



# First Baptist Church in Wickford

# THE GOOD NEWS

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## Deacon's Corner

## Moderator's Mid-year update

Art festival, organ concert, Insight luncheon, wills and endowments seminar, Rally Day, over 80's luncheon, Advent decorations, Messiah sing, Christmas dinner, Alderson Broaddus Concert Choir, Salvation Army bell ringing, technology improvements (e-mail, web site, cable TV broadcasts), adult and children's choir music, Sunday morning worship, Adult and youth Christian education, building and grounds care (maintenance, repairs, improvements, new custodial service), pew cushion fund raising, visitations (nursing homes, shut-ins, hospitals), prayer chain, Bible study, food pantry, Habitat for Humanity, Heifer International, nonmember outreach group, Board of Deacons and committee meetings, coffee hour, Christmas Eve morning presentation, Christmas Eve service, and caring, praying and sharing. Thank you to the pastor, officers, committees, and the members and friends for their support and participation during the past six months of our 2006/7 church year. In addition, your financial stewardship has provided above plan pledge (104%) and plate (171%) income. Other income was also on or above plan and expenses were on or below plan in all areas. We have met all of our financial obligations and maintained or exceeded our support of missions and outreach; all without having to access the \$6,000 budgeted from our reserve funds.

In the next few months, the Board of Deacons will continue to review our organizational structure and the functions performed and required to continue to provide a meaningful and fulfilling spiritual experience now and in the future. The board will also be reviewing the needs of our physical property and develop a short and long range plan for improvements including financial requirements.

The Spirit of the Lord is present and felt in our church. I look forward to continue working with you to meet God's plan for us in our congregation

THE DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE GOOD NEWS IS TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23RD



**From the Minister**

Rev. Dr. Clifford  
Hockensmith

**JOHN 2:1-11**

**WHEN THE WINE GAVE OUT**

IMPLICATIONS, ALTERATIONS  
HISTORY WOULD CHANGE  
JESUS ACTED STRANGE  
THE PEOPLE RAISED A SHOUT  
SERVANTS RAN ABOUT  
WHEN THE WINE GAVE OUT

NO PROPHET COULD HAVE THOUGHT IT  
HIS DISCIPLES THOUGHT HE BOUGHT IT  
MOTHER MARY SOUGHT HIM OUT  
WHEN THE PEOPLE RAISED A SHOUT  
SERVANTS RAN ABOUT  
WHEN THE WINE GAVE OUT

WHO COULD UNDERSTAND IT  
NO ONE COULD HAVE PLANNED IT  
WHEN THERE AT A WEDDING FEAST  
THIS SON OF DAVID NONE THE LEAST  
SOUTHERN BAPTISTS NOT WITHSTANDING  
SAW THE SIX JARS ON THE LANDING  
AS THE PEOPLE RAISED A SHOUT  
WHEN THE WINE GAVE OUT.

FOR RITES TO PURIFY  
SIX LARGE WATER JARS STOOD BY  
BUT NO WASHING'S EVER MENTIONED  
IN THIS STORY WELL INTENTIONED  
FOR THERE IS A NEW CREATION  
A SURPRISING ALTERATION  
THAT DEFIES IMAGINATION  
AS THE PEOPLE RAISED A SHOUT  
AND SERVANTS RAN ABOUT  
WHEN THE WINE GAVE OUT

IF YOU'RE HOPELESS  
FEELING HELPLESS  
THINK YOUR FORTUNE HAS RUN OUT  
RAISE A SHOUT RUN ABOUT  
HOLY SPIRIT COMING NEAR  
PERFECT LOVE REMOVING FEAR  
OUR MESSIAH ARRIVES HERE  
AS THE PEOPLE RAISE A SHOUT  
WHEN THE WINE GIVES OUT

ON THE BRINK OF THIS DISASTER  
BY REQUEST ARRIVES THE MASTER  
UNABATED BY THE STORM  
TURNING COLD UNTO THE WARM  
BRINGING FIRE OF THE SPIRIT  
TO ALL CREATURE S WHO ARE NEAR IT  
AS THE PEOPLE RAISED A SHOUT  
WHEN THE WINE GAVE OUT

PRINCES, POETS, PIRATES, KINGS  
INANIMATE AND LIVING THINGS  
CELEBRATE GOD'S ONLY SON  
WHOSE WORK THIS WEDDING HAS BEGUN  
MALE AND FEMALE , HEAVEN AND EARTH  
FLESH AND SPIRIT , DEATH AND BIRTH  
BLACK AND WHITE, RICH AND POOR  
WHEN TIME RUNS OUT, THERE IS MORE  
AS THE PEOPLE RAISED A SHOUT  
SERVANTS RAN ABOUT  
WHEN THE WINE RAN OUT

CONSERVATIVE OR LIBERAL  
ANIMAL OR MINERAL  
INNER CORE OR OUTER SPACE  
BRICK AND STONE OR HUMAN RACE  
ANYONE OR THING CAN CHANGE  
WHEN THE WATER TASTES THIS STRANGE  
AS THE SPIRIT TRANSFORMJS FLESH  
AND A WAY FORMS IN THE WILDERNESS  
SERVANTS RAN ABOUT  
WHEN THE WINE RAN OUT

OUT OF IDEAS OUT OF TIME  
WHEN THE VERSES DO NOT RHYME  
AS THE WATER TURNS TO WINE  
HUNGRY ENEMIES MEET TO DINE  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE FIRST TO LEARN  
GOD'S OWN SON WILL ALWAYS TURN  
GREAT DESPAIR INTO HIGH HOPE  
WHEN THE PEOPLE RAISED A SHOUT  
AND THE SERVANTS RAN ABOUT  
WHEN THE WINE RAN OUT

AT THE VERY EDGE OF HOPE  
GOD CAN ALWAYS DROP A ROPE  
JUST WHEN DOUBT TURNS TO DESPAIR  
GO TO JESUS WITH YOUR PRAYER  
INVITE JESUS AS YOUR GUEST  
HE WILL ALWAYS DO THE REST  
WHEN THE PEOPLE RAISE A SHOUT  
WHEN THE SERVANTS RUN ABOUT  
WHEN THE WINE RUNS OUT

IF YOU IS OR IF YOU AIN'T  
SAILOR, SOLDIER, SINNER, SAINT  
WHATEVER YOU MAY HOPE OR FEAR  
IT MATTERS NOT WHEN CHRIST IS NEAR  
WHEN THE PEOPLE RAISE A SHOUT  
WHEN THE SERVANTS RUN ABOUT  
WHEN THE WINE GIVES OUT.

TO YOU WHO THINK YOUR FUTURE, PAST  
RECALL: CHRIST SAVES THE BEST FOR LAST  
YOUR LIFE LIKE THIS WINE AGES BEST  
WHEN IT RUNS OUT- PUT TO THE TEST  
OF USE AND TIME, AND WHEN ITS SPENT  
JUST THEN BEGINS ITS GOVERNMENT  
BY ONE MUCH GREATER THAN YOU AND I  
WHO, WHEN CALLED, WILL THEN REPLY  
I AM LORD OF SEA AND SKY  
AS THE SERVANTS RAN ABOUT  
WHEN THE WINE GAVE OUT

FILL THOSE JARS UP TO THE TOP  
THOUGH THEY BE EMPTY I'LL NOT STOP  
CREATING MORE AND BETTER WINE  
RIPENED FRUIT FROM MY OWN VINE  
AND AS THEY AGE THEY'LL GREATER GROW  
TILL ALL CREATION THEN WILL KNOW  
THAT GOD OF ALL IS AT HIS BEST  
WHEN TIME RUNS OUT  
WHEN HOPES GROW SHORT  
WHEN DAYS GROW LONG  
I CREATE STILL- I SING MY SONG  
I MAKE MY WINE TO WARM ALL HEARTS  
AS IN ALL FLESH MY SPIRIT STARTS

AS THE SERVANTS RUN ABOUT  
AND THE PEOPLE RAISE A SHOUT  
WHEN THE WINE GIVES OUT

HEAR THIS RHYME ALL MEN BELOW  
I NEVER STOP  
I ALWAYS GROW  
I WORK TODAY AND EVERMORE  
TO FILL THOSE JARS  
TO MIND THE STORE  
OF SOULS, NOW GROWING EVEN STILL  
CREATING FUTURES BY MY WILL  
AS THE PEOPLE RAISED A SHOUT  
AND THE SERVANTS RAN ABOUT  
WHEN THE WINE GAVE OUT

*-Rev. Dr. Clifford Hockensmith*



## FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE AS OF JANUARY 28, 2007

	<u>Income Amount</u>	<u>% of Budgeted</u>
Pledges & Repeat Supporters:	\$78,590.66	96.9%
Plates (incl. Communion and Holidays)	\$11,332.70	172.8%
Total Support income	\$89,923.36	102.6%

### WEEKLY EVENTS SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAYS

10:00 am  
*Worship*  
Sanctuary

10:15 am  
*Sunday School*  
Chapel Building  
(children attend worship from 10:00  
am-10:15 am)

11:00 am  
*Fellowship Hour*  
Fellowship Hall

11:15 am  
*Adult Study*  
Stafford House

#### WEDNESDAYS

10:00 am  
*Prayer Group*  
Stafford House

11:00 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

7:00 pm  
*Choir Rehearsal*  
Choir Room



### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### TUESDAY, FEB. 13TH

10:00 AM  
*Membership & Care*  
Stafford House

7:00 PM  
*Buildings and Properties*  
Stafford House

#### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB 21ST

2:00 PM  
*Worship*  
Stafford house

12:00 PM  
*Lenten Luncheon*  
(location TBA)

### Officers

Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Clifford Hockensmith  
Moderator .....Ken Lawrence  
Vice-Moderator.....John Bellisle  
Church Clerk.....Ruth Sleicher  
Treasurer.....Harry Sleicher  
Financial Secretary.....Mary Jean Johnson

### Board of Deacons

Buildings & Property.....Jim Blink  
Christian Education .....Beth Blink  
Finance.....Lyman Davenport  
Membership & Care.....Ginny Mancini  
Missions .....John Bellisle  
Outreach.....Carol Hockensmith  
Personnel &  
Administration.....Mary Alice Gunn  
Worship.....Bill Johnson  
Deacon At-Large .....Eleanor Reardon  
Deacon At-Large.....Jim Chartier



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

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

# February Birthdays



**1st** Breta Gammell

**2nd** Jeri Bellisle  
Erica Kirwan

**5th** Carolyn Bassett

**12th** Rita Darling

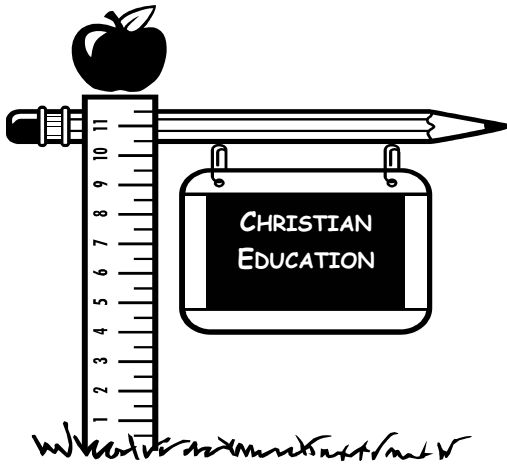
**14th** Amanda Arkwright

**17th** Andrew Hockensmith

**18th** John Armstrong

**21st** Brandon Jackman

**25th** Carolyn Bronkar,  
Robert Hanna



**A special thank you to our teachers for this session;**

Cindy and Matt Bellisle in the Pre-School Class.

Wendy Jackman grades 1 - 6.

Tracy Haly Jr. High

Karen Lambiase doing the music and closing.

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A Christian Education Meeting will not be held until the Second Tuesday in March, due to Beth's recovery.

## **WOMEN'S GUILD UPDATE**

The February meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Feb. 14th at 1:00pm. We will have a penny social, and all attendees are asked to bring one or more articles for the exchange. Mary Ostiguy and Mary Jean Johnson are the hostesses.

## **NEWS FROM MEMBERSHIP AND CARE**

If you are unable to attend church and would like to receive communion, please call the Church office (294-4595).

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## **SHARING OUR GIFTS POT LUCK DINNER**

FEBRUARY 14TH, 2007 6:00 PM

Bring a pot luck dish and come learn some new and interesting facts about individuals in our church family!

Valentines Day dinner music will be provided!

*Come and enjoy a night of delicious food, music, and sharing!*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your prayers and continued financial support enabling me to participate in my 17<sup>th</sup> work tour to LaRomana. This year I will be going in April. Accompanying me will be Chris Toppa, Taylor Toppa and Lauren Cohen. Chris is a master carpenter and Taylor and Lauren are 16 years old. This is a "first" experience for all of them. I know that this leap of faith will be a blessing to them for the rest of their lives.

Please mark your calendars to pray for us April 21 – 28. Thank you.

In Christ's Service,  
Cathy

Donation Requests for the  
**Good Samaritan Hospital  
And Area Batay Clinics**

Cathy Horridge will be in LaRomana, DR on a mission work tour from April 21 – 28, 2007. Following are some suggestions and of course monetary gifts are always welcome to purchase building materials for the hospital.

Summer weight, gently used, clean clothing:

Skirts, blouses and dresses for women  
Long pants, shirts and tees for men  
Play clothes and dress clothes for children  
Infant clothing is especially needed  
Shoes and sneakers in *very good* condition for adults and children  
**New underwear, all sizes, for adults and children**  
Hygiene kits in Ziplock bags:  
    Facecloth, bar of soap, toothbrush & paste, shampoo  
    Shaving items, combs and deodorant.

School materials

Bibles and New Testaments in Spanish

We also need the following items which must have an expiration date no earlier than October 1, 2007

Vitamins (adult and children's)  
Prenatal capsules  
Tylenol, Advil, Motrin for adults and children  
Eye antibiotics, and unopened prescription medications

PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN "HARRY SLEICHER'S" SUITCASE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

# Nursing Home, Shut-Ins, & Assisted Living Residents



**NANCY ALLEN** – Roberts Nursing Home, 990 Ten Rod Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852

**JO ROSE** – Roberts Nursing Home, 990 Ten Rod Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852

**POLLY CAPALDI** – Scallop Shell Nursing Home, 981 Kingstown Rd., Wakefield, RI 02879

**RITA DARLING** – Greenwich Bay Manor 945 Main Street, Apt 11B, E. Greenwich, RI 02818

**AL HADFIELD** – Greenwich Bay Manor 945 Main Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

**BOB WESTCOTT** – Roberts Nursing Home, 990 Ten Rod Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852

**PEARL GARDINER** – Haven Health Center, 10 Woodland Drive, Apt #323A, Coventry, RI

**BOB HANNA** – Scalabrini Villa, 860 North Quidnessett Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852

**GEORGE TINGLEY** – West Bay Manor, 2783 West Shore Rd, Warwick, RI 02889

**FRANK BORDO** – 44 Newtown Avenue, North Kingstown, RI 02852

**ARTHUR SWANSON** – Dottie Cusack's brother

**EARL JENKS** – Heatherwood Nursing Home, 398 Bellevue Ave, Newport, RI 02840