare or set-up for the Fish dinner please sign up in Fellowship Hall or speak with Karen Lambiase.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN WICKFORD

YARD SALE!!!

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 8 AM—1 PM

RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW!!

Tables can be reserved for a donation of \$25 each and will be set up in the Fellowship Hall and the Stafford House.

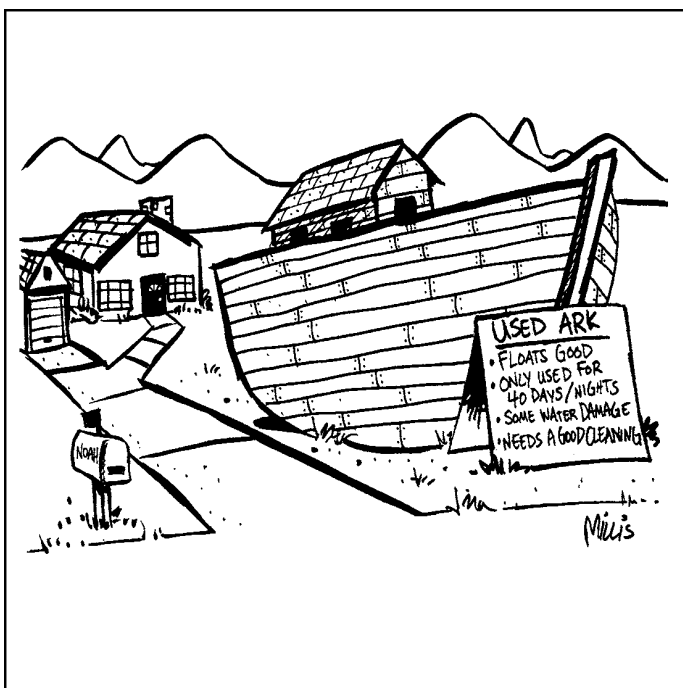
Sign up in Fellowship Hall for your spot!

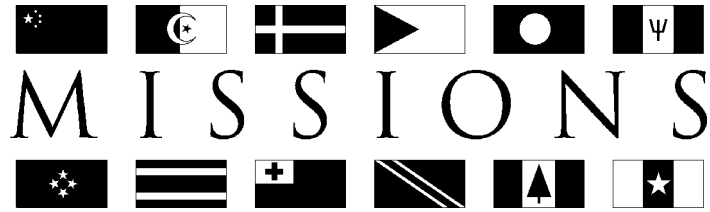
HAVE SOME THINGS TO SELL BUT DON'T WANT TO GET A TABLE??

Why not donate them to the church for the church table!!

Donations are being accepted by Cathy Horridge and Dan Urish!!

Sponsored by the Missions Committee. The proceeds from the sale will be split between the general church operations and missions.





MISSIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE ON CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS

A cardboard box is available for the collection of soup labels on the Mission Committee table, which is located in Fellowship Hall near the library. A list of eligible products is also available at the table. Many other products besides soup are eligible, but they must say "Labels For Education" on the package somewhere. The committee is not collecting labels for the "Box Tops For Education" program, which is run by another company. Progresso soup labels are not eligible for either and should not be saved. If you are having trouble removing a soup label, the front portion that identifies the type of soup is what is needed, so please try not to destroy it. A knife or something with a sharp blade is helpful if it is used to cut the paper on either side of the glue in the back. Again, there are many other products that are worth cash to our school (Bacone College, a Christian American Indian College in Indiana), so if it ever stays warm outside, you might feel like something else besides hot soup. Thank you all for your support in this mission effort!

SHARE CHRIST WITH AMERICA

Thanks to your generosity in the special offering of March the
"AMERICA FOR CHRIST" campaign will receive a donation of \$244.50!!

This will help support American Baptist efforts in providing new church planting, campus ministries, refugee resettlement, and neighborhood action centers, among many others.

Alderson-Broadus College of West Virginia and the **Bacone Indian College of Oklahoma** have each been given \$574 from the Missions share of last year's Art Festival proceeds. We have supported both schools in the past and they most appreciative of our contributions.



The American Baptist Mission report for the year 2005 show that the **Wickford Baptist Church is in the top 10% percent of mission giving in Rhode Island** with \$23,247 given for American Baptist sponsored mission needs. We are a strong mission oriented church and are truly a part of the Great Commission.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4th Jacob Genest	5th Jason Genest	7th Cathy Horridge
14th Harry Bronkar	16th Sarah Deal	20th Mary Lou Mills
29th Mary Beth Burnham		



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
IN WICKFORD**
34-44 MAIN STREET
NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI 02852

**TIME VALUE - DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

Easter Flowers Order Form

Deadline to Order is Sunday, April 9th

In Memory of: _____
or

In Celebration of: _____

Given by: _____
Mark your flower choice and
circle your color choice (where applicable).

<u>Flower</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Lily	6" pot	\$8.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Tulips lavender, pink, red, white, yellow, orange or pink & white	6" pot (6 bulbs)	\$6.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Tulips lavender, pink, yellow or pink & white	8" pot	\$11.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Hyacinth	6" pot (3 bulbs) blue, pink, or white	\$6.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Hyacinth	8" pot (3 bulbs) blue, pink, or white	\$11.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Daffodils	6" pot	\$6.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Daffodils	8" pot	\$11.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Mini Daffodil	4" pot	\$3.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Grape Hyacinth	4" pot	\$3.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Crocus	4" pot	\$3.50

Total Plants: _____ **Total Cost:** _____ **Paid:** _____

Please make checks payable to The First Baptist Church in Wickford

Please take your flowers after the 10:45 Easter Service.

