

# **CHRISTIAN CARRIER**

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**August 2008**

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

I hope you have been enjoying the more relaxed pace of summer. I know that many of you have been away on vacation or doing special things with your family on weekends. Take time in this more relaxed time to pray, read and reflect on God's presence and leading in your life.

**Summer Reading:** During my week of vacation, in June, I read the book, The Shack, by William Young, suggested to me by a friend. It is an interesting story with good reflections on who God is and how we relate to God. It challenged me to think about how we experience healing when we have experienced significant loss in our lives. What does it look like when we are living faithfully in relationship with God?

Reading is a great way to encounter new ideas, confirm things we already believe and see new perspectives on life issues.

Having read the book, I decided I would enjoy discussing this with others. So I invite anyone interested to join me after worship in August (see the article in this newsletter for more information). You will find it helpful to have read the book before we begin. Come when you can.

### **Music Transitions:**

It is with regret that I received **John Spradling's resignation** this past month. John will be with us through the summer and will begin a new position in September.

John has served First Baptist as Music Director since 2002. During that time, we have become accustomed to his considerable talent at the piano. On a regular basis we have enjoyed beautiful and interesting arrangements for our offertory, and he has supported our praise music in both services with confident piano to undergird the voices and instruments on the praise team.

I personally will miss John's generous spirit and his eagerness to grow in the faith.

**The Music Committee** has met to plan our transition in music staff. The first step is to invite all those people at First Baptist who are interested in helping to provide music in any form. The committee wishes to listen to the interests and concerns of our members. I encourage you to join us on Sunday evening, August 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to attend but are interested in the future music plans, please speak to one of the committee members (Christy Brownell, Carol Davenport, Tom Shephard or Pete Shevchuk).

**The Nehemiah Envisioning Team** will meet for a workshop on Saturday, July 26. We will begin a new phase of the process: "Why do we exist? What is our purpose? Please continue to pray for this process and for the team as they lead us in this work.

Pastor Leon

## IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### Recent Prayer Requests ~

**Family of Dorcas Ambrosio** – her sister, Abigail, died Wed., July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Dick Baggett and Family** – his wife, Patty, died on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Anita** – sister of Cecile White, who is ill.

**Sue Metras** – has Cushing's disease.

**Gene Niles** – very ill per Jo Ann Mostar.

#### Please Pray for ~

Wanda Baker	Kermit Breed, Jr.
Loretta Beuchert	Mike Adams
Ruth Costello	Connor
Virginia Noble	Courtney H.
The Nehemiah Team	
Virginia, Carol Davenport's aunt	Dave
Ann and Gene Spradling	Helen Jenks
Rev. "Doc" Buckley	Michael Quirk
Russell and Mary Jane Davis	
Florence Cowles, Barbara Brace's Mother	Kathie Shevchuk

### PRAISES

*"Dear Friends, Such beautiful memories keep me healthy and happy. Age is taking its toll, but I don't allow it to take away my happy thoughts and memories. My Lord blesses me! I have a great family and many, many friends here that won't allow any self pity. Thank the Lord! My love and daily prayers for all of you" ~ Edith Laning*

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*"I'd like to thank the church for the generous scholarship. . . it's been a huge help in paying for my summer semester in Washington, D. C., and it's much appreciated!" --Karin Davenport*

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*"I just wanted to thank you for the generous church scholarship. I truly appreciate it, and it will be put to good use with my college expenses. Thank you for your continued support, love, and prayers.*

*Thank you once again!"*

*With love, Amanda Shevchuk*

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Birthstone – Sardonyx or Peridot ~ Flower – Gladiola

1. Bill Burt
2. Annette Andrusyszyn
6. Elinor "Ellie" Parker
9. Bob Mapstone
13. Edith Laning
14. Jeremy Mapstone  
Andrew Short
16. Elaine Burt
18. Ruth Costello
19. Greg Short  
Eugene White
23. Jenny Busch
25. Michael Albanese
28. Alexandra Dominy
29. Kathleen Bates



### ANNIVERSARIES

5. Carole & Charlie Guynup
8. Sally & Bill Lyon
14. Gail & Bill Carlsen
27. Laura & Erman Ferris
28. Angela & Damon Gagnier  
Barbara & Elwin Richardson
31. Barbara & Bill Davison  
Kim and John Granata

You are special to us, and we want to remember your special dates. Please contact the Church office if you have any additions or changes to our birthday and/or anniversary lists at 682-8941.



## IN THE CHURCH FAMILY (CONT'D)

### UNITY FELLOWSHIP

Unity Fellowship will be getting together for lots of fun and fellowship on **Sat., August 2nd, 5:30 p.m.** All are invited to Rich and Barbara Richardson's house for a Chicken Barbecue/Corn Roast. Please bring table service and a story or joke☺  
Committee: Richardson, Guynup & Ware. Richardson's address: 6076 Kirkville Road, N., Kirkville, NY (632-4384).



### **Marriage Takes Three**

*I once thought marriage took  
Just two to make a go  
But now I am convinced  
It takes the Lord also.  
And not one marriage fails  
Where Christ is asked to enter  
As lovers come together  
With Jesus at the center.  
But marriage seldom thrives  
And homes are incomplete  
Till he is welcomed there  
To help avoid defeat.  
In homes where Christ is first  
It's obvious to see  
Those unions really work,  
For marriage still takes three  
--Perry Tanksley*

Murray and Karen Chesebro celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 19, 2008!

### **September Newsletter**

**Items Due: Friday, August 15**

You may email the items to:  
[fbcman@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:fbcman@twcnny.rr.com) or place in  
the secretary's mail slot. T-you☺



### FOURTH OF JULY PARADE!!

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July was a huge success. The church van was decorated with the VBS "Rain Forest" theme, and Bob Mapstone provided the wagon and tractor for the church float! Thank you all☺



"Jairo riding the 1-year old steer"

### **A NOTE FROM FRED GODDARD**

*To the congregation: I recently have been recovering from a bad cold. One night, I couldn't sleep. I couldn't breathe very well, and I asked God to help me through the night. I fell asleep some time after midnight and woke up with lessened congestion. Upon waking up, I was relieved and happy. God does answer our prayers. He watches over us. We must seek to do His will. I'm happy that Kathie is fine after her gallbladder operation. Our prayers helped get her through that. I talked to her, and she was so positive about it. I'm glad she is okay. Any hour of the day, He's always there. He is my rock and fortress; and, yes, He's my hero. God is my strength.  
In His Name, Fred James Goddard*

### **ADDRESS CHANGES:**

**Ruth Costello**

511 E. Seneca Street  
Manlius, NY 13104 (692-4701)

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**Dan Burt**

6013 Bills Road, Mineral, VA 23117  
(Dan moved back home to save for a house)



## Calling all Music-Makers!



Are you someone who likes to make music and share it with others in worship? If so, you are invited to a gathering at First Baptist on Sunday evening, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

Share a meal:  
Bring a dish to pass and your own table service  
– Beverage and dessert will be provided.



The Music Committee wants to listen to your thoughts and assess the possibilities for the future.

There will be time to talk about what your wishes are, what you can offer and what commitments you can make.

Unable to attend but wish you could? Call one of the members of the Music Committee:



Christy Brownell (663-7188)  
Carol Davenport (682-1771)  
Tom Shephard (655-8448)  
Pete Shevchuk (682-8678)



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## SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION

**Sundays, August 10, 17 and 24 (following worship)**



You are invited to join others at First Baptist to discuss a recently published book, The Shack, a novel written by William P. Young.

The book will help us talk about God, about pain, about healing, about what it means to live by faith and more.

How can I take part?

- **Order the book:** You can find the book at most bookstores. If you would like to purchase the book for \$10, contact the church office.
- **Read the book:** You'll learn and participate best if you have read the book.
- **Show up** – Sunday mornings after worship (room to be announced). We'll conclude before noon.





**EVERYONE IS INVITED**

**COME CELEBRATE THE UPCOMING WEDDING OF  
GREG & RACHAEL**

**SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2008  
IN THE CHAPEL FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

They have their dishes and towels for two  
They have pots and pans and oven mitts too.

So what do you get for the Bride & Groom  
Whose house is setup in every room?

Their house needs repairs and some upgrades too  
But you can not register for carpet and glue.

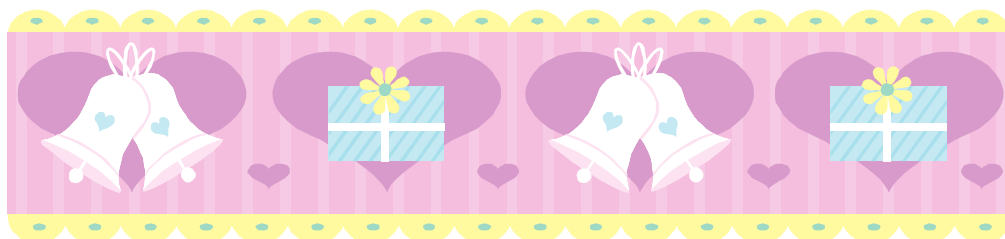
A tree that grows wishes is the way to go  
So let's make it easy for all that know.

Envelopes will be provided for those who have room,  
To give a monetary wish to the Bride and Groom.

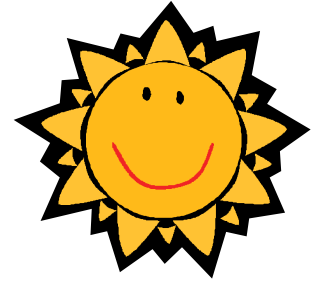
A money tree will be on display in the chapel  
To attach your wishes, for the newlywed couple.

Cold cuts, beverages & dessert provided. Please bring a dish to pass.

RSVP or questions see Kim & John Granata, Deb & George Oley,  
Shirley Mapstone or Kathie Shevchuk



# August Worship Schedule



**Sunday, August 3rd ~**

**9:30 a.m.          Communion  
Rev. William Carlsen preaching**

**Sunday, August 10th ~**

**9:30 a.m.          Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee preaching  
Genesis 4:8-16                  “Cain’s Mark”**

**Sunday, August 17th ~**

**9:30 a.m.          Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee preaching  
Genesis 8:20-22 & 9:8-17    “The God of Covenant”**

**Sunday, August 24th ~**

**9:30 a.m.          Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee preaching  
Genesis 11:1-9                  “Building Any Towers?”**

**Sunday, August 31st ~**

**9:30 a.m.          Combined Service with Manlius Methodist Church  
                              at First Baptist Church  
Rev. Carol Keller preaching**



## MISSION NEWS

### FM FOOD PANTRY

Here is the list of items needed over the summer for the FM Food Pantry:  
(Please place in the shopping cart by the elevator)

Canned Pasta    Bars of Soap    Tuna  
Macaroni and Cheese                      Cereal  
Laundry Detergent

### DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE BLOODMOBILE!!

**Saturday, July 26, 2008**

**8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the gym.

Please come by and donate ~ we need your blood!!

Thank you for your support in giving the gift of life☺



## ABW MINISTRIES NEWS

The opening meeting for ABW will be a **Family Night Supper** in the Chapel on **Friday night, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** The committee for this event will be Shirley N. Mapstone and Shirley B. Mapstone. The speaker for the evening will be Julie Gilbert from the Samaritan Center. All are invited to come. Please bring table service and a dish to pass. Beverage and dessert will be furnished.

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Women's Sunday will be September 28<sup>th</sup> with Ruth Spencer speaking. Ruth has recently been President of ABC Churches of New York State. She comes to us from Penn Yan. She will speak to us on our theme of the year, "Come to the Edge." Some of our women will be participating in the service.

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We're still looking for more UPC codes on the back of Campbell's products. There's a box for them in the Narthex. We also save cancelled stamps. They go to Dr. David Vila. He sells them to support his mission of providing Bibles and Christian literature for Spanish-speaking people.

## **Attention Youth!**



### **"A Day at Green Lakes State Park"**

**August 24<sup>th</sup> 11:15am - 2:00pm**

The skies the limit! There'll be a little game playing, some Frisbee Golf, a little swimming, but no matter what - it'll be a time for us to see each other again! The Youth Team's pretty much been a wreck since the S.E.E. event... We miss you!

Bring bathing suit, towel, Frisbee, & plenty of stories of summer. We want to hear all that's been going on since our last gathering! ☺

Check out the Youth Website: [www.firstbaptist-manlius.org](http://www.firstbaptist-manlius.org)  
(Click on the Youth Ministries link)





**Vacation Bible School 2008**  
**August 18-22<sup>nd</sup>, 9-Noon**  
**REGISTER NOW!!**



Vacation Bible School is an opportunity to share the good news of God's loving actions in the past and today.

Children will learn how God has worked with his people through stories about **Ruth** and **Elisha**, and the experiences and (**parables** of Jesus). They will learn how they can make a difference in the lives of street children in Cuzco, Peru, through our mission project.

- What?** Vacation Bible School, with stories, songs, games, crafts, and yes, interesting snacks
- When?** August 18-22, 9 a.m. until 12 noon
- Where?** First Baptist Church
- For whom?** All Children, Pre-K (age 5) through completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- How much?** Registration fee: \$5 (July 16-August 1)  
 Registration fee: \$10 (After August 1)



What can I do?

- **Pray** for the children and staff.
- **Register** your child.
- **Invite** your child's friends or classmates, your grandchildren, your neighbors...
- **Volunteer** to help. Contact Rosey Oaks-Lee (637-0023). We can still use:
  - a co-leader for the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade group
  - a helper in the snack preparation area (to move tables, help children, and wash dishes)
  - helpers for the week of VBS.

**How do I register?**

**Registration forms** are available in the narthex, at the church office (682-8941) or online at the church website [www.firstbaptist-manlius.org](http://www.firstbaptist-manlius.org). Please use one form for each child and mail to: First Baptist Church of Manlius, 408 Pleasant Street, Manlius, NY 13104.

VBS Planning Committee: Jean Lynn Buskey, Melissa Buskey, Marge Edwards, Ellen Everly, Carole Guynup, Shirley Mapstone, Ruby Pfohl, Rosey Oaks-Lee, and Mary Schwarz





**SUPPLIES NEEDED**  
**FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!**



**Supplies needed to create a Rain Forest:**

- Bright colored sheets
- lengths of thick rope for vines
- stuffed animals like toucans, snakes, monkeys, etc.
- lengths of realistic plastic plant vines
- anything else you can "see" being helpful



Please see or call Ellen Everly (682-7814) to donate items or ask questions.

**Also needed:**

Shoe boxes  
1 package of cough drops  
1 package of ping pong balls  
Chewing gum  
Containers of cinnamon, vanilla, tea, coffee, cocoa and sugar



Wrapping paper  
Small pieces of rubber  
Chocolate

**2008 VBS SNACK SUPPLY LIST**

The following items are needed for this year's Vacation Bible School's "Coconut Café". If you are interested in providing any of these items please call Jean Lynn Buskey (682-0252) for further specifications and quantities. Thank you.

Baby carrots  
Sliced American cheese  
Cake decorating sprinkles  
Unbleached flour  
Active dry yeast  
Honey mustard & spicy brown mustard  
Cantaloupe  
Seedless grapes



Bananas  
Brown chenille wires  
Vegetable oil  
Red gum drops  
Chocolate chips  
Seedless watermelon  
Honeydew melon  
Blackberries

**(Cash donations always appreciated)**





# AUGUST 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Pastor Leon is on vacation and will be returning to the office Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. During this time and during non-office hours, please call Deacon Bob Mapstone for pastoral emergencies at 682-8169.</b>					1	2 5:30 pm <u>Unity Fellowship</u> at the Richardsons
3 <b>Communion Sunday</b> 9:30 am <u>Worship</u> Rev. William Carlsen preaching	4	5 Pastor Leon returns	6 6:30 pm <u>Executive Com. Mtg.</u> 6:30 pm <u>Trustees Board Mtg.</u>	7	8	9
10 9:30 am <u>Worship</u> 6:00 pm <u>Music Comm. mtg.</u> (Chapel) 6:30 pm <u>VBS meeting</u> (Library)	11 6:30 pm <u>Diaconate Board meeting</u>	12	13 6:30 pm <u>Christian Education Board meeting</u>	14	15	16
17 9:30 am <u>Worship</u>	18	19	20 God's Soldiers Event	21	22	23
 <b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b> All Week ~ 9:00 am - Noon 						
24 9:30 am <u>Worship</u> 11:15am-2 pm <u>Youth at Green Lakes</u>	25 9:30 am <u>ABW Executive Comm. Meeting</u> (Library)	26	27 8:00 am <u>Staff meeting</u>	28	29	30
31 - 9:30 am <u>Combined Worship with Manlius United Methodists at FBC</u> —Rev. Keller is preaching	<b>EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER</b> Friday, September 19 – Family Night Supper, 6:30 pm Sunday, September 28 – ABW Sunday					

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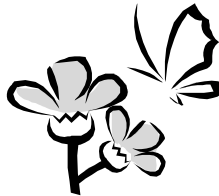
**Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee, Pastor  
All the Believers, Ministers**

**Address Service Requested**



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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.