



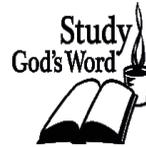
*Christ Community Church of Blackstone
Proclaiming Hope through the Good News of Jesus Christ*

May 2022 - Newsletter



A Message from Pastor Marc

"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." - Romans 6:4 NIV



*Tuesday morning study at
10 am via Zoom.com
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for a link.*

Finally, Spring is in full bloom. Bushes and trees are budding. The grass is starting to turn green. The daily temperatures are rising into the 60's and the sun feels warmer and stronger already. We can see young birds are being hatched and learning to fly under the tutelage of their parents. One of the blessings of living in New England is our privilege to experience God's full array of the beauty of the changing of the seasons. Spring rains reminds us that God continues to renew the life of His creation as part of His providential plan, providing our sustenance throughout the remainder of each year with abundant crops.

We have just experienced the celebration of Easter. It is a recurring reminder of Jesus' earthly ministry, His passion, and resurrection, His sacrificial death, once and for all, as the Lamb of God, spotless and without blemish, that sealed a covenantal promise to all who believe; a promise that there is eternal life beyond the grave. Jesus conquered sin, death, and the grave. He arose victorious on the third day, and He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father. Satan is defeated and the victory is ours. Praise God!

Jerimiah 31:31 foretold of the coming messianic covenant God would make with His people approximately six centuries before Christ's incarnate ministry. It states, "'The days are coming,'" declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah."-NIV. 2 Corinthians 5:13 reinforces the newness of life in Christ. It states. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!" -NIV.

When we confess our sin, acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Savior of our lives, and commit to follow Him, we are born again into a newness of life. The old ways of living and thinking are supplanted by the teachings of our Savior. Easter should cause us to celebrate the renewing of our lives in Christ, just as God reminds us of the renewing of His sustaining grace and care of His creation we experience each Spring.

As each of us runs the race set before us with perseverance, let us not forget that we no longer live under the law but under grace for we are justified by faith alone in Christ alone.

God bless,
-Pastor Marc

**BIBLE VERSES
ABOUT
MOTHER'S LOVE**

1. She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her
tongue. Proverbs 31:26
2. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it
does not boast, it is not proud. 1 Corinthians 13:4
3. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let
her works bring her praise at the city gate.
Proverbs 31:31
4. Love is always supportive, loyal, hopeful,
and trusting. 1 Corinthians 13:7
5. Her children arise up, and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her.
Proverbs 31:28
6. Love is not rude, is not selfish, and
does not get upset with others. Love does not
count up wrongs that have been done.
1 Corinthians 13:5
7. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:8

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Memorial Day May 30, 2022

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who
courageously laid down their lives for the cause
of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice
inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our
Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops,
and fill their homes and their lives with
your strength and peace.

Embolden us to answer the call to work
for peace and justice, and thus, seek
an end to violence and conflict
around the globe.

We pray through Christ our Lord.
Amen

CATHEDRAL
OF OUR LADY OF THE HOLY

Prayer Requests

Joyce – hip surgery 6/14
Mary S. – hospice care
Beth, Dawn, Mary, Helen, Nancy,
Lynne, Sheila, Lisa, Bunny, Andrea,
Bob, Sharyn – pain relief and
healing
Beth – cancer surgery

Chuck – on pic line
Lynne & PJ - job
Tres Dias
Help us find a Grant Writer
Pastoral Search Committee
That God will give
Wisdom to our leaders

Ukrainian people – that God will
push out the enemy
World Revival

Thank you, God, for the successful
sale of our Parish Hall!

About us:

We are a bible-based, Christ-centered Christian church, located on the corner of Church and School Streets in Blackstone, MA. We are affiliated with the 4Cs – Conservative Congregational Christian Conference.

Assistant Pastor: Marc Greenwald

Be sure to visit our website at www.cccob.org to listen to our Sunday sermons and to find out more about us.



**Happy Birthday to
Sharyn Weir - May 1st
Julie White Wronski - May 7th**

&

**Happy Anniversary to
Roger & Jackie St. Jean - May 29, 1965**



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CHURCH HISTORY PART 4, FINDING A MEETING HOUSE

Having petitioned and obtained leave of the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and of the Smithfield Church, the Mendon Free-Will Baptist group set off to become a Church of their own. Once the Blackstone Manufacturing Company built a meeting house in 1836, they were able to have a place of worship other than their homes.

The following describes, in their own words, what transpired in that journey. (This information was transcribed, without correction, from the original Church Journal, *The Mendon Free-Will Baptist Church of Christ*, Binder 1, Book 1.)

October 24 AD 1836 - At a special meeting held at Dea. A. Thayer's to consult respecting building a Meeting House...Chose Brothers Daniel Gunn, Sam'l Cook, Jefse Hakes a Comm. to consult the Mifters Farnums with regard to obtaining a spot to set the House upon to receive their proposals as to what they will contribute.

Saturday Evening, March 11 AD 1837 - Heard the report of the Comm. appointed in October last to transact the Businefs pertaining to the erection of a house for Divine Worship - and Voted to receive the Report and approve of the doings of said Committee.

May 20 AD 1837 - Blackstone Mfg Co. Grants Use of Meeting House - Br. Tyler Weld presiding as Moderator heard the report of the Committee and accepted it, viz. that the Company grant us the use of their Meeting house the present year for the purpose of Divine Worship; they will give \$200 toward the Minister's support and for further particulars. Reference being had to see Report.

Mar 10 AD 1838 - Chose a Committee to make arrangements with regard to a Minister and to see to hiring the Meeting House the ensuing year and that said Committee consist of five, viz. Samuel Cook, Andrew Tucker, Mathew C. Salsbury, Tyler Weld and Daniel Gunn to report at our next Church Meeting or sooner at a Special Church Meeting if found necessary.

Transcriber Note: The FWB Church rented the Meeting House on Church Street from 1837 to 1841.

Mendon March 20: 1841 -

Heard the report of the Committee to see Mr. Kimble which was as follows -

First: He was not prepared to give them a definite answer whether the Meeting House could be occupied by the Church as usual the ensuing year or not

Second: It was his choice to have a Presbyterian Minister -- accepted the report and discharged the Committee.

Chose Deacon D. Gunn, a Committee to see the Mefsr's Farnum to ascertain whether their Meeting House can be obtained for the use of the Church the ensuing year - also, upon what terms it can be had.

Voted that we choose a committee of five to ascertain whether there can be a lot of land obtained and upon the road between Blackstone & Waterford Villages for the purpose of setting a Meeting House upon. - Also, upon what terms it can be obtained - to report at our next regular Church Meeting.

Voted that Elder M. W. Burlingame, Daniel Gunn, Samuel Cook, Reuben Thayer and Matthew C. Salsbury be said Committee.

March 25 1841 - Rental of New Meeting House from the Farnums -

Heard the report of the Committee to see Mefsr's Farnums with regard to the Meeting House - that it could be obtained free from expense to us and that the Pew rent go to support Preaching. Voted to accept of the offer of the Mefsr's Farnums.

Transcriber's Note: The Farnum's Meeting House is not the building on the corner of Blackstone Street & Main Street. In 1841, it is believed that Farnum had another building that he rented to this Congregation

March 27 – Congregation to Leave Blackstone Mfg. Company Meeting House

Voted that we accept the offer of Mefsr's Farnums with regard to their Meeting House the ensuing year and that we resort thither on the first Sabbath in April next to respectfully and quietly leave the Blackstone Manufacturing House to their own use and disposal, thankful for the money favours already received.

April 5 1841 – Committee Formed to Build Meeting House - Church Meeting held at Waterford Meeting House for the purpose of choosing a committee to see about building a Meeting House and to attend to other businefs. Chose Brothers Samuel Cook, Mr. C. Salsbury, D. Gunn, R. Thayer and Tyler Welds to be their Committee for that purpose.

Mendon April 10 1841 – Search for Land for Meeting House - Heard the report of the Committee to ascertain whether there can be a lot of land obtained for the purpose of setting a Meeting House there upon – there were two lots which might be obtained and the Committee had goan so far as to obtain a Deed of a peas of Land upon the Gaskell Road, so called

As the Committee had goan further than the Church had authorized them to go, their report was not received. – They were re-elected and authorized to procure a Deed of said peas of land and get what subscription they can, draft a plan for a Meeting House, and transact such other businefs in behalf of the Church as they may think proper –Said Committee to be amenable to the Church and liable to be called to order whenever the Church may think proper.

Mendon April 27 1841 – Building Committee Established

At a Special Church Meeting, voted that we authorize our Committee upon the Meeting House concern to our Building Committee to be ameanable to the Church as afore stated. Reuben Thayer Jr., Church Clerk

Mendon May 8 1841 – Church Location Established

Voted to set the anticipated Meeting House in Southeast corner of Mr. Gaskell's lot situated on the West side of the Gaskell Road so called, near Waterford Village.

Mendon September 19 1841—First Recorded Meeting in the new building

At a regular organized Meeting of the Church held at Waterford Meeting House, the following Officers were chosen: Chose the Deacons of this Church, viz Deacons Ariel Thayer, Andrew Tucker and Daniel Gunn, a Committee for the purpose of giving Deeds of the Pews in the new Meeting House belonging to this Church (Mendon F.W. Baptist Church) Chose Elder Maxcy W. Burlingame, Matthew C. Salsbury and Daniel Gunn a Committee to have the Charge or Oversight of said Meeting House.



This is the original building that was built and they renamed their church, The Waterford Free-Will Baptist Church. This building burned down in 1927.



This is the building that replaced the original after the fire of 1927. We recently sold this building.



~ *May 2022* ~
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1	2 Tres Dias Mtg 7pm via Zoom	3 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom	4 " 7pm Prayer Mtg via Zoom.com	5	6	7
8 Sunday Service  Happy Mothers Day @ 9:30 am	9	10 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom	11	12	13	14
15 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	16	17 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom	18	19	20	21
22 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	23	24 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom All Church Mtg @ 7pm via Zoom	25	26	27	28
29 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	30 Memorial Day 	31 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom				