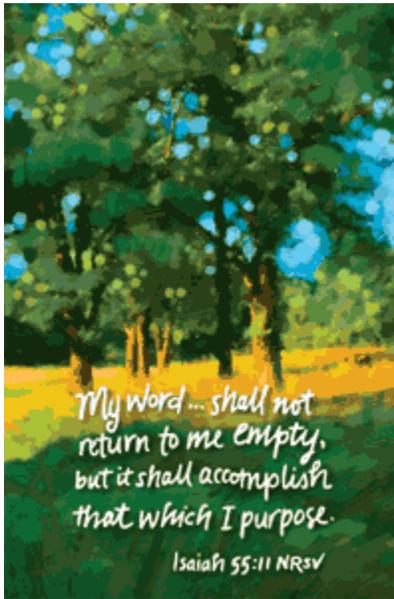


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REPORT OF THE PASTOR

I thank God for the blessing of our church. Every believer is a part of Christ church that He said He would build (Matthew 16:18). Every believer should live out the reality of that truth by being an active, serving member of a local church. Through the years our church has had individuals who willingly served Jesus by being committed to the ministry at Falmouth Baptist Church. I thank God for every one of you who take your part just as God arranges us (1 Corinthians 12).

We continue, by God's grace, to be a church focused on the teaching and preaching of God's Word. It is my desire to do so more and more. I desire to continue to grow personally as I seek to share God's Word with others. I maintain freshness in the Word by studying at length and reading scholarly and devotional resources that challenge me to dig deep into God's Word.

Sharing God's Word in the church has the purpose of equipping God's people for works of service. "Equipping" is one of the primary ways to help people become effective disciples of Jesus Christ. This is accomplished as the gifted people of the church pour their lives into others by the power of the Holy Spirit in the teaching of the Word. (Eph. 4:11-16).

Ephesians 4

¹¹ It was he (Jesus) who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (NIV84)

Ephesians 4:11–16 is one long sentence in Greek and it contains powerful truth for the Church today. There is to be in the Body of Christ a purpose of building each other up so that we all are more equipped for serving Jesus. The teaching of God's Word specifically is to be shared by "pastor-teachers" so that believers would know the truth and live the truth and be used to build up the Body of Christ.

"Equipping" in the Greek means preparing, mending, or restoring people to their proper use (Gal. 6:1). James and John mending their nets (Matt. 4:21) is a word picture of preparing the nets for service. The role of leaders is to teach the Word to the people so they can impact the world through service as the Body of Christ is built up (Ephesians 4:16). All believers should participate in this effort, not just a few. Every Christian has a gift or gifts with which he or she can serve (Ephesians 4:7; 1 Pet. 4:10)

The goal is completeness in Christ. As each believer uses the spiritual gifts God has given at least three things happen. First, the body enjoys unity in Christ (v.13). Second, it becomes more spiritually mature (v. 13, 15). Third, it becomes more like Christ (v.13). Our unity of faith, knowledge of the Son of God, and maturity are goal of ministry in the local church. This is what is meant by the fullness of Christ.

So the idea is that pastor-teachers are to teach the Word to help the rest of the body become adequate or prepared so that they may serve the Lord in accordance with their gifts. We do this here at Falmouth Baptist Church through the preaching of the Word on Sunday mornings, through the various Bible studies, Bible Training for Church Leaders (BTCL), home groups or other small groups, and through various men's and women's ministries.

Every believer in Jesus is to be actively involved in serving. We are to have ministry to one another and ministry to those far away from Jesus. We may look at the ministry in two directions: as building up and reaching out, all for the glory of God. This includes the leaders of the church, but the leaders are not to do the ministry alone.

At least two results flow from our attaining completeness in Christ. The first result will be that people will not be tossed about by false teaching (v.14). There is so much of teaching in the world today that does not focus on Jesus. Many preach so that they will have financial gain or exercise even greater control over others. We want to share God's Word so that each of us can be steadfast in the faith, know the truth and serve Jesus.

The second result will be that believers will live the truth in love (v.15). Literally "truthing in love" is what the Greek says. Love is the source of unity and maturity. In our words and in our life we are to be the very love of Jesus. We will self-sacrificially seek to build others up. As we have said for years we want people to KNOW Jesus and GROW in Him for Life!

I am truly blessed with this church family, each of you are a privilege to know. I pray that I will be used of God in your life for your good and for God's blessing. Thank you for putting up with my shortcomings and idiosyncrasies. I thank God for Pastor Tim and Donna and their family. Since Tim came on staff in 2002, the Rogers family have been a very great blessing. I am blessed to serve with the Board of Deacons and the Board of Trustees. There is a wealth of spiritual insight and life experience that we gain from one another. Thank you for your labor of love and your work of faith. I am thankful for so many of you who undertake leadership and ministry roles. I praise God for my wife, Therese and my family. They have been a blessing to me in their love and sacrifice for the cause of Christ. Ministry alone is taxing and draining, ministry with all of you is a joy.

In The Love of Christ,
John

REPORT OF THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

Sometimes it's the simple things you say that really make the biggest difference in someone's life. This is certainly the case in youth ministry. Being intentional with what you say to our youth is vitally important. Best of all, it isn't that complicated either. These words are simple but powerful.

Here are a few things you should say to our youth often:

I'm Proud of You

If we're honest, don't we all want to hear this? This simple phrase, spoken at the right time, can change a student's life. Students want to make you proud...whether it seems like it or not. Being mindful to tell them this often will make a huge difference. And we have so much to be proud about. Our youth are amazing! They're brave, they're generous, they're caring...and so much more.

Thank You

It's no secret that people rarely say thank you. That does not—and should not—mean that we fail to do it, too. Saying something as simple as *thank you* lets students know that you not only appreciate them—you notice them. In the world we live in today, being noticed is often harder than one might think. Our students are very helpful and it's not hard to find actions for which we can say thank you.

You are Loved

We post or write this on the walls in our homes. Students desperately need to hear this. More than hearing it, they need to see and feel it as well. Please take the few seconds it will take to tell a student that they're loved.

I Prayed for You

I love hearing when someone has been praying for me and my family. Everyone needs to know that someone is praying for him or her. Take the time to text these simple words to our students, leaders, and parents as they come to mind throughout the day (and pray for them, of course...don't lie). Be intentional to pray for our students. And let them know you're praying for them. Our students are facing all kinds of difficulties, challenges, crisis's, and temptations—they (we) need your prayers and encouragement.

We're so blessed to have so many adults in our church family that express their love to the youth in so many ways. Some—like the Bisbee's, Micah Webb, John Mayou, Glenn and Mari Chamberlain, Monty Jones, and Denzel Lomba—express their love to our youth on a weekly basis. And I'm so very grateful to each of you for all you do. Some—the anonymous youth ministry support gang—express their love and appreciation to our youth by generously giving so that our youth can hear the gospel, be built up in their faith, or go and serve in Christ's name. I'm so very grateful to each of you as well. Thank you for helping our youth to know, grow, and/or give the love of Christ. And some—the super-secret anonymous youth ministry support gang—express their love and appreciation through their

faithful prayer ministry. I'm humbled that so many would bring our students, student leaders, youth workers and our families before the throne of Grace. Thank you all so very much.

This has been a very busy and fun year. As usual, there have been more than a few challenges and more than a few high points. But one consistent throughout the year has been God's faithfulness and goodness.

We began the year praising our Lord at our New Year's Eve Overnighter and ended the year the same way—and reflected on God's goodness and faithfulness over the year. Many students were able to easily recall God's blessings over the year.

We visited Camp Berea again this year. Every three years we join the other churches on Cape Cod for a winter retreat. Our students love gathering for these events and have formed friendships with students from all over the Cape. These Cape-wide events happen throughout the year. Our students meet other Christians, hear other speakers affirming the Gospel message taught here, and see how other church youth groups love and serve God.

We enjoyed an unforgettable Regressive Dinner again this year. Our thanks to our hosts; the Mayou family, Walker family (now in Texas—we miss you so much), the Gedney family, and the Lomba family. We had such a great time at every home! We played a game at each home and had one of four courses of our meal.

We played laser tag at Balls to the Wall in Hyannis. Sadly, this establishment has closed and this great activity will drop off our schedule for this year. Each year our students and their friends play laser tag and share in a devotional message. This year, Jeremiah Walker gave the message to our Tweens and did a great job.

At SMASH (another Cape-wide event) our teens had a blast! Youth Evangelist, Missionary, and Musician, Pastor John Gunden shared five sessions with our teens and pastors from all over the Cape shared two electives—totaling seven hours of Biblical training in this great weekend. The Chris Allen Band gave a concert Saturday night. And we added Archery Tag to the already incredible list of fun activities over this 3-day event. So many of our teens include SMASH as part of their testimony of how Christ has entered their hearts and changed their lives.

Once again the Bisbee's opened their home to our students to celebrate the end of school at our End of School Pool Party. We love visiting the Bisbee home! They make everyone feel at home and we can feel their love and care for each of us. We play in the pool, worship together and have a time in God's word—and of course food... Bob is a Grill-master! We ate like kings! Thank you both so much!

Five student leaders traveled with me to Washington D.C. for the Student Leadership Conference (Luke Ely, Kea Lopez, Monique Jones, Michael Rogers,

and Kai Blanton). This conference is so powerful! Our students have attended like conferences at Monadnock and Gordon College as well and this one (SLC in D.C.) is the absolute best. They pick up all kinds of leadership training and great ideas. This conference has been instrumental in our Student Leadership Team growing to be such great servant-leaders.

Vacation Bible School was AWESOME! SonSpark Labs was such fun. Steve and Kellie Cartier (and all their many volunteers) made this VBS one of the best! Who will ever forget the bottle of soda spraying all over Kellie and seemingly following her wherever she tried to run?! So many of our students served in VBS this year—many as preparation for offering this same VBS in a rural New York community that would not have had a summer outreach without our students traveling there and serving so wonderfully.

This past December I received an email from a family in New York that attended our VBS. “Hey everyone, My son (Eli- 4 yrs old) went to your VBS in Morris, NY that the teens put on. I just wanted to say thank you. He is here in my living room this morning still singing to the CD you gave us. Have a Merry Christmas! Sarah Mercier”

Like the Mayous, Walkers, Gedneys, Lombas, and Bisbees—the Chamberlains opened their home to the teens too (twice). Glenn and Mari (and Wesley) hosted our students for a summer and fall bonfire. They provided dozens of pallets for the fire, lots of food and drinks—including s’mores, and loads of love and encouragement.

Men’s Ministry and Washburn Island Mayor, Paul Houle, treated our students to Washburn Island Youth Day where our students enjoyed a gloriously, sunny day at the beach, lunch, and an island-wide capture the flag game. And thanks to Mike and Gaye Whalen for helping to get us all to the island and back—you saved us more than a few trips I’m sure.

Not to be outdone, the Cartier’s opened their home to our students too! What was supposed to be a pool party became a football game and Frisbee challenge. Steve also is a Grill-master and Kellie a kitchen-magician.

Unite Cape (another Cape-wide youth event) was a great back-to-school event. This event is a collaboration of the Cape Cod Network of Youth Workers and is hosted by Brewster Baptist Church. Chris Allen gave a great concert; Pastor Rob Wheeler of Osterville Baptist Church gave a great message. And the BBC family were wonderfully gracious hosts—providing their campus and food for all. Once again, well over 100 students from at least six churches attended.

Two carloads of students braved the frigid, wet weather at Connect Fest to see Sanctus Real in one of their last concerts, along with Michael Sweet and Peter Fuller to name a few. The bands were amazing, the speakers (and many of the musicians) were powerful and boldly pointed our students to Jesus Christ as the Answer to life’s questions.

Monday Night Football! A new youth event hit the calendar this year. Steve and Kellie Cartier opened their home EVERY MONDAY NIGHT during the NFL season. Each Monday students would flock to their house for board games, outdoor games, and of course football. Kellie's kitchen is like a conveyor belt of food pumping out of there. I think this is a real life example of Star Treks food replicator—just say it and BAM! There it is!

Word of Life's REVERB event was another huge success. We were named as one of the 15 largest groups represented—which gave us a spot on the ice for the rally games! Our church family generously gave so that nine unsaved, unchurched students could attend and hear the Gospel message. And FIVE students placed their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior! Thank you so much Falmouth Baptist Church.

Thank you church. Thank you for a year of your prayers and support. For a year of your generosity—displayed in so many ways. Thank you for your love and encouragement, for your patience and joyful ministry. There is no one that has been in youth ministry on Cape Cod longer than I have been—and that's not because I'm stubborn, but because you are so faithful. Thank you brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you Donna, Dana, Marissa & Zach, Michael, Isaac, Abby, and Annalisse. Thank you for your many sacrifices throughout the year. And thank you for your partnership in so many things. Donna is a faithful youth ministry supporter that will do anything to serve our students no matter the need. So many times she has, without notice, driven students all over the Cape so they could attend 501 Youth Group or a youth event where the Gospel is preached. Michael, Isaac, and Abby are growing into quite the ministry team too. Thank you all for partnering with me so often as we all serve Jesus Christ our Lord.

We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us. (1 Thes 2:8)

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Tim Rogers

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS

At the end of the year is a good time to reflect back on what the Lord has done and give Thanks for His unfailing Love during another year. A beautiful characteristic of our church family throughout years has been how we truly love one another. Because of His Love for us, now we can love each other deeply from the heart. We are still imperfect in many ways, but being made perfect through the power of His Love and by the leading of the Holy Spirit. In Romans 13:8 (niv), the scriptures tell us: “let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law”. Dear church family thank you all for your continued patience and love for one another as we serve our Savior here in this harvest field.

We would like make mention of some of the new ministries that have been such a blessing to so many this past year and is helping us grow in the Lord as a church family. One of these ministries has been the Bible Training for Church Leaders Course, (BTCL), which has been meeting Tuesday evenings and on Saturday mornings. Our Pastor John is such a blessing to us in so many ways, but especially with the gift of teaching us the truth of God’s Word with Love. Many of you have expressed how helpful the course has been in helping you know God and His Word on a more intimate level. Also, many of you have said that it has taken you out of your comfort zone and has been very challenging with a great time commitment, but well worth it. As deacons we pray that our God will continue to use this class to His Glory and equip us for the work He has planned for us to do. May Pastor and his Family be blessed as they are a continual blessing to all of us.

Another beautiful ministry we see the Lord unfolding before our eyes is Alcoholics Victorious Ministry, which is being led by our dear brother Steve O’Connell. This ministry is a Christ centered, Bible based addiction overcomers ministry that has proven effective for many who are part of our church family now. We pray that God will continually use this ministry to show us His redeeming power only found at what happened to our Savior at the Cross. As the scriptures tell us and we testify with our own lives: “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation.” II Corinthians 5:17-18 (niv)

We praise God for many such ministries in the church that are helping so many of us grow and be equipped to serve our Lord. Our Annual Report is filled with reports from our Pastors, the Boards and Committees. We encourage all of our members and regular attendees to read the reports and see what our Heavenly Father is doing through us and give Thanks. If you are not serving, please ask our Lord Jesus to see where He may wish you to use your gifts in serving Him and one another in the church body during the New Year. Please let one of deacons know, so we can prayerfully consider you for service. God’s Word tells us in

Ephesians 4: 15-16 (niv) “Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

Many Thanks to all who have served so faithfully this past year. May our Heavenly Father see it fit to richly bless our efforts in 2016, as we reach out with the truth of gospel to a world that God so loves and gave His Son for.

**With Christ’s Love on behalf of the Deacons,
brother Sam Lomba**

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

This year through the watchful eyes of this committee we were able to hold firm to the proposed budget. We were able to do this even with the exorbitant cost of snow removal due to the harsh winter.

The improvements this included patching the cracks in the parking lot and also repainting the parking lines. New mini-split heating and cooling system where installed in the sanctuary and upper fellowship hall. Also a new water filtration system has been installed to the kitchen sink.

We had two successful work days and would like to thank all who participated.

We pray for continued wisdom and guidance in decisions ahead.

In Christs Name

Dave Robbins

REPORT OF THE CHURCH CLERK

Falmouth Baptist Church continues to be blessed with new members. In October 2015 there were *eight* new members: Mark Bergbuchler, Elias Ghantous, Frank Hammond, Stephanie Henry, David King, Lucia King, Alex Walker and Kim Walker. Praise God for these new members as we welcome them into our fellowship.

There were *four* baptisms during our July 2015 beach services: July 19th - Mark Bergbuchler and Elias Ghantous; July 26th - Samantha Mathews and James Walden.

There were no other requests for resignations, transfers or erasures from our membership.

Our dear sister, Phyllis Philibotte (member for 35 years: 1973-2008) went home to be with the Lord on January 19th. Our dear brother, Donald Sizelove (member

for 14 years: 2001-2015) went home to be with the Lord on July 3rd. We also would like to acknowledge the home going of Dale Holmes on July 24th.

At present our church membership stands at **188** members: **92** (49%) active; and **96** (51%) of whom are non-active due to illness, frailty of old age, who do not attend, or have been contacted and have requested to stay on as a member of Falmouth Baptist Church.

Four quarterly business meetings were held. All were welcome to attend, even those who are not members.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian R. Lomba
Lillian R. Lomba, Church Clerk

REPORT OF THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Speaking on behalf of our many team members; musicians, singers, sound technicians, and dramatic artists we are so grateful to God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, for His call and enablement to serve Him in this way in this body of Christ. We are so grateful for the fellowship we share in this ministry partnership. We are grateful also and we praise God for the encouragement that we receive through this congregation and are humbled that God would allow us to minister in this way. We are thankful for those who are regular participants and also for those who step in for special roles at special times such as our Christmas program. We are thankful and praise God for every member of this local body of Christ who worships along side us week by week. To God alone be the glory, in His Church, throughout the ages, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

REPORT OF WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

A Bake–Off: which consisted of cookies, bar cookies, and brownies was held in conjunction with the men’s chili contest on Friday night, February 20th. Kellie Cartier was the organizer of this delicious event.

Bible studies and Prayer group: Kathy Walden and Laurie Jensen facilitated a Beth Moore bible study entitled “To Live is Christ”, the life and ministry of Paul. Kathy facilitated the Beth Moore study later in the year entitled “The Patriarchs”, encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Kathy also organized a Beth Moore Simulcast mini conference which was held on Saturday, October 3rd at the church. She is currently facilitating the Beth Moore study “Breaking free”- making Liberty in Christ a reality in Life. Stephanie Henry faithfully leads a **Prayer Group** every Wednesday afternoon at 4:45.

The Ladies Tea: entitled “Roses, Lace, and Pearls and Radiant beauty”, a Fashion show and Tea party was held on Saturday, March 21st. Katrina Welch, who has written about appropriate dress for all occasions, was our Speaker. She

and Morgan Blanton along with Therese Ely, Kellie Cartier and Lillian Lomba and the many other women who organized the event, and the young ladies who modeled the clothing did a superb job. This event is always our most popular event of the year, again there were many attendees. Many thanks go to Men's Ministries for their help in serving and offering child care.

Saturday Ladies Renewal Breakfast: Morgan Blanton started these breakfasts this past year on the second Saturday of each month. She entitled them "Love". This breakfast has created a great time for fellowship and the nourishment we receive from his word. The attendance has grown each month and has brought in woman not only from our church but from our community, PTL.

Work Day Lunches: Women's Ministries has initiated, with the permission of our Pastors, Deacons, and Trustees, the all-day church workday by providing lunch on these days. We have been able to work longer and accomplish more. Our goal is to have a Radiant church.

Women of Faith Conference: This year's conference entitled "Loved" was attended by about 30 women from our church and community. A Thank you goes to Morgan Blanton for organizing the details.

A Ladies Night Out: On Friday, December 11th a Christmas party was held at Lori Bisbee's home and was well attended. Along with some wonderful appetizers and desserts we held a Yankee Swap and again created secret prayer pals for 2016. The fellowship and love expressed by all makes it a very special annual event.

Ladies Craft Group: Lillian Lomba held several craft groups this year at her home.

I am especially grateful to our faithful and tireless committee; Therese Ely, Olimpia McCall, Brenda Higgins, Olivia Harvey, Kellie Cartier, Lucia King, Morgan Blanton, Stephanie Henry, and Gina Eynon.

Respectfully submitted,
Elga Sabo-Houle

REPORT OF THE NURSERY COMMITTEE

The first real contact any new child has with the church body is usually our nursery. How they are received, how they are encouraged, how they are warmly loved makes a difference in their reflection of our church body and of Christ in their lives. Not only does this ministry minister to the little ones, but it ministers to their parents as well, enabling them to have time to sit and be nourished with the word of God, and to have fellowship with others in our church family.

This year has been blessed with new families and new babies –Praise the Lord. We are grateful for each and every nursery ministry volunteer who served the Lord in this capacity, who told stories about Jesus and the bible, who sang to the children and who cuddled and played with them. We are looking for more volunteers for the coming year.

I am grateful to have been a part of this very important ministry and I praise God for the many volunteers this past year who have ministered in such a loving way.

In His Service,
Elga Sabo-Houle

REPORT OF THE CHURCHTIME MINISTRY

The purpose of ChurchTime is to engage the children in learning God's Word and having fun while their parents are being ministered to in adult services. This is such a vital ministry for the parents. It is quite a commitment and a blessing to me to know the children are being lovingly taught and cared for each week. I thank God for those willing to work alongside and for those who have taken this ministry as their own. Kerri Duval assisted by Hannah Ely have handled the 11 am service with great creativity and love. Thank you to both! Luke Ely continues to teach the children on the Wednesday night and has used exciting video teaching including "What's in the Bible" and "Drive Thru History" in addition to live teaching and games. He has been assisted by Kai Blanton and Denzel Lomba. Hannah Ely has cared for children in the nursery on Wednesday night. The kids keep coming back!

Praise God. ChurchTime has been such a blessing to me. This is a ministry that could use some additional active teachers. So, if Jesus is calling you to children's ministry, please contact me, we could use the extra hands and minds.

In His Service, Therese Ely

REPORT OF THE FLOWER AND DECORATING COMMITTEE

The Flower and Decorating Committee continues to work with the congregation throughout the year by providing flower arrangements for the sanctuary and the foyer. We are grateful to the many church members and friends who generously donated flowers in memory of loved ones and the special events in their lives. We also adorned the church with special flowers/decorations for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Christmas when many visitors pass through our doors.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Lomba, Valarie Bicknell, Mari Chamberlain, Gaye Clough, Marilyn Crowell, April Gedney, Joanne Jensen and Monica Petrizzo

REPORT OF THE USHERING COMMITTEE

We wish to thank the members of the Ushers Committee who have been participating in this Ministry. They are: Kyle Cartier, Steve Cartier, Al Crowell Luke Ely, Frank Gototweski, Paul Houle Sam Lomba, Napoleon McCall, Drew Miller, Monti Jones, Mike Petrizzo, John Richardson, and Dave Robbins. The committee has also agreed to post a monthly schedule that shows who would be ushering for each service. That Sunday. Another usher responsibility implemented as part of this Ministry would be in the areas of safety, and security. The usher whose name is starred would have Lobby duty until the end of the message portion of the service. The usher would be available to greet and assist worshippers who arrive late; assist with any minor medical issues, and check the parking lot occasionally for any suspicious activity. Respectfully Submitted.
Your brother in Christ, Drew Miller Usher Committee Chairman

REPORT OF THE CARE COMMITTEE

I continue to be humbled by the mercy, compassion, faithfulness, and grace of this committee. So if you or someone you know is in need of a meal, or babysitting, or some other simple task, please let the committee know. We rely on the body to make sure no need is left unmet. Many of you rise to meet the needs yourselves and that is the definition of loving one another, but if the burden is too great, please contact someone listed by the nominating committee for 2016 Care Committee. Thank you to all who have served on the committee this past year and to the many who were called upon to make meals for those in need.

If you are interested in helping the church body in this ministry, please contact Therese Ely at 508-274-9457.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” **John 13:34-35 NIV**. Meals and rides are tangible ways to show love to one another. Thank you for blessing others and I know the King will bless you.

Respectfully submitted, Therese Ely

REPORT OF THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

This year we had a real concern for our missionaries in Sierra Leone as they faced the Ebola epidemic. Praise God that not one of them was affected with the disease, even though it was all around them. With all these difficulties and challenges associated with the disease God still opened doors for ministry.

This year we had the opportunity to be visited by many of our missionaries; The Davis Family from Brazil, Tony and Ming Perrello from the US and Roberta Peabody from Japan. Also many of us had a chance to see Michael Turay as he checked in with me and had a chance to give me his report which I was able to pass on to the congregation.

For the third time we sent a teen group to Morris N.Y. in order to help the First Baptist Church of Morris put on VBS. The team was made up about a dozen members mixed with adults and youth. It was great to see the fruit of years of serving there as the number of VBS attendees has grown. We pray this will reflect in the growth of the church.

We as a committee are thankful for a church that truly gets how important that missions is. Thank you for all your support from pledges and other opportunities.

In Christ Name
Dave Robbins

MISSIONS' BUDGET 2016

MISSIONARY	MISSIONS BOARD	LOCATION	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	PROPOSED FY2016
<i>ABBOTT</i>	World Team	Cameroon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,020.00
<i>BALDWIN</i>	Create Int'l	Thailand	\$3,500.00	\$4,020.00	\$4,020.00	\$4,020.00
<i>BOTHWELL</i>	Missions Door	Boston, MA	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>DAVIS</i>	World Venture	Brazil	\$4,000.00	\$4,020.00	\$4,020.00	\$4,020.00
<i>DIXON (Ret)</i>	World Venture	France	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
<i>FARAH (Ret)</i>	WBT	Dallas, TX	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
<i>MANSARAY</i>	VMI	Sierra Leone	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
<i>McBREAIRTY</i>	DMSMF	Newfoundland	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
<i>PARKER</i>	VMI	Sierra Leone	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
<i>PEABODY</i>	TEAM	Japan	\$3,500.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
<i>PERRELLO</i>	World Venture	Colorado	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
<i>RUSSELL (Ret)</i>	ABWE	Lynn, MA	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
<i>TURAY</i>	VMI	Sierra Leone	\$3,500.00	\$4,020.00	\$4,020.00	\$4,020.00
<i>WATKINS (Ret)</i>	WBT	Dallas, TX	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
	General Missions		\$100.00	\$2,540.00	\$12.00	\$1,953.00
	Mission Speakers *		\$150.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Short-term Missions **		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
		TOTALS:	\$26,350.00	\$31,350.00	\$25,872.00	\$33,833.00

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

With all of the ministries that Falmouth Baptist Church has had this year we would like to take time to thank all of the special people who have been faithful in preparing and bringing food for all to enjoy for the following activities of our church: Wednesday Night Live (Paul Houle faithfully every week!!!!!!), Easter Sunrise Breakfast (men's ministry and the women of the church), Holy Week Devotionals (Claire Wagner and the women of the church), Wednesday Morning Bible Study (Marilyn Crowell and Lealta Enseki), Music Specials, Funerals, Road Race, Vacation Bible School, and July 4th Movie Night and other Socials. Many have run errands while some of these programs are underway, so that we don't run short.

We send a special THANK YOU to faithful friends who go to Stop and Shop to pick up bread and goodies for the above ministries which are donated by the store: We thank them for taking the time from their busy schedules to do this.

Our Sunday morning coffee time is a very effective ministry for the Lord in bringing together people of all ages and backgrounds, and needs to be self-funded with donations and food gifts. A special Thank You to Marilyn Crowell and Lizzie, Rowan, and Jenna Borden for all your 7:00 a.m. help on Sunday Mornings.

A very special Thank You to Paul Houle, Mayor of Washburn Island, for all that he does all year, but especially on Washburn Island. It would be a disaster without him! And this year, because of busy schedules Paul ended up doing most of it himself with a broken arm! We would also like to thank all who help behind the scenes cleaning up the kitchen, lower hall, and setting up for the next time we are having a Bible study, or serving and making our fellowship times enjoyable. God is good and supplies all of our needs.

So until next year, thank you.
Therese Ely

Nominating Committee Report for Service in 2016

Board of Deacons

Sam Lomba (2), Bob Bisbee (3), Al Crowell (3), Milton Kelley (1), and Dave Robbins (2)

Board of Trustees

Dave Robbins (3), Napoleon McCall (1), Dan Colturi (2), Frank Gototweski (2), Paul Houle (3), Mike Petrizzo (2), and Steve Cartier (2)

Moderator

Milton Kelley

Church Clerk

Lillian Lomba

Treasurer

Sue Leavitt

Assistant Treasurer

Monica Petrizzo

Financial Secretary

John Walden

Assistant Financial Secretary

Bob Bisbee

Librarian

Sue Leavitt

Care Committee

Therese Ely, Marge Chesnard, Brenda Higgins, Laura Robbins, and Kellie Cartier

ChurchTime Committee

Therese Ely, Charissa Ely, Kirk & Alison Bosma, and Kerri Duvall

Community Relations Committee

Dan Colturi, Steve Cartier, and John Richardson

Flower & Decorating Committee

Lillian Lomba, Mari Chamberlain, Gaye Clough, Marilyn Crowell, April Gedney, Monica Petrizzo, and Valarie Bicknell

Men's Ministries

Glenn Chamberlain, Pastor John Ely, Frank Gototweski, Paul Houle, Sam Lomba, Napoleon McCall, Mike Petrizzo, John Richardson, Director of Youth Tim Rogers, Alex Walker, Steve Cartier, Danny Tracz, Luke Ely, Danny O'Connell, Monty Jones, and Mike Blanton

Missionary Committee

Dave Robbins, Pastor John Ely, Napoleon McCall, Laura Robbins, Director of Youth Ministries Tim Rogers, Anissa Lomba, Luke Ely, Danny O'Connell, and Valarie Bicknell

Nursery Committee

Elga Sabo-Houle, Sam Lomba, Anissa Lomba, Alison Bosma, Paul Houle, and Ed & Kerri Duvall

Preparing for Tomorrow Committee

Sam Lomba, Glenn & Mari Chamberlain, Al & Marilyn Crowell, Frank Gototweski, Lars Jensen, and Napoleon McCall

Social Committee

Al & Marilyn Crowell, Pastor John & Therese Ely, Gina Eynon, and David & Lucia King

Sunshine Committee

Kathy Walden, Ann Marie MacWhinnie, and Linda Miller

Usher Committee

Mike Petrizzo, Al Crowell, Luke Ely, Frank Gototweski, Paul Houle, Lamonte Jones, Sam Lomba, Napoleon McCall, Drew Miller, John Richardson, Dave Robbins, Steve Cartier, David King and Frank Hammond

Women's Ministries

Stephanie Henry, Therese Ely, Olivia Harvey, Olimpia McCall, Kellie Cartier, Gina Eynon, Morgan Blanton, Donna Nascimento and Jane Doyle

Worship Committee

Mike Borden, Marilyn Crowell, Charissa Ely, Stu Johnston, Denzel Lomba, Napoleon McCall, and Peter Gedney

Bylaw Review Committee

Sam Lomba, Al Crowell, Milton Kelley, Pastor John Ely, Director of Youth Tim Rogers, Bob Bisbee, and Dave Robbins

Nominating Committee

Chairman Sam Lomba, Bob Bisbee, Steve Cartier, Kerri Duvall, Pastor John Ely, Stephanie Henry, Milton Kelley, Dave Robbins, Director of Youth Tim Rogers, and Kathy Walden

******The Nominating Committee would ask that after the first Business Meeting of the New Year, the first person listed for each committee would call a meeting together for the election of a chairperson. Then, we would ask that each newly elected chairperson would notify one of the Nominating Committee Chairmen of their election for publication in our church bulletin, so that we might better serve our Lord and each other. "so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12:5 NIV******