

The Bodylife, May 18, 2017

The Pastor's Corner

Hello All,

Looks like Spring is finally here, or Summer, this feels more like Summer. In any case, it is warm outside and I am grateful. I am grateful not just for warm weather but for Byfield Parish Church. I continue to be impressed and encouraged by the people that invest their lives in this community. Last night we had a great annual meeting. Due to the generosity of all of you, the church will continue to share the good news of what God has already done through Christ, and what He will continue to do in the future. It's a good day, the sun is shining, the budget is set, and Jesus Christ is Lord.

This week I continue my Philippians sermon prep. In chapter 1:21 Paul states that for him "to live is Christ, to die is gain." The same should be true for us whether we realize it or not. We literally cannot lose. Jesus already won on our behalf. We can approach life with confidence because our outcome has already been guaranteed. I could say more, but need to save it for Sunday's sermon. I hope to see you all here.

In Christ,

Pastor Brent

P.S. Thank-you to Don Hudson for his work as the moderator, and all the committees that make this church operate.

Ever Wanted to Walk Where Jesus Walked?

WEZE offers one of the finest tours of the land of Israel.

Tour dates: November 1-10, 2017.

Flyers are in the narthex.

Church Family:

Reserve the Date: A special celebration dinner honoring Bill and Miriam Boylan has been scheduled for *Thursday evening, September 14*, at the Black Swan Country Club in Georgetown. All members and friends (past and present) will be invited. Invitations will go out in July. It is important that we have everyone's address. If your address is not correct in the church directory or if you know of someone not currently attending who should be invited, please contact Pat Kingston Roques (ptroques@hotmail.com) or Joan Walton (jmw Walton78@gmail.com).

The committee responsible for planning this occasion welcomes your input for the evening's program. If you have any ideas of how to honor Bill and Miriam—maybe a special memory, a musical selection, some pictures—please contact a committee member: the Carter's, Craig's, Lingerman's, MacDonald's, Pat Kingston Roques, Jane Spellman, or the Walton's.

You are invited: Dessert with the Fugates. Pastor Brent and his wife, Ann, will be hosting a monthly dessert on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. This is an opportunity for them to get to know the people of Byfield Parish Church better and vice versa. If you would like to attend please sign-up at the Welcome Table in the narthex. Space is limited. The Fugate family lives at 19 Manila Ave., Amesbury, Ma.

MEN'S MINISTRY



Saturday, May 20, 2017 Men's Breakfast

7:30 AM Coffee is ready

8:00 AM Breakfast is served:

French toast with Hot Maple Syrup, Sausage, Coffee & Juice.

8:30 AM Pastor Fugate will be joining us.

9:00 AM You are Homeward bound.

Hope you and your friends can join us.

The Flower committee offers you the opportunity to sign up and purchase flowers for Sunday morning service. Please see the flower chart on the bulletin board in the narthex for a spot available. Remember to put your phone number along with your name and a Flower committee member will contact you. Thank you.

Christian Ed.

Vacation Bible School

**Maker Fun Factory, Created by GOD
Built for a Purpose**

July 17-21 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

For Pre-School and Elementary Students:

Pre-School: Ages 4, 5, 6

Elementary: Entering Grades 1-6 in the Fall of 2017

Child's name _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____

Last school grade completed: _____

Street address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home telephone: _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Please drop form off in VBS box on the long table in the Narthex,
Thank-you.

Summer BBQ's

This July we plan to hold 4 summer BBQ's at the great facilities of the YMCA at Camp Cedar Mill in Rowley. Over the course of the 4 Wednesdays we will serve hot dogs and drinks to all who attend. Please mark your calendars and invite your neighbors to attend. July 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Calendar items:

NEXT WEEK, MAY 22-28 Visit ByfieldParish.org for more info.

Monday, May 22

6:00 AM	Men's Prayer group	Conference room
6:30 PM	Deacons	Library

Sunday, May 28

9:00 AM	Sunday School, all ages	
10:00 AM	Coffee time	Fellowship hall

10:45 AM Morning Worship Main Meeting room

12:20 PM Youth Choir practice Main Meeting room

Looking ahead on the calendar:

May 29 Monday, Memorial Day

June 11 Youth Sunday, 9:00 AM worship service

EVENTS & information,

- FYI: All Byfield Parish Church mail needs to be addressed to our P.O. Box 335 address. Please use the 132 Jackman Street address for Pastor and Mrs. Boylan only. Thank-you.

Prayer requests

At Hope Community Church in Newburyport, Andy Bauer, Family Life Pastor, and his wife, Kate, who is also on staff at Hope, found out right before Easter that their six-year-old daughter, Ellie, has a cancer, called neuroblastoma.

Basically, it is a Stage 4 cancer. Ellie is currently undergoing chemotherapy and other aggressive treatments to help her battle this disease.

She is being treated at Boston Children's Hospital as well as Dana Farber, where the doctors there have said she has a 50/50 chance to survive.

It is being asked that we pray for Ellie and her family as often as you can, believing that our Heavenly Father can heal little Ellie completely and rid this cancer from her body.

MISSIONS

The yellow envelope is for contributions to our Faith-Promise Missions budget. What is Faith-Promise giving? The believer looks to the Lord in faith asking how much He would have the believer give; then the believer in faith promises to give as the Lord directs. Here at Byfield Parish, our mission budget is administered completely separate from our general administrative budget. Using the yellow envelope designates money that you want to go toward missions. All monies not designated by envelope or check memo will be put toward the general fund.

Update from Andrea Polnaszek's Mission trip to Cuba

May 17, 2017

Highlights from my Cuba mission trip.

Hello Family and Friends,

It is difficult to wrap my head around my trip to Cuba. Page after page of my journal reads: I am overwhelmed, my heart is overflowing.

Nine months ago a lady from Okalala, FL named Ingrid told me she had led an Elijah Project retreat at her church. She shared that the workbook had been very meaningful to her and she wanted to translate it into Spanish. We provided her the document to translate and has now trained over 100 Elijah Project mentors in the country of Cuba.

Last week I had the privilege of visiting three EP cities. We taught a workshop, equipping the EP mentors with two new activities for their teaching tool bag. After the workshop we enjoyed hearing the mentors incredible testimonies. Some of the highlights are listed below.

*The Elijah Project is for the heart of every woman in Cuba.

*The Elijah Project is the answer to the Cuba woman's prayer.

*It changed my life.

*God sent Elijah to be like a refresher for me.

*If we know who we are - we can know what to do.

*The Elijah Project was not the same as other programs. I wanted to erase the memories of my mother and father. But when I did the timeline activity, I realized those memories were important.

*I was afraid to be a good mom. I didn't know how to be a good mom. I rejected my child after a difficult pregnancy. The Elijah Project taught me how to love my kids and accept them for who they are.

*I moved from fear to be free. We have peace in our home now. When the mother is free – the family is free. I will tell everyone about The Elijah Project.

*The Elijah Project made me stop. It allowed me to be more sincere with God. Now I am open with God about what I am really feeling.

*I was explosive and bitter because of my past. God freed me! The Elijah Project is very powerful. After finishing the Elijah Project I see the hand of God in everything.

*Share it! Share it! Share it!

*In our culture we are rewarded for serving the church and omitting our family. The church had become my god. Now I am a wife, mother and servant in that order.

*I am now the same at church as I am at home. And the same at home as I am at church. I do

Elijah Project over and over again. I never get tired of reviewing it. It helps me with new problems.

As if an afternoon full of such rich testimony wasn't enough, we spent the evening in worship.

The first church in Las Tunas, had standing room only. When I stood up to speak there were women three people deep in the alleys peaking in to listen. At the end of the talk we invited women to pray with us. We had over 150 women come forward for prayer and prayed with each one, finishing up at 12:30 a.m.

The second night was a repeat of the first. I began to pray with women in English, putting my hand on their hearts - praying for our hearts of stone to be made into a heart of flesh. God sent me an angel, about 30 minutes into praying I heard a woman translating over my shoulder. From then on she stayed with me, helping me understand the prayer requests and translating my prayers. We prayed at the church in Juhani until 12:30 a.m.

Then we traveled to a seaside village, and led a two day Elijah Project retreat, teaching a new group of mentors to take The Elijah Project back to their churches and communities.

In the evening we had a pajama party and played the Elijah Project game. We had thirty women sitting on mattresses on the floor in their pj's sharing their hearts with each other. The women ranged in age from 27-67 years old and when asked not one had ever gone to a pajama party before. They

laughed, cried, rolled around and were engulfed by the Spirit of God.

The women have a vision that Cuba will become the first Elijah Project nation. They want every Christian woman to go through the Elijah Project and share it with their non-Christian friends until the entire nation is touched by God's story.

Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your financial support. We left workbooks, craft supplies and EP Spanish games for the leaders to use as they continue the mission. We also left women encouraged to continue to teach and share their story with their communities. Your generous support provided a shot to my heart. I have felt tired, weary, wondering if I was doing what God wants me to do with my life. After speaking the second night, a woman came up to me. She could speak English and shared: "Andrea, I have read your book 4 times. It has changed me. But I thought you were an old woman. When you got up to speak tonight, I was shocked that you were so young. Please keep writing. You have many more years and much more to share and teach us. Please write more."

From a world that feels a million miles away. A country that mirrors life in the US in the 1950's. I was encouraged that our God is very much alive. That woman are woman no matter where we live - we have similar feelings, dreams and desires and our God cares about those hopes and fears.

Please continue to pray for the Cuban women! Communism brings many challenges. The average family lives on \$25 a

month. The women are very educated but the government jobs are difficult and restrictive.

THANK YOU!

MANY BLESSINGS,

Andrea