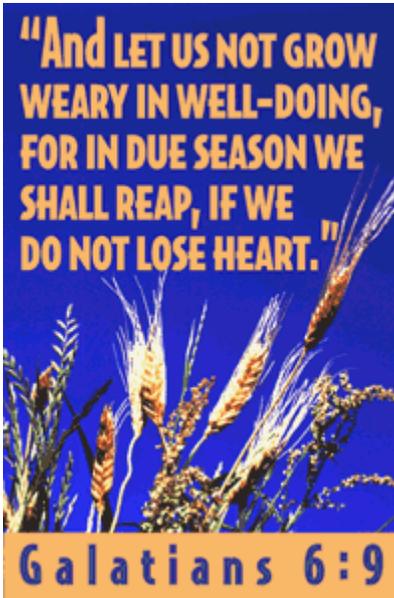


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REPORT OF THE PASTOR

Our church began in the Town of Falmouth as a group of believers in Jesus formed a Bible study 60 years ago. There have been hundreds of people who have joined together to serve Jesus in this church through the years, but allow me to highlight a few as I describe our history. In the late 1940s Arlene (McDougall) MacDonald, the daughter of the late Charles and Mary McDougall, was instrumental in the forming of the Falmouth Bible Fellowship, the seedbed of Falmouth Baptist Church. This fellowship met in the Quisset home of Milton and Marion Kelley. By the 1950s, Alan Travers was the Pastor of both Osterville Baptist Church and Falmouth Baptist Fellowship. Richard Boss began as a Student Pastor of Falmouth Baptist Fellowship and in June of 1952 he became full-time Pastor. Under his leadership Falmouth Baptist Church was incorporated in 1953.

Reverend Bernard Hughes was the second full-time Pastor of Falmouth Baptist Church. Reverend Hughes was ordained at Falmouth Baptist Church and was the first Pastor to preach in the basement of the church where the congregation met while the building was under construction. In February of 1958 Pastor Robert A. Hansen began his ministry with FBC. During his tenure, the church was transformed from a fellowship of predominately military families to a community based fellowship. The character of our church still bears the marks of his faithfulness to the Gospel and pastoral ministry. His forty years of service as our pastor remains a benchmark unmatched on the Cape.

My wife, Therese, and I visited FBC in 1995 and we arrived for full time service in January 1996. I served first as Associate Pastor and then as Pastor since 1998. Since 2002, I have been blessed to serve on staff with our Director of Youth Ministries, Tim Rogers. All of us were blessed to have served alongside our Pastor of Visitation, Sid Akerblom. Through the years God has given to us passionate leadership whose focus on the Word of God and the Gospel of Christ have allowed us to maintain our faithfulness to God. As we reflect on the intentions of FBC's founders, let's also consider the intention and purpose of our Founder, Jesus.

In Matthew 16:18 Jesus said, "I will build MY church". The church belongs to Jesus Christ; He claims it as His own. The church is His by design and by salvation because He laid His life down for the church. The church is the body of Christ. He is the Head. It is Jesus who empowers and directs us. Jesus leads us and we follow Him. We exist to accomplish His purpose just as He followed the purposes of God the Father. There is no human being who has ownership of the church or can properly direct it in any other way contrary to the will of Christ.

In Matthew 16:18 Jesus said, "I will BUILD my church". Jesus makes it clear in this text that HE is the one who will build the church. Jesus will use individuals such as us, but He will do the building, not us. We must recognize that the responsibility for building the church, and any glory that comes with that, is claimed by Christ alone. We see ourselves as laboring for the Lord, we are responsible to Jesus to allow Him to build the church in and through our efforts. As the apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 3:6, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth" Becoming like Jesus is our mutual goal. Jesus empowers us in this service of helping each other become like Him, as we see in Colossians 1:28-29, "We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me." In Matthew 28:18-20, the disciples receive the Savior's command in light of His complete authority. It reads, "18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Jesus has given us the ability to obey. In Acts 1:8 Jesus says the Holy Spirit will empower us to be witnesses to the ends of the earth. This is a statement of fact. When we, the people of Christ, are empowered by the Holy Spirit, we will be witnesses. As we follow His clear commands to “make disciples,” we are to “baptize” and we are to “teach”; this is the heartbeat of our ministry. All of this centers on the person and work of Jesus; He has all authority; we are to make His disciples. Therefore, FBC's mission statement is “to lead people to know Jesus and grow in Him for life.” We desire to have opportunities for every person to come to faith and grow in grace.

The work of ministry together is difficult, but worth it. The apostle Paul says “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in vain* in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 15:58). It is my joy and pleasure to serve with you as we follow the Savior. I want to thank each of you who serve actively and well with a pure heart desiring to follow Him. I am aware of the long hours of tireless service, the overcoming of difficulties, the personal sacrifices. More importantly, your Savior knows.

Looking back on 2016 and refocusing on 2017, we desire to continue to have opportunities for people to come together and focus on the Word of God and Jesus the Savior. We will continue to focus upon gathering in large and small groups where fellowship and ministry of believers can take place, where we can deepen our understanding and application of the Word of God, where we can worship together as the body of believers, and reach out to those who are far away from Jesus.

You have a vital part in our church. The scripture says in 1 Corinthians 12:18 “But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.” God has saved you brought you here to be a part of the church of Jesus Christ for a reason. I want you to know the thrill of being used by the Savior Jesus to accomplish His eternal purposes here on Earth. And as you come face to face with Jesus you will hear the words of Matthew 25:23 ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ May we serve Him faithfully for all the years He gives us!

REPORT OF THE YOUTH PASTOR

As much as youth ministry is about bringing the gospel of Christ to young people, it is probably just as much about witnessing to the gospel of Christ. We're so blessed to have so many adults in our church family that witness to the gospel of Christ through expressing their love to the youth in so many ways. Some 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 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 witness 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, witness to, and give the love of Christ. And some express their love and appreciation through their faithful prayer ministry. I'm humbled and grateful that so many would bring our students, student leaders, youth workers and our families before the throne of our heavenly Father. Thank you all so very much.

We've had some changes in our adult youth workers this year. Kellie Cartier has joined our weekly 501 Youth Group ministry team. What a great gift from God! Our current weekly ministry team consists of myself, John Mayou, Denzel Lomba, Micah Webb, and now Kellie Cartier. Thank you for joining us, Kellie, and for your faithfulness and the many ways that you bless us each week. Others have taken a more “I'm here whenever you need me” role. Bob and

Lori Bisbee, Therese Ely, Glenn and Mari Chamberlain, Monty Jones, and Deryk and Gina Eynon continue to be serving in the bullpen and ready to go when called upon. And of course, there's YOU...the unsung heroes of youth ministry—the generous supporters, the prayer warriors, and the encouragers. Thank you all for your love and support for our teens and our ministry team.

Once again, youth ministry has been very busy and fun this year. Of course, there have been more than a few challenges and more than a few high points—but the faithful consistent throughout the year has been God's goodness and faithfulness.

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 thanks to those like Micah Webb, Monty Jones, John Mayou, and Denzel Lomba who help with events throughout the year, but especially on these all night events. This year we closed the year with an Alumni Night—inviting former students to join us for a night of games, worship, and reflection on God's love for us and His call upon our lives.

We visited Camp of the Woods again this year—but this year with our church family for a Family/Youth Retreat. We enjoyed morning sessions for youth and evening sessions for the whole gang. Some enjoyed it so much that they stayed an extra day or two—until they were healthy enough to make the drive home...we caught a bit of a bug going around. Family Retreats are so much fun though and our teens really enjoy the church family being there.

Our students took part in the WORTH IT seminar presented by Home Improvement Ministries. This is a one-day seminar designed to encourage and equip teens and parents towards God's best in opposite sex relationships. Through speakers and workshops students discovered their incredible worth, God's incredible plan, and the incredible joy of seeking God's best.

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. Nine students were baptized this year, including Abigail Rogers and Mikayla Whalley from our church. 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!

Fourteen students from our youth group attended the Cape Conference by God is Bigger Ministries, calling for God to "do what You want to" in our lives. We love Chris Allen, the band, and the host team—and it's so obvious that they love us too. This will certainly be a regular event for years to come. Our students are challenged to step up their walk with Christ by daily devotions, small group times, large group messages, and much more—not to mention some powerful worship sessions...

Thirteen students went to New York City, New York to share in children's ministry via Vacation Bible School. We served two churches while there, doing a VBS in the morning at Community Bible Evangelical Church and in the afternoon at House of Prayer Church. Near the end of the week, our afternoon VBS was divided into two VBS ministries, allowing for children from a homeless shelter to attend—making it three VBS ministries (10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 4:00

p.m.). Our students were also blessed to serve hundreds by distributing food through the food pantry hosted by CBEC. This was quite a powerful time on the mission trip—by 6:00 a.m. the line was almost a block long and the pantry didn't open till 8:00 a.m.. We woke up in the morning to conversations going on outside as people gathered and got in line.

Once again, the Chamberlains opened their home to the teens (twice actually). Glenn and Mari (and Wesley and Ethan) hosted our students for a summer and fall bonfire. They provided lots of food and drinks—including s'mores, and loads of love and encouragement. At the summer bonfire we worshiped and had our message outdoors and in the fall indoors.

Once again 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 and lead worship before the message time and Roy Baldwin (Director of Monadnock Bible Conference Center) gave a great message. And as always, the BBC family were wonderfully gracious hosts—providing their campus and food for all. This growing event saw well over 100 students from at least six churches attended.

Five of our seven student leaders attended the EQUIP: Student Leadership Summit at Monadnock Bible Conference Center and learned a ton! What a great student leadership training event—in fact I think it was the best one Monadnock has done and one of the best we've ever attended. Our students were challenged in so many ways and have brought their learning back home and have been even better leaders. Please believe me when I say that our youth group is full of awesome students and your student leaders are the BEST student leaders I know! Our leaders were the superstars of the weekend.

And then came FOOTBALL SEASON—next to Christmas, the BEST time of year! The Cartier's opened their home to our students for Thursday Night Football! Football, board games, and more food than you could imagine. Thank you for loving on our teens week after week. This year Steve's work schedule changed and made this sacrifice a bit more difficult, but they really stepped up and pushed through. Thank you so much.

As you may (or may not) know, we've got an incredible youth worship team. They work so hard at leading worship with authenticity and with their very best. They arrive early each week to prepare and work hard to lead our students in worship and to learn new worship songs. This year many of our students attended the Simply Worship Conference to improve their gifts and learn how to serve Christ in this ministry to their full potential. And our sincere thanks goes out to Micah Webb for taking them to the conference and serving with them in worship week after week, so faithfully. And although Denzel couldn't attend, he's been our worship team supervisor for some time now and does a great job too.

Word of Life's REVERB (formerly Super Bowl) 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—sadly five students didn't show up on Reverb night. BUT two of the four guests and two of our own students made a decision to reconnect with Jesus Christ, their Savior! Thank you so much Falmouth Baptist Church.

Thank you so much church family. Thank you for another year of your prayers and support. For another year of your generosity—displayed in so many ways. Thank you for your love and encouragement, for your patience and joyful ministry. You help make youth ministry possible, you help make youth ministry effective, and you help make youth ministry fun. Thank you brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you Donna, Dana, Marissa & Zach (and Fletcher), Michael, Isaac, Abby, and Annalisse. Thank you for your countless 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 church or 501 Youth Group or a youth event where the Gospel is preached. Michael, Isaac, and Abby are growing into quite the ministry team as well. Their hearts are broken for the lost and struggling. Their prayers are filled with the concerns of our teens. 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

The New Year 2017 has started and time continues to march on so very quickly. As I look outside at the freshly fallen snow, I see the beauty of God's creation and all it's wonder. This just turns my attention and wonder to You, Oh Lord and all your beauty and grace. What a great imagination You have to design, then create and sustain all that You have made. As the song so rightfully puts it: "The reason I live is to Worship You". We read in Romans 1:20 (niv): "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities- His eternal power and Divine nature- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse". Dear Heavenly Father, please teach us more about yourself on a daily basis, so that we as a church family can truly worship You more and more in truth and spirit.

The year 2016 has been a fast moving year for most of us. It seems like only a short time ago I was writing the 2015 Deacon's Report. Our time here on this earth is such a short span of time and we need to be wise stewards of what the Good Lord gives us. We would like to Praise, Thank and give Honor to God our Heavenly Father through our Lord Jesus Christ for all the good things He has done through our Pastors and this local church body this past year. To our Pastor John, we thank you for your undying commitment to preaching and teaching God's Word to His people, so that we may be totally equipped to serve and live a life of Godliness in Christ Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. To our Pastor of Youth Tim, we thank you for your endless love for our youth and continually pointing them to Jesus as the truth and the only way to live life. May God richly bless both of you men and your dear families as you shepherd our church body through difficult times, in which, we believe are the end times. As Deacons it is a blessing for us to co-minister with our Pastors to such a loving church body. This past year 2016, we started to implement a Shepherding / Visitation Ministry that we hope has started to become a blessing and help to our church family. We plan to continue to implement and roll out this caring ministry to our church family in the year 2017 as the Lord allows. In John 15:12 (niv) Jesus says to us: "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

We had several of our beloved church family members, go home to be with the Lord. We will miss them dearly; our dear Sister Delores Bentley, who played the organ for many years and was a blessing to our church family. My Brother David Lomba, who grew up in our church and always called our church his church home. I miss him more than words could express right now. And our dear Brother Richard Servis, who was our Trustee Chairman and served our church well

for many years. We take comfort in this, that absent from the body is present with the Lord and they are enjoying fellowship with believers that have gone before them.

Also last year, we Praise God for adding to our church membership 4 new members and their commitment to our local church body and our mission. We also Thank God for the 8 baptisms we witnessed at the Falmouth Heights Beach in obedience to following our Lord. May our God continually be glorified through the testimony He has allowed us to have in this community over the last 63 years and not only here, but overseas through short term missions and the missionaries we support. We are a small local church by this world's standards, but we believe that God through His wonderful grace and mercy is using us in a mighty way to fulfill His purposes. In 2 Corinthians 5:19 (niv) tells us: "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."

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In the year of 2016, the church faced many changes, all for the good. First was the installation and completion of the mini-splits in the sanctuary and upper fellowship hall. The sanctuary and foyer received a new paint job and new curtains and shades were installed. The foyer also received new ceiling lights and the sanctuary received new ceiling fans. The biggest improvement however was the installation of the new lift. Praise God for supplying us with the man power to do the demolition and wisdom to get all the necessary work done. This project was definitely a team effort, so thank you to the many involved. Also, thank you for all involved in the other projects mentioned as well.

These improvements were to the actual church, however there was also a project done on the Riner House. We stripped and re-shingled the west side of the Riner House. Again, thanks for all those involved in this project. Praise God for each one of you and for a very productive year.

In Christ's Name,

Dave Robbins

REPORT OF THE CHURCH CLERK

Falmouth Baptist Church continues to be blessed with new members. In 2016 the following candidates became members: **January** - Ann Marie MacWhinnie; **April** – Micah Webb; **May** – Eric Ruiz; **October** - Daniel Tracz. Praise God for these new members as we welcome them into our fellowship.

There were eight baptisms at the beach services during the year: **August 28** – Molly Gedney, Nicholas Morgan, James Murray, Noah Webb, Veronica Webb; **September 25** – Paul Gross, Rebecca Whittington Gross and Peggy Vose.

Noreen Byrne requested to be released as a member of Falmouth Baptist to become a member of the John Wesley United Methodist Church. There were no other requests for resignations, transfers or erasures from our membership.

Our dear brother, David Lomba (member for 30 years: 1986-2016) went home to be with the Lord on February 12th. Sister Delores Bentley (member for 21 years: 1995-2016) went home to be with the Lord on May 12th. And our brother, Richard Servis (member for 22 years: 1994-2016) went home to be with the Lord on May 25th.

At present our church membership stands at **191** members: **90** (47%) active; and **101** (53%) 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, Church Clerk

REPORT OF THE WORSHIP MINISTRY

Once again the Lord has graciously allowed us to serve Him and our body through music for an entire year. Musicians, vocalists, sound technicians, actors and directors...We are humbly grateful to serve with you.

2016 has brought both loss and gain. Entropy continually presses upon our gear. We have added some new and energetic vocalists and they are very welcome. We have had some members set aside for a time as seasons in their lives change and they are dearly missed. As a ministry, we have always endured such fluctuations by the grace of God and by His grace we will continue to do so. We have learned how to be brought low and how to abound. In any and every circumstance we have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. We can do all things through Him who strengthens us.

2017 stands before us and, as God gives us strength, we will praise Him in the storm.

REPORT OF MEN'S MINISTRIES TEAM

The purpose of the Men's Ministry team is to act as a band of brothers, to help one another grow in Christ and lead others to Christ who do not yet know Him.

During the 2016 calendar year, the team successfully sponsored a number of events, including: 2016 Falmouth Road Race, annual chili cook off, annual Men's Conference, Lady's Tea, Family Bike and Picnic, Father-Child breakfast, Easter Sunrise Service, Volunteer Work Day, Golf Outing, and Men's Cookout. The work day was a highlight, with a number of congregation members in need of assistance around the yard or home visited by the team.

Planning ahead for 2017 includes many of the same events listed above as well as several new events. Working with the men of the church and church family as a whole has been a blessing and I am looking forward to another great year in 2017.

REPORT OF WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

All glory to God as his Holy Spirit works within us to encourage one another to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

LADIES RENEWAL BREAKFAST: Morgan Blanton continues to hold a ladies breakfast the second Saturday of each month. Each breakfast is a time of fellowship, testimony and short bible study. Many women have been blessed and encouraged by gathering together and sharing the love of Christ with one another. There is laughter as well as tears as we share our struggles and our victories. Praise God for how He is knitting us together through this wonderful ministry.

LADIES TEA PARTY: The 2015 Tea Party brought out the artist in us all. Many women brought in and displayed their artwork. This year was a little different in that there was more than one speaker. Jackie Hoffman shared her passion for sewing and Debbie Pettengill shared testimony and song with the group. Bridgette Klefeker and Kea Lopez shared a song as well. Men's Ministries served the tea and helped with childcare. Thank you to all who served.

BIBLE STUDIES & PRAYER: There were several Bible Studies this past year. Kathy Walden organized and led a Beth Moore Study entitled "James-Mercy Triumphs" as well as "Daniel". Morgan Blanton has been holding a study called "RISE" for Women in transition. Stephanie Henry and Lori Bisbee held an abortion recovery study entitled "Forgiven and Set Free".

LADIES PRAYER GROUP: Ladies continue to meet every Wednesday for prayer though out the year.

TEEN GIRL GATHERING: Women's Ministries got together with the teen girls from youth group for a time of encouragement and testimony. It was just a delight to be able to spend some time with these beautiful young women.

MOVIE NIGHT: On a Friday night, women and young women were invited to come to view the movie "War Room". Snacks and refreshments were served as well. We plan to hold some matinees in 2017 for those who would rather not be driving at night.

BABY SHOWERS: A baby shower was held for Mari Chamberlin in the upper fellowship hall. We love to shower love on these new babies and their families.

WORK DAY LUNCH: The work day continues to be a success as we gather together as brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ to maintain the Church inside and out. Women's Ministries provides the food that keeps the men, women, and children going. The goal continues to have a Radiant Church.

LADIES CHRISTMAS NIGHT OUT: Lori Bisbee once again opened her home to host the Ladies Christmas night out. A wonderful time of food, fellowship and fun was the outcome of the evening gathering. Once again we held a Yankee Swap and choose our Secret Prayer Sister for 2017.

LADIES CRAFT GROUP: Always a wonderful time of fellowship, fun and creativity when ladies of all ages gather at Lillian Lomba's for the latest Paper Diva craft.

I am so thankful to the godly women who continue to make every effort to share the love of Christ in so many ways with the women in our community. A heartfelt thanks especially to committee members Therese Ely, Olimpia McCall, Olivia Harvey, Kellie Cartier, Morgan

Blanton, Gina Eynon and Jane Doyle.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Henry

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. I thank and praise God for Kirk and Ali Bosma deciding to take one Sunday a month at the 8:30 AM service for 2017. 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, foyer, lower fellowship hall and other areas. We are grateful to the many church members and friends who generously donate flowers in memory of loved ones and special events in their lives. During the month of April the sanctuary and foyer were painted and new window treatments were installed. Also, once the installation of the new elevator was completed in the foyer, chairs were painted and reupholstered and wall art was added to create an additional sitting area. Big thanks to Monica for spearheading these

projects. Also, thanks to Valarie for her gorgeous floral arrangements that she continues to create. Every year this committee serves by beautifying God's church with their new ideas and talents. The committee continues to adorn the church with special flowers/decorations for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas and other special events when many visitors pass through our doors.

In His Service,

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

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 2017 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 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. Kellie Cartier and Mari Chamberlain have been such a blessing and so creative and gracious. Many have run errands while some of these programs are underway, so that we don't run short. Thank you to all.

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, David and Lucia King, Lealta Enseki and Lizzie, Rowan, and Jenna Borden for all your 7:00 a.m. help on Sunday Mornings.

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

REPORT OF THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The year 2016 was a pretty quiet year for visiting missionary's. We had two of our long-term missionaries visit in 2016. Roberta Peabody from Japan visited in the spring and Michael Turay from Sierra Leon visited in August.

As a church, many individuals were used toward doing God's work, that get it. They were used, to be involved in God's plan in a couple of ways, through their support of 11 orphans in Matinkay village, that was made possible by gifted giving. This allowed them to have a meal a day, school cloths, books, tooth brush and tooth paste and of course a Christian based education. Also from extra gifted giving, we as a church family has helped in the completion of phase one of the building the new church in Regent. Praise God as the church there is now open. God Bless all wo gave lovingly.

We also sent a team of teens on a short-term mission's trip to New York City where they put on two vacation bible schools each day. The challenge with this was that the VBS were held at different locations. We know that we can do all things through Christ who gives strength; which is what happened, Praise God!!!!

In Christ Name,
Dave Robbins

MISSIONS' BUDGET 2017

MISSIONARY	MISSIONS BOARD	LOCATION	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	PROPOSED FY2017
<i>ABBOTT</i>	World Team	Cameroon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,020.00	\$4,020.00
<i>BALDWIN</i>	Create Int'l	Thailand	\$4,020.00	\$4,020.00	\$4,020.00	\$4,020.00
<i>DAVIS</i>	World Venture	Brazil	\$4,020.00	\$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	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
<i>McBREAIRTY</i>	DMSMF	Newfoundland	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
<i>PARKER</i>	VMI	Sierra Leone	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
<i>PEABODY</i>	TEAM	Japan	\$3,600.00	\$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	\$4,020.00	\$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	\$2,540.00	\$12.00	\$1,953.00	\$0.00
		Mission Speakers *	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Short-term Missions **	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
		TOTALS:	\$30,750.00	\$25,872.00	\$33,833.00	\$29,880.00

Nominating Committee Report for Service in 2017

Board of Deacons

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

Board of Trustees

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

Moderator

Milton Kelley

Church Clerk

Lillian Lomba

Treasurer

Sue Leavitt

Assistant Treasurer

Monica Petrizzo

Financial Secretary

Bob Bisbee

Assistant Financial Secretary

Steve Cartier

Librarian

Sue Leavitt

Care Committee

Therese Ely, Marge Chesnard, and Kellie Cartier

ChurchTime Committee

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

Community Relations Committee

Dan Colturi, Steve Cartier, Tom Connolly 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, Mike Blanton, Mark Bergbuchler, Pastor John Ely, Luke Ely, Elias Ghantous, Paul Houle, Monty Jones, David King, Sam Lomba, Napoleon McCall, John Richardson, Director of Youth Tim Rogers, Eric Ruiz, Alex Walker, and Micah Webb

Missionary Committee

Dave Robbins, Pastor John Ely, Luke Ely, Michelle Johnston, Anissa Lomba, Napoleon McCall, Laura Robbins, Director of Youth Ministries Tim Rogers and Eric Ruiz

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, Lars Jensen, and Napoleon McCall

Social Committee

Pastor John & Therese Ely, Al & Marilyn Crowell, Bob & Lori Bisbee, Morgan Blanton, Steve & Kellie Cartier, Glenn & Mari Chamberlain, Gina Eynon, and David & Lucia King and Mike & Monica Petrizzo

Sunshine Committee

Michelle Johnston and Ann Marie MacWhinnie

Usher Committee

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

Women's Ministries

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

Worship Committee

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

Bylaw Review Committee

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

Nominating Committee

Chairman Sam Lomba, Bob Bisbee, Mike Borden, Glenn Chamberlain, Charissa Ely, Pastor John Ely, Milton Kelley, Sue Leavitt, Olimpia McCall, Dave Robbins, Director of Youth Tim Rogers and Micah Webb

******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******