

FUN CHALLENGE
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INTERNSHIP
SERVICE EXPERIENCE COMMUNITY GROWTH
TEACHING FAITH
CREATIVE
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**FIRST BAPTIST**
CHURCH OF
SUDBURY
Authentic Community. Ambitious Mission.



[2015 INTERNSHIP POSITION]

The aim for our internship program is for you to encounter Christ through His word, prayer, readings, and relationship while gaining valuable leadership skills and experience through local church ministry. This means that we want to pour into you as you serve Christ in our church and community. As a team, you will experience all aspects of our different ministries and lead in one specific area. Our church will also come alongside you in mentoring through different vocational and ministry seminars, as well as intentional time spent learning and discussing God's word and how it shapes you.

COMMUNICATIONS INTERN

There is little doubt in today's society that the greatest way to reach people is through media. Websites, videos, social media, visual arts and printed materials are huge mediums by which we communicate Christ to the world and our church. Come work alongside our Director of Communication to learn how to communicate effectively to both our church and the community. Your job will help us take the next steps in reaching our community with the gospel of Christ.

[DATES & COMPENSATION]

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Start Date: June 3, 2015

Orientation: June 4–6, 2015

End Date: August 9, 2015

COMPENSATION

\$2,000

Room at a church member's home and board

[NEXT STEPS]

Are you interested in pursuing an internship at First Baptist Church of Sudbury in 2015? If so, please fill-out our online internship application form:

Apply: www.fbcsudbury.org/go/internship

If you have any questions about the internship program, please email our Director of Communications, Chelsea Levis at chelsea@fbcsudbury.org.

Prospective Intern,

Ephesians 5:16: Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

Jesus is not a trump card for debate; He is the Christian's life. And while internships exist to gain experience in your life's passions to help you refine your future plans, Christian internships should rightly assume your life is Christ's. And since He died and rose to save, your passion is for His glory and goodness to be revealed in your soul and devotion. We want to be a part of God getting glory through your passion for Him.

First Baptist Church of Sudbury is 50 year-old church in Massachusetts with a young heart for a great salvation to come to Metrowest Boston. We seek to train up future leaders (occupational and lay) to serve Christ in our area with the hope their burden would increase for those who do not follow Christ. There are many statistics to back up the need for workers in New England, none more shocking than that we are more unreached (2% evangelical) than some third world people groups. But it is Christ's sure salvation, and partners in the gospel, that make ministering here so worthwhile. Children are having the gospel told to them for the first time, church planters are being supported in their endeavors to establish Christ-honoring churches, and neighborhoods are being reached for Christ through intentional relationships and community events. All these activities are for Christ and His good news to go into our immediate community and all the world.

As you look through the rest of this booklet, you will see that we want to invest in God's kingdom by helping you carefully examine how you walk. We do our best to integrate you into our church even before you arrive. Throughout the internship, we pursue holiness and a growing relationship with Christ. We pray because the Lord hears His children and answers. We read books because other Christ followers sharpen us. And we serve ... and we serve ... and we serve because we believe it is more blessed to give than to receive.

The days are evil wherever we go, and the best use of our time is to live for the One who has overcome evil with perfect goodness. You can do that in many ways for a summer, but we believe an internship at our local church is life altering – altering both yours and ours. Read, ask questions, and pray for wisdom. We trust He will lead you rightly and bring us the right people for His glory and our benefit.

Jay Ridenour
Pastor
First Baptist Church of Sudbury

THE BEST OF TIMES IN NEW ENGLAND

by Collin Hansen

These are the best of times for Christians in New England. The body of Christ in the northeastern United States is seeking unity, pursuing mission, enjoying growth, and tasting the goodness of God. No one person or institution has planned this work. No single church or theological camp can claim credit for it. But you will find throughout much of New England today thriving college ministries, fledgling church plants, and revitalized colonial-era congregations renewed in their zeal to love their neighbors and spread the gospel. I don't mean to underestimate the ongoing challenges. In fact, I heard an interesting argument while returning to the airport on Sunday morning following a wonderful week in New England meeting with students and faculty at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and rejoicing over an anointed TGC New England Regional Conference in Boston. On the radio in my cab, a gay host explained how any religion that does not tolerate homosexuality must be crushed. There is no room in democracy, he explained, for such intolerance: gay rights and biblical Christianity cannot co-exist in America, let alone liberal New England. He told believers something we already know: Christians will continue to face a stark choice. We can capitulate on biblical teaching or incur the wrath of society's self-appointed arbiters of tolerance. Many have already chosen the path of least resistance.

Even so, these are the best of times in New England—after all, there has never been a golden era free of temptation to love self more than God and neighbor. Revival experts might cite the Pilgrim landing or the First Great Awakening as more blessed times in New England's past. Yet we somehow forget that Unitarianism is no new fad in this part of the country. Jonathan Edwards might enjoy a resurgence today, but he was hardly beloved in Boston, a city even then torn between Old Light pastors like Charles Chauncy who denounced the revival and New Light allies like Thomas Prince who published testimonies to the outpouring of God's grace. We ignore in our nostalgic remembrance the self-serving ministers like James Davenport who brought shame on the revival by supposing his antics had been blessed by the Holy Spirit. Then as now, tares grow among the wheat.

Reputation and Revelation

These are the best of times in New England because we wrongly suppose that Christianity depends on the comfort of a moral majority who live out biblical values even if they don't quite grasp the biblical gospel. We give thanks for such common grace, but we dare not invest outward appearance with salvific significance. A book like Revelation comes alive in New England, where Christians often feel the palpable hostility toward God and brazen disregard for his Word. Christians in New England must be prepared that their reputation with family, neighbors, and co-workers may not survive revelation of their faith. During the New England Regional Conference, TGC president Don Carson spoke with passion about genuine faith that can endure any hardship for the glory of God. He observed that

New England



Sudbury, MA



Grist Mill, Sudbury



Sudbury Incorporated in 1639



Martha Mary Chapel, Sudbury

SUDBURY, MA HISTORY & STATISTICS

- Incorporated in 1639
- Location of King Philip's War
- Minutemen from Sudbury fought in the Revolutionary War
- Home to Longfellow Inn & Martha Mary Chapel
- Population: 17,659 (2010)
- Median Household Income: \$160,311
- Median House Value: \$683,631
- Crime rate: 51.6 (US average: 298.7)
- 53% of families have children

there have been more conversions in the last 150 years than the combined 1,800 years prior. The same goes for the number of martyrs. Both figures will grow till the end. Christians in New England know better than many others in the United States this blessing of laying down their pride and picking up their crosses to follow Jesus wherever he leads, whether in the conservative small towns of New Hampshire or the liberal halls of academia in Boston. Commenting on Revelation 12:11, Carson said, "We triumph over Satan by the blood of the Lamb, the testimony of the gospel, and our willingness to die."

These are the best of times in New England because God has raised up local church leaders who love their communities, who have committed to staying over the long haul as they trust Christ to change hearts and redeem souls. They understand the challenges. They have endured hardship. They have been tempted to hunker down but defied Satan to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to their neighbors and encourage fellow believers to do likewise. One such leader is Stephen Um, senior minister of CityLife Presbyterian Church in Boston and leader of The Gospel Coalition New England Regional Chapter. He and his team, especially Justin Ruddy, organized the Regional Conference with the aim of uniting Christians across denominations, equipping believers to stand fast and tell the truth of Jesus, and inspiring them to love their neighbors as themselves. All of us who worked together to organize the event stood together at the Back Bay Events Center and marveled at the faith-stirring sound of nearly 1,300 voices singing praises to the King of kings. Um could have been speaking of the particular challenges in New England when he told the conference, "God puts us into situations that show us we cannot rely on anything else but God who raises the dead." Not cutting-edge ministry methods. Not the memory of a Christian past. Not the social benefits of church attendance. Only the power of the Holy Spirit, the promise of union with Christ, and the persevering love of our heavenly Father can be credited for what we're seeing in New England today.

Long-Awaited Thaw

Writing in 1950, a couple months following an unexpectedly massive turnout to hear Billy Graham preach on Boston Common, the renowned Park Street Church pastor and evangelical statesman Harold John Ockenga observed,

God is moving as he has not moved in America at least for four decades and as he has no moved in New England for two centuries. . . . You do not have to wait till next year. You don't have to wait ten years. You don't have to pray anymore, "Lord, send a revival." The revival is here!

Only God knows if these best of times in New England will develop along the lines of earlier revivals in the region. Our days need not look just like those days to reflect a powerful work of God. Local Christians will be appropriately reticent to claim too much for fear of drawing undue attention on themselves and away from the God whose grace keeps the church in good times and bad. But now is a time for giving thanks. To God be the glory, great things he has done! "The hardened heart of Boston was at least chipped at this past weekend," wrote Jessica Kent, a student at Emerson College in Boston who attended the conference, "and only God knows if this is really the beginning of a long-awaited thaw."

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