

MSBC NEWS

A CONNECTION TO GOD & EACH OTHER

Soli Deo Gloria

From The Pastor

BELIEVER BEWARE!

A couple of weeks ago, I stumbled across a documentary called “American Gospel: In Christ Alone” which addresses and opposes the increasingly popular false teachers in the American Church. Now, this is not a hit piece or an expose filled with accusations and innuendo. Rather, it features faithful Christian pastors and teachers who carefully explain the true Gospel proclaimed in the Scriptures and contrast it with the “American Gospel” that is boldly and widely proclaimed on TV, in books, and even in our pulpits every Sunday.

That there should be so many false teachers and abusers in the Church is indeed troubling, but it should not be shocking. Jesus Himself and the Apostles continually warned believers to be on their guard lest they be led astray. Here are just a few of their warnings:

- Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. (Matt. 7:15)
- I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things to draw away the disciples after them. (Acts 20:29-30)
- Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. (2 Corinthians 11:14-15)
- False prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them. (2 Peter 2:1)
- It is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. (1 John 2:18)
- Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. (1 John 4:1)

HOW TO RECOGNIZE FALSE TEACHERS

If we are to stay true to Christ and His Word, we must be able to recognize and rebuke (or at least run from) these false prophets. The Scriptures mentioned above give us two basic tests:

1. We can know them by their TEACHING or — more accurately — by what they will NOT be preaching. Though they may mention Jesus' name and open their bibles, they are always taking the Bible out of context (just like the Devil himself - Matthew 4) and the center and focus of their preaching is *not* Jesus Christ as the only Lord and Savior who died and rose again to save us from our sins. This is why they are called “*anti-Christ*s”.

2. We will know them by their LIFESTYLE (FRUIT). They are of the world...according to 1 John: full of lust, pride and greed (1 John 2:15-17). They pursue power, wealth and pleasure at the expense of their listeners. (Which is what you would expect when you hire wolves to tend the sheep.)

There is a lot more to say about this matter, and, God willing, we will look more closely in the coming months. As a start, we have received permission to show the American Gospel documentary at the church free of charge. Since it is over 2 hours long, we will view it over 3 Sunday evenings which will leave us time for reflection and discussion. If you are a believer in Christ or have any interest at all in what the Bible truly teaches, then please join us. This will be well worth your time. Here is the schedule:

AMERICAN GOSPEL

Sunday evenings from 6 - 7:30 pm

- Sunday, March 31 The Gospel vs. Moralistic Preaching
- Sunday, April 7 The Gospel vs. Prosperity Preaching (Part I)
- Sunday, April 14 The Gospel vs. Prosperity Preaching (Part II)

God bless,



March Steeple Lighting

In memory of Ken & Frances Gove by the Gove boys



To light the steeple for a month in memory/honor of a loved one by donating \$50 to our Building Fund. Make check to: MSBC (note: Steeple)



OFFICE UPDATE...

Please send newsletter articles to our Communications Assistant, Dorothy at her special address:
msbccom37@gmail.com

The deadline for the April newsletter items is Tuesday, March 19, 2019.



Job Opening **Part-Time Pianist**

Purpose: To lead and serve MSBC in worship through music.

Please contact Pastor Michael John for more details –
mejhn.msbc@gmail.com or
978-388-0930

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.

Financial Updates

Building Fund 2018

Oct \$0
Nov \$590
Dec \$3,111
YTD \$12,787

Member Care 2018

Oct \$456
Nov \$737
Dec \$554
YTD \$5,873

Offerings 2018

Oct \$12,629
Nov \$12,314
Dec \$24,232
YTD \$184,610

Lottie Moon Offering Dec 2018

\$632

MEETINGS:

March 10, 2019 - Special Business Meeting

(after church in Sanctuary)

March 10, 2019 - Member Care Card Writing

(after church in Friendship Hall)

March 17, 2019 - Deacons Meeting, After Church

(in office)

March 24, 2019 - Bible Reading Club, 6:00 pm

(in Friendship Hall)

April 28, 2019 - Pot Luck Lunch & Quarterly Business Meeting, 12 pm

(in Friendship Hall)

Ongoing:

Wednesdays - Youth Group, 6-8 pm

Save The Date!

1st Weekend in May - Women's Retreat



Indoor - One Floor - No Stairs

FLEA MARKET CRAFTS - BAKE SALE

Saturday, March 30

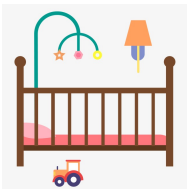
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Market Street Baptist Church

37 Market Street, Amesbury, MA
Front Hall



6' Table rentals @ \$20
Call 978-388-0930
or msbcsec@verizon.net



Nursery

Our Nursery is up and running during Sunday morning Worship. We have a schedule for 2019. Please pray for children to fill it!

Many thanks to all of the adults and youth who have volunteered to be Nursery workers and helpers! Market Street is so blessed!

Thank You!!!

To everyone who helped with the Sports Camp in February!

CHAPEL RENOVATIONS

As discussed at the annual meeting, if you have any questions or concerns regarding chapel pews and/or the chapel itself, please direct them to...

Ruth Anne Fuller (rafuller86@comcast.net, 603-895-6640) and/or Christine John (thepreachersmate@verizon.net, 978-834-0828).

We want to make sure all your concerns will be considered!

Lenten Series – “American Gospel”

Sundays, March 31, April 7 and 14

6:00-8:00 pm in Friendship Hall

Please see “From The Pastor” on page 1 for more details.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

COMMUNION MEAL

Thursday, April 18th from 6:00-8:00 pm

All are welcome to join us for a fully catered meal followed by music and communion together as we commemorate the Last Supper together.

PRAYER & MEDITATION

Friday, April 19th from Noon-3:00 pm

The Sanctuary will be open for those who wish to pray and meditate on the Passion of Christ. Feel free to come and go as you please during this time. Scriptures will be read every half-hour.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 21 at 6:00 am

Easter worship begins bright and early as we meet at the Jetty at the end of the Salisbury Reservation (Free admission)

AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY



SUNDAY WORSHIP available on DVD @ \$3 each
SUNDAY SERMON available on CD @ \$2 each



Use the Requests Forms at the back of the sanctuary
to give to camera team or call church office.

Free to Nursery & JR Church volunteers.



Parking for Sundays Worship

Is available behind the church and in the bank parking lot



March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					Bible Study for All 9:00am	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Men's Bible Study 7:00pm	Women's Bible Study 11:00am Youth Group 6-8pm		Bible Study for All 9:00am	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Card Writing After Church		Men's Bible Study 7:00pm	Women's Bible Study 11:00am Youth Group 6-8pm		Bible Study for All 9:00am	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Deacons Meeting 12:00pm Office		Men's Bible Study 7:00pm	Women's Bible Study 11:00am Youth Group 6-8pm		Bible Study for All 9:00am	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Men's Bible Study 7:00pm	Women's Bible Study 11:00am Youth Group 6-8pm		Bible Study for All 9:00am	Flea Market 9-1pm
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Lenten Series 6:00-8:00pm Friendship Hall						

Nursing Home Ministries

Every Sunday at 9:00 am; First Wednesday and Third Thursday at 2:30 pm, Merrimack Valley Health Center, 22 Maple Street, Amesbury, MA

Fourth Wednesday at 2:00 pm, Port Center, 113 Low Street, Newburyport, MA

Fourth Wednesday at 3:00 pm, Maplewood Center, 6 Morrill Place, Amesbury, MA

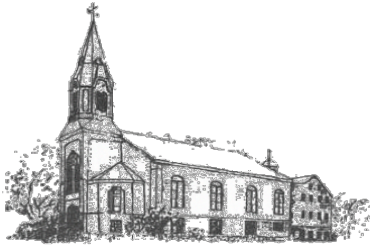
Every Sunday at 1:00 pm, Heritage Towers, 180 Main Street, Amesbury, MA

For more information on calendar events, please contact Dianne Cole, msbsec@verizon.net

MARKET STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

37 Market Street
Amesbury, MA, 01913

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TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

WORSHIP WITH US	FIND US
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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"

www.wordradio.net

See page 3 for bible studies/small
groups.

www.msbcnews.org

Sermons Archive:

www.msbcnews.org/sermons

Facebook: [Market Street Baptist Church](#)

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OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm