

CHRISTIAN CARRIER

March 2008



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From Your Pastor ~

During this Lenten season we have been **focused on prayer**. My sermons look at various aspects of a life at prayer. *Share and Prayer Triplets* and the Wednesday night study all focus our attention on our relationship to God.

It is my desire that we grow in our God connection. I hope that each of us will take a new step in our habits of prayer. For one person, it may be the beginning of a daily time with God. Another may pray in a new way. How will you grow in your prayer life during these weeks that lead us to Holy Week and Easter?

Prayer was so central in Jesus' life! Over and over we read that Jesus rose before daylight and went out to a solitary place to be with God. He is in tune with God. That relationship leads him to Jerusalem and sustains him through the trials of Holy Week.

As we come to Holy Week, I invite you to join me as I prepare to celebrate God's greatest gift to us. Walk with Jesus each day:

Holy Week

Palm Sunday – Jesus comes into Jerusalem. Each step is planned and the disciples trust and follow their instructions. Jesus enters the city to the shouts of a cheering crowd. What a terrific day! (Matthew 21:1-11)

Monday – Jesus enters the Temple and drives out those who were profiting from religion. He challenges those who place barriers to God. “My house shall be called a house of prayer; but you are making it a den of robbers.”

How can we become a “House of Prayer?” What would we need to let go? What would we need to claim? Matthew 21:12-13

Tuesday – Jesus is at the home of Simon when a woman comes and anoints him with an expensive ointment. Some scoff at her and accuse her of wastefulness. But Jesus praises her and affirms the desire to care for the spiritual. Matthew 26:6-13

Wednesday – Judas loses patience with God's plan. He takes things into his own hands. Sometimes it is so hard to trust God and his timing. Matthew 26:14-16

Thursday – Jesus shares a last intimate dinner with his disciples. He talks of love and forgiveness. He then goes to God in anguish in the Garden to find strength and assurance to face the coming day of suffering and death. Matthew 26:17-46

Friday – Betrayal, arrest, trial, crowds, cruelty and death. Sometimes life is overwhelming with unbearable pain and darkness. Matthew 26:35- 27:55

Saturday - Silence
Slowly read Matthew 27:57-66. Imagine the darkness and absence of hope.

Sunday – From despair to fear to puzzlement to unbelievable joy and hope. Matthew 28:1-10

Faithfully,

Pastor Leon

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Recent Prayer Requests:

Please Pray for:

Wanda Baker Connor
Kermit Breed, Jr. Loretta Beuchert
Mike Adams Jon Perry
Ruth Costello Virginia Noble
Courtney H. Joann Bishop
Barbara, Carol Davenport's sister
Virginia, Carol Davenport's aunt
Florence Cowles, Barbara Brace's mother
Mary Jane and Russell Davis Stacey
The Short Family Amy Hockey & Family
Richard and Fran Fuller

PRAISES

"Thank you all so much for all your prayers for "Al" and me. A special thank you to Pastor Leon and Al Dominy who served communion to "Al." I know it meant so much to him. Thanks again and God bless you all." –Ellie Parker

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"We would like to thank all those who lifted up so many prayers for Martin; it was greatly appreciated. Also, we would like to thank Pastor Leon for his visits.

Thank you also for all the cards and words of support during the whole time; it was greatly appreciated. We are very grateful to belong to such a caring and thoughtful church." –The Short Family

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*"A **BIG THANK YOU** to my Secret Pal for the beautiful flower arrangement I received for my birthday!!*

–Ann Morales

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Please call the Church Office at 682-8941 with prayer requests or praises by Wednesday morning. Thank you.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Birthstone – Aquamarine or
Bloodstone
Flower - Jonquil

1. Bill Lyon
3. Sally Lyon
Ron Radell
4. Beth Greene
7. Jason Greene
9. Margery Faucett
11. Grace Binder
17. Susan Rowley
19. Laurel Faucett
Hannah Whittaker
22. Flor de Jesus
Amanda Shevchuk
23. Ashley Morningstar
26. Karen Chesebro
28. Rebecca Baier
Brian McCartney
Christopher Oley
29. Emily Burt
Joshua Haase
Judy Mantle

ANNIVERSARIES

18. Michelle & Steve
Hotchkiss
24. Judy & Dean
Morningstar
27. Ada & Ken Phelps

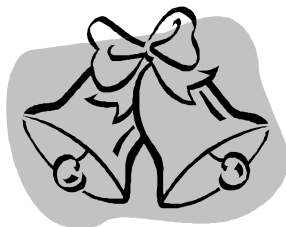


IN THE CHURCH FAMILY (Cont'd)



***Ken and Ada Phelps
Wedding Day
March 27, 1948
Happy 60th Wedding
Anniversary!***

Ken and Ada Phelps were married at First Baptist in Syracuse, which is where they met. They both taught in the FM school district where Ken eventually went on to become Vice Principal, then Principal at Wellwood. Ken and Ada have loved traveling, especially to the Maine Coast. They are devoted grandparents and last, but not at all least, they are huge Syracuse University sports fans.



UNITY FELLOWSHIP

The next Unity Fellowship get-together will be **Saturday, March 29, 6:30 p.m.** in the Chapel. Cindy Page, a bird rehabilitator and artist, will be our guest speaker presenting bird slides. The dinner will be provided by our Youth. This is an intergenerational get-together, and all are invited to join in the fun☺ The committee is made up of Barb Richardson, Christy Brownell, and our Youth!



FRED GODDARD'S BOOK

So it will be easier to read, my book is going to be transposed. This will mean that my book will be out of circulation for a while. I regret the inconvenience, but it will be good to have some printed copies. My cousin by marriage, Lonnie Chu, is going to do it for me. In a way, it's a stroke of luck since I was thinking it couldn't be done. I'm hoping the book won't be out of circulation too long. Being a relatively short book, this might be the case. Again, I hope you'll forgive the inconvenience. We'll try to make the delay as short as possible. In His Name and in friendship,

Fred James Goddard

ABW MINISTRIES

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

A 3-week Lenten Bible Study series begins:

**Monday, March 3rd,
10:30 a.m.**

in the Library

A soup luncheon in the Chapel will follow the study.

Monday, March 3rd

Leader: Cindy Mapstone

Monday, March 10th

Leader: Myrna Benedict

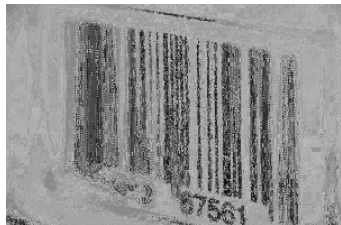
Monday, March 17th

Leader: Gail Carlsen

The committee for the luncheons consists of Annette Andrusyszyn, Shirley Mapstone, and Ruby Pfohl.



We are still collecting UPC codes on the back of Campbell's products and also cancelled stamps (with at least ¼" border) to be sent to Rev. David Vila to benefit his Spanish ministry. There is a box in the Narthex for both items.



Women & Girls' State Gathering American Baptist Women's Ministries/NYS

"Come to the Edge - Step Out in Faith"



April 25-27, 2008

**DoubleTree Hotel Syracuse
Special AB Girls program for
Girls in grades 7-12**

Special Guests:

- Friday night Inspirational Concert by Damaris Carbaugh
- Friday – 60th Anniversary Cake and Special Guests
- Sat. & Sun. Keynote: Teri Peacock
- Missionary: Lynn Nelson
- Sunday Bible Study Leader: Rev. Marie Schilling

A variety of workshops for all ages & interests

Costs for ABWomen & Girls:

Registration: Full time - \$15; Part time - \$10

(Send to ABWM Registrar)

(After 3/31/08 add a \$5.00 late fee)

Hotel Room & Meals:

Single - \$310.00

Double - \$202.00/person

Triple - \$165.00/person

Quad - \$146.50/person

New this year: ABGirls need chaperones, 1 for every 3 girls. The ABGirls are \$20 less/girl on room rates. (Hotel registration to be sent (with your church Tax Exempt form and church check) directly to DoubleTree Hotel) **All registrations due by March 31, 2008** to both ABWM Convention Registrar and DoubleTree Hotel Syracuse

**Register early to be sure and
secure your room!**





CHURCH WORK DAY



Fun, Fellowship, and Accomplishment!

Join us on **Saturday, March 15th from 8:00 am-Noon** at our Church to “spruce up” and “clean up.” Some projects we are looking at are cleaning the Kitchen and the Nursery and painting the gym. We are open to suggestions. Please call or see JoAnn Mostar to help. Coffee and bagels will be provided. Thanks.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS



God’s Soldiers Save these Dates!

All k – 5th graders and their friends are invited to the following events. More information will follow in upcoming church bulletins.

Saturday, March 15, 2008	Ride on a float in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade!
Sunday, April 13, 2008	Elbow Grease Day
Sunday, May 4, 2008	Mother’s Day Project

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Beginning **Thursday, April 3rd**, a new small group Bible study will meet in the library at First Baptist Church
7:00-8:00 a.m.

We will have a 6-week study of **I Timothy.**

Start your day with God's word.
Contact Mary Schwarz with any questions ~ All are welcome.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS

All Sunday School classes meet from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

The Ten Commandments

A 10-week video series.
You will find each commandment examined in a way to make it relevant to your life.
[What they mean. Why they matter. Why you should care.]
This is a good time to join a class to help you grow in your understanding of the Bible and its teachings.

Other Adult classes include:
Bible Journeys – Church Library
Bible Discussion – Room #206
Bible Discussion – Room #207

MISSION NEWS

Mission News in a minute ~

The Mission Board, as you will note in the newsletter, will be focusing on the **America for Christ** offering in March. We've set a goal of \$1,776 and a stretch goal of \$2,008. We challenge each of you to pray for this offering and how you can respond.

We've been sharing little bits of information about the **FM Food Pantry** and responding to their need, a ministry right here in our community. As part of that focus, we are planning to do a food drive in the upcoming months. Please watch for more information on this "at home" ministry.

We also continue to covet your prayers as we correspond with our **designated missionaries**. We, as a Board, correspond with the **Bonillas, the Coats, and the Manns**. These families, just like yours, love to share and receive news of how God is working in and through their lives. We will, in the following months, share with you things they have shared with us to bring our far-reaching family together.

And, our final thought, you can be a part of a "not too far from home" ministry. There will be information about ministering at the **Samaritan Center** in April. Watch for more details on that ministry outreach.



We thank you and pray for each of you, as together we serve our great God. Blessings to you,

Jill Doss, Shirley Mapstone, Jean Lynn Buskey, Sally Lyon, Tom Shephard, and Ann Morales

F.I.S.H. **(Friends in Service Here)**

For some people transportation is not readily accessible, and the need to get to their medical appointments becomes critical. This is where F.I.S.H. comes in handy. The Fayetteville-Manlius-Minoa chapter of F.I.S.H. has been operating for over 35 years and transports people from the Fayetteville, Manlius, or Minoa areas to and from doctors' appointments. Our clients do need to be ambulatory. F.I.S.H. is made up of all volunteers who give their time to dispatch, drive, or serve on various F.I.S.H. committees. We need scheduled drivers (one day a month) or random drivers (on an as-needed basis). If you prefer not to drive, we are in need of dispatchers, too. Dispatchers take the calls from clients one week a month and try and find drivers to transport them. If you would like to reach out and help members of our community get to their medical appointments, please give F.I.S.H. a call at 637-8158. You will meet wonderful people and at the same time be helping out people in need.

March 2008



Dear FBC family,

As members of the body of Christ, we have the responsibility and privilege to help others in need. As American Baptists, we have the awesome opportunity to work toward this goal through our giving to missions. March is our designated month to look specifically at the need of the people, communities, churches and programs in our own country by supporting ABC National Ministries through the America for Christ Offering.

National Ministries works toward helping those who are hungry, homeless, and hurting across the United States and Puerto Rico. They are there to rebuild homes, churches and lives after natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina, the recent tornadoes in our Southern states, and even the flooding here in New York State in the spring of 2006. The American Baptist Children in Poverty Initiative, developed by National Ministries, is working to transform the lives of children with limited resources throughout our country.

National Ministries has helped resettle more than 96,000 refugees and endorses American Baptist chaplains serving on the battlefields, in hospitals, and in prisons. National Ministries' evangelism training is transforming regional and church leaders, who in turn can transform their local leadership.

The America for Christ offering funds all of these ministries and much more! There is so much to be done right here at our own doorstep – the third largest mission field in the world! Let the “love of Christ urge us on...” (2 Corinthians 5:14-15), as we give generously to the America for Christ offering to reach our goal of \$1,776 for 2008.

Your Mission Board,

Jean Lynn Buskey, Jill Doss, Sally Lyon,
Shirley Mapstone, Ann Morales. Tom Shepherd

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP



Wednesday Evenings ~ 6 – 8 p.m.

March 5 and March 12

Pastor Leon – Bible Study Leader



6 p.m. Fellowship:

Share a meal of soup, bread and dessert. Donations accepted.
(March 12th will be a Potluck meal – see King's Kids below)

7 p.m. Bible Study:

Pastor Leon will lead us in a study of exploring biblical stories about prayer and ways we can pray.

Each study will be a preparation for the Sunday Lenten Sermon Series.
Child Care will be available.



CHURCH FAMILY AND KING'S KIDS

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Wednesday, March 12th

6:00 p.m. in the gym



Come and join the families of our King's Kids program.

Bring a dish to pass.
The King's Kids Board will provide
dessert, beverages, and table service.



HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

March 20th ~ 6:30 p.m.
at

The Manlius United Methodist Church
111 Wesley Street, Manlius, NY



Come and join our friends at Manlius United Methodist for a unique worship service with meal and remembrance. We will gather at table in the Fellowship Hall.

6:30 p.m. Opening Liturgy and Communion
A Soup and Salad meal
Readings, Songs, and Reflections on the Biblical story of Thursday in Holy Week.



GOOD FRIDAY ~ March 21st

7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church Sanctuary
A simple service to reflect on the passion of Christ.



EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES ~ March 23rd



8:30 a.m. - Worship

9:30 a.m. - Breakfast (gym)

11:00 a.m. - Worship



Youth News

Youth Group meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

For any youth in Grades 6th – 12th

Upcoming Events:

On February 17th, Youth planned their Music Videos. On **March 2nd**, the groups will continue to plan & *maybe* start filming their videos. You weren't there on the 17th? That's Ok! Each group will add people in – talk with those that were there to see what song they're doing!



We will showcase the Music Videos at Youth Group in the near future.



March 16th: Plans are up in the air.... Literally???

Keep an eye out in the church bulletins – We want to hear your input about our events... *“Our people will talk with your people”*

Saturday, March 29th: A service/fundraising project: We'll make dinner for the folks of Unity Fellowship. They have invited us to stay to hear their program about animals and birds at the Page Wildlife Center, a project by a woman in our area who cares for injured animals. More info to come...



Senior High Event (Grades 9-12)

Friday, March 14th @ 7:30pm

Bring \$5.00 + \$\$ for food

Meet at the church @ 7:15 pm OR meet the rest of the crew @ Green Lake Lanes (Route 5, Fayetteville) @ 7:30 pm. Invite your friends!



Don't know what Super Bowling is?

You are in for a treat!

Any questions, contact a member of the Youth Team:

Christy Brownell, Jillian Everly, Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee, Rosey Oaks-Lee, George Oley, Tom Shephard, & Kathie Shevchuk.

MARCH 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45 am <u>Sunday School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u> 12:15 pm Choir 12:15 pm Ministry Support Comm. 6 pm Trustees 6 pm Youth	3 10:30 am <u>ABW Lenten Series</u> (Library) <u>Luncheon</u> (Chapel)	4 6:30 pm <u>Christian Education Board Meeting</u>	5 6:00 pm <u>Lenten Series Supper</u> (gym) 7:00 pm <u>Lenten Bible Study</u> (Chapel)	6	7 9:30-11:30 am <u>Stay 'n Play</u> (Gym) World Day of Prayer 	8 9:00 am – 3:00 pm <u>ABC/NYS Board of Mission Meeting and Luncheon</u> (Chapel and Gym)
9 - Daylight Saving Time 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45 am <u>Sunday School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u> 12:15 pm <u>Choir Reh.</u> 12:15 pm <u>Missions Board</u>	10 10:30 am <u>ABW Lenten Series</u> (Library) <u>Luncheon</u> (Chapel) 6:30 pm <u>Diaconate Board Mtg.</u>	11 7:00 pm <u>Executive Committee meeting</u>	12 6:00 pm <u>Lenten Series Supper</u> (gym) 7:00 pm <u>Lenten Bible Study</u> (Chapel)	13	14 9:30-11:30 am <u>Stay 'n Play</u> (Gym) 7:30 pm <u>Youth Group Bowling</u>	15 8-Noon <u>Church Work Day!!</u>  <u>God's Soldiers in St. Patrick's Day Parade</u>
16 Palm Sunday 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45 am <u>Sunday School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u> 12:15 pm <u>Choir Rehearsal</u> 6:00 pm <u>Youth Group</u>	17 10:30 am <u>ABW Lenten Series</u> (Library) <u>Luncheon</u> (Chapel)	18	19	20 Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm - A Soup and Salad Meal and Liturgy at Manlius Methodist	21 Good Friday 7:00 pm <u>A simple Service</u> (Sanctuary) Church Office is closed today <u>No Stay 'n Play</u> (No FM school)	22
23 - Easter 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:30-10:30 am <u>Easter Breakfast</u> (Gym) 11:00 am <u>Worship</u>	24	25 6:00 pm <u>King's Kids Committee Meeting</u> (Library)	26 8:00 am <u>Staff Meeting</u> 9:30-3:00 pm <u>Nehemiah Leader Network Group/Library</u>	27	28 <u>No Stay 'n Play</u> (No FM school today)	29 6:30 pm <u>Unity Fellowship</u> (Chapel)
30 – 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45 am <u>Sunday School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u> 12:15 pm <u>Choir</u>	31					

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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.