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I am starting to believe that old adage: "The older you get the faster the time goes by . . ." Where did 2017 go? And here we are at the beginning of 2018.

I found the following in a devotional book, **Journey**, by David Jeremiah:

Here is a Scripture thought from Psalm 28:7, "*The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him.*"

This verse provides a happy formula for the New Year. Notice the progression. First we realize that **the Lord is our strength and shield**. No matter what unfold from day to day or from month to month, He will give us sufficient strength, and His presence will surround us as a shield.

Second, our hearts can fully **trust Him**. We can relax, rest, and lean on Him, knowing He is fully able to do all He has promised.

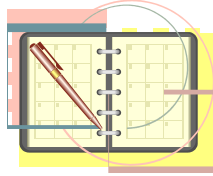
Third, as we recognize who He is and trust Him, **we are helped**. There's no sense of panic as it relates to the uncertain future. He helps us in everything at every time. The past, the present, and the future are His.

Fourth, our heart can therefore **rejoice**. Today is a day for a joyful and glad attitude. And that leads to a song of praise. We can have a hymn in our hearts today - like this: "*O God our Help in ages past, our hope for years to come; be Thou our Guide while life shall last and our eternal home. Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.*" - Isaac Watts



MBA Church Giving - December 2017

Dates of Interest



January 1
NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 9
9:00-11:00am
MBA Central Pastors' Fellowship
Rice Memorial Baptist,
Northborough, MA

January 15
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

January 22 & 29
10:00am-Noon
MBA Prayer Time
Seminary Classroom at
BCNE

January 30
10:00am
MBA West Pastors' Fellowship
Emmanuel Baptist
Church,
West Springfield

CHURCHES	DECEMBER	YEAR TO DATE
APPLE VALLEY CHURCH	\$50.00	\$150.00
BETHANY CHURCH (WORC. NEPALI)		
BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH	\$100.00	\$300.00
BURNCOAT BAPTIST		
CHAPEL ON THE HILL	\$810.78	\$1,167.00
CHRIST BAPTIST, WORCESTER		
EMBARK CHURCH		\$25.00
EMMANUEL, WEST SPRINGFIELD	\$443.31	\$443.31
FAITH BAPTIST, GREENFIELD		
FAITH BAPTIST, MENDON		
FIRST BAPTIST SUTTON		
FIRST HAITIAN BAPT OF WORC		
FIRST BAPTIST PORTUGUESE		
FRIENDSHIP, BRIMFIELD	\$319.00	\$1,181.00
GREENVILLE BAPTIST		\$2,400.00
HAVEN		\$125.35
HOPE CHAPEL	\$1,321.13	\$3,477.33
I.B. CASA DE ORACION & MISSIONS		
I.B. CASTILLO FUERTE, PITTSFIELD	\$30.00	\$90.00
I.B. NUEVA JERUSALEM	\$200.00	\$600.00
I.B. QUICHUA-NUEVA VIDA	\$100.00	\$300.00
I.B. QUICHUA-NUEVA JERUSALEN		
LEOMINSTER BRAZILLIAN		
LIFEWAY B.C. INTERNATIONAL		
LINCOLN CHURCH		
MEETINGHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH		
MERCYHOUSE		
NEW HOPE, AYER	\$200.00	\$400.00
NEW RICE KOREAN	\$100.00	\$100.00
PLEASANT STREET BAPTIST		\$120.62
PORTUGUESE AMERICAN BC	\$50.00	\$150.00
PROVIDENCE MOLDOVIAN BAPTIST		
REDEMPTION FELLOWSHIP		
REFUGE CHURCH	\$350.35	\$450.35
RICE MEMORIAL	\$459.25	\$1,202.02
SHALOM NAPALI CHURCH		\$400.00
SLAVIC BAPTIST CHURCH		\$100.00
THE CHURCH ON SEVEN HILLS		\$865.15
TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH		\$150.00
VIDA NUEVA CHURCH		
WORCESTER NAPALI BAPTIST		
TOTAL CHURCH GIVING	\$4,533.82	\$14,197.13

FREE WEBINAR

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Tuesday, Jan 9 at 7:00 p.m.
OR
Saturday, Jan 13 at 9:00 a.m.

CHOOSE THE TIME
THAT WORKS BEST FOR YOU!!!

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Come and discover three essential strategies that will ensure a great VBS or Summer Event