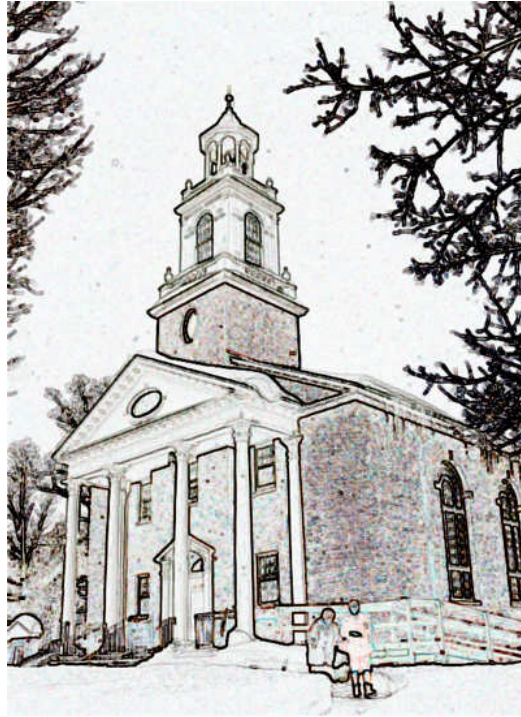


CHRISTIAN CARRIER

MAY 2007



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From Your Pastor

"I really want to read the Bible more. I want to apply God's word to my life. But, I easily get stuck. I'm not sure what to read. There is so much I don't understand. I lose interest too quickly."

Do any of these statements sound like something you have said?

I am eager that we as a church grow in our regular reading of the Bible. I want us to overcome the barriers that keep us from encountering God.

I've recently been reading a book entitled, Sacred Reading, by Michael Casey. Here are a couple of things he emphasizes that might be helpful to you.

One emphasis is that reading the Bible is different from other kinds of reading. Rather than reading to obtain information, our purpose is to seek God. Bible reading therefore is closely connected to prayer.

The Bible has a "radically different viewpoint" from the world we are living in. "We approach our reading as a disciple comes to a master: receptive, docile, willing to be changed."

A second helpful emphasis is on patience. He states: "The first requirement is patience. In fact, we have to slow down ... and not expect to find quick and easy solutions to all of life's problems."

He compares our growth to water wearing away a rock. He states, "God's word will certainly refashion our lives, but not overnight. The process begins from the center and works outward; its result will not be apparent on the surface for a very long time."

Is it our impatience that keeps us from a good habit?

What do you need to get started in a regular habit of Bible reading? Would a daily guide be helpful? Would meeting in a group with others help? Let's be in conversation about what we can do as a church to encourage each of us to grow.

Faithfully,

Coming Sundays:

Sunday, April 29th

Our youth will lead the 11 a.m. service. They have spent many weeks preparing and have a message for us. Plan to be present to encourage and support them and to receive what God will speak through them. (tip: You might prepare for worship by reading the book of Esther)

Sunday, May 6th

Bill and Betsy Burt will speak in our worship service. Before they leave for their new home in Virginia, they will share a testimony of their history with us at First Baptist Church.

Sunday, May 13th – Mother's Day

Sunday, May 20th

We celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Our Deacons will recognize 50 year members and our Christian Ed. Board will lead us in expressing appreciation for our Sunday School teachers this past year.

Memorial Day Sunday, May 27th

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Recent Prayer Requests:

Al Parker – was admitted to the VA Hospital on Tuesday, April 17th.

Grace Chege's Niece – 18 years old – died in Kenya.

Please Pray for:

Virginia Noble	Ruth Costello
Wanda Baker	Kermit Breed, Jr.
Mary Jane and Russell Davis	
Connor	Connie Dickenson
Richard Pietrowicz	Shirley Mapstone
The Bex Family	Wendy Bireline
Laurie	Paul Whittaker
The Brace Family	The Oley Family
Ana Corona	The Davies Family
Scott and Sherry Richman	
Barbara, Carol Davenport's sister	

PRAISES

"To My Church Family ~ Ray has made plans for me to go with him to Tucson for ten days. I will be seeing the Struwings and enjoying their life and experiences since I saw them last. God blesses me with so many blessings. I wish each of you God's blessings.

Praise the Lord!

*My love and prayers, Edith Laning."
(received 4/17/07)*

~ ~ ~

"Thank you for all of your prayers, cards, and well wishes after my surgery. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated."

-Ana Corona

~ ~ ~

Please call Elaine at the Church office (682-8941) with any prayer requests or praises by Wednesday morning.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Birthstone – Emerald Flower – Lily of the Valley

1. Tiffany Mellor
Anna Ros
2. Lorna Kerwin
3. Cameron Bates
Joni Dominy
Randy Kerwin
5. Mark Carlsen
Betty Heller
6. John Granata
7. Marge Edwards
10. George Oley
Harold Ware
11. Paige Whittaker
12. Doug Barber
14. Michael Everly
17. John Buskey
18. Beverly Curr
Kathie Shevchuk
20. Sara Procopio
25. Trevor Hotchkiss

ANNIVERSARIES

2. Karen & Matt Ros
3. Jean & Tony Gaudio
8. Ellen & Mike Everly
11. Hannah & Paul Whittaker
18. Eugene and Cecile White
28. Deborah & George Oley
30. Joni & Allan Dominy
31. Lorna & Bob Kerwin



UNITY FELLOWSHIP

The next Unity Fellowship get together for April will be Saturday, **April 28th** for a noontime visit to the Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum. A power point presentation about boats on the Erie Canal, lunch, and an optional tour of the museum and grounds is planned. Tickets are on sale for \$5.00. Please call Barb Richardson (632-4384) or Ruth Ware (637-6006). **All are invited!!**

The May Unity Fellowship get together will be **Saturday, May 19th, 6:30 p.m.** in the Chapel. Marlene MacFarlane from the Manlius Senior Center will be the guest speaker. The committee consists of the Helsher's and the Guynup's. **All are invited!** See you there☺

ATTENTION GRADUATES!!!

Soon many graduations will be held. If you or someone in your family will be graduating (High School, College, Master's, Doctorate), please submit (email to fbcman@twcnny.rr.com) a photograph and a paragraph telling us where you are graduating from, the date of graduation, where you will be attending college or where you will be working after graduation and any other pertinent information you would like to include. This must be submitted to the Church office **no later than Friday, June 8th** so we can include this in the July newsletter. Photographs will be returned to you. Thank you! If you have any questions, please call the Church office at 682-8941.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!!

The First Baptist Church Diaconate Scholarship Committee invites all students who are graduating from High School and are planning to attend college or are in college, to apply for a Manlius FBC scholarship. Scholarship forms are available in our church office and **must be returned by June 1, 2007.** If you have any questions, please call Diaconate Board Member, Bob Mapstone at 682-8169.



Contributions to the Scholarship Fund are welcome. You may put your donation in the Scholarship Fund envelopes located in the Sanctuary.

CHURCH NEWS

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

On Saturday morning, March 31st, we (12 of us) gathered to do work at the Church. Here is a list of projects we worked on:

Painting –

- the center section of the wall in the Narthex
- the bottom of the gym wall under the kitchen window

Cleaning and Reorganizing –

- the elevator Control Room
- the refrigerator (defrosted the freezer)
- miscellaneous in the kitchen
- the “Glory Hole”

Miscellaneous –

- greased the bell in the steeple
- replaced the broken window pane in the gym
- removed all wheelchairs and health equipment and took to Ruston for storage.

A list of projects that need attention will be posted on the board opposite the mail boxes. If you need more information, please contact JoAnn Mostar at 682-6802. Thanks for all who helped with the work day!

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY – EARTH DAY CLEAN UP

Our church family has been invited again this year to be part of the community-wide effort for Earth Day clean up. We will be combining our Adopt-a-Highway effort on this day with the Earth Day cleanup. Young and old are invited to join our neighbors in sprucing up the community. We will meet at **First Baptist Church, Saturday, April 28th, at 8:45 a.m.** for coffee, juice, and donuts. We will then walk over to the gazebo in front of St. Ann’s Church to join in this effort.



Volunteers are needed☺ Please contact John Granata for more information at 655-5915 or email John at jsgranat@yahoo.com. Thank you for your help in keeping our community clean☺

ABW MINISTRIES NEWS



Monday, May 7th, 9:30 a.m. – There will be an Executive Committee meeting in the Church Library. **Tuesday, June 12th, 6:00 p.m.** – The Annual Picnic will be held at the Ammann’s, 8572 E. Seneca Turnpike in Manlius. Committee consists of Erma Bullard, Janet Norris, and Carole Guynup. Please bring table service and a dish to pass. Come join us for this fun-filled event☺

Mother - Daughter Banquet
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Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30 pm

All Women are Welcome!!

New this year ... Bring your son, too!

We didn't want our young men to miss out on the fun of the BUBBLE—
OLOGIST!!

**The Bubble-ologist, Doug Rougeaux,
will be dazzling us with his very amusing, bubbly talent!!**

Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Our Cuisine will be prepared by Chef Greg Short,
also lovingly referred to as "Chef Shortie."



Give your Secret Pal a hug.

Ladies \$7.00
Children \$5.00



Please RSVP to the church office by May 6th at 682-8941.
Payments will be received at the dinner. Thank you!

**This event is Sponsored by the American Baptist Women
of our church.**

Three Special Sundays

Sunday, April 29th -- **Youth Sunday**

Our Middle and High School Youth will lead our worship.

QUARTERLY MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2007

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

All are invited and encouraged to attend☺

Sunday, May 6th --

Bill and Betsy Burt will share a testimony of their years at First Baptist Church.

Worship will be followed by a reception
in honor of Bill and Betsy
and Trudy Siegenthaler
before they move to their new home in Virginia.

Sunday, May 20th -- **Pentecost Sunday**

Teacher Appreciation

Recognition of 50 Year Members



Ministry Opportunity - Vacation Bible School

Would you like to be on the team who help children in our church and community to spend part of their summer vacation becoming closer to Jesus, perhaps meeting him for the first time?

You can by signing up to help with VBS at First Baptist Church during the mornings on **July 30-August 3, 2007**. The theme includes several stories about Jesus involving water, and is titled *Take the Plunge!*

What an opportunity! What a privilege! And with the **side benefit of reconnecting with our First Baptist family** in the middle of summer.

Below are ways we still need people to help. Your response will help us know what resources we can count on as we continue to plan this year's VBS.

Please indicate how you can help. Check all that apply and indicate your preference. Indicate if you would be available on particular days, if appropriate.

- _____ **Park guides** (6-8 people still needed to guide a group of children to activities)
- _____ 4th and 5th grade teacher (2 co-teachers would be great)
- _____ Helping with crafts
- _____ Snack Shack helpers
- _____ Publicity
- _____ Drama/skits (How often? Daily _____ 1 or 2 days only _____)
- _____ Decorations (there are simple suggestions in the curriculum)
- _____ Organizing supplies
- _____ Helping with registration (on Monday, July 30)
- _____ Final day lunch for students and parents

_____ I'll be around VBS week and can help with "odd jobs".

_____ I can help with preparations ahead of time.

_____ I will pray for the VBS effort. Let me know specific needs.

Name _____ Phone _____

For more information, contact Rosey Oaks-Lee
(637-0023, roseyoakslee@aol.com)

We request your prayers and ideas as we continue to plan for this program.
Thank you.

VBS Planning Committee:

Millar Brace, Melissa Buskey, Carole Guynup, Colleen Guynup, Shirley Mapstone,
Janna Sawyer, Rosey Oaks-Lee, chair

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

CHILDREN’S DAY ~ Sunday, June 10th

Our young people will be presenting the musical, “The First Action Heroes.” If you can help in any area listed below, please see Kathie Shevchuk (682-8678).

Assistant Director – available to go out with Joyful Sounds for rehearsals;

Set Design – able to paint backdrop scene;

Props – not hard to find;

Costumes – able to sew



GOD’S SOLDIERS

Our May event will be bringing a little sunshine to the residents of Eastside Manor; we will be planting flower pots with them.

WHERE: EASTSIDE MANOR IN FAYETTEVILLE

WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 7th, 2007

TIME: 5:30 TO 7:00 p.m.



Please RSVP to Mrs. Sawyer at 692-4201 by Friday, May 4th. Cookies will be provided as well!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45-10:45 a.m. – in the Chapel

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

I and II Peter – Leader, Betsy Burt – Meeting in the Chapel

Bible Discussion – Meeting in Room 207

Journeys Bible Study – Leader, Erm Ferris – Meeting in the Library

IROQUOIS ASSOCIATION SPRING CELEBRATION

All are invited and encouraged to come to this “Making Joy-full Noise” celebration on

Saturday, May 5, 2007, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

at the Sennett Federated Church, 7777

Weedsport-Sennett Road, in Port Byron, NY. For more information on this event, please look on our bulletin board across from the mail slots or call Shirley Myers at 638-1795 or Floyd Duger at 569-2978.



AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING

GOAL: \$1,500.00

S-T-R-E-T-C-H: \$1,800.00

DONATIONS RECEIVED TO DATE: \$1,640.04



MISSION NEWS

We have received a letter from the Bonilla family. Carlos and Mayra are our designated missionaries in San Carlos, Chile. Their children are Alberto, Carolina and Daniela. Here are some excerpts from a letter Mayra wrote in response to a letter I had written them.

“You may call this a “Cyber Divine Date” cause I was meaning to write you...” “So glad to hear that the Mission Fair went well and the cookies you made were a hit, and also thankful for your new board member... In fact, we were so sorry to have gotten Tom’s contact the same week he and his family were coming to Chile and we already had workshops scheduled throughout his stay. Glad to hear they had an awesome visit...”

“We are thankful to Elaine who has been very faithful in sending us your church’s newsletter which helps us stay in the loop of how things are going in your neck of the woods. ... “

“You know, I may not have shared this piece of information, but each time we walk through the doors of the church in San Carlos, we thank the Lord for FBC of Manlius. With your gift, we were able to purchase the doors (pictured below) for the main entrance and the office.”

May the Lord continue to bless your ministry. Mayra”



The new church building in San Carlos, Chile.
The doors were purchased with gifts from FBC of Manlius.

I just wanted you to know the impact we are having though our mission giving. Thank you for keeping our missionaries in your prayers. With our financial and prayer support, God can do miraculous things! Praise the Lord for each of you.

Jill Doss,
Mission Board, Chairperson

Exciting News:

Matt Mann, missionary to Laos, will visit us on Thursday, May 24th - watch for details.

The Bonillas (see above) are planning to join us for worship on Sunday, October 14th.

The Shephard family plan to share with us about their trip to Chile in September

Watch for news of opportunities for the people at First Baptist Church to help at the Samaritan Center (downtown Syracuse) this summer.



MAY 2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 pm <u>Christian Education Board/Library</u>	2	3 5-9:00 pm <u>Edwards' Recital</u> (Sanctuary)	4 9:30-11:30 am <u>Stay'n'Play</u> (gym)	5 9-2:30 pm <u>Iroquois Assoc. Mtg.</u> Sennett Ch.
6 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45-10:45 <u>Sun. School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u> 12:15 pm <u>Ministry Supp</u> 12:30 <u>Choir</u> 12:30 <u>Burt Reception</u> 6pm <u>Trustees</u>	7 9:30 am <u>ABW</u> <u>Executive Mtg.</u> (Library) 5:30-7:00 pm <u>God's Soldier's</u> (at Eastside Manor)	8	9 7:00 pm <u>Executive Committee Mtg.</u> (Library)	10	11 9:30-11:30 am <u>Stay'n'Play</u> (gym)	12
13 <u>Mother's Day</u> 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45-10:45 <u>Sun. School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u> 12:30 <u>Choir</u>	14	15 6:30 pm <u>Mother-Daughter Banquet</u> (gym)	16	17	18 9:30-11:30 am <u>Stay'n'Play</u> (gym)	19 6:30 pm <u>Unity Fellowship</u> (Chapel)
20 <u>Teacher Appreciation & 50-Year Recognition</u> 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45-10:45 <u>Sun. School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u> 12:15 pm <u>Missions</u> 12:30 <u>Choir</u>	21 6:30 pm <u>Diaconate Board Mtg.</u> (Room 207)	22	23 8:00 am <u>Staff Meeting</u>	24	25 9:30-11:30 am <u>Stay'n'Play</u> (gym)	26
27 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45-10:45 <u>Sunday School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u> 12:30 <u>Choir</u>	28 MEMORIAL DAY!! Church Office is Closed	29	30	31	<p style="text-align: center;">EVENTS IN JUNE</p> <p>June 1-2 Women of Faith Conference in Rochester, NY June 8-10 ABW Central Area Conference in Delta Lake, Rome, NY June 9 Jr./Sr. High Youth Group at Peter & Wendy Mapstone's June 8-10 Franklin Graham Festival at Binghamton University June 10 Children's Day June 17 Father's Day and Graduation Sunday</p>	

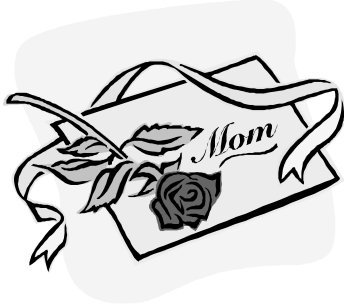
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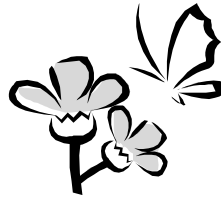
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Inviting People to New Life



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.