

Table of Contents

A word from the Pastor.....	2
A glimpse of First Baptist Church Sudbury.....	3
A glimpse of Sudbury & New England.....	4
Why do short-term missions in New England?.....	5
What you may do in Metro West Boston through FBC Sudbury.....	6
What a typical trip might look like.....	7-8
Previous experiences.....	9
Potential costs.....	10
Packing list.....	11
What's next? Timeline for preparation.....	12

A note from the Pastor

Why is it that we do not go out into the world to share the gospel of Christ? One direct answer is that we have not seen the glory of Christ. Think of it: when Isaiah saw the Lord high and lifted up, temple filling robe, smoke engulfing the place, seraphim all around calling out that the Lord was Holy and the earth full of His glory, The Lord's voice shaking the foundations, three things happened. The first is that Isaiah was filled with the fear and reverence of the Lord. The second was that He was made clean before the Lord. Thirdly, Isaiah was prepared to go. The reality is anyone of means can go anywhere for any reason. But we want you to come here in order to see God's glory that you might help those you minister to see God's glory.

The more you read in the following pages, the clearer the picture about the people you will serve and what the task is for your group. But we don't want you to come to accomplish something, we want you and to see Christ and His glory working everywhere: in New England, in Boston, in Sudbury, and in your life.

Pastor Jay



A Glimpse of First Baptist Church Sudbury

A community of people transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ

First Baptist Church of Sudbury began in 1961 when two couples and a Pastor began meeting for a weekly bible study. Through continual meetings over the years The Lord has continued to call people to himself by His grace by way of the growing church's ministry over the last 50-plus years.

FBCS, over its nearly 55 years of ministry to the Metro West area continues to be a church that not only seeks to draw people to Christ and His mission, but a church that continually walks together in a manner of discipleship and gospel-centered love. At FBCS we believe that the truth of Christ's redemptive and sacrificial love empowers us to walk alongside one another in a manner that glorifies Christ first and foremost.

FBC Sudbury is a church family that seeks to embody the true meaning of the "body of Christ", in that, as each member may have different skills or ministerial strengths, we all function together to reach the goal that Christ calls us to in His gospel.

In the past, FBC Sudbury has found many ways to minister and love our surrounding community. Those include organizing Vacation Bible Adventures, helping with town-wide parades, and handing out granola bars in downtown Boston to those passing by the train stops. As the following member accounts, the most important detail is that we do so as one body, carrying out one mission, and serving the one and only true God.

"I feel so humbly blessed by the Lord through our church.

Being taken in by a family for the summer, working together to fill 5000 goody-bags for outreach after Sunday service, people so willing to give their resources and time, testimonies of sharing the gospel at their jobs & others who are enduring suffering with reverence and joy. I know we have ways to go but there's a glimpse of heaven in this place!" –A church member

A Glimpse of Sudbury, Massachusetts

Sudbury, Massachusetts is a Metro West town of approximately 18,000 people about thirty minutes west of Boston. Recognized as mostly a family-oriented community, its residents value education, the arts, and athletics. Serving the local community can be quite a challenge due to New England's culture of autonomy, independence and self-sufficiency. First Baptist Church of Sudbury continues to be a light in the community as its members live, pray, and serve the community in hopes that we might see the salvation of all people in the local community.

A Glimpse of the Northeast

Northeast statistics for those good with numbers:

Population: Roughly 70 Million

Southern Baptist Convention Congregations: 1,824

Population Per Congregation: 36,561

Number of Lost: 51 million

Percentage of the Population Lost: 82 percent

Based on 2011 statistics.

<http://www.namb.net/Northeast/>

New England and Boston itself is considered the most un-churched area in the country. While only 2% of people in Boston are professing Christians, one can easily imagine why Boston is such an important region to go on mission and serve.

Why do short-term missions in New England?

We can find some comfort and confidence in saying that short-term mission trips help to fulfill Christ's call for all Christians to "Go (therefore) and make disciples of all nations..." Whether it's bringing meals to a neighbor, traveling to another region of our nation, or sending prayers, finances, and people overseas, God has designed Salvation to reach all nations by the movement of the body of Christ, His people. Pastor David Platt says it well: "We are the plan of God, and there is no plan B."

More specifically to our local context, having mission teams come serve in New England affords our churches the opportunity to make a much wider impact to the Greater Boston area as a whole. For example, a group of 10-15 people serving in various ways for even 6 hours per day for four days provides 240-360 hours of service and contact with people in the community! We strongly believe that short-term missions help Christians build relationships with people they may never otherwise come into contact with. By way of short-term mission teams serving the community several weeks out of the year, people are reached in ways that the local church cannot year-round.

So whether your service includes interacting with 60-100 children and families at a Vacation Bible Adventure, working on homes in the community, or starting up conversations and handing out church flyers to men and women at the many train stops in Boston, every seed sown is a potential opportunity to reach those who are lost in New England while also demonstrating Christ's love for His people through The Church.

What you might do in Metro West Boston through FBC Sudbury

There are various ways to serve the Metro West Boston area through FBC Sudbury and by God's grace many other opportunities are arising. Here are ways your church could currently serve:

Vacation Bible Adventure

Like many churches, FBC Sudbury hosts VBA weeks during the summer to connect with children and families from the community who may or may not usually attend a church. Connecting through VBA provides many opportunities to share the gospel with children and families who may never have heard of Christ's love before. Your team could plan, direct and facilitate a week of VBA at FBC Sudbury.

Community Outreach

Finding tangible ways to serve the community is one way to show residents that we're here and that we love them! These projects will vary each year but our goal is to become very active in the community by meeting people where they are and showing them Christ's love through active service. This might mean helping a family with their house, cleaning up yards and basements or serving elderly men and women who need assistance.

Connect to Church Plants

Church planting has become one of SBC's primary evangelistic strategies for New England. FBC Sudbury supports the SBC's church planting movement and welcomes teams to join us. Church planting has become one of SBC's primary evangelistic strategies for New England. There are many Christ-centered church plants in the Boston area. By serving through FBC Sudbury you will be able to spend your afternoons in the metro west Boston area serving church plants through outreach projects in the city and/or at their churches. Your team might pass out chewy bars and gum packs with church info as well as starting up conversations at train/trolley stops.

What a typical trip might look like

Saturday:

Arrive in the evening

Dinner

Oreintation

Sleep

Sunday:

Church

Prepare for VBA/week

Summer Celebration

Monday-Wednesday:

Up & ready by 830am

VBA

Lunch

Boston Outreach

Dinner/Free time/Debrief

Thursday:

Up & ready by 830am

VBA

Lunch

Prepare for Family night

Family night

Freetime/Debrief

Friday:

Up & ready by 830am

VBA

Lunch

Boston fun day

Optional: head home

Saturday:

Head home

Please note that we're willing to make other arrangements to best fit your team's needs.

What a typical trip might look like

Our preferred schedule:

Saturday	Sunday	Mon-Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Arrive in evening	Church	VBA	VBA	VBA	Head home
Dinner	Prepare for VBA	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
Orientation	Summer Celebration	Boston Outreach	Prepare for Family night	Boston fun-day	
Sleep		Dinner Freetime Debrief	Family night	Optional: head home	

Optional schedule:

Saturday	Sunday	Mon-Wed	Thursday	Friday
Arrive in evening	Church	VBA	VBA	VBA
Prepare for VBA	Boston Fun-day	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Dinner		Boston Outreach	Prepare for Family night	Head home
Orientation		Dinner Freetime Debrief	Family night	

Previous Experiences

With a desire to show the redemptive heart of God to the greater Boston area, First Baptist Church of Sudbury does a great job of partnering with other churches to make His name known. The congregation and church staff, led by Pastor Jay, were very accommodating and in-step with where God was moving in that area. Our time there was very exciting and encouraging as we saw God working. A plus for us was the fact that we were able to sleep, cook, and shower at the church reducing the cost of the endeavor. We are looking forward to a continued partnership with First Baptist Sudbury.

Pastor David Jackson
djackson@hilandpark.org

Beaver Dam Baptist Church's Mission Team experienced a tremendous blessing serving with the FBC Sudbury team for their Vacation Bible Adventure in Summer 2013. We found the church staff very prepared and very communicative with us in the weeks leading up to the trip. FBC provided a welcoming spirit and open house for our team of 38 to reside at the church. Sleeping arrangements were accommodating and the newly installed "garden" shower as well as church members opening their showers at home provided all we needed to complete our housing needs. The summer interns accompanied us and assisted with the T-Stop Ministry each afternoon. The staff and volunteers served with us in VBA and helped all along the way. We look forward to returning to Sudbury and Boston to serve with them in the future.

Pastor Tim Hopkins
THopkins@bdbc.org

We got the opportunity to partner with First Baptist Church of Sudbury July 12-19, 2013 for a wonderful week of missions and kingdom building. The staff at FBCS is delightful and easy to work with, whether it be Pastor Jay, a summer intern, or a lay leader. They went above and beyond to make our team feel as though we were part of that church community. Our team was made up of students and adults and they all enjoyed teaming with FBCS for VBA.

Pastor Scott Hood
SHood@bdbc.org

Potential Costs- Itemized

Please note that this does not include travel expenses

Group costs:

- 15-passenger van: \$1,000.00
- Gas/tolls roundtrip to and from Boston each day: \$24.00 (\$18 gas/\$6 tolls)
 - 4 days in Boston: $\$24 \times 4 = \96.00
- Labels for outreach materials: \$10.00

Individual costs:

- Meals: \$85.00 (2 meals per day/\$4 for breakfast/\$8 for dinner)
- Transportation in Boston using T-stops: \$18.00 (7-day pass)
- Boston outreach materials: \$34.00 (160 granola bars)

What FBC Sudbury covers:

- Lunch everyday
- Lodging
- VBA materials
- Community service materials

Total cost per trip per person for a 15-person group (including group costs):

With 15-passenger van rental: \$211.00

Without 15-passanger van rental: \$137.00

Optional additional costs:

→ Money for Boston daytrip

Packing List

Day items:

- Bible & journal
- Appropriate clothing for each day
- Sunscreen
- Sneakers
- Water bottle
- A small bag to hold outreach materials (40 granola bars)

Evening/Sleeping:

- Sleeping bag/blanket
- Pillow
- Sheets for air mattress (we provide air mattresses)
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)
- Pajamas
- Towel for showering
- Bathing suit for outdoor (private) shower

What's next?! Timeline for Preparation

We ask that you pray for several things in preparation for your trip to the Greater Boston Area:

- Please pray for the people that you will come into contact with and that the Holy Spirit would speak to them not only while you are here, but before you come, as well as after you leave.
- Pray that the people in New England and the Greater Boston area would begin and continue to search for Christ in their own lives. Pray that they realize that simply getting up, working, and going back to sleep is not their ultimate calling in life, but that Christ calls us to SO much more as his body.
- Pray for one another, that you would be prepared for the conversations you will have with these people while here in Boston. That you may feel comfortable sharing the love that Christ has placed you with those here that so desperately need and search for it.
- Pray for your leaders, that they might lead boldly.
- Pray for us as a church, as well as the other church pastors here, that we would continue to serve this area of the country faithfully, seeking that God's will be done.

And last, but not least...

WELCOME TO BOSTON! WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR ARRIVAL!