

# MSBC NEWS

*A CONNECTION TO GOD & EACH OTHER*

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**Soli Deo Gloria**

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## **From The Pastor...**

### **HIP HOP HURRAY?**

These are strange times. For those who haven't heard the news, popular hip-hop artist, Kanye West (husband of Kim Kardashian) just released his 9<sup>th</sup> album and, at present, it is by far the most popular album in the country. In fact, all 11 of the songs on this album debuted on the top 100 songs according to Billboard Magazine. This is a remarkable achievement, but this in itself is not what's so extraordinary. What is strange is the title and content of this particular album. It's called "Jesus is King" and every song is unashamedly Christian.

For those who don't know Kanye West. I don't recommend listening to his prior works. His songs, though well produced, are dark and depraved and thoroughly self-focused. But now, He is traveling the country with a different message. In every concert and every interview, he is clearly and boldly proclaiming Jesus as the Lord and Savior. Here is a sample from one of his songs, entitled "God Is":

Everything that hath breath praise the Lord  
Worship Christ with the best of your portions  
I know I won't forget all He's done  
He's the strength in this race that I run  
Every time I look up, I see God's faithfulness  
And it shows just how much He is miraculous  
I can't keep it to myself, I can't sit here and be still  
Everybody, I will tell 'til the whole world is healed  
King of Kings, Lord of Lords, all the things He has in store  
From the rich to the poor, all are welcome through the door  
You won't ever be the same when you call on Jesus' name  
Listen to the words I'm sayin', Jesus saved me, now I'm sane  
And I know, I know God is the force that picked me up  
I know Christ is the fountain that filled my cup  
I know God is alive.  
He has opened up my vision, giving me a revelation  
This ain't 'bout a dead religion. Jesus brought a revolution.  
All the captives are forgiven. Time to break down all the prisons  
Every man, every woman - There is freedom from addiction  
Jesus, You have my soul...

What are we to make of all this? Is Kanye West really a Christian? I hope so, but honestly, I don't know...and I don't care. As Paul says in Philippians – Some preach Christ out of wrong motives...but what do I care, Christ is preached and in this I rejoice. (Philippians 1:15-18)

I wish Kanye the best, but our joy is not based in the sincerity of his conversion. Our joy is that Jesus Christ is right now being boldly proclaimed as the King...and on daytime and late-night talk shows even! This should bless and inspire all who love Christ and pray that his Kingdom comes to earth. For whenever the Word of Christ is proclaimed clearly and boldly, the Kingdom of God advances! This is what the Book of Acts is all about: how millions of people from every nation came to saving faith in Jesus Christ NOT by the clever strategies and coercive power of men, but ONLY because the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was boldly and clearly proclaimed to people everywhere.

The word of God continued to increase, and the number of disciples multiplied... (6:7)

But the word of God increased and multiplied (12:24)

So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily (19:20)

So, let's give thanks that Jesus Christ is praised even by a hip hop recording artist...but more so, let's pray that we can share in this wonderful work! Let's pray for the opportunities and the boldness we'll need to publicly profess that Jesus is King! (See Acts 4:23-31)

- Pastor Michael John

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## Meetings/Gatherings/Groups

November 19, 26 - Tuesday **Prayer Group** 11:30 - 1:00 church library

November 27 - Thanksgiving Communion Service 7:00 - 8:00 in chapel

November 16 - New Brothers Fellowship 15th Anniversary Celebration 5:00pm, First Congregational Church, Boxford MA

November 17- **Budget Meeting & Pot-luck Lunch** at noon

December 1 - Bible Readers Club, Final Meeting 6:00

December 7 - Women's **Encouragers Brunch** 9:00 - 11:00,  
*please sign up at church or call the office*

December 7 - Amesbury Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting 3:00

December 14 - Christmas Caroling at Nursing Homes 2:00 - 4:00

December 15 - **Deacons Meeting** in office at noon

December 16 - Hymn Sing at Church 6:00

December 17 - Tuesday **Prayer Group** 11:30 - 1:00 church library

December 18 - Youth Group Christmas Party at 6:00

December 24 - Christmas Eve Pageant and Candle Light Service 5:00

January 26, 2020 - Pot-luck Lunch & Annual Meeting



Please send newsletter articles to our Communications Assist, Dorothy Purdy at her special address:  
[msbcom37@gmail.com](mailto:msbcom37@gmail.com)



### Youth Group Christmas Party

**Wednesday, December 18 at 6:00 pm**

No Youth Group December 25. Youth Group will resume on January 8, 2020. Open to all youth in grades 5-10. All are welcome to come. For details please contact Caryn Ahlstrom.



### Women's Encouragers Brunch

All women are welcome to come to the next women's encouragers brunch on **Saturday, December 7 from 9-11am**. Sign-ups at church or call church office.



### New Brothers Fellowship 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, November 16, 5:00 pm at First Congregational Church, Boxford MA

#### CHURCH DIRECTORY

Many photos need updating. Some of you have outdated photos & others have no photo at all. Also...Please check your personal info... address, phone, email address & birthdates Please email the office with your photos & corrections at [msbcsec@verizon.net](mailto:msbcsec@verizon.net) or 978-388-0930 to have these changes reflected in the mailing list and directory.  
 ~Thank You!

#### Amesbury Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 7 at 3pm.



## FAIR RESULTS...

**\$2,568.58 raised for MOD Squad To the beautify of our building (2018 raised just under \$2,000)**

Breakdown: Candy/baked goods: \$353.19, Luncheon: \$685, Gift Table: \$315.50, Cookie Carnival: \$154.70, Attic Treasures: \$868 Table Rentals: \$190  
Bird Houses by Haven: \$64 raised for Building Fund

### **THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU**

To all who were a part of our Fair by donating time & items, collecting money, cooked & baked, set-up & cleaned-up, served, packed & unpacked, helped, rented tables, purchased items, etc.

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### **Offering Envelopes 2020**

Here at Market Street Baptist we offer you the option of using an easy "offering envelope pack" for your tithes. You will find them at the sign-up table in December.

Each packet is numbered and contains envelopes for every Sunday of the year. Print your name next to your packet number on the sign-up sheet provided at church. Your offerings go into the General Fund and are calculated weekly by the Treasurer and a yearly receipt will be mailed to you in time for you to do your tax returns.

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### **Christmas Caroling At Nursing Homes**



Saturday, December 14 from 2:00-4:00 pm

We'll meet at the church and then head off to sing at 4 local nursing homes. Always a blessing...Bring the kids!

**Hymn Sing at Church, Sunday December 16 at 6pm**

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### **Christmas Eve Pageant & Candle-Light Service**



**December 24 at 6:00pm**

If you would like to help with the pageant or service, please contact Pastor John. All are welcome to attend this service.

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### **LOTTIE MOON MISSIONS OFFERING 2019**

**What is it?** The Offering is named after a 19th century missionary to China who had a heart to share the gospel. Born in 1840 into a privileged Virginia plantation, Charlotte Diggs Moon was a smart, forceful woman who could have achieved any goal she wanted. But God's call focused "Lottie" Moon's life on sharing Christ's love with China's lost masses. For 37 years she endured hardship and danger in a land oppressed by famine, disease and war; all the while calling Southern Baptists to join her. In the end, she loved the Chinese more than life itself, giving her own food to starving neighbors and dying of starvation herself. Lottie left behind a legacy of Chinese believers, Chinese churches and a Southern Baptist passion for missions.

**Where does it go?** The Lottie Moon offering goes to fund the International Missions Operation of the Southern Baptist Church of which we support as a church and will go 100% to support oversees missionaries who are preaching the gospel of Christ.

**When is collection?** *Sunday, December 15 during worship.* A special envelope will be provided in the bulletin.

## PRAYER CORNER...

Please contact church office to have your request and/or results printed in the newsletter at 978-388-0930 or email [msbcsec@verizon.net](mailto:msbcsec@verizon.net).

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### PRAYER REQUESTS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

**Word Radio WSEW:** Wisdom in Programming Choices that are transmitted, when there is need for change

That God could would Bless us a we work on the expansion of 87 FM; for other expansions that will follow; that new listeners will join us and the Fund Raising that will begin December 1 will be blessed and help cover necessary operating costs and whatever else God wishes to provide.

**South Asian Ministry in New England, Paul & Elizabeth Biswas:** Workers for Outreach into Quincy and Lynn as well as Greater Boston; Planting more House Churches which is the key to spiritual growth; continue to Pray for the study center in Boston for Promise Christian and sharing the University to train and equip people in Kingdom Ministry and God's wisdom in this endeavor.

**SIM Michele Barlow, MD Galmi Hospital, Niger:** for patience, perseverance, and faith. Pray that we all would be willing to ask God to do big things in our lives. Pray that God would continue His powerful work around the world, that He would continue to call the thousands of people who have never heard of Him (including the Hausa people among whom I will be living in Niger) to Himself in powerful ways. Pray that we, His Church, will not stop believing in miracles." excerpt taken from her blog

**South Africa Pastor Jacob Moses:** Continue to pray for Pastor Jacob Moses as he deals with a very serious heart condition and for his his wife Rena and his two daughters as they care for him. Also, that his ministries continue though he is personally unable to do the work he once did.

**New Brothers Fellowship, Doug & Caroline Gregan:** Hope Mail send an envelope filled with encouragement, devotionals and fun activities to enrich and bring the love of God into the hands of men and women who are incarcerated. From 11 envelopes in June of 2018, now mailing 200

**Pregnancy Care Center:** Staff, volunteers, families & those seeking help



## Sandra J. Parks

**April 24, 1936 - October 20, 2019**

Amesbury, MA - Sandra J. Parks, 83, passed away on Sunday October 20, 2019. Born in Melrose, April 24, 1936 to the late James and Eleanor Munson and has lived in Amesbury for many years. She was member of Market Street Baptist Church since 2008 as a transfer from the former Green Street Baptist, Newburyport.

Sandra enjoyed flower gardens, animals, and spending time with family and friends. Sandra is survived by a daughter, Robin Parks, two sons, Richard and Daniel Parks, her sister, June Lamprey and husband, William and her brother Robert Munson, three grandchildren, David Parks and wife, Liz, Benjamin Parks, Emily Parks, two nieces, Debbie and Karen and their families, and many dear friends. She will be sadly missed by family and friends and her church family. For the full obituary, please see: <https://bit.ly/32FSpuN>.

**A Funeral Service was held at Market St. Baptist Church on November 9, 2019.**

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## Dennis Warren Miller

**January 9, 1958 - October 8, 2019**

Dennis Miller, 61 of Amesbury passed away unexpectedly. He was born in Newburyport to the late Sarah (Boyden) and late Donald Mitchell. A 1977 graduate of Amesbury High School, Dennis went on to serve in the United States Marine Corps until 1982. Upon his return, he met the love of his life Robin and they were married for 36 years.

He enjoyed playing softball, karate, camping, scrapbooking historical events and helping with maintenance projects & repairs at his church. He was also an usher at his church of MSBC here in Amesbury. Dennis worked for Eastern Lumber Co. until the late 80's and later Airborne Express/DHL for more than 16 years where he was a member of Teamsters Local 25. He was presently working the night shift for Lindt in Stratham, NH.

An avid runner and most recently walker, he could be seen walking all over town. In his words, he was a "big history buff" and over the last several years took pride in researching local church steeples to document and photograph the bells found there.

He is survived by his wife Robin Jean (Mager) Miller; daughters, Sarah Ann Brown, son-in-law Brendon and granddaughter Lilly Jean, Lindsey Nicole and son-in-law Luke Alley; brother Dale Mitchell and wife Michelle; sister, Bernadette Greenwood and husband Norman; brother-in-law Jeffrey Mager and wife Tammy; brother-in-law, Larry DeMarco; his beloved cat Marco, several nieces and nephews, cousins, dear friends and his entire congregation.

Graveside services & a celebration of life was held on October 22. Funeral arrangement by E.V. Jutras and Sons.

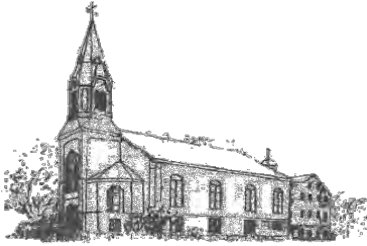
**In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his name to the Market Street Baptist Church, 37 Market Street, Amesbury, MA, 01913.**

For the full obituary, please see it at: <https://bit.ly/34Wu8Cd>.

# MARKET STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

37 Market Street  
Amesbury, MA, 01913

## NEWSLETTER November/December 2019



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*TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY*

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**Sunday's at 10:00 - 11:30 am**

Cable TV:

**ActTV12**

Thursdays 4:30 pm & Fridays 9:00 am

**Haverhill 22**

Sundays at 7:30 am & 5:00 pm

**PortMedia 10**

Thursdays 4:30 – 6:00pm

Radio:

WSEW 88.7 FM - Sundays 9:00  
am "Unchanging Grace"

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am -  
12:00 pm

Friday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm