

GREENVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
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MARCH 2018

We extend our warmest welcome
and invite you to join us each week
in praise and worship.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 10:00 a.m.
Bible R.E.A.D. 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m.



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From the Pastor:

Eighteen years ago, The Rev. Hector Newman had a vision – to expand the Lord’s Kingdom in Honduras through evangelism and social action. In 2001, Rev. Newman began Iglesias Comunidad de Amor, Internacional, commonly referred to as Mission Honduras. Since that time he has planted more than twenty churches throughout the country.

In 2008, my daughter Grace and I went on our first trip to Honduras. We spent three days in Danli doing construction work on a school and the other days traveled around the southern part of the country to see several communities. Two years later, I asked to take a team and spend the entire week at the worksite so that more could be accomplished. Since then, the teams I have led have been work based, usually at one site.

Having been up north for the past six years, I have seen much accomplished. The three churches we have built relationships with have built structures where people can worship and communities can gather for fellowship and support. One church in particular, in Cofradia, the teams have built from the ground up. Greenville Baptist Church has been instrumental in raising funds, sending people, and allowing me the time away from my ministry in Rhode Island to bring a team of workers to Honduras.

On February 18, 2018, the church in Cofradia was dedicated to the Lord. On the front of the church is a beautiful plaque giving thanks to God and to the Greenville Baptist Church in Rhode Island for its participation in the construction of the church and helping to raise the funds for the materials and to pay workers. This year, the Missions Board sent with us \$500.00 to be used for a need that we became aware of while in Honduras. The first night in Honduras, while talking with Hector, he told me that some of the Honduran workers had not been paid in over a month as the church had limited funds. Yet, they continued to work because they loved their community and Hector promised that as the money came in they would be paid. He shared that to justly compensate the workers would be about 12,000 lempira – which is about \$510 U. S. dollars! After speaking with a few others, it was agreed that the money I brought would be for the workers.

So often throughout the week, needs would come up and money or ability or material would be provided. Paula often said it was like the multiplication of the loaves – just when we thought we were tapped out, a team member would say – “I still have lempira. Who can I help?” We not only built a church, we fed the hungry, clothed the ill-clad, bought more than 15 pairs of shoes, provided basic groceries for three pastors and their families that would last them for weeks, told children that they were special, that Jesus loved them, and that they would not be forgotten, made friends and were transformed by the love and acceptance we received. Thank you for your support, your prayers, and your love for us so that we could share that love with brothers and sisters in Honduras. Even if you stayed in Rhode Island, your faith travelled to Honduras.

Rev. Newman had a vision. He is still working to fulfill his mission to bring the Gospel of Christ to as many people in Honduras as possible. The Lord is doing great work through Mission Honduras and I am blessed to have been a small part of that mission. And now, I would like to discern what our vision is as the Body of Christ known as the Greenville Baptist Church.

Since 1820, GBC has reached people for Christ and provided a place to worship and fellowship; a place to be loved by God and each other. But what is our vision today? What is the work God is calling us to do in 2018 and beyond? I ask you to join me in prayer as we discern what amazing things God will do through us. I invite you to be part of a visioning process to stretch us beyond the ministries we already do and to be bold in our mission to bring the Good News to others in new ways. May 2018 be the year that we take a leap of faith in our ministry!

Peace

Pastor Wendy

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees have received a request from at least one member of the congregation to place the cleaning materials – brooms, mops, buckets, etc. – that are currently stored in a corner of the upper portion of the Lower Vestry, in a closet or other storage area. Unfortunately, there is not a surplus of such facilities in the vicinity of the Lower Vestry where the cleaning materials are used regularly. During discussion of this matter, one member of the board suggested that a folding screen could be used to block the view of the cleaning materials. Such a screen, on loan from that board member, has been in place for about two weeks. The feedback so far has been positive. If you are one of the persons who originally raised this concern, please let a board member know your opinion on this arrangement.

FROM THE DEACONS

Fifteen members of GBC prayerfully supported the February 2018 Mission Honduras team before and during their trip to Honduras. Six Greenville Baptist church members, six North Scituate Baptist Church members and four others from Rhode Island traveled to bring donations, feed three communities, and continue the work building the kitchen and bathroom area of Cofradia Church. The team held three bible study and craft sessions with children in each of the three communities. They worshiped in all three northern churches and were blessed to participate in the joyous dedication and celebration of Cofradia Church. Thank you to all who continue to help with this project. There is still work to be done.

CLUSTER LENTEN SERVICES – We hope you can join us at the North & West Providence Cluster Lenten Services for any or all of the Wednesday evenings the month. On March 14th, Greenville Baptist will be hosting at 7:00 p.m. where Rev. Dr. Ernest Ward will give the message. Pastor Wendy will be preaching at 7:00 p.m. on March 21st at the Church of the Master. We will also have a Maundy Thursday service here at Greenville on March 29th at 7:00 p.m.

What's your passion? In what ways do you want to serve the Lord? How would you like to use your gifts and talents at Greenville Baptist? Is there a ministry you are interested in or would like to start? Please speak to Pastor Wendy or any of the Deacons to share your interests and ideas. We need you!



Opportunities for Outreach

Lunch with Friends will be at 11:30 am on Tuesday, March 27th.

Nursing Home Ministries:

- Sunday at 12:45 pm at the **Lodge at the Village at Waterman Lake.**
- First and third Tuesdays at 10:30 am at the **Courtyard at the Village at Waterman Lake.**
- First Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm and every other Thursday at 2:30 pm at **Cortland Place.**
- Every other Friday at 10:30 am at **Brookdale Smithfield.**

Would you be interested in helping with one of the nursing home ministries?

Speak with Janet Whalen about the Tuesday Courtyard Services

Pastor Wendy about the Sunday Lodge Services – *(She has taken over this service temporarily and is hoping someone will step in so the services can be continued.)*

Ginger O'Shan about the Cortland Place and Brookdale Services

Your presence can make a difference to the residents!

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Opportunities for Growth

Daily devotional booklets are available:

The Secret Place – March/April/May edition available.

The Upper Room – March/April edition available.

The Adult Sunday Class meets at 9:00 am in the Upper Room.

The Wednesday Bible Study meets at 1:00 pm in the Church House.

The Men's Bible Study meets on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Office.

Is there a Book of the Bible or a Topical Study that you would like to engage in?

Speak to Pastor Wendy, suggest a topic and a day of the week and time of day (or evening) that you would like to meet with a small group.

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American Baptist Women's Ministries of Rhode Island Mission and Service Day

Focusing on Elder Care Ministries

Featuring Keynote Speaker

Reverend Kathryn Palen

ABCORI Associate Executive Minister for Elder Care Ministries

Saturday, March 10

8:30 am - 2:00 pm

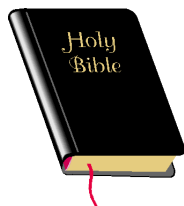
Lakewood Baptist Church

225 Atlantic Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island

Registration Information

Lunch will be provided by the ladies of Lakewood. In order to prepare enough food, please register by e-mail, text or phone to Elaine Williamson at elainebw02888@gmail.com or 401-226-5040 by **March 2.**

2018 Bible Challenge: Read the New Testament in 90 days!



Did you accept the challenge to read the entire New Testament in 90 days? If you began on January 1, and read about three chapters a day (a few days it will be more or less than 3), you will complete the New Testament on March 31, 2018 – the day before Easter Sunday.

Below is Bible Plan for March (if you began on January 1). If you would like the check off plan for the whole 90 days, you can email the church office at

greenvillebaptist@verizon.net If you haven't started yet or if it takes more than 90 days – no worries! Just commit to reading the New Testament in 2018!

Day #		Day #	
60	Galatians 4-6 _____ (March 1)	76	Hebrews 11-13 _____ (March 17)
61	Ephesians 1-3 _____	77	James 1-3 _____
62	Ephesians 4-6 _____	78	James 4 - 1 Peter 1 _____
63	Philippians 1-3 _____	79	1 Peter 2-5 _____
64	Philippians 4 - Colossians 2 _____	80	2 Peter 1-3 _____
65	Colossians 3 - 1Thessalonians 1 _____	81	1 John 1-3 _____
66	1 Thessalonians 2-5 _____	82	1 John 4-5 _____
67	2 Thessalonians 1-3 _____	83	2 John - 3 John, Jude _____
68	1 Timothy 1-3 _____	84	Revelation 1-3 _____
69	1 Timothy 4-6 _____	85	Revelation 4-6 _____
70	2 Timothy 1-4 _____	86	Revelation 7-9 _____
71	Titus 1-3 _____	87	Revelation 10-12 _____
72	Philemon - Hebrews 1 _____	88	Revelation 13-15 _____
73	Hebrews 2-4 _____	89	Revelation 16-18 _____
74	Hebrews 5-7 _____	90	Revelation 19-22 _____ (March 31)
75	Hebrews 8-10 _____ (March 16)		



Join the Celebration of the Music Ministry of Wes Woolmington Saturday, March 10 at 5:30 pm in the Lower Vestry

After 7 faithful years as a volunteer music minister, Wes has decided to step down as choir director. Wes has led the choir in a joyful noise to the Lord, grown the choir and led several beautiful cantatas. In recognition of his dedication to God and to the choir, please join us in celebrating Wes and his talent.

It will be a pot-luck supper. Please see Nancy or Jim O if you would like to contribute to a gift for Wes

To My Dear Friends at Greenville,

I would like to thank you for your prayers, and the many get well cards I received, also the many phone calls. It was so nice to be thought of in such a caring way. Believe me when I say, it's good to be back at Greenville Baptist.

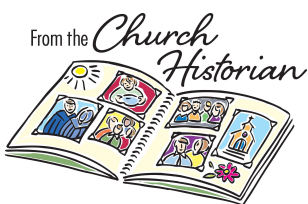
Thank you all very much.

Jessie

Thank you for your kindness and generosity during this most difficult time.

AMISH COUNTRY GETAWAY

A Trip is being planned for September 19-21 to Lancaster, PA with accommodations at the Heritage Hotel, Lancaster. Included will be 2 dinners and 2 breakfasts, reserved seats at the Sight and Sound production of "Jesus", a tour of Lancaster City and a visit to the Central Market and Lititz, and more. If you would be interested in being part of this group, or learning more details, just contact Carla or Sandy S



50 Years Ago at GBC

On February 2, 1968, the new Thrift Shop was completed and opened under the leadership of Madeline True and Carrie Palazzi.

It was a busy year and after expenses the profit was \$2,043.91 (The cost of building the Thrift Shop was \$3,118.93).

The Thrift Shop was staffed by True Blue members, among them was

Kathy Pike. (In later years others who took charge were Ruth Mercurio, Helen Carney, Elaine Phillips and presently Shelly Lanni).

Some comments from that first year:

A special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Auld for the tithing of their time in painting the outside of the New Thrift Shop Building.

A total of 2,236 Betty Crocker Coupons were collected and given to the Baptist Camp Canonicus in Exeter, RI for the purchase of stainless steel kitchen equipment.

Also, many boxes of clothes given and delivered to the Ladd School in Exeter, to Bethany House in Providence, and to the Anti-Poverty Agency in Woonsocket.

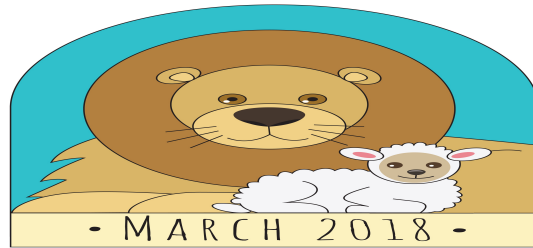
Items were donated to the Youth Group (BYF) who held two Flea markets on the Greenville Common, which proved very successful to them.

We made, filled and delivered May Baskets to the shut-ins at the Convalescent Homes. This has been a rewarding year – and a busy one. Carrie Palazzi and I (Madeline True) both feel that we have been blessed in many ways, and we are READY FOR 1969!

*Since our Honduras Mission Group had just returned, I planned to write about the Mission Committee's Report. I dutifully turned to Page 15 of the Annual Report and it was missing! Last minute, I replaced it with the above notes.

See you in April
Jeanie Buckley,

Historian



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 2:30 pm Cortland Place 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Free at Last	2 9:00-2:00 pm Thrift Shop 10:30 am Brookdale	3 9:00-Noon Thrift Shop
4 9:00 am Adult class 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Bible R.E.A.D. 11:00 am Coffee Hour 12:45 pm Village 2:30 pm Cortland Place	5 7:00 pm Quilting 7:00 pm ABCOR! Annual Meeting	6 10:30 am Village 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	7 7:00 pm MPB 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Lenten Service at Divine Deliverance	8 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Free at Last	9 9:00-2:00 pm Thrift Shop	10 9:00-Noon Thrift Shop 5:00-8:00 pm Potluck Supper Celebration for Wes Woolmington
11 9:00 am Adult class 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Bible R.E.A.D. 11:00 am Coffee Hour 11:15 am Missions 12:45 pm Village	12 7:00 pm Quilting 7:00 pm Emergency Preparedness Training	13 7:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 3	14 7:00 pm MPB 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Lenten Service at Greenville	15 2:30 pm Cortland Place 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Free at Last	16 9:00-2:00 pm Thrift Shop 10:30 am Brookdale	17 9:00-Noon Thrift Shop
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25 9:00 am Adult class 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Bible R.E.A.D. 11:00 am Coffee Hour 12:45 pm Village	26 7:00 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Quilting 7:00 pm Emergency Preparedness Training	27 11:30 am Lunch with Friends	28 7:00 pm MPB 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	29 Maundy Thursday 2:30 pm Cortland Place 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	30 Good Friday 9:00-2:00 pm Thrift Shop 10:30 am Brookdale 7:00 pm Lenten Service at Emmanuel Baptist	31 9:00-Noon Thrift Shop