

# *First Baptist Church of Manlius*

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*Sunday, February 26, 2006*

**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.*

*“Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic,  
carried by four of them.”*

*-Mark 1:3*

*Welcome to  
First Baptist Church of Manlius  
Sunday, February 26, 2006 ~ 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.**

**Our Scripture focus this morning is Mark 2:1-12.**

<sup>1</sup>A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. <sup>2</sup>So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. <sup>3</sup>Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup>Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he said to paralytic “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

<sup>6</sup>Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, <sup>7</sup>“Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

<sup>8</sup>Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? <sup>9</sup>Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? <sup>10</sup>But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins ... “ He said to the paralytic, <sup>11</sup>“I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” <sup>12</sup>He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

**Sermon**

**“Who’s Doing the Heavy Lifting?”** Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee

### ABOUT THIS MORNING

- Guests are invited to sign the guest book or fill out a visitor card.
- Hearing devices are available.
- **Greeters:** Bill and Sally Lyon and Al Dominy
- **Child Care:** Melissa Buskey
- **Flowers:** today are given by Dan and Kathy Clements in honor of Trudy Siegenthaler.

### 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 Virginia Noble in your prayers, as well as her Caregiver, Betty Heller.

Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee, Pastor  
John Spradling, Music Director  
Joyce McCartney, Organist  
Elaine LaFollette, Betsy Miller, Secretaries  
Michael McCartney, Custodian  
Kathie Shevchuk, Christian Enrichment 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

### **Call to Worship**

**from Psalm 32**

**Leader:** Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,  
whose sins are covered.

**People:** **When I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.  
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

**Leader:** Then I acknowledged my sin to you  
and did not cover up my iniquity.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." –  
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**People:** **You are my hiding place;  
you will protect me from trouble  
and surround me with songs of deliverance.**

**All:** **Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;  
sing, all you who are upright in heart!**

**\*Hymn**                      *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*                      No. 394

**Opening Prayer**

**Worshiping God in Song**                      See Insert

**A Reading**                      II Corinthians 1:18-22                      Page 1795

**Offering & Offertory**                      John Spradling

**\*Doxology and Dedication of Offering**

**Children's Time\***                      Dave Knaebel

**Family Prayers**                      (Joys and Concerns)

**\*Hymn**                      *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*                      No. 422  
(verses 1, 2 and 5)

**Scripture**                      Mark 2:1-12                      Page 1553

**Sermon**                      *"Who's Doing the Heavy Lifting?"* Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee

**\*Hymn**                      *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*                      No. 483

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**                      Joyce McCartney

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\*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.

### **ABOUT THIS MORNING**

- Guests are invited to sign the guest book or fill out a visitor card.
- Hearing devices are available from an usher.
- **Worship Leader:**                      Kathie Shevchuk
- **Greeting:**                      Erika Buchanan
- **Ushers:**                      Harry Cole and Jeffery Loope
- **Flowers:**                      today are given by Dan and Kathy Clements in honor of Trudy Siegenthaler

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Scholarships** – Applications for ABW Ministries/NYS Scholarships are available in the Church office. Please return completed applications to the Church office **no later than Monday, February 27<sup>h</sup>**. Applicants must be active members of an American Baptist church and intend to enroll in college as a regular, full-time student.

**Friday Morning Bible Study** - We are starting a new book, "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World." This is a good time to join the Friday Morning women as we start this new series on March 17th and it will continue for 12 weeks. We should finish the study on June 9th. Anyone wishing to join in this discussion, please contact Kathie Shevchuk @ 682-8678.

**Women of Faith Conference** – An organizational-informational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 26 after the 11:00 a.m. worship in the Historical room. All women interested in going to this conference in Rochester June 9-10 are urged to attend. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but are interested in attending the conference, call Kathie Shevchuk at 682-8678.

**Help Needed** – Please contact Kathie Shevchuk at 682-8678. Thank You☺  
- Looking for help setting up @ 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays for the Lenten series dinner and help cleaning up @ 6:50 p.m. (March 1<sup>st</sup>-April 5<sup>th</sup>).  
- Looking for adult help with the young people on Wed. from 7:00-8:00 p.m. during the Lenten series (March 1<sup>st</sup>-April 5<sup>th</sup>).

**Pastor Leon's Office Hours are:**

**Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

**Email: [fbc-pastor@twcny.rr.com](mailto:fbc-pastor@twcny.rr.com)**

## CALENDAR

### **SUNDAY, February 26th**

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  
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
12:15 p.m. Women of Faith Meeting in the Historical Room  
1:00 p.m. Trudy Siegenthaler's Birthday Celebration in the Chapel

### **TUESDAY, February 28th**

7:00 p.m. Weigh Down Workshop in the Library

### **WEDNESDAY, March 1st – Ash Wednesday – Beginning of Lent**

9:30 a.m. Stay 'n' Play – for moms and dads with their tots in the gym  
6:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner in the gym  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Series with Pastor Leon in the gym

### **THURSDAY, March 2nd**

6:00 p.m. King's Kids Committee meeting in the Library

### **FRIDAY, March 3rd**

10:15 a.m. World Day of Prayer Service at United Church of Fayetteville  
(Fellowship at 9:30 a.m.)

### **SATURDAY, March 4th**

8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast in the gym

### **NEXT SUNDAY, March 5th**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching/Communion  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Education  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee/Communion next Sunday  
Alderson-Broadus College Concert Choir  
6:00 p.m. Diaconate Board Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Trustees Board Meeting

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**A New Sunday School Class** - began last Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be a Bible Study and held in the chapel (temporarily) during the Sunday school hour. Betsy Burt will be leading this class. Anyone is welcome to come and join us and study the Word.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION TODAY!!**

*Come and celebrate  
Trudy Siegenthaler's 80th birthday!!*

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All are invited.*

*It will be today  
Sunday, February 26, 2006*

*at 1:00 p.m.  
in the Chapel of our church.*

*Please no gifts, because your presence will be enough.*

*-Betsy Burt*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Requests for prayers that came in this week:**

**Pascual Lorente** – Dr. Abe Lorente's father passed away.

**Please Pray for:**

Wanda Baker	Edith Laning
Virginia Noble	Rev. Bill Kerr
Steve Poole	Haylena Shevchuk
Cecile White's Aunt Irene	Ted
The McCartney Family	Dennis
Shirley Mapstone (Arthur's wife)	Johnny

**PRAISES**

*A note to my secret sister ~ Thanks so much for the valentine heart and the chocolates. You are loved! Jill Doss*

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Thank you, Secret Pal, for all the wonderful gifts I have received to use, to wear, and to eat. -Dottie Ammann*

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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.*

**UPCOMING LENTEN EVENTS**

**Wednesday Night Fellowship and Study Groups**

**Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 1 through and including April 5**

**6:00 p.m.** – Family night dinner (soup, salad, fruit and bread)

**7:00 p.m.** – Study groups will include:

- Bible Study with Pastor Leon on the theme of the Servant
- Spiritual Formation Group which will consist of small groups of 3 or 4 people, will follow a workbook, and will learn ways of deepening one's spiritual life.
- Youth Study and Activities
- ~ Child care will be available ~

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**American Baptist Men Prayer Breakfast**

Hosted by the Men of First Baptist Church of Manlius

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.**

Followed by a program ~ Speaker: John Place

Can you help with breakfast, set-up, or clean-up? We would like men to help on one of three shifts: Team 1: 7:30 a.m. ~ Set-up & cooking;

Team 2: 8:30 a.m. ~ Serve Breakfast; Team 3: 10:15 a.m. ~ Clean-up

Please call Bill Lyon or Pastor Leon to help out.

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**The Alderson Broaddus College Concert Choir will perform**

**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service**

Can you host two or more students at your house Saturday night and for breakfast that Sunday morning? Please sign up to help out.

There is a sheet located in the Narthex. Thank you.

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**A 4-week Lenten Bible Study** series will begin on **Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**at 10:30 a.m.** in the library. A soup luncheon in the Chapel will follow the study. The following dates are: Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Leader:

Cindy Mapstone; Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Leader: Myrna Benedict;

Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Leader: Gail Carlsen; Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> ~

Leader: Cindy Mapstone. The committee for the luncheons consists of Ruby Pfohl, Shirley Mapstone, Olga Schmidt and Annette Andrusyszyn.