



# The GoodNewsletter

## First Baptist Church, Littleton

*“Journeying to God’s Sacred Beat”*  
September 2011

### *Life is good ~ Church is good Festival!*

**Sunday, September 18**  
**Rally Day**  
**9AM**

Join us for our own *Life is good ~ Church is good* Festival! Wear or bring your favorite optimistic saying, slogan or scripture whether it is on a T-Shirt, bumper sticker, on a piece of paper or in your head!

Life is Good is a company founded by two brothers (Bert & John Jacobs) which spreads optimism and has become wildly successful – to say the least.

At our Rally Day “Life is Good Festival” we will experience these cool events:

- Instrument Petting Zoo ~ try out different instruments!
- Seed Spitting Contest ~ who can spit a watermelon seed the farthest?
- Hula Hoop Contest ~ who can keep a hula hoop going for the longest time?
- Bring some much needed items for Loaves and Fishes if you are able and see if we can fill our optimism tank? **Most Needed Items:** Salad dressings, Canned pasta, Canned pears, Canned fruit cocktail, Pasta sauce, Peanut butter, Jelly

**10AM** Worship with music led by Steve & Cindy Hudson, the FBC Choir & For Higher.

The message is “*Be of Good Cheer!*” based on John 16:33.



#### **First Baptist’s Fab Four**

1. **Home Mission Focus: Month of October**
2. **Holiday Fair: Saturday, November 19**
3. **Tree Lighting & Open House: Sunday, December 4**
4. **Winter Retreat: February 3-5**



### The Circle of Rest

The Circle of Rest works! I am writing this with one week left in my Sabbatical and I find myself very much ready to return to my pastoral work here at church. In late May I wrote about the Circle of Rest and believed that Kirk Jones' definition of self-care was correct in theory: that when we rest we will find peace. When we have peace, we will find clarity and with clarity we will find more creativity. I am here to testify that the Circle of Rest works and is something that we all can practice whether we have time for a sabbatical or not.

I have rested and read, rested and learned, rested and traveled a bit, rested and celebrated my daughter's wedding and marriage, and rested some more. I will continue to rest for about five more days and will look forward to sharing those lessons with you when I am back.

### Coming in October

In October I will begin the first in a series of ongoing conversations on **Faith and Science**. I am planning on offering it on four Sundays after church and Tuesday nights beginning late in October.

October will also be a month of celebrating **Missions, both Home and World Missions**. We will hear about the ways many of us serve God in programs that are near and dear to our heart and soul. On Sunday, October 16 we will welcome to our pulpit Wellintone Nabwoba, the head of the Anajali school Kenya. This is a beloved mission project that Susan LaSante, a friend of our church and member at the Congregational Church, has visited and supported. Wellintone Nawoba will also speak at a luncheon following worship.

### Welcome back, Choir!

Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday, September 8 at 7:00pm and we are looking forward to another exciting year together.



We also welcome new members to join us now or anytime throughout the year. We are a very friendly, hard-working (and fun) group of people so come give it a try!

Steve and Cindy Hudson

### Upcoming Youth events

**Sept 23** Music with a Mission tour in Shrewsbury, MA. Fireflight, Hawk Nelson, and more.  
\$20.00 per person  
Leave church at 5:30pm sharp.

**Oct. 21-23** Youth Retreat Grotonwood  
Please mark your calendars so we can get a good group together

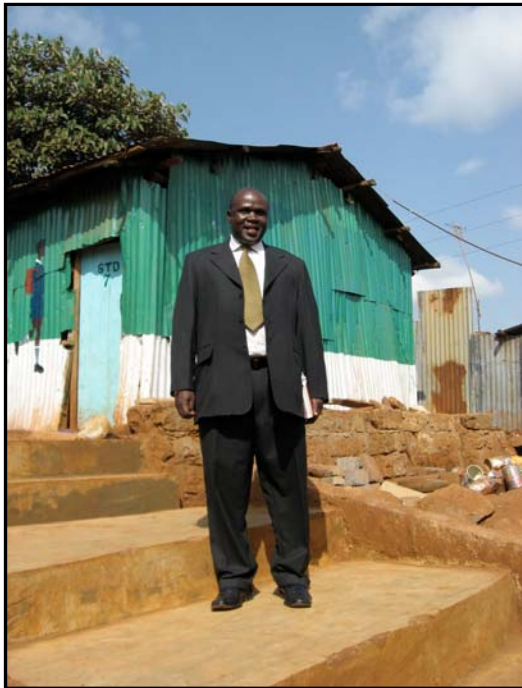
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**Women's Ministries  
Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011**

We are privileged to have Mr. Wellintone Nabwoba, the head of the Anajali School, in Kenya and Mrs. Susan LaSante, Littleton, MA share with us the ministry that Mr. Nabwoba started. Susan has travelled to Kenya and worked at the school and is excited about this ministry. We will be sharing a pot luck lunch with the program to follow. Mr. Nabwoba will also be participating during worship that day. Here is the website for the school if you would like to look it up.

[www.hecareskenya.org](http://www.hecareskenya.org)



**Neighborhood Supper  
Tuesday, November 29, 2011**

First Baptist is responsible for preparing, cooking and cleaning up after the meal on this date. Please put it on your calendar. We have a great time together while we're serving our neighbors who are in need.

**Fall Holiday Fair  
Saturday, November 19, 2011**

With fall upon us it is time to think about how you can help out with the fair. Can you organize the Supper with Santa, (I haven't asked Santa yet to see if he is available)? We need someone to run the kitchen for breakfast.



We need someone to run the kitchen for lunch. We've have yummy homemade soup and bread in the past. We need

someone to organize the bake sale table. Can you bake for the bake sale. Every time you bake something, make a double batch and put one in the freezer for the bake sale. Do you do canning - we would love to have homemade jams or jellies or relishes, ANYTHING. We need help advertising and putting out all of the signs. We need help preparing the church for the fair and cleaning up afterwards.

**Dah, Dah, Dah, Dah  
Coming again to First Baptist,  
a Weekend Family Retreat  
February 3 - 5**

We will be enjoying the beautiful Pilgrim Pines Camp in Swanzee, NH for a week end of fun and fellowship. Pilgrim Pines is about 45 min. away in lower N.H. Arrive anytime after work/school on Friday, February 3. Supper is on your own. Settle in and enjoy games and fellowship and snacks.

There is a lake for skating and hill for sliding. The cost is \$126.00 per person, which includes our lodging and meals. All we bring for food is our snack foods. Children, 4 to 12 are half price and children under 4 are free. Please look for the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall.

*On Sunday August 20 Charlie Ellis surprised Anne Lee, his bride of 39 years, with a renewal of vows and celebration that touched everyone present in worship.*

*Thank you for sharing your love and commitment with the church family!*



