

*First Baptist Church  
of Manlius*

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**WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS**

*Sunday, September 14, 2008*

*Worship Service ~ 8:30 a.m.*

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

*Worship Service ~ 11:00 a.m.*

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pattern of this world,  
but be transformed by the  
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*-Romans 12:2a*

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**Our worship leaders this morning include:**

**Our Praise Team Leader: Mary Schwarz**

**Our Pastor: Leon Oaks-Lee**

**Scripture**

**Romans 12:1-8**

***Living Sacrifices***

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.  
<sup>2</sup>Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. <sup>4</sup>Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. <sup>7</sup>If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; <sup>8</sup>if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

**Sermon**

**“Seeking Renewal”**

**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:** Jean Lynn Buskey

### PRAYER AND CARE

**Prayer Needs:** Please call Dave Knaebel at 569-0581 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, Shirley Mapstone.

Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee, Pastor  
Joyce McCartney, Music Director/Organist  
Elaine LaFollette, Secretary  
Michael McCartney, Custodian  
Mary Schwarz, Praise Team & Joyful Sounds Director  
Wendy Mapstone, Playschool Director  
Marge Edwards, King's Kids Director

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## *Welcome to First Baptist Church of Manlius*

### *Sunday, September 14, 2008 ~ 11:00 a.m.*

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#### Gathering Time

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** "Shepherd, Show Me How to Gro" arr: Jordan  
Joyce McCartney

#### Call to Worship

**\*Songs of Praise** See Insert

#### A Reading from Psalm 124

**Special Music** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Rally Day Choir

**\*Congregation Sings:** No. 342/verse #3

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore  
His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

**Family Prayers** (Joys and Concerns)

**Offering**  
**Offertory** Joyce McCartney

**\*Doxology and Dedication of Offering** No. 382

Licensing of Damon Gagnier

See Insert

**\*\*Children's Time**

**Scripture**

**Romans 12:1-8**

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**Sermon**

**"Seeking Renewal"**  
Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee

**\*Hymn of Response**

*Come, All Christians, Be Committed*

No. 507

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Grave from "Toccata in G Major"  
Joyce McCartney

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\*If you are able, please stand.

\*\*All 4 and 5 year olds are welcome to go with Mrs. Guynup following the Children's Time; all 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. Ask one of the greeters.
- **Greeting:** Mark, Lauren, Morgan, and Taylor Mapstone
- **Ushers:** Greg and Kyle Short
- **Child Care:** Al Dominy
- **Flowers:** Happy Birthday to Jessica Oley on September 19<sup>th</sup> from Your Secret Pal. Have a wonderful year!

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American Baptist Churches of New York State  
**BIENNIAL MEETING**

*Break the Mold ~ Be Renewed (Romans 12:2)*

October 12-14, 2008 at Keuka College

See further information and registration forms in the Narthex.

Registration Deadline: **September 22, 2008!!**

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**CROP WALK IS COMING!!**

**Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**



Mark your calendars now and don't miss out!  
The Annual CROP WALK will be on Sunday,  
October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Pebble Hill Presbyterian  
Church in Jamesville, NY.

**Registration and activities begin at 1:30 p.m.**

**CROP Walk begins at 2:00 p.m.**

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

Come out and walk to help stamp out hunger in  
our community!!

***Enhancing our Worship  
with  
Bright, Clear Visual Images!***

Our Deacons have made plans for the purchase of a digital projector (to be located in the balcony), a retractable screen (to be located at the front of the sanctuary), and the computer and programs to provide the visual images at a cost of \$10,000.

As of 9/7/08: **\$3,550.00** has been given.

**What Can I do?** The system will be installed when we have raised the money. You can make a donation by clearly labeling your check: "Projection System." Direct your gift to our Financial Secretary.



**UNITY FELLOWSHIP**

Unity Fellowship will tour the Manlius Historical Society Museum at **11 a.m. on Saturday, September 27, 2008.** We will meet at the museum where director, Elizabeth Smith, will show us her facility and answer our questions. After the tour we will go to our church for a picnic (hamburgers, etc.) and perhaps lawn games. Hopefully, we can be outside but realistically we could be in the church. Please let Barbara Richardson (632-4384) know if you plan to attend.

**King's Kids is looking for a refrigerator.** . . . we don't need fancy, just chilly! Maximum width 34". If you have one, or know of one, please contact Marge Edwards at 682-5034 or [Director.KingsKids@gmail.com](mailto:Director.KingsKids@gmail.com).

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Recent Prayer requests ~**

**Orfelina** – is Ana Corona’s sister and is very sick in Cuba

**The Tait family** – Katie Tait is 24-weeks pregnant and just diagnosed with cancer.

**Marian Pollock** – has recurrent cancer; she is Lisa Vogler’s mother. Lisa works at Playschool.

**The Hinman family** – Susie Hinman died last weekend. She leaves a husband and 15-year old daughter. Her husband, Ken, works with Dave Knaebel.

**Kermit Breed, Jr.** – had surgery for cancer in NYC on Tuesday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Please Pray for ~**

Wanda Baker	Kermit Breed, Jr.	Loretta Beuchert
Mike Adams	Virginia Noble	Ruth Costello
Courtney H.	Dave	Virginia, Carol Davenport’s aunt
Ann and Gene Spradling	Russell and Mary Jane Davis	Linda Malloy
Nehemiah Team	Florence Cowles, Barbara Brace’s mother	
Michael Quirk & family	Marilyn Flower Mills	Connor
Mike Hasenstab		

**PRAISES**

Do you have a prayer request or praise to share?

Please call Elaine in the Church office (682-8941) by Wednesday morning.

**MISSION NEWS**

**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
Baked Beans	Pasta Sauce
Toilet Paper	



**CALENDAR**

**TODAY, September 14th**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Pastor Leon is preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Education
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Pastor Leon is preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Folk Choir Rehearsal
- 12:15 p.m. Ministry Support committee meeting (Historical Room)
- 12:15 p.m. Missions Board meeting
- 12:15 p.m. Christian Education Board meeting

**TUESDAY, September 16th**

- 6:00 p.m. King’s Kids Committee meeting

**THURSDAY, September 18th**

- 7:00 p.m. Women’s Chorus Rehearsal

**FRIDAY, September 19th**

- 9:30 a.m. Stay ‘n Play for moms/dads/tots in the gym ‘til 11:30 am
- 6:30 p.m. Family Night Supper in the Chapel

**NEXT SUNDAY, September 21st**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Pastor Leon is preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Education
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Pastor Leon is preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Folk Choir Rehearsal
- 3:30 p.m. Youth Event--Memorial Park Baptist—meet at FBC @ 2pm

**Pastor Leon’s Office Hours:**

**Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 – Noon**

**Email: [fbcman@twcny.rr.com](mailto:fbcman@twcny.rr.com)**



**October Newsletter Items Due: Monday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>**

may email the items to: [fbcman@twcny.rr.com](mailto:fbcman@twcny.rr.com) or place in the secretary’s mail slot.

**ABW MINISTRIES NEWS**

**FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER**

**This Friday, September 19th**

**6:30 p.m. in the Chapel**

**Sponsored by ABW Ministries**



**Please bring table service and a dish to share.**

**Beverages and desserts will be provided.**

**Come for a wonderful night of good food and fellowship and a great speaker!! Julie Gilbert, from the Samaritan Center, will be providing us with more information about the Samaritan Center.**

**ALL ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND☺**

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**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**Silent Auction/Bake Sale**

**To Benefit the King's Kids Sue Crayton Scholarship Fund**



**Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 4:30-7:00 p.m. (gym)**

**We Need donations for the Silent Auction and for the Bake Sale.**

**Please contact Marge Edwards to donate at 682-5034 or email Marge**

**at: [director.kingskids@gmail.com](mailto:director.kingskids@gmail.com). Thank You!!**

The opening meeting for ABW will be a **Family Night Supper** in the Chapel **this Friday night, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** The committee for the dinner will be Shirley N. Mapstone and Shirley B. Mapstone. Please bring table service and a dish to share. Beverage and dessert will be furnished. The speaker for the evening will be Julie Gilbert from the Samaritan Center in Syracuse. Some of us have taken part in feeding the homeless and hungry these past two years and are interested in finding out more about the organization. We hope to encourage more volunteers. Helping others is good for the soul! All are invited to come.

Women's Sunday will be **September 28<sup>th</sup>** with Ruth Spencer speaking. Ruth has recently been President of ABC Churches of New York State. She comes to us from Penn Yan. She will speak to us on our theme of the year, *"Come to the Edge."* Many of our women will be participating in the service.

The ABW/Cayuga-Onondaga Association meeting is at Bethany Baptist Church, 149 Beattie Street, Syracuse on **Tues., September 30<sup>th</sup>**. Registration is at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. The missionary speaker is Ruth Fox, who works with the Akha people in Thailand. Please bring a dish to pass and table service. Transportation will be provided. Please call Shirley Mapstone at 682-8169 for further information.

We would like more UPC codes found on the back of a variety of Campbell's products. These labels go to Springbrook to buy materials for the schools, etc. There is a box for UPC codes and cancelled stamps in the Narthex. The cancelled stamps go to Dr. David Vila. He sells them to support his mission of providing Bibles and Christian literature for Spanish-speaking people.



# Youth News

**Youth Group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays**

**6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

**For youth in Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

## Upcoming Events:

**September 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00pm-7:30:** Continuing on the theme from Rally Day – Youth Group will focus on being many different parts of the Body of Christ. What does that mean? What does that look like? Let's just say there is going to be a hands-on activity that you will NOT want to miss. It involves ear plugs and large pants, but that's all we can share at the moment... ☺



**September 28<sup>th</sup>:** An Inter-church Youth Event! We LOVE those!

**Who:** Youth, Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> (Parents are welcome to join! Youth Event is for Junior & Senior High while the Worship Service is intergenerational)



**Place:** Memorial Park Baptist Church, Vestal NY

**Date/Time:** September 28, 2008. Youth Event begins at 3:30pm and lasts until 5:00. There is a Worship service from 7:00 – 8:30pm.

We will leave as one group from FBC Manlius at 2:00pm. There will be 2 (two) returning groups: those who want to stay for the Worship Service (returning around 10:00pm) and those who want to only attend the Youth Event (Return around 7:15pm).

**Costs:** Free Will Offering will be taken (a couple of dollars) and dinner money.

**Led by Duffy Robbins:** Duffy is a twenty-four year veteran of youth ministry and currently serves as Associate Professor of Youth Ministry at Eastern University, St. Davids, PA. Duffy is a popular speaker at youth retreats, conventions, conferences and major Christian music festivals like Creation, Cornerstone, ICHTHUS, and Blackstump (Sydney, Australia).



Youth Team: Christy Brownell, Jillian Everly, Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee, Rosey Oaks-Lee, George Oley, & Tom Shephard

## SEPTEMBER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School during September is meeting in the Chapel. We are focusing on the purpose of the church. Ross Binder is leading a discussion and study which is based on work the Nehemiah Envisioning Team has been doing.

## OCTOBER WORSHIP FOCUS

What is God calling you to?

October sermons will explore God's call in each of our lives. Rick Warren says our SHAPE is the way God made us to offer unique forms of service. What is your SHAPE? Through sermons, small groups, and personal reflections, each of us will be encouraged to discover our SHAPE for service. Might you be interested in hosting or leading a small group? Speak to Pastor Leon

## 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](mailto:jmccartney555@hotmail.com) or 373-3737.

## 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.

## **Licensing of Damon Gagnier to Minister and Preach the Gospel**

### **Opening Words**

The church is composed of many members with a variety of gifts, and every member is called to exercise his or her special gift in ministry. Yet the church recognizes that there are those who are called by God into church vocations for which special training is needed. It is customary for a congregation to offer a member who has made such a vocational decision a License to Minister. Damon has offered himself for the Christian ministry and now comes before this congregation to be confirmed in this decision by receiving a License to Minister.

### **Moderator**

Upon recommendation of our Deacons and by vote of the congregation I present to Damon Gagnier this License to Minister. This license represents not only our endorsement of you to continue your preparation for ministry through theological study, but also our declaration of confidence in you and our way of assuring you that in your vocational preparation you have our continuing blessing and prayers.

### **Pastor**

Damon, do you in accepting this License to Minister promise faithfully to serve God and the church both in your study and ministry?

**Damon:** I do, trusting in God's grace for help.

### **Pastor:**

Do you, the members of this congregation, acknowledge and receive Damon as a fully licensed minister of the gospel and promise to give him your encouragement and cooperation in the fulfillment of his calling? If so, please signify your assent by standing and uniting with me in the prayer of consecration.

### **Prayer of Consecration: (unison)**

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on Damon.  
Consecrate him for the work of ministry.  
Give him wisdom to discern the mind of Christ,  
compassion for human need, and  
love toward all those to whom he is called to minister.  
Strengthen and nourish his faith.  
Make his study meaningful and his work in your church fruitful.  
May your Spirit fill him this day and throughout his life.**

**Lord, renew your Spirit within each of us.  
Make us faithful to support and encourage Damon.  
Strengthen our faith, so that each of us  
might fully use Your gifts in ministry  
to build your church and serve your people.**

**We pray in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.**