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This is the month of change - change from summer to fall, changes in the home like my daughter and her husband are now "empty nesters" as their son is off to college, change of schools and teachers, changes in MBA as I retire on 9/30/2018. **John Brownlee** will become **MBA's new Executive Director** as of 10/1/2018.

In *The Valley of Vision* I came across the prayer, **Journeying On**, which I would like to share with you as I apply it to me.

"Lord of the cloud and fire, I am a stranger, with a stranger's indifference; My hands hold a pilgrim's staff, My march is Zionward, My eyes are toward the coming of the Lord, My heart is in thy hands without reserve.

Thou has created it, redeemed it, renewed it, captured it, conquered it.

Keep from it every opposing foe, crush in it every rebel lust, mortify every treacherous passion, annihilate every earthborn desire.

All faculties of my being vibrate to thy touch; I love thee with soul, mind, body, strength, might, spirit, affection, will, desire, intellect, understanding.

Thou art the very perfection of all perfections; All intellect is derived from thee; My scanty rivulets flow from thy unfathomable fountain.

Compared with thee the sun is darkness, all beauty deformity, all wisdom folly, the best goodness faulty.

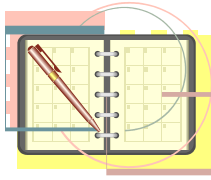
Thou art worthy of an adoration greater than my dull heart can yield; Invigorate my love that it may rise worthily to thee, tightly entwine itself around thee, be allured by thee.

Then shall my walk be endless praise." Amen!

Carolyn and I thank you for your friendship, prayers and support for the last twelve years and 9 months. Always seek to **"Keep the SON in your eyes."**

MBA Church Giving - August 2018

Dates of Interest



September 3
LABOR DAY

September 6
9:00am
MBA North Pastors' Fellowship
Denny's,
Leominster, MA

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

September 17 & 24
10:00am-Noon
MBA Morning Prayer Gathering
Seminary Classroom at
BCNE

MBA West Pastors' Fellowship
No date set yet

September 22
FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN

October 26
MBA Annual Meeting
6:00pm—Brazilian BBQ
7:00pm—Meeting
Rice Memorial Baptist,
Northborough, MA

CHURCHES	AUGUST	YEAR TO DATE
APPLE VALLEY CHURCH	\$100.00	\$550.00
APRISCO CHURCH (LEOMINSTER BRAZILIAN)		\$100.00
BETHEL CHURCH (WOR NEPALI)		\$325.00
BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH		\$800.00
CHAPEL ON THE HILL	\$511.32	\$4,390.08
CHRIST BAPTIST, WORCESTER		
EMBARK CHURCH		\$40.00
EMMANUEL, WEST SPRINGFIELD	\$250.65	\$1,003.41
FAITH BAPTIST, GREENFIELD		
FAITH IN CHRIST BAPTIST, MENDON		\$250.00
FAITH CHURCH (AUBURN)		
FAITH COMMUNITY		
FIRST BAPTIST SUTTON		
FIRST HAITIAN BAPT OF WORC		
FIRST BAPTIST PORTUGESE		
FRAMINGHAM BAPTIST		\$2,123.00
FRIENDSHIP, BRIMFIELD	\$342.23	\$4,652.77
GREENVILLE BAPTIST	\$483.33	\$6,266.66
HAVEN COMMUNITY (FITCBURG)		
HAVEN (NEW BEDFORD)	\$90.00	\$684.60
HOPE CHAPEL	\$918.04	\$12,172.50
HOPE CHAPEL (ACTON)		
HOPE COMMUNITY, MARLBORO		
I.B. CASA DE ORACION & MISSIONS	\$25.00	\$150.00
I.B. CASTILLO FUERTE, PITTSFIELD	\$30.00	\$300.00
I.B. NUEVA JERUSALEM	\$200.00	\$2,200.00
I.B. QUICHUA-NUEVA VIDA	\$100.00	\$1,250.00
I.B. QUICHUA-NUEVA JERUSALEN		
LIFEWAY B.C. INTERNATIONAL		\$200.00
LINCOLN CHURCH	\$100.00	\$100.00
MEETINGHOUSE CHURCH		
MERCYHOUSE		\$200.00
NEW HOPE, AYER	\$200.00	\$2,000.00
NEW RICE KOREAN		\$400.00
PLEASANT STREET BAPTIST	\$341.86	\$1,703.17
PORTUGUESE AMERICAN BC		\$150.00
PROVIDENCE MOLDOVIAN BAPTIST		\$500.00
REDEMPTION FELLOWSHIP		
REFUGE CHURCH		\$700.35
RICE MEMORIAL	\$404.29	\$4,018.27
SHALOM NAPALI CHURCH	\$80.00	\$680.00
SLAVIC BAPTIST CHURCH		\$150.00
SOUTH COAST CHURCH		
THE CHURCH ON SEVEN HILLS		\$3,379.03
TRANSFORMATION BIBLE		\$20.00
TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH		\$450.00
WACHOGUE CONGREGATIONAL		\$50.00
TOTAL CHURCH GIVING	\$4,176.72	\$51,958.84



"You Belong Here" is this year's **Fall Outreach Focus**. Get involved with these FREE resources from Outreach in partnership with the BCNE. Just follow the link and enter your email address for a **free kit** of materials for involving your members and reaching your community! Take advantage of this offer soon because the **first 70 churches to register** will also receive a Church Kit worth \$69.

While the "official" date for this event is Sunday, September 16, these resources can be used for whichever date best fits your church.

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