

First Baptist Church of Manlius

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Sunday, February 18, 2007

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Worship Service ~ 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Adult Education ~ 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service ~ 11:00 a.m.

“Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come close to me...’, he said, ‘I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! . . . it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.’”

-Genesis 45:4-5

*Welcome to First Baptist Church of Manlius
Sunday, February 18, 2007 ~ 8:30 a.m.*

We gather in this place to worship God, to encourage and care for one another, to grow in our relationship to Christ and to learn to serve God both within this church and in God’s world.

Our worship leaders this morning include:

**Our Praise Team Leader, Mary Schwarz and the Praise Team.
Our Music Director and Accompanist, John Spradling.
Our Pastor, Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee.**

Scripture Focus

Genesis 45:3-15

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will not be plowing and reaping. ⁷But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁸So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. ⁹Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. ¹⁰You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'

¹²"You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. ¹³Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly."

¹⁴Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

Sermon

“What is God Up to?”

Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee

ABOUT THIS MORNING

- Guests are invited to sign the guest book or fill out a visitor card.
- Hearing devices are available. Ask one of the greeters.
- **Greeting:** Sally Lyon

PRAYER AND CARE

- Prayer Needs:** Please call Cindy Mapstone at 655-0616 to contact the prayer chain.
- In Case of Emergency:** If you or anyone you know is in need of food in times of sickness or family emergency, please notify Shirley Mapstone at 682-8169.
- Caregiver in Action:** This week please keep Beth Greene in your prayers, as well as her Caregiver, Ken Bex.

Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee, Pastor
John Spradling, Music Director
Joyce McCartney, Organist
Elaine LaFollette, Secretary
Michael McCartney, Custodian
Kathie Shevchuk, Ministry Coordinator
Shirley Mapstone, Joyful Sounds Director
Mary Schwarz, Praise Team Director
Wendy Mapstone, Playschool Director
Marge Edwards, King's Kids Director

Welcome to First Baptist Church of Manlius *Sunday, February 18, 2007 ~ 11:00 a.m.*

Gathering Time

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Joyce McCartney

Call to Worship from Psalm 37

Leader: Do not fret because of evil men
or be envious of those who do wrong;

People: **for like the grass they will soon wither,
like green plants they will soon die away.**

Leader: Trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

People: **Delight yourself in the LORD
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Leader: Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him and he will do this:

People: **He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.**

Leader: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him.

***Songs of Praise** See Insert

Reading Luke 6:27-38 Page 1601

Offering
 Offertory John Spradling

*Doxology and Dedication of Offering

Children's Time** Pastor Leon

*Hymn *The Family of God* No. 543

Family Prayers (Joys and Concerns)

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Sermon "What Is God Up To?" Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee

*Hymn of Response *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* No. 98

*Benediction

Postlude Joyce McCartney

*If you are able, please stand. **4 & 5 year olds are welcome to go with Mrs. Guynup following the Children's Time; all those children in Grades 1 and older are invited to join the rehearsal of the Joyful Sounds Choir under the direction of Mary Schwarz.



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- Guests are invited to sign the guest book or fill out a visitor card.
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- **Greeting:** Dave and Laura Knaebel
- **Ushers:** Keith Butler and Mark Mapstone
- **Child Care:** Jill Doss

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

ROTATIONAL CURRICULUM

Beginning on March 11 our children's Sunday School classes will begin the Lenten Rotational Curriculum, Jesus – Death Destroyer. Over 4 weeks, the children will discover these events from Jesus' final days: Jesus' Triumphal Entry, The Passover Meal, Jesus Prays for His Followers, and Jesus is Crucified – and Rises Again!

Children's Day will be **Sunday, June 10** and the 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; and
Costumes – able to sew

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Sunday School hour:

The Fruit of the Spirit – Leader, Betsy Burt – Meeting in the Chapel

Bible Discussion – Focus: Gospel of Matthew - Meeting in Rm. 207

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - During Lent

On the six Sundays during Lent our Adult Sunday School will offer the first Foundations Class: **“Who Are We at First Baptist Church of Manlius?”**

Pastor Leon (and others) will lead us in six classes that will cover:

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| February 25 | - We are followers of Jesus |
| March 4 | - We have a history |
| March 11 | - We are Baptists |
| March 18 | - We are Baptists part II |
| March 25 | - We have been given this Ministry |
| April 1 | - We are called to this Mission |

The class will meet in the Chapel (9:45 to 10:45 a.m.). The Foundations class is being developed as a way to introduce new people to our church. Our goal is that every member of First Baptist Church will have participated. You're encouraged to be part of this first class (it will be offered again in the near future).

BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

Five Wednesday Evenings during Lent
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Begins on Wednesday, February 28th

Fellowship: We will begin our meal at 6:00 p.m. sharing a light but filling meal of soup, salad, bread and dessert. We will complete the meal with time to clean-up and gather for the Bible Study with Pastor Leon.

Bible Study: The Bible Study will begin at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Leon will lead us in a study of:

“Peter: A Model for Discipleship”

Children's Program: There will be activities for the children which will follow the evening topics. Kathie Shevchuk will coordinate these, so it will be helpful to let her know what children plan to attend.

Can you help with the Children's Program? Call Kathie at 682-8678.



ATTENTION – UNITY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST HAS BEEN MOVED (Due to the weather) TO SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel– See you there!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ABC MISSIONARY – Madeline Flores-Lopez, an ABC missionary in the Dominican Republic, is coming to the home of Pastor Leon and Rosey Oaks-Lee (102 Margo Lane in Fayetteville) this **Thursday, February 22nd at 2:30 p.m.** All are invited to attend. Please call 637-0023 to let us know if you will be coming or if you need directions. See you there!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING – has been rescheduled due to the weather and will be held on **Tuesday, February 20th, 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.** We are calling all those interested in seeing a VBS at First Baptist Church this summer. If you missed our traditional VBS this past summer and would like to be part of making it happen in 2007, please come to our initial planning meeting. Help get the ball rolling! The Christian Ed. Board will provide a delightful meal to help inspire some creative ideas and help set the stage for what we hope will be another wonderful and inspirational event. Help touch the lives of the children of our church and reach out to those who are our guests. If you are interested in helping with VBS but cannot attend this meeting, please call Barbara Brace. Also, if weather is an issue on Feb. 20th, please call Barbara Brace (682-6270) for an update.

ABW LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

“Women of the Word-Women Who Weep”

A 4-week Lenten Bible Study series will begin on Monday, March 12th at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. A soup luncheon in the Chapel will follow the study. The dates are as follows:

Monday, March 12th
Leader: Cindy Mapstone

Monday, March 26th
Leader: Gail Carlsen

Monday, March 19th
Leader: Myrna Benedict

Monday, April 2nd
Leader: Myrna Benedict

The Committee for the luncheons consists of Annette Andrusyszyn, Shirley Mapstone, Ruby Pfohl, and Olga Schmidt.

FM COMMUNITY ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

“We begin our Lenten journey together...”

**Hosted by our friends at
Immaculate Conception Church,
Fayetteville**

**This Wednesday Evening, February 21st
at 7:00 pm**

Sr. Monica Nortz, CSJ will preach



***Please join your friends, clergy, and neighbors
for this important day in our Christian life...***

PRAYER REQUESTS

Recent Prayer Requests:

Wendy Bireline – has a severely broken wrist.

Connie Dickenson and Richard Piefnowicz – please pray for recovery.

Doris Dudley – passed away Monday, February 12th with her family at her side.

Wayne – Christy Brownell's 41-year old cousin passed away Thursday, February 15th from a brain aneurysm. Please keep the Brownell and Magisano families in your prayers at this difficult time.

Please Pray for:

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| Virginia Noble | Cecile White's Aunt Irene | Ruth Costello |
| Wanda Baker | Barbara, Carol Davenport's sister | Andy Burt |
| Kermit Breed, Jr. | Mary Jane and Russell Davis | Ken Bex |
| The Sell and Wendy Mapstone Families | | |

PRAISES

"Thank you all for being so supportive to me and my family at the time of my mother's death. Your cards and words are very much appreciated.

A special thanks to the Christian Education board for your time and effort to prepare such a wonderful, delicious meal. Allowing Wendy and me the freedom of not having to cook was very much appreciated. I must add that 15 years ago when I was first introduced to the "FBC Family" through Wendy, I felt your embrace even though I was not a member. You are all always in my prayers. Thanks again, Avis Sell"

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"To the Members of the First Baptist Church ~ I can't thank you enough for your kindness and generosity toward the families at Dr. Weeks. They were all overwhelmed by all you did for two families you didn't even know. Both these families would not have had a Christmas without you.

Thank you again, Vivian Waffle"

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"To the generous people at the First Baptist Church ~ I'm sorry that it took so long to thank you. Ari has been in and out of the hospital. Thank you for making Christmas wonderful for all of us. The kids loved everything, and I was very grateful for the gift cards. Christmas was going to be very quiet until you entered our lives. Thank you and God Bless You, Becky, Ari, Esai, and Isela."

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"Dear First Baptist Church ~ Thank you for making Christmas so special for my family. It was so nice of you to think of us. We are having a hard time right now and you made us all smile. Thank you for your kindness, Eric, Kyle, Destiny & Kearra."

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Please call Elaine at the Church office (682-8941) w/requests by Wednesday a.m.

CALENDAR

TODAY, February 18th

8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching
9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Education
11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching
12:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, February 21st

8:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. FM Community Ash Wednesday Service at I. C.

THURSDAY, February 22nd

2:30 p.m. ABC Missionary visit to the Oaks-Lee's house
6:30 p.m. Basketball in the gym

NEXT SUNDAY, February 25th – First Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
Adult Education – Foundations Class in the Chapel
11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching
12:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
1:15 p.m. Music Committee Meeting in the Pastor's office
6:00 p.m. Youth Group until 7:30 p.m.

February 23-March 2 – Betsy Miller will be working in the Church office 9:00-1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 23rd and evenings beginning Monday, February 26 thru Friday, March 2nd. Please email any bulletin announcements by Wednesday to: fbcman@twcny.rr.com or leave a message on the answering machine at 682-8941. Thank you.



Pastor Leon's Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Email: fbcman@twcny.rr.com

