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Think of all the people in the world who do not live in peace: there are Jews and Palestinians, North Koreans and South Koreans, Iraqi insurgents and Iraqi nationalists. But there are also friends, relatives, and marriage partners who live lives of estrangement. To close the wounds that separate means to be reconciled. And to be reconciled, someone has to take a first step and extend a hand.



The Bible says we were separated from God but can now be reconciled to Him because He took the first step. That's really the story of the whole Bible - God extending His hand to us. Thanks to His amazing grace, we enjoy a restored relationship with Him and, according to Scripture, have received "the ministry of reconciliation: to share His grace with others.

II Corinthians 5:18 says, "*Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.*" NKJV

The Bible tells us that blessed are the peacemakers. Let's look for ways to be peacemakers, beginning with the word of thanks to God of His gracious reconciliation. II Corinthians 2:14 says, "*Now thanks be to God who always leads us to triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.*" NKJV

- from *1 minute a day* by David Jeremiah

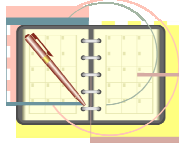
Be blessed and be a blessing this month.

We love you,

Ray and Carolyn

MBA Church Giving - July 2017

Dates of Interest



August 6-11
National Collegiate Week
 Check the BCNE website

August 8 - 9-11am
MBA Central Pastors' Fellowship
 Rice Memorial Baptist, Northborough, MA

August 14, 21, & 28
10:00am-Noon
Monday Morning Prayer Time
 Seminary Classroom at BCNE

August 31-September 2
Phil Waldrep Pastors' Encouragement Retreat
 For more information, <http://philwaldrep.org/retreat/>

CHURCHES	JULY	YEAR TO DATE
APPLE VALLEY CHURCH	84.00	420.00
BETHANY CHURCH (WORC. NEPALI)		355.20
BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH		900.00
BURNCOAT BAPTIST		500.00
CHAPEL ON THE HILL	336.60	3,960.95
CHRIST BAPTIST, WORCESTER		643.00
EMBARK CHURCH	30.00	297.62
EMMANUEL, WEST SPRINGFIELD	66.00	760.20
FAITH BAPTIST, GREENFIELD		
FAITH BAPTIST, MENDON	1,125.00	1,687.50
FIRST BAPTIST SUTTON		
FIRST HAITIAN BAPT OF WORC		
FIRST BAPTIST PORTUGUESE		
FRIENDSHIP, BRIMFIELD		3,462.00
GREENVILLE BAPTIST		2,400.00
HAVEN	100.00	427.00
HOPE CHAPEL	1,290.22	14,728.86
I.B. CASA DE ORACION & MISSIONS		150.00
I.B. CASTILLO FUERTE, PITTSFIELD		120.00
I.B. NUEVA JERUSALEM	200.00	1,775.00
I.B. QUICHUA-NUEVA VIDA	100.00	1,000.00
I.B. QUICHUA-NUEVA JERUSALEN		280.00
LEOMINSTER BRAZILLIAN		100.00
LIFEWAY B.C. INTERNATIONAL	150.00	550.00
LINCOLN CHURCH		200.00
MEETINGHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH		300.00
MERCY HOUSE		450.00
NEW HOPE, AYER		1,400.00
NEW RICE KOREAN	100.00	450.00
PLEASANT STREET BAPTIST	133.52	1,455.21
PORTUGUESE AMERICAN BC	50.00	500.00
PROVIDENCE MOLDOVIAN BAPTIST		
REDEMPTION FELLOWSHIP		773.27
RICE MEMORIAL	287.25	3,581.65
SHALOM NAPALI CHURCH		200.00
SLAVIC BAPTIST CHURCH	100.00	500.00
THE CHURCH ON SEVEN HILLS		1,567.72
UNITED FAITH BAPTIST		300.00
VIDA NUEVA CHURCH		
VITA NOVA		84.00
WOODLAWN BAPTIST		
WORCESTER NAPALI BAPTIST	465.40	465.40
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TOTAL CHURCH GIVING	4,617.99	46,744.58

UPGRADE
 Continuing Ministry Development Event
Oct. 13-14, 2017
At BCNE

INTRODUCTION TO PREACHING