

# **CHRISTIAN CARRIER**

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**April 2008**

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## ***From Your Pastor ~***

On Easter Sunday, this past week, we read the resurrection story in Matthew 28. One phrase from verse 8 stays with me: “**afraid yet filled with joy**”.

The women had just encountered the angel sitting on the rolled-away stone at the empty tomb. He had given them an assignment, “Go quickly and tell his disciples...” In verse 8 we are told, “So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid and yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.”

This scripture is a **picture of transformation**. When we allow God to change our lives we can feel both fear and joy at the same time. **Fear**, because we give up control and allow God to lead us to places we may not have been before. **Joy**, because we are now on a path that has meaning and purpose. We are trusting in a power that can do far greater things through us than we can accomplish on our own. We are part of a movement that will offer joy and life to others.

“Fear yet filled with joy.” The Nehemiah Team has met several times over the past months. We’ve been talking about our church and listening to what God may be speaking to us. On April 5<sup>th</sup> the team will attend a workshop to help us begin the envisioning process at First Baptist. We’ll be learning to ask, “Who are We? Who is our Neighbor?” We are each a little apprehensive. Will our work bear fruit? Is the church ready to respond? But each of us are also full of anticipation for the wonderful things that God might do through this church.

**How can a church be ready for transformation?** It requires people to be open and attentive to the things God is doing. Prayer is central.

It is also important that people are connected to each other. God will speak to a congregation through the relationships of a faithful people. With that in mind, I will begin a new preaching series called, “One Anothering.” Through out the New Testament there are several “one another” passages, such as “Love one another”, “Pray for one another”...

Are you ready for transformation in your life? In the life of this church? Pray with me that God will build our fellowship and ready us for the work he is giving us to do.

### **April Sundays:**

#### **Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> –**

Communion Service.

My sermon will be, “Fellowship With One Another” based on I John 1:1-10

#### **Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Sermon: “Love One Another”

Text: John 13:31-38

#### **Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Sermon: “Pray for One Another”

Text: James 5:13-16

#### **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Sermon: Care for One Another

Text: I Corinthians 12:21-26

Faithfully,

Pastor Leon

## IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

### PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER ~

Mike Adams	Father of Tom Beers
April Baker & her family	Richard and Fran Fuller
Wanda Baker	Amy Hockey & her family
Loretta Beuchert	The Gloria Martin Family
Kermit Breed, Jr.	Virginia Noble
Connor	Stacey
Ruth Costello	Virginia, Carol Davenport's aunt
Courtney H.	Ericka Webb
Florence Cowles, Barbara Brace's mother	Brenda Williams & her family
Mary Jane and Russell Davis	
The Davenport family – Carol's sister died in Kentucky	
The Nehemiah Team, Leader (Tom Beers), and the April 5 <sup>th</sup> Workshop	

### PRAISES

*Eugene and Cecile White would like to thank the First Baptist Church Family for all of your prayers and concerns for us.*

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*“Dear Church Family, Life goes on here as in all places. A mouse in my house is not normal but does happen anywhere! I am recovering from a fall that broke three ribs. Mine are as sore as everyone else's when they are broken. Then sciatica gave me a nudge to thank God for the many years when all was well. My love and prayers always.” –Edith Laning (dated 3/8/08)*

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*“Jon Perry is doing better; thank you for your prayers in his behalf.” --Dave Knaebel*

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*“Many thanks to those who sent cards, made phone calls and/or visits, and provided dinners to me during my recent surgery and rehabilitation. I am now recuperating at home and doing well. First Baptist is indeed a caring congregation. See you soon.”  
--Shirley Mapstone*

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*“To the people of the First Baptist Church of Manlius: I have been urged to write my life story. Elaine LaFollette, our Church secretary, and my cousin, Lonnie Chu, have both suggested it to me. Today, February 29<sup>th</sup>, I began writing. I ask, again, for your prayers in the coming months. I will need to search my memory daily in order to complete my collection of experiences in the past decades. This will be a new experience for me. Seeing the past through my own eyes, I will attempt to recall details that have lay dormant for many years. I have bits and pieces of experiences in my mind now. It will not be a glamorous story, but I hope people will feel that they got something out of reading it. The title is: “My Struggle with Mental Illness—The Story of My Life.” I don't know when I will complete this new book. I will see what the coming months will bring forth. I ask for God's help and that you would keep me in your prayers.”*

*In His Name, Fred James Goddard*

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*Harriet and Harry Helsher would like to thank First Baptist Church for the lovely Easter plant. They are really enjoying the touch of Spring!*

## IN THE CHURCH FAMILY (Cont'd)

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Birthstone – Diamond; Flower – Sweet pea

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Michael McCartney | 17. Ross Binder     |
| 4. Olga Schmidt      | 18. Lorie Douglas   |
| 5. Allan Dominy      | 20. Linda Barber    |
| 7. Joshua Bailey     | 21. Ben McCartney   |
| Steve Barber         | Ken Phelps          |
| 8. Jamie Greene      | 22. Rosey Oaks-Lee  |
| 11. Dan Burt         | 23. Morgan Mapstone |
| 12. Ryan Freeman     | Dean Morningstar    |
| Jessie Mapstone      | 24. Jeannette Adams |
| 13. Andrew Carlsen   | 26. Bessie Todd     |
| Maria Isabel Ware    | 27. Glenn Douglas   |
| 14. Andy Burt        | 29. Isaac Bailey    |
| 16. Pam Foss         |                     |

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- |     |                      |
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| 17. | Keith & Ellen Butler |
| 24. | Jill & Bob Doss      |
| 28. | Pauline & Harry Cole |



**You are special to us, and we want to remember your special dates.  
Please contact the Church office (682-8941) if you have additions to our  
Birthday and Anniversary list ~ thank you☺**

### UNITY FELLOWSHIP

All are invited to attend this dish-to-pass supper to be held in the Chapel on **Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.** Bring your own table service. Our speaker for the occasion is our own pharmacist, Dick Barber, who will speak on the subject "My Experiences as a Pharmacist and How Your Pharmacist Can Help You to Best Utilize Medicine." Come and enjoy the fellowship and expect to obtain information that will be useful to all of us.



### QUARTERLY MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2008

**(After the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service)**

**All are invited and encouraged to attend☺**



## **TRUSTEES NEWS**

Thank You George Oley who led the project to replace the windows in the gym. He got help from Ross Binder, Al Dominy, Mark Mapstone, Doug Greene, Tom Biviano, and Leon Oaks-Lee.

On Saturday, March 15th, 16 of us gathered together to "spruce-up" our Church. The kitchen, nursery, chapel, and kitchenette were cleaned. The bottom walls of the Church gym were washed and the black marks were cleaned off. Work was done on the belfry windows and general cleaning up there was done. Litter was picked up outside, and the back flower garden was cleaned out. The inside of the front door was washed and the "Glory Hole" was cleaned out. The stairs outside the kitchen were cleaned, and old leaves etc. were removed. New strips were put on the chair holder in the gym so chairs will not fall over when they are lined up. During the week, wheelchairs were taken to Community Covenant for storage. Thank you to all who helped in this endeavor!! Our Church does look like we love and care about it.

## **DEACON NEWS**

### **Fellowship**

Over the past months we have been focused on how to increase our fellowship at First Baptist.

How can we help people feel more connected to each other?

One small first step has been to encourage everyone to wear their name tags in worship. Thanks! Many people have put them on! It helps new and old friends know who each other are. If you don't have a name tag, please leave a note for the church office.

### **Membership**

Have you considered membership at First Baptist Church? We invite you to become a member and be able to take part fully in the life of First Baptist. Speak to Pastor Leon or any of the Deacons. Watch for dates of the next "Who Are We at First Baptist Church?" class.

Our Deacons are: Bob Mapstone, Chairperson, Grace Chege, Carol Davenport, Al Dominy, Ellen Everly, and Ruby Pfohl,



## **ABW MINISTRIES NEWS**

**Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 p.m. (please note time change)** – ABW Dessert meeting will be held at Shirley Mapstone's house, 8077 #2 Road West in Manlius. Transportation will be provided. Please bring a sandwich. Dessert and beverage to be provided. The program will be about the "Geographic Mission Study in Eastern Europe" with guest speaker Myrna Benedict. The committee consists of Olga Schmidt.

**Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** is the ABW Ministries Cayuga-Onondaga Association's spring meeting at the First Baptist Church of Jordan, 30 Clinton Street, Jordan, NY. The speaker will be Kathy Krol from Springbrook (the former Upstate Baptist Home). She will be sharing information on the expanded program which is now in place. Registration is at 11:30 a.m. with a luncheon at noon.

**Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** – The Women & Girls' State Gathering (ABW Ministries/NYS) will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Syracuse this year.

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.

## **Mother–Daughter Banquet**

**Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

Featuring the  
**MacDonald School of Irish Dance!**

**All women are welcome.**

**Bring a friend who deserves some special time.**

**Dinner and entertainment will be provided.**

**Reservations to begin in April.**

***Sponsored by American Baptist Women***



## **MISSION NEWS**

### ***Help out at the Samaritan Center!!***

In April, we are recruiting 3 or 4 people to serve meals at the Samaritan Center on the following Mondays - *April 7, 14 and 21*. As we helped this summer, we arrive at 3:00 p.m. and are done by about 5:00 p.m., having served a meal to more than 120 folks. Contact Tom Shephard (655-8448) or another member of the Missions Board about which days you can help out in this service. Also, *stay tuned* for more opportunities in the future - The Samaritan Center has begun to serve breakfast from 6:30-8:30 a.m. They will need help in this effort. If you are interested, let Tom or another member of the Mission Board know.

### **AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING**

**Amount Collected to Date:        \$1,805.00**  
**Goal:                                        \$1,776.00**  
**S - T - R - E - T - C - H Goal:    \$2,008.00**



**FM FOOD PANTRY** – is in need of items; please place in the grocery cart in the entranceway at church. Items needed are:

Peanut Butter  
Dish Soap

Jelly (small jars)  
Toilet Paper

Pork 'n Beans  
Pasta Sauce

**THE BLOODMOBILE IS COMING** – Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 26, 2008. The bloodmobile will be at the church from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please call Shirley Mapstone to schedule an appointment (682-8169). Thank you for your support in giving the gift of life☺

### **MINI WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE**

**Saturday, May 3, 2008, 9:00 am-3:00 pm**  
**Fay Road Baptist Church**  
**750 Fay Road in Syracuse**

**Call 468-2071 to reserve your spot!**

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**Iroquois Association of NYS/ABS**

# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

## Adult Sunday School - 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Teacher/Contact</u>	<u>Location</u>
Ten Commandments	Pastor Leon	Chapel
Adult Journeys	Erm Ferris	Library
Bible Discussion (The Psalms)	Jill Doss	#207
Bible Discussion (Job)	Al Dominy	#206

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!

**Sunday School Rotational Curriculum** (Pre K-Grade 5) will begin on April 27<sup>th</sup>. This gives the children an opportunity to learn about Paul – Shackled & Shipwrecked using non-traditional learning opportunities. Our kids love to have other adults help them learn, even their parents. Men – don't miss the chance to interact with the kids! Please consider helping with this 4-week alternative. Please see the list of opportunities and their time commitment. I ask that you pray about these opportunities and then speak to me about helping out.

### Opportunities:

- Opening & Closing "Depot" Leader – 4 weeks – (2) 10-minute sessions.
- Drama Center – 1 week – 40 minutes
- Art Center – 1 week – 40 minutes
- Games Center – 1 week – 40 minutes
- Visual Center – 1 week – 40 minutes
- 2 BibleVenture Buddies (Crew Leaders) – 4 weeks – 60 minutes

Full descriptions for each job are available – see Kathie.

This is a great opportunity to volunteer to be a part of the Christian education of our wonderful kids at First Baptist Church.

To volunteer or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kathie Shevchuk @ 682-8678 or [xstitchkath@twcny.rr.com](mailto:xstitchkath@twcny.rr.com). Thanks.

**Sunday School Teacher and Volunteer**  
**Appreciation Sunday**  
**April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008**



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

### Morning Bible Study

Beginning **Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**,  
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.



### God's Soldiers Elbow Grease Day!



Calling all k – 5<sup>th</sup> graders!  
Bring your energy and muscle power to an afternoon of sprucing  
up inside and outside of the church building.  
Wear your working clothes! Bring a friend!



**When?** Sunday, April 13, 2008  
3:30 – 5:00 PM (Snacks and drinks provided.)

**Where?** Meet at church, at 3:17 PM  
Parents are welcome to stay, too.

**RSVP?** Call or email Al Dominy by April 11.  
637- 4964 adominy@netzero.net



### VBS PLANNING

A Planning Group has been working on a Vacation Bible School for this summer.  
We are working to create a summer opportunity for the children in our church and  
children in our community to grow in their relationship to Jesus Christ.

We are presently choosing a curriculum. Pray that we will find the best ways to  
help our children grow. Pray for the leaders who are planning. Pray about how you will  
be involved. Planning committee? Lead a small group of children this summer?  
Provide administrative support? etc.

# Youth News

**Youth Group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays**

**6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

**For any youth in Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

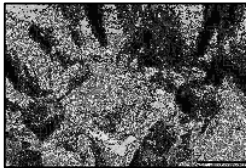
## Upcoming Events:

**April 6<sup>th</sup>:** Melissa Buskey will be our special guest @ Youth Group where she'll tell about her adventures on Extreme New York, a mission group that traveled around New York State observing and "doing" missions. It was a program of American Baptist New York State Outdoor Ministries.

So come on the 6<sup>th</sup> to hear about her experiences, watch a video from the trip and there may also be a "Key" to figure out! [Hint: A key is a clue that Melissa & her group were given which indirectly told them what they would be experiencing next.] Intrigued?!



**April 20<sup>th</sup>:** "Come One, Come All to the Tournament of all Tournaments"



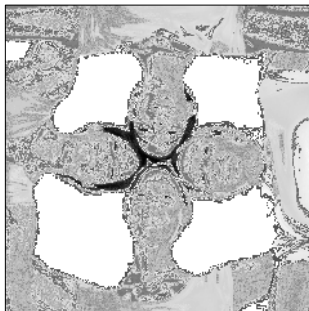
Remember our School Year Kick-off Event, Life-size "Game of Life?" Well, we'll be revisiting Board Games (*not Bored Games*) but with a twist! It's a team event & things will keep changing - - are you up for the challenge?!?

## **Youth Group Retreat**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Only \$10.00/person!**



Join us as we gather with other Youth Groups from Central New York for an entire weekend @ Pathfinder Lodge in Cooperstown!

*Time of Meeting New Friends, Devotion, Campfires, Study of His Word, & Crazy Amounts of Camp Fun!*

**Let a Youth Advisor know if you're interested by April 27<sup>th</sup>!!!!**

**Youth Newsletter will be sent out mid-April – Keep an eye out for it!!!**

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.

# APRIL 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> <u>Christian Education Board mtg.</u>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>7-8:00 am</b> <u>Bible Study (Library)</u> <b>6:30 pm</b> <u>Basketball (gym)</u>	<b>4</b> <b>9:30-11:30 am</b> <u>Stay 'n Play (gym)</u>	<b>5</b> <b>9:00 am – 3:00 pm</b> <u>Nehemiah Team Workshop (chapel)</u>
<b>6 <u>Communion Sunday</u></b> <b>8:30 am</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>9:45-10:45 am</b> <u>Sunday School</u> <b>11:00 am</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>12:15 pm</b> <u>Choir Rehearsal</u> <b>12:15 pm</b> <u>Ministry Support</u> <b>6:00 pm</b> <u>Trustees</u> <b>6:00 pm</b> <u>Youth</u>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>7-8:00 am</b> <u>Bible Study (Library)</u>  <b>6:30 pm</b> <u>Basketball (gym)</u>	<b>11</b> <b>9:30-11:30 am</b> <u>Stay 'n Play (gym)</u>	<b>12</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> <u>Vacation Bible School Committee Meeting (Library)</u>
<b>13</b> <b>8:30 am</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>9:45-10:45 am</b> <u>Sunday School</u> <b>11:00 am</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>12:15 pm</b> <u>Choir Rehearsal</u> <b>12:15 pm</b> <u>Missions Board</u> <b>3:30-5 pm</b> <u>God's Soldiers</u>	<b>14</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> <u>Diaconate Board Mtg.</u>	<b>15</b> <b>12:30 pm</b> <u>ABW Dessert Mtg. - Shirley Mapstone's</u> <b>7:00 pm</b> <u>Executive Committee Meeting</u>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>7-8:00 am</b> <u>Bible Study (Library)</u>  <b>6:30 pm</b> <u>Basketball (gym)</u>	<b>18</b> <b>No Stay 'n Play today</b>	<b>19</b> <b>11:30 am</b> <u>ABW Ministries Cayuga-Onondaga Assn. Mtg. (FBC of Jordan)</u>
<b>20</b> <b>8:30 am</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>9:45-10:45 am</b> <u>Sunday School</u> <b>11:00 am</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>6:00 pm</b> <u>Youth</u>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>8:00 am</b> <u>Staff Meeting</u>	<b>24</b> <b>7-8:00 am</b> <u>Bible Study (Library)</u>  <b>6:30 pm</b> <u>Basketball (gym)</u>	<b>25</b> <b>9:30-11:30 am</b> <u>Stay 'n Play (gym)</u>	<b>26</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> <u>Unity Fellowship (chapel)</u>
<b>27</b> <b>8:30 am</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>9:45-10:45 am</b> <u>Sunday School</u> <b>11:00 am</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>Quarterly Mtg.</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			

**ABW Women & Girls State Gathering 4/25-4/27 at the Double Tree Hotel, Syracuse, NY**

**EVENTS IN MAY**

**May 2-4** – Youth Retreat at Pathfinder  
**May 3** – Iroquois Mini World Missions Conference-Fay Road Baptist/9 am  
**May 11** – Mother's Day  
**May 13** – Mother-Daughter Banquet/6:30 pm  
**May 18** – Youth Sunday  
**May 18** – Special Family Night Supper

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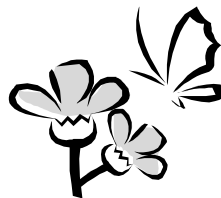
**Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee, Pastor**  
**All the Believers, Ministers**

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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.