

UNA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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January 7, 2018

Walking through a Graveyard

A few weeks ago, Kimberly and I traveled to Boston so that I could speak at a Conference. If you have ever been to Boston, you know that there are plenty of buildings and parks to see: Fenway, TD Garden, Harvard, and the JFK Library. However, unlike the big cities of New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago, one cannot truly understand Boston if you don't appreciate its history.

The Freedom trail is a 2.5 mile brick-lined path that runs through downtown Boston and passes by 16 locations significant to the history of both Boston and the United States. Among the stops are America's oldest Park (Boston Common), the Old Corner Bookstore, Paul Revere's House, the Bunker Hill Monument, Faneuil Hall, the Old State House, and the site of the Boston Massacre. However, along this same trail are three cemeteries—King's Chapel, Granary, and Copp's Hill Burying Grounds.

These burial grounds showcase Boston's most precious history as they provide the final resting place of political figures like Paul Revere, John Hancock, and Samuel Adams and other historical people of interest such as Cotton Mather and 5 victims of the Boston Massacre. However, they are also a testament to the struggle of the city in America's earliest days. It has been said that the British military used the Copp's Hill headstones for target practice, and when I visited the cemetery I was reluctant to doubt the legend as I noticed the circular markings on Captain Daniel Malcolm's grave that are shaped like musket balls.

However, what really caught my attention was another graveyard that was not on the freedom trail—The South End Burial Ground. In 1810, King's Chapel, Granary, and Copp's Hill were full, and the city had run out of space to bury their dead. When you walk into South end, there are not rows of gravestones as one might expect; just open fields with a few tombs in the center and 11 headstones. This was the city's first cemetery for the working class and the poor, and even though there are an estimated 10,000 graves in South End, over 90 percent of them are unmarked. In order to truly understand Boston, one must become acquainted with its past—a history that sometimes is all but forgotten.

This year for most of our Sundays together, we will be hearing from the Gospel of Matthew. Unlike the other Gospels, Matthew does not begin with Jesus' birth or his ministry or his Baptism. Matthew begins in a graveyard. The first half of chapter 1 is filled with the "begats" (Abraham *begat* Isaac, Judah *begat* Perez, etc.). Often times we rush right over these names because we either cannot pronounce them or we feel they are irrelevant to the story. But like Boston, if we are ever going to truly understand the first book of the New Testament, we must remember what came before, because even Matthew believes that we cannot appreciate Christ if we are not acquainted with those who paved the way for the Son of God to make his appearance. As we begin our journey this year, let us learn an appreciation for the past and more importantly I hope we make an attempt to remember the ultimate Freedom Trail.

Love you all,
Adam

Children's Church

Children's Church is provided for children ages 3-10. Our volunteers this morning are Rebeca Funes, Sara Vaughn, and Jaclyn Smith. We will announce when it's time for your child to be dismissed.

There is a nursery upstairs for your convenience.

Privileged to Serve

Sunday AM

Worship Leader: Adam Medley
Opening Prayer: Ron Cole
Communion: Roy Hunt
Contribution: Les King
Read Scripture: Brooks Tune
Matthew 1:1-2
Sermon: Adam Tune-God With Us
Closing Prayer: Bill Burrus

Sunday PM

Worship Leader: Adam Medley
Opening Prayer: Don Webb
Communion: Larry Helton
Contribution: Ralph Mitchell
Closing: Johnny Mitchell
Attendance 12/31/2017- 263
Contribution: \$ 7,560

Care Center

Our Care Center item for this week is Boxed Rice.

Prayer List

Mary Boucher, Brenda Calvin, Margaret Campbell, Ann Carter, Ivon Claud, Doris Copeland, Edith Eakin, William Elliott, Jeanette Foster, Shelia Glover, Billy and Faye Greenfield, Rafaela Hernandez, Dorothy Hinds, Mary Hopper, Jeannie Hopper, Linda Kehir, Charlie Martin, Lou Montgomery, Ida Palmer, Pete Rieschick, Jeremy Sartain, Scott Sawyer, Angie Scott, Peggy Stinson, Evelyn Sullivan, Shirley Waggoner, Mattie Ward, Mindy Wilson, Elleine Witty, Lucille Young

Remember in Prayer

Betty Addington is in Southern Hills with an infected hand and the flu. 2705 Edge-O-Lake Drive Nashville 37217
Juanice Evans, mother of Jim Evans is in the hospital and has been diagnosed with cancer. 150 E. Shady Trail Old Hickory, TN 37138
Greg Ferguson had heart valve replacement surgery Wednesday and is doing well. 109 Carnavon Pkwy. Nashville, TN. 37205
Donna Mitchell is in the hospital/rehab. No visitors at this time. 5004 Smith Springs Pkwy. Antioch 37013

Second Harvest

Friday will be our Second Harvest Community Distribution. Please be here at the building by 12 noon if you are able to volunteer.

January Cooks

Coordinators - Jennifer Green
Cooks - Dorris Bussell, Sue Duncan, Fay Primm, Jackie Roberts

If you would like to help on the food committees, we could use some additional ladies to cook during the year. These are the ones who cook for those who have been in the hospital, have a death in the family, have a new baby, etc. Please see Jennifer Green for more information.

Wednesday Night Meal Cooks

This Wednesday Evening at 6:30, there will be a meeting of the Wednesday Night Cooks. That will be the time to get the cook schedules finalized. If you are unable to be here, see Bob or Kitty.
Our Wednesday Night Meals will begin again on January 17th.



Sunday, January 28th

Bring your favorite dishes-1st Pot Luck of 2018