

**From:** [Jim Tasker](#)  
**To:** [McCoy, Erin J](#); [archives](#)  
**Subject:** Important details re Boston Chapel beginnings  
**Date:** Thursday, February 28, 2013 11:51:08 AM

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**Erin, I don't know if you have this detailed Boston Chapel beginnings information sent from Chapel pioneer Beth Merki in November 2011, and forwarded to me by Jay Bergers:**

Jay Bergers [REDACTED] 11/2/11 [?] [?] [?]  
[REDACTED]

I have been having c computer problems---am going to get it "wiped clean"--have concerns I might loose somthings--hence I will send this to you for "safe keeping". I am trying to clarify any thing I can re: the very beginning....RE: Beth's Nov. 1 email re: people who went in there at the beginning...all are dead except Emerson Twining...will have to try to see if I can locate Leon Hatch...both well known to me...I can talk to you about some of these areas at a future date..

Blessings

Jay

-----Original Message-----

From: Bob and Beth Merki <[REDACTED]>  
To: Jay Bergers <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tue, Nov 1, 2011 11:19 pm  
Subject: FW: Boston Chapel

Dear Jay,

I enjoyed an interesting conversation with Jeanne. Her memory isn't any better than mine, but we had a good time reminiscing. I think she remembers it similarly to the way I do. The building that we **worshipped** in was not your typical mission. I think the man basically held a "church" service and it was in the afternoon, which is why there were children there. Jeanne remembered some of those who often went in – Gordon Hall, Bob Crew, Jay Bergers, Leon Hatch, Paul Zeigler, Emerson Twining. If you'd like to talk to Jeanne, her phone # is [REDACTED]. Jeanne is very active in her local Nazarene church – still playing the piano for services, weddings and funerals despite her arthritis.

I'm not sure how detailed a report you're looking for. I don't know when they moved to another building because by that time, I was married and had moved away from the area. I looked in a diary I kept, but it only went through 1951 and there was no mention of the Chapel then. I'll be interested to hear how this project turns out.

Trust you're doing ok. How grateful I am for God's eternal, unconditional love and care for His children! May He bless you in ways you can't imagine!

Beth

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**From:** Bob and Beth Merki [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 29, 2011 7:44 PM  
**To:** 'Jay Bergers'  
**Subject:** RE: Boston Chapel

Dear Jay,

You have the correct email address. I'm a poor correspondent. This is my remembrance of the starting of the Boston Chapel and at this point, I can't guarantee my memory.

One Sunday afternoon, as was my custom, I went into a service at a mission in Boston. It was most likely my junior year, 1952 – 1953. I think Jeanne St. Pierre was with me but I don't remember who the others were – I suspect there was a car load of us. This was not a "Nazarene" mission – it was just one of the many where we went to help. As we're waiting for the service to start, I noticed that there were quite a few children. I suggested to Jeanne that someone should be telling the kids a Bible story at their level. The more I thought about it, the better an idea it seemed. I don't remember if we started working with the children that week or if we came back the next week to follow through. Anyhow, from there on, it seemed to snowball and when the man who was running the mission couldn't continue because of finances, we took over. By now, one of the men (probably Bob Crew, but I don't really remember who it was) had taken over the responsibility of the program and I just went to help with the children.

I'll try to call Jeanne tomorrow to get her remembrance of the situation. She doesn't have a computer so we usually communicate by phone a couple of times a year. I'm sorry to be so long in answering your email. I trust this finds you doing ok. Did you happen to read on the Prayer Mobilization Line that [REDACTED]

I'll let you know what Jeanne remembers. May God continue to bless you and be your comfort!  
Beth

PS Bob doesn't remember anything about the beginnings of the chapel.

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**From:** Jay Bergers [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 28, 2011 7:16 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Boston Chapel

I hope this is your correct email....Beth...you may (or may not know) that in Jim Cameron's Book The Spirit Makes the Difference...there is an account about the Boston Chapel (1950--2000)...You are listed as providing leadership for the organization of the SS....etc. I have been in communication with Jim Tasker, and also Joan (Crew)---now

remarried...The challenge is to identify specific "start dates , for SS and also the start of the preaching services...any thing you can remember would be most helpful....Bob, of course was EA VP in 1953 and well might have memories of that period.

Blessings, Jay

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Web site: [www.jimtasker.us](http://www.jimtasker.us) (This Boston Chapel history site is being updated. Thank you to you all who have sent photos & documents to the Archives for future generations.)

Preferred Email address: [REDACTED]