

CHRISTIAN CARRIER

May 2008



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From Your Pastor ~

I desire to follow Jesus in my life. I want to love, serve and give glory to God in all that I do.

Is that your desire?

I can't think of any better way to live. The pursuits of power and position or pleasure and comfort, so typical in our culture, all fall short as worthy goals for my life.

Last year, the Christian Ed. Board expressed their purpose, in this way: "To develop followers of Jesus who love, serve and give glory to God."

All the activities and programs that Christian Ed. promotes at First Baptist are for the purpose of helping people to follow Jesus and love, serve and give glory to God.

Do you put yourself in places where you can love, serve and give glory to God? In what ways do you follow Jesus?

As plans are made for Sunday School in the fall, we will recruit teachers for adults, youth and children. Each teacher's goal will be to develop followers of Jesus. How might you be involved?

As the planning team works for this summer's Vacation Bible School, the focus is to develop followers of Jesus among our children. Pray about how you will find a way to be involved.

On Sunday, May 18th our youth will lead us in worship. As you worship with them on that day, celebrate how they are

choosing to follow Jesus and learning to love and serve him.

I am pleased with the many ways we encourage followers of Jesus at FBC. Can we do better? Always!

Do you encourage each other to grow in discipleship? Do you pray for our children and youth?

We don't live this life of faith alone. We need each other. How do you encourage the people you sit with in worship? ... the people in your Sunday School class? ... the people you serve with?

I encourage our growth in this family of faith. I will continue the preaching series, "One Anothering" during May; my sermons are intended to encourage you to grow as a follower of Jesus. Spur one another on to the work he is giving us to do: developing followers of Jesus who love, serve and give glory to God.

Sunday, May 4th, "Encourage and Build Up One Another". Read I Thess. 5:11.

Sunday, May 11th, "Admonish One Another" - Read Colossians 3:16.

Sunday, May 18th - Our youth will lead the service. Be sure to plan to attend the all church dinner on Sunday evening, sponsored by our Youth Team.

Sunday, May 25th, "Spur One Another On Toward Love and Good Deeds." Read Hebrews 10:24.

Faithfully,

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER ~

Mike Adams	Father of Tom Beers
April Baker & her family	Richard and Fran Fuller
Wanda Baker	Loretta Beuchert
Kermit Breed, Jr.	Virginia Noble
Ruth Costello	Courtney H.
Virginia, Carol Davenport's aunt	The Nehemiah Team
Florence Cowles, Barbara Brace's mother	Brenda Williams & her family
Russell and Mary Jane Davis	Ann Spradling
The Davenport family	Chuck
Jon Perry	Fred Goddard
Connor	Mary Day
Patty Baggett	Marge Lincoln

PRAISES

Thank you all for your prayers and cards regarding the death of my sister, Barbara. They were most appreciated. I would also like to thank my secret pal for the delicious candy and the lovely daffodils I received for Easter. –Carol Davenport
~ ~ ~

“To the congregation, I have written some 50 pages of my autobiography and fourteen short chapters with an epilogue. I am coming to the end of my writing. I am dedicating the book to Elaine LaFollette and Lonnie Chu for their encouragement in its preparation. I feel I have been able to convey thoughts and feelings that a person with mental illness has. I feel I have been successful doing this. Many parts of the book were hard to write. My epilogue is poignant. Even with all this, the story continues. I look to the future. I look for a brighter tomorrow. I thank you for your prayers for me. It is my prayer that God would be with you all as you live each day.” In the Lord’s name, Fred James Goddard (dated 3/29/08)
~ ~ ~

Thank you to our former Church family for all your cards and prayers. It was good to see them at such a difficult time for our family.” --Gloria Martin and family
~ ~ ~

“To my loving, caring Church family ~ What a relief after a long, cold, hard winter to feel fresh spring breezes. Life goes on here—Church service first and third Sundays and Bible study every Tuesday night with Laura, our dedicated leader. Every lesson is well planned and interesting. After the first shot for macular degeneration, I can’t see any better, but I’m going for the second! Pray. My love and prayers, Edith Laning.”
~ ~ ~

“Thanks be to God for the 60 years of blessings (wedding anniversary was March 27th) we celebrated with our family and church family this week. We appreciated your flowers, remembrances and many beautiful cards. In Christ, Ken and Ada Phelps.”
~ ~ ~

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

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY (Cont'd)

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

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

3. Jean & Tony Gaudio
8. Ellen & Mike Everly
11. Hannah & Paul Whittaker
18. Eugene and Cecile White
28. Deb & George Oley
30. Joni & Al Dominy
31. Lorna & Bob Kerwin



You are special to us! We want to remember your special dates. Please contact the church office if you have any additions to our calendar.

Rose Huffaker's New Address:

**Heather Ridge
913 Pittsburgh Avenue, N. W.
North Canton, OH 44720**

Unity Fellowship

Saturday, May 17th, 6:30 p.m. Unity Fellowship will get together for a dinner prepared by Greg Short followed by a slide presentation on Amelia Earhart given by Cheryl Pula. The committee is Shirley and Bob Mapstone, Beverly Curr, and Linda and Dick Barber. All are invited!!

Recognizing Marge Lincoln

One of our long-time members, Marge Lincoln, will be recognized in the 11 a.m. worship service on Mother's Day, **May 11th**. Our Deacons have organized a reception for Marge at **10:30 a.m.** preceding the worship service. You are invited to come early and greet Marge.

Family Event ~ Saturday, May 10th

Service Project at Page Wildlife Rehabilitation Center



Cindy Page brought her owls to our Youth/Unity Dinner on March 29th. Everyone seemed to enjoy hearing of her work. She has invited us to a work session at her home next door to Ruby Pfohl's home at 3270 Oran Gulf Road in Manlius on Saturday, May 10th. We will help with the birds and animals she is caring for. We thought at first that this would be a youth event, but it seems to be something that would be more fun to do as families. Cindy basically has set up two time slots when we can come: 10 to 12 and/or 1 to 3. She is encouraging us to bring our lunches since she has a picnic area. It sounds like she is organizing it all very well. She will have clipboards with the jobs explained and the materials needed to do the job. When a person completes a job, he gets another clipboard and another job. She says to wear old clothes since we will probably get dirty.

Since Cindy would like an idea of how many will be working, please sign up with Barbara Richardson 632-4384 or the Church office and make sure we have your phone number in case the weather is so awful we have to cancel. Let us know the hours you will be working. It should be so much fun and so educational to see how Cindy helps creatures who have been hurt and prepares them to return to their habitats. Bring a picnic lunch. We shall provide dessert and beverage.

2008 CAMP DONATIONS NEEDED

There are plenty of items needed for Camp Vick and Pathfinder Lodge and we need your help!! For Camp Vick we need a variety of food items, paper goods, other kitchen items, maintenance items, sports equipment, miscellaneous items, winter items, furniture, electronics, and project items. For Pathfinder we need a variety of food items, paper goods, other kitchen items, furniture, items for the health lodge, sports equipment, maintenance items, and craft and program items. A complete list of items in each of these categories is posted on the bulletin board behind the baptistery. There is a bin in the Narthex to place your donated items. If you have any questions, please contact Jillian Everly at 682-7614 or jeveryl@twcny.rr.com.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

God's Soldiers **Mother's Day** Event

Calling all K – 5th graders! Bring your friends and join the fun!

**What? Creating something unique for a special mother in your life!
Dads are welcome to come help!**

**When? Sunday, May 4, 3:30 – 5:30 PM
Games and snacks, too!**



Where? Manlius First Baptist Church Chapel

**RSVP? Call or email Barbara Brace 682-6270 or
Cmillbce@aol.com by May 1st please!**

Vacation Bible School

The dates have been finalized – **August 18-22, 2008** will be Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church, Manlius! VBS is for children ages 5-12 (entering Kindergarten through 6th grade). Prayerfully consider what your part will be! The next VBS Team Planning meeting will on Tues., May 6, 7:00 p.m.

Adult Sunday School ~ 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Teacher/Contact</u>	<u>Location</u>
Who Are We at First Baptist Church of Manlius?*	Pastor Oaks-Lee	Chapel
Adult Journeys	Erm Ferris	Library
Bible Discussion (The Psalms)	Jill Doss	#207
Bible Discussion	Al Dominy	#206

*This class is designed for new people to get to know our Church. It is hoped that all our members will attend this class. If you did not attend last spring, plan to attend this class.

Morning Bible Study

Thursdays, April 3—May 8th, a new small group Bible Study is meeting 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.





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: fbcmantwcny.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 6th** 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, 2008**. If you have any questions, please call Diaconate Board Member, Bob Mapstone at 682-8169.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

The Scholarship Fund was created some years ago by Abe Lorente, a grateful member of our Church family. If you would like to share in this ministry of support for college students of all ages at home and away, please consider making a contribution. You may mail it to the Church office in the enclosed Scholarship Fund envelope or put it in a Scholarship Fund envelope and place it in the offering plate any Sunday in May. Thank you for your support of this meaningful ministry.

ABW MINISTRIES

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

Monday, May 5th, 10 a.m. – ABW Executive meeting in the Church library

Mother-Daughter Banquet – It's a Ceili! (Kay-Lee) Irish Party and will be held on **Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m.** in the gym. All mothers and daughters are invited. Adults and girls 13 and up = \$7; Girls 5-12 = \$5; Girls under 5 = Free! Entertainment will be provided by the McDonald School of Irish Dance. The dinner will be prepared by Greg Short and served by the men of FBC.

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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MANLIUS

The Annual Mother—Daughter Banquet

It's a Ceili!

Pronounced "Kay-Lee," the American Baptist Women at First Baptist Church of Manlius are hosting an Irish party Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30pm.

Come and enjoy fine food by Chef Gregory Short, and solo and group dancing performed by the McDonald School of Irish Dance.

All women are welcome.

Bring a friend who deserves some special time.

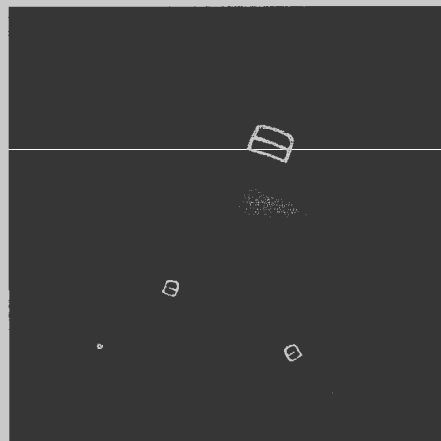
Call 682-8941 for reservations or contact Shirley Mapstone.

Sponsored by American Baptist Women

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MANLIUS

Tuesday, May 13th—6:30pm
Church Gymnasium
Dinner and Entertainment Provided
\$7.00 adults 13 and over
\$5.00 girls 5—12, under 5 free

For Reservations Call 682-8941



Eastern University Choir Concert Sunday, May 11th at 7:30 p.m.

Eastern University, a Christian school of the arts and sciences, with historic connections to American Baptist, is located near Philadelphia, PA. On Sunday, May 11th at 7:30 p.m. their 30 member choir will bring a concert to First Baptist Church of Manlius. They will bring a range of music from traditional choral works to folk hymns, spirituals and multi-ethnic music. Invite your friends and family to this high quality musical event.

We are responsible for bed and breakfast for members of the choir on Sunday evening and Monday morning. They will stay in pairs. If you can help with housing that evening, sign-up in the Narthex or call the church office.



MISSION NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has given so generously to the America for Christ offering this year. We exceeded our goal and our stretch goal as well! We have such a loving, giving, caring church family! We truly appreciate all of you for your faithfulness to all the missions! Blessings to all of you and thanks again! The Mission Board

Help out at the Samaritan Center ~ May Mondays!!

In **May**, we are recruiting 3 or 4 people to serve meals at the Samaritan Center on **Mondays** throughout the month. 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. If an earlier time on Monday is more convenient, the Samaritan Center serves breakfast. The time to be there is **7-9:00 a.m.** Contact Tom Shephard (655-8448) or another member of the Missions Board (Jill Doss, Shirley Mapstone, Jean Lynn Buskey, Sally Lyon, or Ann Morales) about which Mondays you can help out in this service. Thank you.

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☺



DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR MISSIONS?

“Serving as the hands and Feet of Christ”

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!

Speakers: *Rev. Duane Binkley, Revs. Jim and Suzi Harriff,
Rev. William Carlsen, and Local Missionary Teams*

Iroquois Association of ABC/NYS

Youth News

**Youth Group meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
For any youth in Grades 6th - 12th**

Upcoming Events:

Youth Group Retreat

May 2nd - May 4th

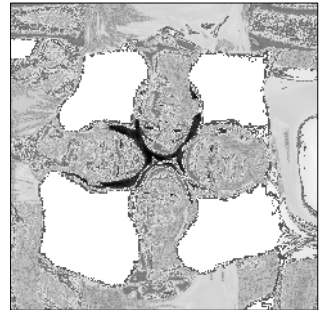
Grades 6th - 12th

Only \$10.00/person!

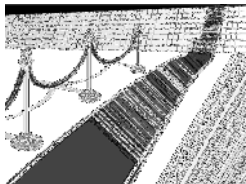
Join us as we gather with other Youth Groups from Central New York for an entire weekend @ Pathfinder Lodge in Cooperstown!

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

Let a Youth Advisor know ASAP if you're interested!!!!



May 18th: Academy Awards Dinner, 6:00 p.m. (See flyer in this Newsletter)



It's time to showcase our Music Videos! At this church-wide Family Night Supper, the youth are our celebrities! But beware, the paparazzi may be tipped off & we know how they are!

Did you miss out filming the Music Videos? That's ok! The program includes a Recap of the entire year of Youth Group & every youth will receive an award! You are not going to want to miss this special event!

June 1st: It's already time for S.E.E.?!?! (School-End Extravaganza)

There will be more info to come, but save the date! This will be our last "Regular" Youth Group before Summer hits - I don't want to give away too much, but our activities may include a Field Trip to Cazenovia... Intrigued? Well...you should be.



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.

All-Church
Family Event

Manlius Academy Awards Dinner



Date: May 18, 2008

Time: 6:00 pm

Held in the Exquisite Banquet Hall
of FBC Manlius Gymnasium

Please bring service & a dish to pass.
Dessert & Beverage will be provided.

Come & Support our Youth!!!

Program:



Youth Group
Music Videos



Special Awards

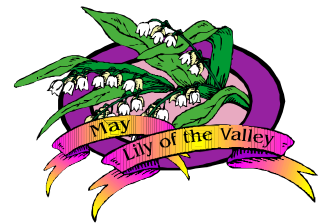


Church
Commercials

Sponsored by FBC Manlius Youth Team



MAY 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7-8 am <u>Bible Study/Library</u>	2 9:30-11:30 am <u>Stay 'n Play Gym</u>	3 9-3:00 pm <u>Mini World Missions Conf. – Fay Road Baptist (Iroquois Association ABC/NYS)</u>
					Youth Group Retreat May 2-4, Grades 6-12 Pathfinder Lodge	
4 – Communion Sunday 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45 am <u>Sunday School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u> 12:15 pm <u>Ministry Support Committee</u> 12:15 pm <u>Choir</u> 3:30-5:30 pm <u>God's Soldiers (Chapel)</u> 6:00 pm <u>Trustees</u>	5 10:00 am <u>ABW Executive meeting (Library)</u>	6 6:30 pm <u>Christian Education Board meeting</u> 7:00 pm <u>VBS Planning Team meeting</u>	7	8 7-8 am <u>Bible Study/Library</u> 6:00 pm <u>King's Kids Committee Meeting (Chapel)</u>	9 9:30-11:30 am <u>Stay 'n Play Gym</u>	10 10-Noon <u>1-3:00 pm Family Event (Page Wildlife Rehabilitation Center)</u>
11 – Mother's Day 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> 7:30 pm <u>Eastern University Concert</u>	12 6:30 pm <u>Diaconate Board meeting</u>	13 6:30 pm <u>Mother-Daughter Banquet Gym</u>	14 7:00 pm <u>Executive Committee meeting</u>	15	16 9:30-11:30 am <u>Stay 'n Play Gym</u>	17 6:30 pm <u>Unity Fellowship Chapel</u>
18 – Youth Sunday 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45 am <u>Sunday School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u> 12:15 pm <u>Missions</u> 12:15 pm <u>Choir</u> 6:00 pm <u>Family Night Supper (gym)</u>	19	20	21	22 9:30-11:30 am <u>Stay 'n Play Gym</u>	23 No <u>Playschool today</u>	24
25 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>	26 <u>Memorial Day – Office is Closed</u>	27	28 8:00 am <u>Staff meeting</u>	29	30	31

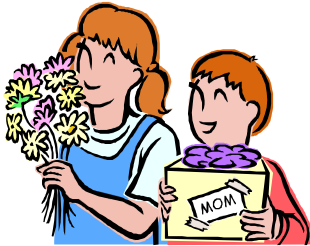
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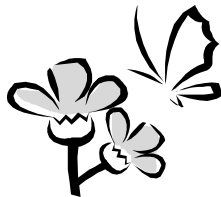
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All the Believers, Ministers**

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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.