

First Baptist Church of Manlius

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Sunday, February 25, 2007

First Sunday of Lent

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.

*“Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon
son of John. You will be called Cephas”
(which, when translated, is Peter).”*

-John 1:42

*Welcome to First Baptist Church of Manlius
Sunday, February 25, 2007 ~ 8:30 a.m.
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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

John 1:35-42

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

³⁹"Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).

⁴²And he brought him to Jesus.

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Sermon

“An Invitation to Follow”

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 Ken and Ada Phelps in your prayers, as well as their Caregivers, Pauline and Harry Cole.

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

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Gathering Time

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Joyce McCartney

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Gracious and Loving Lord,
we give thanks to you for mercy that reaches out,
for patience that waits our returning,
and for your love that is ever ready to welcome sinners.
We praise you
that in Jesus Christ you came to us with forgiveness,
and that, by your Holy Spirit,
you move us to repent and receive your love.
Though we are sinners, you are faithful and worthy of all praise.
We praise you, great God, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Songs of Praise**

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Reading

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Offertory

John Spradling

***Doxology and Dedication of Offering**

Children's Time**

Cindy Mapstone

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 - 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:

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).

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

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

Begins this Wednesday, February 28th

Pastor Leon – Bible Study Leader

6:00 p.m. Fellowship: Sharing a simple meal of soup, salad, bread and dessert (donations accepted). We will complete the meal with time to clean-up and gather for the Bible Study with Pastor Leon.

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

“Peter: A Model for Discipleship”

February 28	- Acting in Faith
March 7	- The Decision of Faith
March 14	- Spiritual Peak Experiences
March 21	- The Heart of the Problem
March 28	- Disappointment and Denial

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.

King's Kids Family Night Supper

Wednesday, March 14th, 6:00 p.m. in the gym

Come and join the families of our King's Kids program. Bring a dish to pass. The King's Kids Board will provide dessert, beverages, and table service. The Family Lenten Series study will follow this dinner at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Recent Prayer Requests:

Please Pray for:

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		Wendy Bireline
The Dudley Family	The Brownell and Magisano Families	
Connie Dickenson	Richard Piefnowicz	

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At the end of each month, the names on the Prayer List above will be removed unless previously specified. If you would like a name to remain on the list for another 30 days, please call the church office. If you have any questions, please contact the Diaconate Board. Thank You.

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

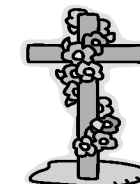


ADDRESS UPDATES

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 (401) 783-3110

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Ms. Christy Brownell
 1214 Grant Boulevard
 Syracuse, NY 13203
 518-225-4732



We are now taking orders for **Easter flowers!** The daffodils are available in yellow only. The tulips and mums are available in a variety of spring colors as selected by the greenhouse. The flowers will be displayed in the Sanctuary for **Easter Sunday, April 8th** and will be available to take home after 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Please see Jean Lynn Buskey at that time to retrieve your selection. Flowers may also be left at the church for delivery to our shut-ins. **Any questions, please contact Jean Lynn Buskey at 682-0252.**

Please fill out the form below and place it and the money in an envelope clearly marked "Easter Flowers" in the offering plate or send it to the Church office **no later than NEXT SUNDAY, March 4th.**

Name: _____

Order:	_____ 6 bulb pot of tulips	\$6.75
	_____ 6" pot of mums	\$6.75
	_____ 7" pot of daffodils	\$8.50

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Print the following in the Easter Bulletin:

Joyous Easter from: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Other: _____

I will leave plant in Church to donate: _____

I will take home plant following worship: _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS – Betsy Miller will be working in the Church office late afternoons or evenings beginning Monday, February 26 thru Friday, March 2nd. Please email any bulletin announcements by Wednesday to: fbcm@twcny.rr.com or leave a message on the answering machine at 682-8941. Thank you.

“FOUR FOR THE LORD” UPDATE

As of February 11, 2007, the Organ portion of the “Four for the Lord” campaign has been paid for!! We only have a few hundred dollars left, and we will have the Sanctuary portion paid for, too.

Thanks goes out to all for keeping your monies coming in to pay off these projects. Soon we will only have the Parking Lot left to pay off.

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.



CALENDAR

TODAY, 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.

TUESDAY, February 27th

6:30 p.m. Playschool Committee Meeting (Library)

WEDNESDAY, February 28th

6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal in the gym
7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study

THURSDAY, March 1st

6:30 p.m. CE Planning Committee Meeting (Church Office)
6:30 p.m. Basketball in the gym

FRIDAY, March 2nd

9:00 a.m. World Day of Prayer at Holy Cross Church

NEXT SUNDAY, March 4th – Second 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
12:15 p.m. Ministry Support Committee Meeting (Historical Room)
12:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal



Pastor Leon’s Office Hours

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



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**This Friday, March 2nd ~ 9:00 am Coffee - 10:00 am Service
Holy Cross Church, Dewitt**

This annual event is worldwide. Through the World Day of Prayer, we are encouraged to:

- become aware of the whole world and no longer live in isolation;
- be enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures;
- take up the burdens of other people and pray with and for them;
- become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society.

UNITY FELLOWSHIP

--Mark your calendars for the "Soup 'n' Slipper Party" on **Saturday, March 24th** in the Chapel at **6:30 p.m.** Music will be provided by Bill Burt. The committee: Art and Shirley Mapstone, Ruby Pfohl, Flo Dixon. **All are invited.**

--Save **Saturday, April 28th** for a noontime visit to the Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum. A power point presentation about boats on the Erie Canal, lunch, and an optional tour of the museum and grounds is planned. **All are invited.**


MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

Easter Sunday, April 8th ~ 9:30 a.m. Breakfast (in the gym)


Come to the Easter Breakfast and celebrate the season with good food and fellowship after the 8:30 a.m. Worship Service and before the 11:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service.

A NOTE FROM MINISTRY SUPPORT – As the Ministry Support Committee meets with members of the church staff, your feedback, concerns, kudos and suggestions are most welcome. Please contact Barbara Brace, Jean Lynn Buskey, Al Dominy, Ann Morales or Bill Lyon anytime. Thank you.

Women & Girls' State Gathering
 American Baptist Women's Ministries of NYS
"Come to the Edge"
 April 27-29, 2007
 at
Adam's Mark Hotel
 120 Church St.
 Buffalo, NY



AMERICAN
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WOMEN'S
MINISTRIES



AMERICAN
BAPTIST
GIRLS

Special AB Girls program for girls in grades 7-12.

Special Guests:

- * Friday night Inspirational Concert by New Beginnings
- * Sat. & Sun. Keynote Speaker Jan DeWitt
- * Missionary – Debbie Kelsey
- * Sun. Bible Study Leader Rev. Betty Wright-Riggins

Various Workshops on the theme for all ages, as well as a trip to Cornerstone Manor - see registration material for titles.

Costs:

Registration: Full time - \$15.00	Part time - \$10.00
(send to ABWM Conv. Registrar, Nancy Farley) (after 3/31/07 add a \$5.00 late fee)	

Hotel Room & Meals (includes 2 nights lodging & 4 meals):

- Single - \$261.00
- Double - \$172.00/person
- Triple - \$142/person
- Quad - \$125.00/person

AB Girls are \$20 less/girl on room rates & must be accompanied by an adult (Room registrations to be sent with Tax Exempt form & church check directly to Adam's Mark Hotel.)

All registrations are due by March 31, 2007 to both registrar & hotel.

There are no other hotels close by – so register early to secure your room!!

You may access forms and other information at www.abmennys.org (look for the ABW icon) or contact Christy Brownell at 518-225-4732 or email Christy at: cbrownell@abc-nys.org