

First Baptist Church of Manlius

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Sunday, September 11, 2005

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

*Sunday School and Adult Education – 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.*

*“And I pray that you, being rooted and
established in love, may have power . . . to
grasp how wide and long and high and deep is
the love of Christ, and to know this love that
surpasses knowledge.
(Ephesians 3:17b-19a)*

Quiet Time of Prayer

Songs of Praise and Preparation

See Insert

Meditation

Joyce McCartney

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Blessed is the one who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners, but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on God’s law he meditates day and night.

People: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season.

Leader: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish, (Psalm 1).

**People: We are like green olive trees, flourishing in the house of God.
We trust in God’s unfailing love and praise His name forever (Psalm 52).**

***Hymn of Praise** *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name* No. 325

***Invocation & The Lord’s Prayer**

Offering Offertory John Spradling

***Doxology and Dedication of Offering**

Dedication of Teachers

Children’s Corner** Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee

Family Prayers (Joys and Concerns)

Special Music *I’ll Fly Away* –Brumley Bill Burt and Joyce McCartney

Scripture Ephesians 3:14-21 Page 1820

Message **“Growing in Christ”** Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee

The Lord's Supper

*"We are an open congregation and welcome everyone
in the name of Christ to break bread and lift the cup with us."*

The Bread

The Cup

*Hymn of Response

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

No. 560

*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 Corner; all those children in Grades 1 and older are invited to join the rehearsal of the Joyful Sounds Choir under the direction of Shirley Mapstone.

Worship Music copying permission given through CCLI #750603.

*The money received in the Communion
Offering envelopes goes into the Fellowship
Fund to help members of our
Church family who are in need. Thank you.*

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:** Ellen Everly
- **Greeting:** Grace and Andy Short
- **Ushers:** David Bates and Mark Mapstone
- **Child Care:** To be announced

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
Cindy Mapstone, Christian Enrichment Coordinator
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Service of Installation for Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee will take place here at First Baptist church next Sunday, September 18th at 3:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar to attend this important event in the life of our church.

The Joyful Sounds Choir will begin rehearsals today, during the morning worship service. Children from grades 1 through 6 are invited to attend.

Save the date for our Family Night Supper – Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. The supper is sponsored by ABW Ministries. We will meet in the Chapel for our

meal and program. Mary Schwarz and our very own Mission Team will speak about their experiences in West Virginia. Please bring a dish to pass and table service. **All are invited.**

Sunday School Classes – begin meeting next Sunday, Sept. 18th, 9:30 a.m.

The Never Ending Adventure Bible Study - will resume on Monday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the church Library.

Mark Your Calendars - The Forever Faithful concert will be held at First Baptist Church on Saturday, October 1st, at 7:00PM in the sanctuary.

Fellowship Gatherings with Pastor Leon

You are invited to get acquainted with our new pastor, Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee, at one of the fellowship gatherings being planned for the coming months. These will be held in people's homes and will be an opportunity to meet and greet Pastor Leon and his wife, Rosey, in a relaxed, informal atmosphere. The next meeting is listed below. We ask that you sign up for a specific evening so that appropriate plans can be made. You can sign up before or after any Sunday worship service or you can visit or call the church office, 682-8941. We'd love to see you there!

When: Friday, September 16, 7:00 p.m.
Home of: Bill & Betsy Burt, 2415 Fenner Rd., Cazenovia

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, September 11th

9:30 a.m. Rally Day with a kick-off breakfast in the gym
10:45 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching
12:15 p.m. Mission Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. Diaconate Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Trustees Board Meeting

MONDAY, September 12th

7:00 p.m. Never Ending Bible Study in the Library

TUESDAY, September 13th

6:30 p.m. Family Night Supper in the gym

WEDNESDAY, September 14th

7:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

SATURDAY, September 17th

9:00 a.m. ABC/NYS Board of Missions Meeting until 3:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 18th

9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Education
10:45 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching
After Worship: Choir Rehearsal
3:00 p.m. Installation of Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee ~ reception after

Christmas is coming! To celebrate the season the musical play "One Special Christmas" will be presented on Sunday evening, December 11th. Many people will be needed for this production, including actors. Auditions for the major roles in the play will be held on Thursday, September 15th, at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 18th, after the worship service (approximately 12:15 p.m.-). The main roles are the members of one family: father, mother, teen son, teen daughter, and a daughter a few years younger. Note: You don't have to be in the age category of the role you wish to play! For more information, contact Mary Schwarz (432-1540, MSchwarz@abc-nys.org).

October Newsletter Items – due on **Thursday, Sept. 15th**. Please email items to: fbcman@twcnyc.rr.com or place them in the secretary's mail slot. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Requests which came in this week:

Claude Lajoie – He is in Louisiana working to help rebuild (request from Michael Krzykowski).

Doug Cunningham - former member of First Baptist and currently RC Priest in Norwich NY, is in New Orleans as a Member of the Air Force National Guard for the next few weeks ministering to the troops and the displaced (request from Linda MacLennan).

John Paige, Cecile White's uncle – passed away; please keep the

family in your prayers.

Ken Bex – not feeling well, awaiting test results. Please pray for wisdom and healing.

Please Pray for:

- Wanda Baker
- Rosa Cano’s mother (dementia)
- Rosa’s husband and daughter
- Steve Poole
- Virginia Noble
- Doris Dudley
- Ana Corona
- Laura Dominy, Al’s sister
- Ann Spradling, John’s mother
- Jeannetta Reed’s mother (Rev. Bob Reed’s mother-in-law)

PRAISES

Thank you to Rich Richardson for staining the new railings in the Sanctuary ~ Great job! –Sanctuary Upgrade Committee

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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.

HURRICANE RELIEF

ABW Ministries is promoting health kits for hurricane relief. The need is very great. We are asking that each family provide at least one health kit or donate money toward this cause. The necessary items are listed below:

- 1 hand towel (15” x 25 up to 17” x 27”)
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brush only in original wrapper; no child-sized brushes)
- 1 large tube of toothpaste (4.5 or larger, expiration date must be 6 months or longer)

6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

All items should be placed inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag. No money, notes, religious or political literature, or other items should be placed in the kits.

These kits can be dropped off between now and September 19, 2005 and placed in the bin in the Narthex of our church or drop them off at the Manlius United Methodist Church, Pleasant and Wesley Streets in Manlius, NY (682-8021), Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

From the Office of Communication, American Baptist Churches USA:

American Baptist News Service (Valley Forge, PA 8/31/05) -- American Baptists are being urged to pray for and assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina, which left a trail of devastation Monday as it hammered Gulf Coast states.

An initial One Great Hour of Sharing emergency grant of \$10,000 has been sent to Church World Service, which will provide Gift of the Heart Kits, seed grants to long-term recovery organizations, and other assistance.

American Baptists can respond immediately to emergency relief needs by contributing online to the "Give Now" option available on either www.abcusamissions.org or www.abc-usa.org. Churches so doing will receive credit for OGHS giving. Contributions also may be made through normal channels using the Monthly Report of Mission Giving. All contributions should be marked "OGHS - Hurricane Katrina".

The Rev. Dr. Walter Parrish II, executive minister of the American Baptist Churches of the South, reported today that six of the region's churches - three in Baton Rouge, two in New Orleans and one in Mobile - have been severely damaged by the storm.