

CHRISTIAN CARRIER

October 2008



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From Your Pastor ~

How do you measure your worth?

For some it comes from a financial statement. Add up my assets, subtract my liabilities equals my “net worth”. If you are invested in the stock market, your worth is less than last month.

Many of us measure our worth by thinking of our usefulness to others. Do they need me at my work? Am I valued by my family? How do I contribute to my community?

Maybe you measure your worth by your reputation. Do others see me as loyal? Am I fun to be with? Can I be counted on to do the right thing?

Our culture tends to encourage us to measure our worth by what we do and accomplish. Our celebrity culture suggests that worth is measured in our sex appeal or popularity.

How do you measure your worth?

Maybe a more important question is how God measures our worth?

Psalm 139:13-14 says, “For it was You who formed my inward parts in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made...”

God has made each of us unique. He loves that uniqueness. Maybe you remember Rick Warren writing, “God could have made us all the same, but he chose to make us each unique. Why? Because an original is always worth more than a copy.”

Each of us matter and are valuable in God’s eyes. He values us so much that he came to earth to suffer and die for us and then he sends his Spirit to live in us.

In the coming weeks, I will encourage you to join others at First Baptist to explore your uniqueness. I believe that God has made you in a unique way and when we are fully alive, we are that person God created us to be.

Ephesians 2:10 says, “For we are what he has made us, created in Jesus Christ for good works....” What are those good works that God has specially prepared you for?

Are you serving in a place that fits who God has made you to be? Does your service fit your abilities, your personality, your passion?

God has shaped you to make a difference. In the coming weeks I am eager that you discover that place and freely offer who you are to God and to your church family and to the world around you.

Faithfully,

Pastor Leon

P.S.: Thank you to **Our Deacons** who planned and organized the recognition of Ana Corona. Thank you Walfre for your beautiful singing.

P.S.: Thank you **Ross Binder** who has led the Adult Sunday School in September, helping us to explore our core values as a church.

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the following:

Wanda Baker Loretta Beuchert Connor
Mike Adams Virginia Noble Dave
Ruth Costello Courtney H. Orfelina
Mike Hasenstab Anita Kermit Breed, Jr.
Virginia, Carol Davenport's aunt Peggy
Ann and Gene Spradling Linda Malloy
The Nehemiah Team The Hinman family
Russell and Mary Jane Davis Ruby Pfohl
Florence Cowles, Barbara Brace's mother
Marilyn Flower Mills Katie Tait & family
Michael Quirk, Sr. & family Marian Pollock

PRAISES

*"To my congregation ~ Since I've been here at Evergreen, I've searched for a future. Lately I've sought to do community service work. I've found some volunteer work at the Weedsport Free Library, one day a week. I will start before long. I ask that I would be in your thoughts and prayers. August 10th I played my guitar at Burritt's Café. It was a good experience to again play music for others. The last time I did something like this was back in the 1980s with Bill Burt. It recalled that experience to mind. I listen to the First Baptist Church's audio tapes, and I reflect on the word of God. I think about all of you. There's always a letter to write, a phone call to make, a prayer to be said. You are all my brothers and sisters in Christ. You are my inspiration." In His Name,
Fred James Goddard*

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"A big thank you and God's blessing for the many, many birthday cards. It's such a blessing for me to be remembered by so many fellow Christians, lovers of our Lord. My health is good but my eyes no better; in fact, they are worse. Everything has been done—so my trust for everyday is in my Lord.
I have had a wonderful life—no complaints."
Greetings to all; love and prayers, Edith*

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

**ABC/NYS BIENNIAL MEETING
Oct. 12-14 at Keuka College**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthstone: Opal ~ Flower: Calendula

1. Phyllis Bailey
2. Mary Schwarz
David Tessier
4. Faith Binder
Jillian Everly
8. Jill Doss
11. Jessica Hotchkiss
Janet Norris
13. Jean Lynn Buskey
Richard Spradling
16. Annabelle Granata
17. Joella Burt
Camilla Alvarez
18. Karen Procopio
Devin Short
23. Myrna Benedict Stasiw
24. Joanna Butler
27. Peter Mapstone
28. Ada Phelps



ANNIVERSARIES

24. Linda & Dick Barber
27. Betsy & Bill Burt

You are very special to us, and we want to remember your special dates. Please contact the church office if you have additions to our Birthday/Anniversary list.

FLOWER UPDATE

The Deacons have an agreement with Olive Branch Flower & Gift to deliver flowers to our church. If you want to order a floral arrangement to be delivered to the Sanctuary, call the Olive Branch (687-7851), select your floral arrangement, tell them you are from the First Baptist Church of Manlius, and make the payment arrangements yourself. They will deliver your arrangement and place it in the sanctuary on Saturday afternoon for an additional \$5. Please call your order in by Thursday. If you decide to use a different florist, the floral arrangement would have to be delivered during weekday office hours when the church is open. The shop is located at 214 Genesee Street, #B, Chittenango, NY 13037.

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY (Cont'd)

UNITY FELLOWSHIP

The October meeting will start with a luncheon at Dominick's Restaurant followed by a **tour of WMHR Radio Station on Saturday, October 25th**. We will meet in the Church parking lot at **12 noon**, and then head out to the restaurant for lunch. Each person can order their luncheon choice from the menu.

Following lunch, we will go to the WMHR facilities at Makyes Road on Onondaga Hill

If you have any questions, please contact Erman Ferris at 682-9054.

All are invited for fun and fellowship!!

QUARTERLY MEETING

Sunday, October 26th
After the 11:00 a.m.
Worship Service

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.



November Newsletter items are due:

Wednesday, October 15th

You may email the items to fbcman@twcny.rr.com or place them in the secretary's mail slot.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through **gift-filled shoe boxes** and the Good News of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of **all ages** to be involved in a simple, hands-on mission project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ. When filling up the shoe box, please remember to **include \$7** to cover the cost of shipping. Please wrap the box cover and bottom, place unwrapped items in the box (along with the money and/or check made out to Samaritan's Purse), and place in the bin in the Narthex marked "Samaritan's Purse." If you can't get a box together but still want to contribute, **cash donations** are greatly appreciated. For more details see or call Colleen Guynup at 682-7232. All shoe boxes **MUST** be turned in by **Sunday, November 2nd!**



JOYFUL SOUNDS CHOIR

All children in 1st through 6th grade are invited to join in rehearsals. If you have any questions, please call Mary Schwarz, the Joyful Sounds Director, at 432-1540 or email Mary at: mschwarz@abc-nys.org. On **Sunday, October 26th**, the Joyful Sounds Choir will be singing during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.



MISSION NEWS

CHILEAN MISSION EXPERIENCE!!

On **Friday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel**, we're planning a Chilean Mission experience that will allow you to support struggling women in this Third World country.

CROP WALK

Needed: Walkers for CROP WALK on Sunday, October 19th, 1:30 p.m.

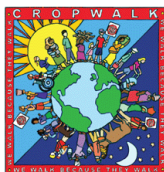


beginning at the Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church in Jamesville, NY

Registration and activities begin at 1:30 p.m. CROP Walk begins at 2 p.m.

Please see or call Shirley Mapstone, our recruiter, for more details and to receive a collection envelope (682-8169).

Walkers signed up so far are Jean Lynn and Melissa Buskey, the Mark Mapstone family, Shirley Mapstone, and Ruth and Harold Ware. If you are unable to walk, please sponsor someone.



SAMARITAN CENTER NEWS!!

The Samaritan Center program was wonderful at the Friday Family Night supper on September 19, and Julie Gilbert gave a great talk to the group that attended. The Samaritan Center is located at 310

Montgomery Street in Syracuse and they serve hot meals to thousands of people 365 days a year, no questions asked. They are committed to serving the hungry and those in need in Central New York in order to promote their welfare, dignity, and self-sufficiency. We learned:

1. They operate with 5 1/2 people (paid) and over 400 volunteers a month.
2. 80% of every dollar is put directly to work helping those they serve.
3. Last year they served over 82,000 meals to those in need.
4. 60% of guests need them every day.
5. 40% of guests use services during a crisis then move on.
6. Guests are men, women, children, families - they are like us, with challenges that overwhelm their ability to cope.
7. They offer referrals and linkages to community services.

There will be opportunities for our church to serve, but we don't have the specific dates as of this writing.

FM FOOD PANTRY

Here is the list of items needed at this time for the FM Food Pantry (Please place in the shopping cart by the elevator ~ thank you):

Canned Soup (not tomato)
Canned Fruit Pasta Sauce
Toilet Paper Baked Beans



WORLD MISSION OFFERING

ALL-NEW! '08

October 2008

Dear Friends,

We follow Jesus because God used someone to share the Good News. We have continued and grown as followers of Jesus because God has used others to celebrate with us in victory, encourage us in defeat, and call us forward in faith.

You can help to make the same things happen in the lives of people half a world away! That's why we are writing to ask you to pray for and to give to the 2008 World Mission Offering.

Our congregation uses the World Mission Offering to support more than 2,500 short-term and long-term missionaries annually, bringing U.S. and Puerto Rico churches together with partners in 76 countries in cutting edge ministries that tell the good news of Jesus Christ while meeting human needs.

Our giving to the World Mission Offering helps people

- come to Christ,
- grow in Christ, and
- change their world with Christ.



This year International Ministries invites us to look at global mission in these terms:

- Be Surprised by God's People:
Receive. Give. Be transformed!

"They were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'" Mark 2:12

We believe God is able to-and wants to-use us to provide more support to global mission this year than last year. *Our 2008 goal is \$2,008 with a s-t-r-e-t-c-h goal of \$2,500.*

We will be receiving the World Mission Offering in October. We have received from the Lord. Let us also give, be surprised by what God can do, and be transformed by God's grace!

Blessings,

Your Mission Board

Jill Doss, Shirley Mapstone, Ann Morales, Sally Lyon,
Jean Lynn Buskey, and Tom Shepard



INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

October Worship at FBC



Sunday, September 28

11 a.m. Worship – Women’s Sunday with Ruth Spencer preaching.

Sunday, October 5

World Communion Sunday and World Mission Offering
Introduction to the Series: “Shaped to Make a Difference”

SHAPED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE - SERMON SERIES:

Sunday, October 12

Part 1: Sermon: “Unwrapping Your Spiritual Gifts”
Text: I Corinthians 12:4-7, Romans 12:6

Sunday, October 19

Part 2 Sermon: “Following Your Heart”
Text: Philippians 2:13-14

Sunday, October 26

Part 3 Sermon: “Using Your Abilities”
Text: I Peter 4:7-11

Sunday, November 2

Part 4 Sermon: Living Your Personality
Text: Mark 12:28-34

Sunday, November 16

Part 5 Sermon: Employing Your Experiences
Text: Romans 8:28

Find a Small Group or Partner to explore your unique SHAPE:
Watch for Small Groups to begin in October. Join with others to study and support as you discern the place God has planned for you.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD NEWS!!

Children's Ministry Workshop

October 4th 9:15am - 12:00pm



Quick Quiz:

1. Are you a Sunday School teacher?
2. Have you ever volunteered during rotational curriculum?
3. Would you like to help with Children's Ministries?

If you answered 'yes' to any of the previous questions, then you do not want to miss this event.

The Board of Christian Education is excited to have Shawn Hast visit First Baptist, Manlius and share her knowledge and expertise on Christian Education, specifically Children's Ministry. A number of topics will be covered: Making the ministry age-appropriate, Forming lessons based on class size, Dealing with children who have special needs as well as other topics that we bring.

Those with a heart & passion for Children's Ministry are encouraged and invited to attend.



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." -Matthew 19:14 NIV

MUSIC NEWS!

The Music Committee is pleased to announce that Joyce McCartney has agreed to expand her responsibilities to be our Music Director/Organist for a 6-month period. She will coordinate our weekly music in worship and work with various groups and persons to prepare for participation in worship. If you have a wish to be involved in our music ministry, in any way, please speak to Joyce. You can reach her at:

jmccartney555@hotmail.com or 373-3737.

TRUSTEE BOARD NEWS!!

**COMING TO FIRST BAPTIST IN
OCTOBER!!!!**

CHURCH WORK DAY!!

Our next work
morning is:



**Saturday,
October 4, 8-12 noon**

We will be doing some sprucing up and some fall work. Join us for fun, fellowship, and a sense of accomplishment. If you have any suggestions as to areas needing work, please call Jo Ann. Thanks in advance for your help!!!

Also, some Trustee reminders:

- When you use tables and chairs inside or outside of the Church, please make sure they are clean when you put them away.
- When using an area, please make sure you leave the area as you found it. Please put back tables and chairs and pick up the area.
- When posting event notices or other material, please use the new posting strips on the walls or use tape that will not pull off the paint.
- When we do these things purposefully, it makes less work in the long run.

Thanks for all the help you give the Trustees in keeping our Church a welcoming, pleasant, and safe place to abide!



WOW! Have you seen those beautiful, huge, sunflowers by the King's Kids door? Did you notice the colorful flowers all summer? Thanks to Barb Richardson, we have been blessed with flowers all spring and summer. I remember remarking to her in the early Spring how we had the first pansies in the area. She told me she had just planted them. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank Barb not only for the great gardening she does but also for all the time she takes as Church Treasurer. The Trustees and Finance Committee has been working on our investments; Barb has done much work gathering info and contacting the American Baptist Foundation. Barb is active in Unity Fellowship and does many other things for our Church Family. We are blessed to have Barb in our little corner of God's great, glorious world!

ABW MINISTRIES

White Cross needs;

7 - Ziploc Freezer bags – gallon size
4 - Disposable tablecloths (plastic or paper). If you can donate any of these items or money to purchase them, please notify Ruth Ware (637-6006) or Shirley Mapstone (682-8169). Thank you.

October Meeting – Tues., Oct. 14th, 12:15 p.m. A luncheon will be in the Chapel. Please bring your table service and \$3. The money will go to our Special Project for the year. Committee: Shirley Mapstone and Ruth Ware. The speaker will be Martha Ryan from the Delphi United Church. All are invited.



Youth News

Youth Group meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

For any youth in Grades 6th - 12th

Upcoming Events:

October 5th - "Regular" Youth Group

October 19th - "Irregular" (???) ☺ Youth Group

We need your help!
Wanna sign up for snack? Let a youth leader know when you'd like to bring some grub to Youth Group ☺

ABY CONVENTION 2008
November 7-9th Holiday Inn, Syracuse

Ignition

Romans 12:1

Band: basic Speaker: Tim Moore
www.basicmm.com International Ministries

Youth: 9-12th Grade
Young Adults: 18-22 Years old

Contact Jill Narraway for more info: jillenenarraway@abc-nys.org 716-492-4494

Hey Senior High, are you interested in attending the ABY Convention November 7-9th?

Wanna gather with other Christian youth from around New York State?!? Grab your friends & let's head up to the Holiday Inn in Liverpool!

There are scholarships available.

You will find all forms on the table in the Narthex.

Your Registration & Scholarship Forms are due to Christian Education by October 5th!

Any questions, contact a member of the Youth Team:

Christy Brownell, Jillian Everly, Pastor Leon Oaks-lee, Rosey Oaks-lee, George Oley, & Tom Shephard.

Breakaway '08

October 11, 2008 3pm - 8pm (Doors open at 2pm)

Gather family & friends and head up to Oswego Speedway for a Christian Family Day of Fun! Christian bands, BMX Demonstrations by Enemy Opposition Skate Team and Testimony!

Proceeds support Oswego Community Christian School.

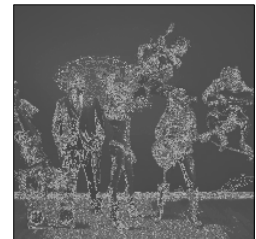
Featuring bands: Superchick (right), Stellar Kart (left), Article One, & Starlit Platoon

For more information, call 315.342.9322

Tickets:

Purchased by October 10: \$15 / (Group 15+): \$13

Purchased 10/11: \$20





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p align="center">WORLD MISSION OFFERING THIS MONTH</p>			1	2 6:30 pm Basketball (Gym) 7:00 pm Women's Chorus Reh.	3 9:30-11:30 am Stay 'n Play (Gym)	4 8 am-Noon Church Work Day 9:15 am-Noon Children's Ministry Workshop (Chapel)	
	5 8:30 am Worship 9:45-10:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Men's Chorus Reh. Mission Board Mtg. Ministry Support 6-7:30 pm Youth	6 6:30 pm Diaconate Board meeting	7 6:30 pm Trustees Board Meeting	8 7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting	9 6:30 pm Basketball (Gym)	10 9:30-11:30 am Stay 'n Play (Gym)	11 3-8:00 pm Breakaway '08 at Oswego Speedway
	12 8:30 am Worship 9:45-10:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Men's Chorus Rehearsal 2:00 pm ABC/NYS Biennial Meeting	13 Columbus Day – Church office is open	14 12:15 pm ABW Meeting and Luncheon (Chapel)	15 6:30 pm Nehemiah Team meeting (Library)	16 6:30 pm Basketball (Gym)	17 9:30-11:30 am Stay 'n Play (Gym) 7:00 pm Party to Support Chilean People (Chapel)	18 Nehemiah Workshop in Ogdensburg
	19 8:30 am Worship 9:45-10:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 1:30 pm Crop Walk	20 6:30 pm Diaconate Board meeting	21	22 8:00 am Staff meeting	23 6:30 pm Basketball (Gym)	24 No Stay 'n Play today	25 Noon Unity Fellowship (meet in church parking lot)
	26 8:30 am Worship 9:45-10:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship After Worship: Quarterly Meeting	27 9:30 am ABW Executive Committee meeting (Library)	28	29	30 6:30 pm Basketball (Gym)	31 No Stay 'n Play today	
	<p align="center">Oct. 31-Nov. 1 NYS/ABWM Fall Board mtg.—Treadway Inn, Owego, NY</p>						

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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.

