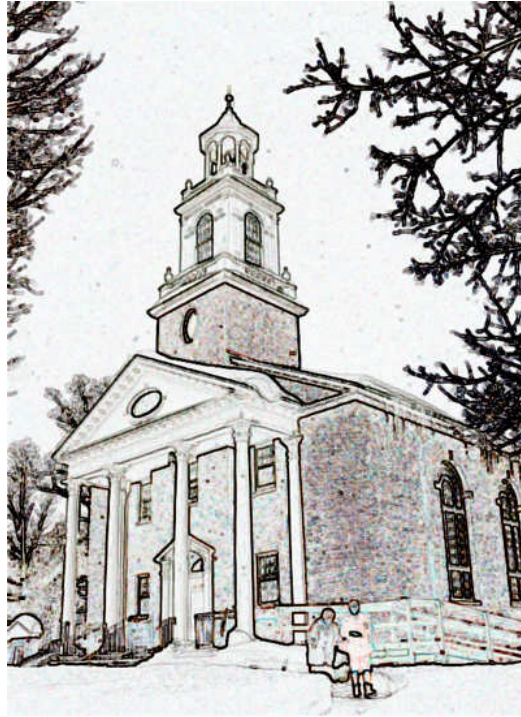


CHRISTIAN CARRIER

FEBRUARY 2007



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From Your Pastor

A Focus for 2007

Do you sense a need to be more familiar with the Bible and its stories? Are you eager to grow in your relationship with God through Bible reading and study? Do you feel a need to apply Biblical principles to your life? I am eager for our church to support you and challenge you as we begin this new year.

At our Leader Gathering on Saturday, January 20th, twenty-two people came through the snow and cold to spend three hours of reflecting on this past year and focusing our efforts in the new year. We agreed on a church focus: **“Growing in Bible literacy, Bible application and reading the Bible so that we grow in our relationship with God.”**

We will ask our boards and committees to find ways to help our congregation in this crucial area.

Already, our Board of Christian Ed. has formed a task group whose focus is our plans for Adult Sunday School and to help form and support small groups. In addition, we are working on a Foundations class on Reading the Bible.

Lenten Bible Study

On Wednesday, February 28th, we will begin a 5 week Lenten Bible Study with each study preceded by a meal. The focus of these studies will be on the Apostle Peter: A Model for Discipleship”. These studies will prepare for my Sunday sermons on the same topic.

Cindy Mapstone Internship

As part of her seminary education, Cindy will participate in an internship at First Baptist this winter and Spring. I will be her supervisor and we will form a Ministerial Advisory Committee of church members to meet with her monthly. The focus of her work will be a congregational care system. Keep Cindy in your prayers as she does this work.

Thank You

Thank you to each of you who have served on our boards and committees this past year. Thank you to those who have agreed to take new positions of responsibility. You make a difference in our effectiveness for Christ’s Kingdom.

Coming Worship Services and Events:

Sunday, February 4th –

Damon Gagnier will bring us the message. Come and hear his testimony of how God has been at work these past months of his life. Share in the Lord’s Supper.

Sunday, February 11th –

My sermon will focus on Psalm 1

Sunday, February 18th –

My sermon will focus on Genesis 45 – Joseph and his brothers reunited.

Sunday, February 25th –

First Sunday in Lent. My sermon series on Peter will begin: “Called and Appointed”

Faithfully,
Pastor Leon

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep in prayer:

Wanda Baker
Cecile White's Aunt Irene
Virginia Noble
Carol Davenport's sister, Barbara
Mary Jane and Russell Davis,
Jill Doss' parents
The Loope Family
Ruth Costello
Donald Loope
Andy Burt

PRAISES

"To My Church Family ~ I wish a healthy, happy New Year to everyone. I wonder what 2007 holds for us. Certainly, 2006 was very kind to me. I thank God every day for the thousands of blessings He has given. I have the most wonderful, loving, caring church family that anyone can have. Bless every one of you. Love and prayers, Edith Laning (dated 1/3/07)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Birthstone – Amethyst

Flower – Violet

1. Betsy Burt
4. Colleen Guynup
Deborah Oley
Charles Struwing
6. Haralds Rikveilis
Jacob Albanese
8. Stephen Burt
13. Walter Ammann
14. Murray Chesebro
16. Karin Davenport
Ken Wales
17. Rick Penhall
20. Adam Baier
Michelle Hotchkiss
26. Jake Everly
Trudy Siegenthaler
Mary Lou Wales
28. Andy Bailey

ANNIVERSARIES

13. Linda & Erich Heller

ABW MINISTRIES



- Blanket Sunday is scheduled for **Sunday, February 11th**. The need is great! Church World Service has depleted its supply of blankets. We can help restock the shelves. Please give generously!
- **Monday, February 12th, 10:00 a.m.-Noon.** There will be a White Cross work meeting held on this date in the Church library. The hostesses for this event are Ruth Ware and Annette Andrusyszyn.

Please remember that we are still collecting Campbell products UPC codes (on the back of cans).

- Mark your calendars for the 4-week Lenten Bible Study beginning on **Monday, March 12th at 10:30 a.m. in the Library.** A soup luncheon will follow in the Chapel.

UNITY FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting will be on **Saturday, February 24th at 9:00 a.m.** ~ a breakfast is planned in the Chapel. The committee consists of Ken Bex, Ruby Pfohl and Betty Heller.

All are invited!!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING

Thursday, February 15th
at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel

WE WANT YOU!!!! Calling all those interested in seeing a VBS at First Baptist Church this summer. If you missed our traditional VBS this past summer and would like to be part of making it happen in 2007, please come to our initial planning meeting. Help get the ball rolling!



The Christian Ed. Board will provide a delightful meal to help inspire some creative ideas and help set the stage for what we hope will be another wonderful and inspirational event.

Help touch the lives of the children of our church and reach out to those who are our guests.

JR. – SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Sundays, January 28th, February 11th and February 25th

Meet at the church from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Souper Bowl Sunday National Emphasis – Local Focus Sunday, February 4th

Youth at First Baptist will hold soup pots at the church doors on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 4th. They will join young people in churches all across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. All money donated at First Baptist will go to the FM Food Pantry.

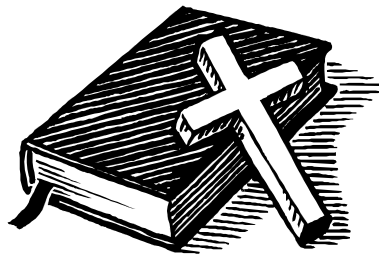
140 million people all over the world will tune into the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Join our young people as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. Our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime. Please support their efforts.

Community Ash Wednesday Service

**at Immaculate Conception Church
Fayetteville, NY**

**Wednesday, February 21st
at 7:00 p.m.**

Come to an evening of prayer and self-reflection. Each person can choose to receive ashes. Pastor Leon will participate in this service. You are invited to come and experience this worship with many other churches from the F-M area. While we have not emphasized Ash Wednesday in the past, it will be an opportunity for us to learn. Consider participating and allow the experience of this ritual lead you into this season of Lent.



Lenten Bible Study and meal



**5 Wednesday Evenings
6-8 p.m.**

Begins on Wednesday, February 28th

Join your church family in Bible study and fellowship!

Fellowship: We will begin our meal at 6 p.m.
sharing a light but filling meal of soup, salad, bread and dessert.
We will complete the meal with time to clean-up and gather for the
Bible Study with Pastor Leon.

Bible Study: The Bible Study will begin at 7 p.m.
Pastor Leon will lead us in a study of:

“Peter: A Model for Discipleship”

We will explore a number of the stories of Peter:

- His call to follow
- Walking on water
- His confession of faith
- His denial and need for forgiveness

Children’s Program: There will be activities for the children which will
follow the evening topics. Kathie Shevchuk will coordinate these, so
it will be helpful to let her know what children plan to attend.

Can you help with the Children’s Program? Call Kathie at 682-8678

MISSION NEWS

Sunday, February 11th – Blanket Sunday!

American Baptist Churches name Rev. Dr. Reid Trulson as International Ministries Executive Director:

The Rev. Dr. Reid Trulson has been named the new Executive Director of the Board of International Ministries. ABC General Secretary Roy Medley gave his enthusiastic endorsement as he shared that during visits to the churches of Eastern Europe and the Middle East, he had learned firsthand, “Trulson is loved and respected by church leaders throughout the region he has served. He will provide strong leadership to our International mission.”

The President of the IM Board, Rev. Ray Schooler, celebrated the decision by saying, “Reid has a tremendous heart for mission. He has a great historical perspective, a steady hand and a dynamic vision. Since his nomination, we have received overwhelming affirmation of this choice from missionaries, staff, board members and many others.

Trulson thanked the board for their confidence and support, recognizing that “this moment is not about me or about any one of us, but about what the Lord will do in and through International Ministries to bring glory to God.” Trulson then led a time of prayer for the members of the board. The board members responded by laying hands on Trulson as Medley led them in a time of prayer for God’s work in and through IM’s new executive director.

Additional information on Reid Trulson and the work of American Baptist Churches International Ministries can be found on the International Ministries website at www.Internationalministires.org

News from John and Debra Coates in Cambodia

In John’s most recent letter he writes: “...I want to bring another concern to you all. Debbie and I are feeling very overwhelmed this past month or more. The physical needs are very great and we are constantly confronted with very basic needs of Christians and non-Christians alike. The spiritual needs and concerns are also very great and they seem to have shifted into a higher gear lately. There has been a sharp increase lately in the number of people making public commitments to the Lord. I know we should be completely encouraged by this, and we are very encouraged. We praise the Lord for this! Yet at the same time, the sharp increase has exacerbated weaknesses in the church. The growing harvest is outpacing the harvesters, or so it seems to us. We feel overwhelmed at the teaching that is needed. There is no strong discipleship of youth or children, and they badly need leadership. It is a ripe time for them to be disciplined. We lack harvesters, ability, and financial resources. And there is an increased need for teaching adults, too. Pray that God will help us to meet this happy need.

Women & Girls' State Gathering

American Baptist Women's Ministries of NYS

"Come to the Edge"

April 27-29, 2007

at

Adam's Mark Hotel

120 Church St.

Buffalo, NY



Special AB Girls program for girls in grades 7-12.

Special Guests:

- * Friday night Inspirational Concert by New Beginnings
 - * Sat. & Sun. Keynote Speaker Jan DeWitt
 - * Missionary - Debbie Kelsey
 - * Sun. Bible Study Leader Rev. Betty Wright-Riggins
- Various Workshops on the theme for all ages, as well as a trip to Cornerstone Manor - see registration material for titles.

Costs:

Registration: Full time - \$15.00 Part time - \$10.00
(send to ABWM Conv. Registrar, Nancy Farley) (after 3/31/07 add a \$5.00 late fee)

Hotel Room & Meals (includes 2 nights lodging & 4 meals):

Single - \$261.00

Double - \$172.00/person

Triple - \$142/person

Quad - \$125.00/person

AB Girls are \$20 less/girl on room rates & must be accompanied by an adult
(Room registrations to be sent with Tax Exempt form & church check directly to Adam's Mark Hotel.)

All registrations are due by March 31, 2007 to both registrar & hotel.

There are no other hotels close by - so register early to secure your room!!

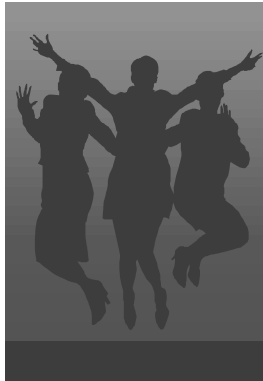
You may access forms and other information at

www.abmennys.org (look for the ABW icon)

or contact Christy Brownell at 518-225-4732

or email Christy at: cbrownell@abc-nys.org.

WOMEN OF FAITH
Amazing Freedom 2007
Let Your Spirit Soar!
Rochester, NY



June 1-2, 2007
Blue Cross Arena

“So if the *Son* makes you free
you will be truly *free*.” -John 8:36

Early bird price \$75 plus hotel and meals.
Scholarships are available.

If you need more information, please contact
Kathie Shevchuk @ 682-8678.

A short, informational meeting will be held
after the 11:00 worship service on
February 11th.

If you are unable to attend
but interested in attending the conference,
let Kathie know!



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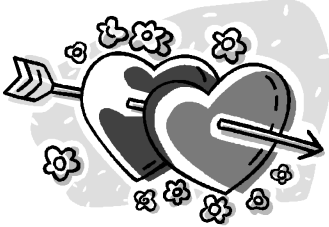
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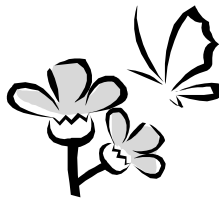
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Inviting People to New Life



Mission Statement

In Celebration of the good news shown to us in Jesus Christ,
We will invite others to unite with us as part of the family of
God,

Sharing the Gospel through

Worship,

Education,

Encouragement of one another and the

Support of Mission

As we serve Manlius and our surrounding communities.