

# **CHRISTIAN CARRIER**

---

**May 2009**

---



**First Baptist Church  
408 Pleasant Street  
Manlius, NY 13104**

**Church Office Telephone: (315) 682-8941**  
**Website: [www.firstbaptist-manlius.org](http://www.firstbaptist-manlius.org)**  
**Church email: [fbcman@twcny.rr.com](mailto:fbcman@twcny.rr.com)**  
**Pastor Leon's email: [fbcman-pastor@twcny.rr.com](mailto:fbcman-pastor@twcny.rr.com)**

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

We don't often focus on the ascension in our preaching and teaching. It is hard to explain. It's a mystery. And it is really important.

After Jesus was raised and before he ascended, he spent forty days with his disciples preparing them for his leaving. He promised that when he went away, he would send his Spirit and they would be "clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49)

In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "the one who believes in me will do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father."

Wow! Those are some incredible promises. Jesus leaves so he can send his spirit and we will do greater works than he did!

So, how we understand the ascension makes all the difference. Jesus left! Either we are on our own (limited by our own power) or we are part of a God mission (limited only by his power). Either we have a great story from the past or we are part of a developing story.

Too often we live like Jesus left and now it's all up to us.

Tom Beers talks about the mystery of the ascension. He says, "God has chosen to use churches ... ordinary gatherings of ordinary people ... in the most extraordinary work of bearing the transforming power of the gospel into the world."

**Do you believe** that God has given First Baptist Church of Manlius something to offer, which people desperately need,

and which we can uniquely and powerfully provide?

What do you understand that to be? What are these "greater works" that God is empowering us to do? What is the transforming power of the Gospel?

I believe that Jesus came into this world to show us God's love. All his miracles were to exhibit God's compassion and love. His greatest work at the cross showed us God's love. The "greater works" that God will do through us are to exhibit his love in this world.

How can we show God's love for this world? Is it in welcoming a refugee family into our community? Is it through our care for the children in our church family and in our community? Is it compassion for someone who has lost their job or praying for those in need of healing? What are the "greater works" God is giving us to do?

What's your take on the ascension?

Faithfully,

Pastor Leon

PS – Rosey and I are looking forward to attending graduation at Cornell University on Sunday, May 24 when our son, Ben, receives his Masters in Business Administration.

PSS - Our younger son, Nate, is keeping us excited as he plans a wedding with his fiancée, Danielle, on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

## IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

### PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER



Wanda Baker	Mike Adams	Zulauf
Virginia Noble	Ruth Costello	Courtney H.
Ann and Gene Spradling	Loretta Beuchert	Erika Webb
Russell and Mary Jane Davis	The Nehemiah Team	Marian Pollock
Tom Conley	Bill Edwards	Linda Malloy
Virginia, Carol Davenport's aunt	Carole Guynup	Billy Randolph
Eugene White	Bob Mapstone	Denny McAndrew
Florence Cowles, Barbara Brace's mother		Jo Ann Mostar
Judy Ewing, Flo Dixon's daughter	Grace Chege & her daughter	Erma Bullard
Peggy, Marg Kerr's sister and Peggy's son, Greg		Charles Houston Lasher
Ana and Ben Corona (in Nevada)	Russ	Bethanie Dougherty & family

### PRAISES

*Thank you for the prayers, cards, calls, encouragement, and other acts of kindness you (my Church Family) have shown me concerning my new knee. Am so blessed to be a part of such a loving family. God bless you and continue to make you a blessing!!!*

*Love, Jo Ann*

*Thank you to all those who remembered me with cards, calls, and visits while I was in the hospital and rehab; I really appreciated them! --Bob Mapstone*

*Dear secret pal ~ Thank you for the beautiful Easter daffodil plant! It really added a touch of spring to my kitchen. You are special! --Mary Jane Davis*

*To my secret pal ~ Once again, you've made a holiday even more special by thinking of me. Thank you for the continuing shower of special remembrances on each and every holiday! Blessings, Jill Doss*

*To the Church Family ~ My dad, mom and I would like to thank the church family for the beautiful Easter tulip plant given to my dad. He was so surprised when we brought the plant to him at the nursing home. He still has the poinsettia from Christmas!! He truly loves plants and this one certainly brought a big smile to his face. It is so nice that he is remembered in such a beautiful way! Thanks from all of us, but most especially my dad! Jill Doss*

First of all, thank you for continued prayer for my sister Peggy and her son, Greg. Peg (82) continues to cope with her blindness and knowing she has had malignant cancer in her body. Because, she was not prepared to have more nodes taken she and medical personnel have no idea if there are more cancer cells in other nodes. She is scheduled for a Mammogram in June so that may be a bit more definitive. Greg (62), her son, was diagnosed with Hepatitis C last September. They believe this was a result of blood transfusions prior to 1980. It has taken over six months for the government to agree to provide treatment. This finally started a couple of weeks ago. I am grateful for your prayerful concern. --Marg Kerr

Do you have a prayer request or praise to share?  
Please call Elaine in the Church office (682-8941) by Wednesday morning.

## 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  
Cheyenne Platten
10. George Oley  
Harold Ware
12. Doug Barber
14. Michael Everly
15. Hugo Herrera
17. John Buskey
18. Beverly Curr  
Kathie Shevchuk
20. Sara Procopio
29. Jiovani Martinez



### ANNIVERSARIES

3. Jean & Tony Gaudio
8. Ellen & Mike Everly
18. Eugene and Cecile White
28. Deborah & George Oley
30. Joni & Allan Dominy
31. Lorna & Bob Kerwin

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.

**Women's chorus will rehearse  
on Thursday, April 30, May 7,  
and May 14 ~ 7 pm**



~ ~ ~  
**Bell choir will rehearse  
on Tuesday, May 5,  
May 12, and May 19 ~ 7 pm**

### UNITY FELLOWSHIP

On **Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.** Unity Fellowship will be having a potluck supper in the Chapel. Dr. Sarah Short will present a travel slide program on Kenya. **Everyone is invited**☺

### ABW MINISTRIES

Our annual picnic will be held at the home of Dottie Ammann, 8572 E. Seneca Turnpike, Manlius on **Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** All are invited. Several of our women attended the ABW/NYS Convention April 24-26 for a very inspiring weekend. Our stamp ministry has ended. We thank all of you who faithfully saved stamps for Rev. David Vila's Spanish ministry for quite a few years. We are still collecting UPC codes on Campbell's products. They go to Springbrook (formerly Upstate Homes for Children and Adults) to buy needed supplies.

# “Cherished Memories”

Mother/Daughter Luncheon

Sunday, May 17, 2009 1:00pm

FBC Manlius Gymnasium



**\$7.00: Ladies over 13**

**\$5.00: Girls 5-12**

**Free: 5 and under**



First Baptist is celebrating all the women in our lives & our “cherished memories” we have shared together.

An afternoon featuring the “Cornell Sisters,” games, and sharing with women we love.

Invite your sister, mother, best friend, and neighbor to join us!

**Please RSVP  
by May 13<sup>th</sup>**

For reservations, please call 682.8941.

Sponsored by American Baptist Women

## Calling all women & girls! We need your help!

In order to honor the women in our lives at our Mother/Daughter Luncheon, we would like pictures of you with your moms, sisters, granddaughters, and friends! Pictures from the past and present are welcomed & encouraged! Digital or scanned pictures are preferred, but if you have a hard copy, please write your name on the back & give to Christy Brownell. They will be returned to you. (Depending on amount of photos submitted, some pictures may not be used.)

Email ([brownell.cm@gmail.com](mailto:brownell.cm@gmail.com)) or give pictures to Christy by May 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## MISSION NEWS

### Refugee Resettlement Program

Our Mission Board has decided to assist a refugee family as they attempt to start a new life in Syracuse. These families arrive with only one suitcase each. The Center for New Americans helps them to find an apartment, a job, enroll their kids in school and begin English classes, but their needs extend beyond these basics. Coming from a tropical climate, they don't have any winter clothing and often their shoes are flip-flops. Many have lived in a refugee camp in relatively primitive conditions and are not familiar with all the elements of life in an American city. Simple tasks like buying groceries, or caring for a sick kid can become overwhelming. That is why they need us.

A small group of interested people have volunteered to help, led by Darlene Endy and Tom Shepard. We need volunteers:

- to transport donated furniture
- to store furniture
- to buy groceries when they arrive
- to donate money

We also need gently used household items and furniture to furnish an apartment:

- sheets
- towels
- curtains
- pots
- utensils
- tables
- skillets
- beds
- chairs . . . everything!
- pillows
- blankets

We take our inspiration from the Bible: *Matthew 25:35-40*

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?"*

*When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"*

Contact Darlene Endy at 692-4391 or Tom Shephard at 655-8448 for more information.

**FM Food Pantry** - Here is the latest list of items needed at this time for the FM Food Pantry. Please place in the shopping cart by the elevator.

**Canned meat, Tuna, Fruit and Laundry Detergent**

**Iroquois Association Spring Celebration** - *"Learning to be an Association Again"* **Saturday, May 2, 2009 ~ 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Scriba Baptist Church, Ste. Rte. 104, Scriba, NY (315) 343-8542**

(More information is posted on the bulletin board behind the baptistery.)

# May Worship Services

*Sunday, April 26th ~ Dedication Service for our new  
Sanctuary Projection System*



*Sermon: "We are Children of God"  
Text: 1 John 3:1-8*

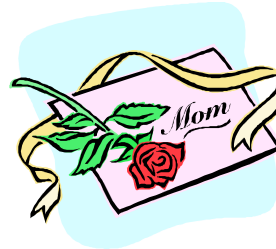


*Sunday, May 3rd ~ Youth Sunday*

*Come and receive God's Word through our youth*

*Sunday, May 10th ~ Mother's Day*

*Sermon: "A Confident Love"  
Text: 1 John 3:18-24*



*Sunday, May 17th ~ Mother-Daughter Luncheon*

*Sermon: "This is Love!"  
Text: 1 John 4:7-12*

*Sunday, May 24th ~ Memorial Day Weekend  
Guest Preacher*



*Sunday, May 31st ~ Pentecost Sunday*

# Youth News

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

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

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

## Upcoming Events:

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Two parter:

1. During 11:00 Worship is Youth Sunday! You've been planning and now it's time for you to step up and lead the church family in worship. Any questions, talk with Laura Knaebel.
2. Youth Group: Normal Time (see above) at FBC Manlius.

**May 17<sup>th</sup>** – No Youth Group. Ladies, you are invited to the Mother Daughter Luncheon at 1:00pm in the FBC Manlius gymnasium. (\$7.00/person) Also see the 'ad' below for the Pathfinder Retreat.

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** – Plans TBD.

---

## Two Awesome Weekend Opportunities:

### Pathfinder Youth Retreat



**May 15<sup>th</sup> – May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Leaving FBC Manlius at 5:30pm on Friday and returning 2:30pm on Sunday

Theme: 3:16 Numbers of Hope  
Speaker: Rev. Michael Ware of Webster Baptist

Band: Ray Wright & Friends

\$7.00/person

Make checks payable to ABC/NYS  
Permission Slip is required.

Let a youth leader know by May 3<sup>rd</sup> if you are interested in going.

### White Water Rafting for Teens & Parents



**June 5<sup>th</sup> – June 7<sup>th</sup>**

will Discuss carpooling possibilities...

Housing & Program @ Camp Vick  
White Water Rafting @ Letchworth State Park

\$80.00/person

Make checks payable to ABC/NYS

Use Camp Registration (found on Camping Bulletin Board) to reserve your spot. Camp Vick needs to know by May 1<sup>st</sup> who is attending. Any questions, please contact Kathie Shevchuk or Christy Brownell.

---

Youth Team: Christy Brownell, Pastor Leon Oaks-lee, Rosey Oaks-lee, George Oley, & Tom Shephard.

Questions or comments for the Youth Team? Email us at

[FBManliusyouth@gmail.com](mailto:FBManliusyouth@gmail.com)



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

**August 17-21, 2009 ~ 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

**Groups are:**            **Entering Kindergarten**  
**(as of the**                **Grades 1-2**  
**Sept. 2009**                **Grades 3-4**  
**School year)**            **Grades 5-6**  
                                **Grade 7**

**Staff:**                    **Music - Mary Schwarz**  
                                **Crafts - Kristy Keesler**  
                                **Snacks - Jean Lynn Buskey**  
    **Myrna Benedict**  
                                **Storytelling - Shirley Mapstone**  
                                **Games/Recreation - Barbara Brace**  
                                **Registration - Pauline & Harry Cole**  
                                **Guides - Marge Edwards**  
    **Kelly Schalmo**  
    **Stephanie Garwood**



**More guides and teachers for Grades 5, 6, & 7 are especially needed. We also need others to step forward and help us develop a great VBS 2009!**

**Contact: Shirley Mapstone at 682-8169 or  
Barbara Brace at 682-6270  
What part will you play in VBS?**

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE** **Sunday Morning Education Coordinator**

Responsibilities include:

- Welcoming people and giving direction to newcomers.
- Administrative responsibilities such as attendance, recordkeeping, ordering curriculum, etc.

If you are interested or would like to know more about this ministry opportunity, speak to any member of the Christian Education Board.

### **Member of Children's Ministry Team**

The Christian Education Board is recruiting 3-5 people to serve on a team that will plan and evaluate our programs for children. If you are interested in serving, talk with any member of the Christian Education Board.

Christian Education Board: *Christy Brownell, Gail Carlsen, Pete Mapstone*



## **ATTENTION GRADUATES**



Soon many graduations will be held. If you or someone in your family will be graduating (High School, College, Master's, Doctorate, Seminary), please submit (email to: [fbcman@twcny.rr.com](mailto:fbcman@twcny.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 5<sup>th</sup>** 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 June 1, 2009**. 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 this to the Church office or put it in a pew envelope, check Scholarship Fund, and place it in the offering plate any Sunday in May. Thank you for your support of this meaningful ministry.

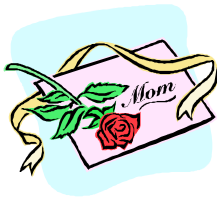
**Lay Study Program of ABC/NYS** is being offered on "Baptist Heritage" and is open to anyone who would like to grow in knowledge and faith. It is being held at the Oneida Baptist Church, 242 Main Street, Oneida, NY for 10 Wednesdays, 7-9:00 p.m. beginning 4/22/09. For more information, call Rob Casler at 363-2050 or speak to Pastor Leon.

### **LISTENING SESSION**

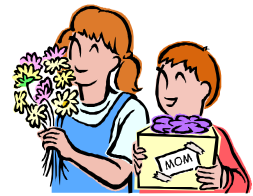
The Search Committee for a new Executive for American Baptist Churches/NYS wants your input. Attend a listening session at First Baptist Church of Syracuse, 5833 E. Seneca Turnpike, Jamesville, NY, on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. or fill out a survey at [www.abc-nys.org](http://www.abc-nys.org).


#### **George Davenport has shared with us two opportunities offered by the FM Rotary Club:**

- 1) "**Books for the World**" - Used (or new) books for K-6 grades are needed. Books will be sent to a Rotary Club in Johannesburg, South Africa where English is one of the primary business languages. These books will create opportunities for a better way of life. Thank you for your support of this project. To learn more, go to the website: [www.d7150booksfortheworld.org](http://www.d7150booksfortheworld.org) or see George Davenport. There is a box in the Narthex to put your donated books.
- 2) **Hosting an International Exchange Student**  
Family commitment: to host the student for 3 months during his/her 9 month stay. Two other families will host the other six months.  
Students attend FM High School. Arrive in August and leave in June.  
To volunteer or ask other questions contact Randy Cooke at 637-4620 or [www.rwcooke2@verizon.net](mailto:www.rwcooke2@verizon.net). Feel free to talk to George at 682-1771 about either of these opportunities.



# MAY 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 9:30-11:30 am Stay 'n Play Gym	<b>2</b> 9-3:30 pm Iroquois Association Mtg.-United Baptist Church of Scriba
<b>3 ~ Youth Sunday</b>  8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/Youth 12:15 pm Ministry Support Meeting 12:15 pm Missions Board 6:00 pm Youth Group	<b>4</b> 6:30 pm Diaconate Board Meeting	<b>5</b> 4:00 pm Finance Comm. Meeting 6:30 pm Trustees Board Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5-9 pm Sue Edwards' students recital (sanctuary & chapel) 7:00 pm Women's Chorus	<b>8</b> 9:30-11:30 am Stay 'n Play Gym	<b>9</b>
<b>10 ~ Mother's Day Communion</b>  8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6 pm CE Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Women's Chorus	<b>15</b> 9:30-11:30 am Stay 'n Play	<b>16</b>
<b>Pastor Leon is away May 12-14</b>			<b>Pathfinder Youth Retreat May 15-17 Pathfinder Lodge</b>			
<b>17</b>  8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 1:00 pm Mother-Daughter Luncheon (Gym)	<b>18</b> 7:00 pm Listening Session @ FBC Syr. Jamesville	<b>19</b> 7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> No Playschool No Stay 'n Play today	<b>23</b>
<b>24 ~ Guest Preacher</b>  8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	<b>25</b> Memorial Day – Church Office Closed  	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:00 am Staff meeting	<b>28</b> Playschool Graduation	<b>29</b> Playschool Graduation No Stay 'n Play	<b>30</b> 6:30 pm Unity Fellowship (Chapel)
<b>31 ~ Pentecost Sunday</b>  8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship TBA: Youth Group						

[www.firstbaptist-manlius.org](http://www.firstbaptist-manlius.org)

**First Baptist Church of Manlius  
408 Pleasant Street  
Manlius, NY 13104**

**NON-PROFIT  
ORG.  
US POSTAGE  
PAID**

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

**Address Service Requested**

  
**Mother's Day**

---

**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.