



A Holiday Reflection from Pastor Dana

Dear First Baptist Church in Dorchester Family & Friends,

With deep joy and peace, I extend to you my prayers for a wonderful and blessed holiday season. This is a great time of the year for us, the people of God can reflect on the good things the Lord is doing in our life. As the First Baptist Church in Dorchester family we have many things to be grateful for. Let us be thankful for the Lord Jesus Christ in our lives. Let us be thankful for one another and having a sacred place that we can come together and worship the Lord as one voice in Christ. This has been a wonderful year in the Lord. Our ministry is growing, and we have added many new brothers and sisters to our fellowship.

We baptized seven people at Castle Island with one observer (Nancy), so move she got baptized in her street clothes. We had a wonderful time singing and praising the Lord together. Please see the photo on our website at www.fbdcdorchester.com and see how the Lord is blessing our church family. Also, we baptized over thirty-five men at Nashua Street Jail as part of our prison ministry. Let us continue to pray for them all.

However, the year has not been without some challenging moments. We saw our sisters Lois Ames and Joan James (my mom) go home to be with the Lord. We will miss them, but they will forever be alive in our hearts.

The Deacons continue to serve the Standish Village Assisted Living community as part of their outreach ministry. The Deacon Board added three new servants who have been helpful and supportive of me and the growth of the church. Reverend Dr. Denise Myer has joined our church family from the Bethel AME Church, seeking to become dually aligned with the American Baptist Church USA. She, too, has brought much joy and fun to our ministry.

Bible study continues on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and we have begun our Sunday Church Study thirty minutes after service. It combines our coffee hour with a chance to reflect on the scripture and sermon of the day with insight on how to apply biblical principles to our lives. Also, it is a time when we come together as a family to share how we are and how we can be supportive of one another.

Yes, we have much to be thankful for at FBCD as we begin a new year, looking to grow in our faith as we expand our ministry in our community and beyond. Finally, please continue to support the mission of the church as we spread the gospel and love of Christ everywhere, we go.

If you are in the neighborhood, please do not hesitate to visit us. Our calendar of events is posted on our website www.fbdcdorchester.com.

Best Wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving & Very Merry Christmas,
In Christian Love, Pastor Dana and First Lady Wanda