

First Baptist Church of Manlius

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2005

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

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

*“For God alone my soul waits in silence;
From him comes my salvation.”*

-Psalm 62:1

Gathering Time

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

from Psalm 89

Leader: I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.

People: **I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

Leader: You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant,
I will establish your line forever
and make your throne firm through all generations.”

People: **Righteousness and justice
are the foundation of your throne;
love and faithfulness go before you.**

*Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

No. 169

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle

The Shephard Family
Tom, Ann, Brodie, Lucy and Will

Opening Prayer

Worshiping God in Song

See Insert

A Reading

Luke 1:46-55

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Offering & Offertory

John Spradling

***Doxology and Dedication of Offering**

Children’s Time** Pastor Leon

Family Prayers (Joys and Concerns)

Scripture Luke 1:5-25 Page 1587

***Hymn** *I Wonder as I Wander* No. 183

Sermon **“Waiting on God”** Rev. Oaks-Lee

***Hymn of Response** *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* No. 197

***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 Shirley Mapstone.

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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:** Eugene White
- **Greeting:** Dolores and Ron Radell
- **Ushers:** George Oley and Harry Cole

• **Child Care:** Greg Short
• **Flowers:** today are from the Shevchuk’s in celebration of Courtney’s 21st birthday on December 17th
• **Flowers:** today are in celebration of Bob and Shirley Mapstone’s 44th Wedding Anniversary on December 22nd. Love, Your Family.

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, 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

    **Christmas Greetings**   

You may have noticed our new “Christmas Greetings” box at the front of the Sanctuary ~ this box is for our church family greeting cards. Drop your greeting cards into the box on any Sunday, and we will see to it that your card gets to your special church family friend. *Special Note:* Love letters to baby Jesus are welcome!!

Poster for Fred Goddard – There is a poster in the Narthex that Bill Burt got for Fred that we would like everyone to sign. Thank you for signing it and thank you, Bill, for remembering Fred at Christmas in such a special way.

Unity Fellowship - will hold its annual New Year’s Eve party on **Saturday, December 31st**. Appetizers will be served in the library from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and dinner will follow at 7:15 p.m. Elwin Richardson’s delicious homemade ice cream will be served at the end of the evening following the entertainment. **All are invited.** The committee is Mapstone, Guynup & Ware.

Bible Study – Friday’s, 9:15 a.m. at Kathie Shevchuk’s house; all are encouraged to attend. Please call Kathie with questions at 682-8678.

Financial Notes – Because Christmas and New Year’s fall on a Sunday this year, this is your friendly reminder to have your donations in the church office **no later than Thursday, December 29, 2005,** so they can be deposited in the bank by Friday, December 30th. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. –*Carole Guynup*, Financial Secretary

2006 Offering Envelopes - are in the Narthex to be picked up.

2006 Calendars – are available in the Narthex to take home thanks to Newell-Fay, Eaton-Tubbs, and Russell Schepp & Son funeral homes.

Sam’s Club – If anyone is interested in having a membership to Sam’s Club through First Baptist Church (\$30 for the year), please contact Barbara Richardson at 656-3480 as soon as possible. Thank you.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 18th – Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Education
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Brass and Bells Concert at the United Church of Fayetteville

TUESDAY, December 20th

- 6:30 p.m. Christian Education Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Weigh Down Workshop in the Church Library

WEDNESDAY, December 21st

- 6:15 p.m. Meet at the Church for Caroling

FRIDAY, December 23rd

- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study at Kathie Shevchuk’s house

SATURDAY, December 24th – Christmas Eve

- 5:00 p.m. Children’s Service
- 7:30 p.m. Family Service

NEXT SUNDAY, December 25th – Christmas Day

- No Sunday School or Adult Education this Sunday
- 11:00 a.m.** Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching

Please Note – The Church office will be closed Monday, December 26th, Tuesday, December 27th, and Monday, January 2nd. Thank you.

<p><u>Please note the following information on upcoming Worship Services:</u></p> <p>Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. Children’s Service & 7:30 p.m. Family Service</p> <p>Christmas Day: 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (No Sunday School)</p> <p>New Year’s Day: 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (No Sunday School)</p> <p>Beginning January 8th: 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 11:00 a.m. Worship Service</p>
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Requests which came in this week:

Eugene White – hospitalized this past week for heart problems.

Al Parker – is now at the V. A. Hospital. You can reach Ellie at 662-3799.

Mary Ann – niece of Julie Albanese is in St. Joe's with viral pneumonia.

Edith Laning – surgery on December 20th.

From the Worship Committee – Pray that those who will come to our worship services in the new year will see Jesus Christ clearly in all that we say and do.

Please Pray for:

Wanda Baker	Rosa Cano's mother (dementia)
Rosa's husband and daughter	Virginia Noble
Steve Poole	Rev. Bill Kerr
Laura Dominy, Al's sister	Cecile White's Aunt Irene
Willis Calkins	Pete
John (Joni Dominy's brother)	Martha Trivelpiece
Alene King	
Bob Mapstone (home recuperating)	

PRAISES

Thank you to the Board of Christian Education for the lovely plant that I received after the play on Sunday night. Thanks, too, to the parents for sharing your children with me; they were great! –Carole Guynup

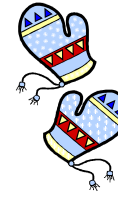
Thank you goes out to the Children of our Sunday School for the beautiful gift of fruit. –Flo Dixon

We thank ABW and our church for the generous basket of fruit you sent to us for Christmas. We appreciate being remembered and receiving Christian love from you all. –Gratefully, Ken and Ada Phelps

Carole Guynup would like to thank her Secret Pal for the candles and snowman tea pot she received for Christmas. I love these and the pot is so cute. Thanks again and have a Merry Christmas Secret Pal whoever you are!

Do you have a prayer request or praise to share?

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



Mitten Tree

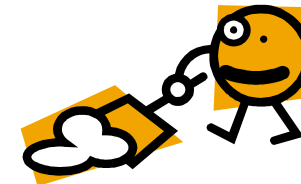


During the month of December, you may place gloves, mittens, hats or scarves to be donated to children in the Syracuse City schools on the Christmas tree outside of the chapel. Any questions call Kathie Shevchuk @ 682-8678.

News About Edith Laning - Hello Manlius First Baptist Friends ~ Since my mother, Edith Laning, is scheduled to undergo surgery for cancer of the colon on the 20th, I thought you might like to know. The cancer is thought to be small but fast-growing, hopefully caught early enough. Many more details will be known after the 20th. I believe that she is in the best hands in Cleveland, which thankfully has an excellent health care community. She is also in good health and good spirits, so, with your prayers, I can dare to expect a good prognosis. And, from the Cleveland Lanings, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Ray Laning

A Note from Edith Laning – (dated 12/7/05) “Dear Church Family—Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year to everyone. Life is handing me a bit of a change, but I know the Lord is watching. Love and blessing, Edith.”

Volunteer Opportunity - Martha Trivelpiece needs help with the shoveling of her walk to the mailbox and near her back door after Christmas. If you are interested in helping out Martha, please give her a call at home to make arrangements with her (682-8932).



NEW YEAR – NEW SERVICE – NEW SCHEDULE

Three weeks from now, on **January 8, 2006**, our Contemporary Service will start at **8:30 a.m.** What a great way to begin the New Year. Pick a style or time that is just right for you and join us as we praise and honor God at First Baptist Church. The new schedule is:

8:30 a.m. NEW! Contemporary Worship
9:45-10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship

ANNUAL MEETING – Sunday, January 22, 2006
(After the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service)

Attention all Board Secretaries and Committee Chairs: It would be extremely helpful if all Annual Reports (except for end-of-the year financial reports) be emailed to the church office (fbcman@twcny.lrr.com) or placed in the secretary's mail slot by Christmas. Thank you so much for your cooperation in this matter.

HERE WE COME A CAROLING

Everyone is invited!! Join us for Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 21st. We will meet at church at 6:15 p.m., carol around the neighborhood, and return to church around 7:30 p.m. for hot chocolate and cookies. Hope to see you there!! Please bring 1 dozen cookies to share ~ thank you.

First Baptist Church - HOLIDAY BOWLING
Everyone is Invited
NO AGE LIMIT
Friends & Family



December 30, 2005
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Erie Blvd.
Bowling Center

Cost: \$7.00 per person /2games

\$10.00 per person /3 games

- includes shoe rental
- food available for purchase

Reserve your spot by calling

Kathie Shevchuk @ 682-8678 by 12/28

“CHRISTMAS GIVING”

Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. It is also a time to show hurting people what it means to be a Christian. We will be doing just that by giving from our abundance to a family in need. Below is a list of wishes from a family in the inner city. They have never had Christmas gifts wrapped just for them. Please look over their requests and find it in your heart to contribute an item or two. If you cannot shop, cash donations are accepted and we can shop for you. Please leave your unwrapped present with a note designating who it is for in the box marked “Christmas Giving” in the narthex or contact Cindy Mapstone at 655-0616.

Derrick is 10 years old

- Shirts ~ short or long sleeve (Adult size medium) that button down the entire front with themes such as: Spiderman, Chinese Symbols, Dragons
- Pants (size 34 waist/29 length) Blue or Black Jeans
- Belt (size 36” waist) with a Motorcycle belt buckle (Interchangeable)
- Game/Toys
 - Chugs game – wooden if possible
 - Chinese Checkers
 - Pick up Stix
 - Backgammon
 - Car & Truck Models
 - PS II games- NASCAR Racing, hunting, fishing

Wally, the Father

- Pants (size 30 waist/32 length) Black Jeans
- Shirts, long sleeve button down (Adult size medium)
- Car Models ~ glue and paint

Millie, the Mother (size 24, 5’6” tall, approximately 200 lbs.)

- Knee length or longer skirt
- Blue or black, stretch denim jeans (size 24)
- Dress ~ any type with wide shoulders
- Dish set ~ Corelle ware with some type of pattern
- Pans set- sauce pan, frying pan
- Cookie sheets

SERVICE IN PROGRESS QUIET PLEASE.

**PLEASE ENTER SANCTUARY FROM THE NARTHEX
THANK YOU!**

You may have seen this sign in church a few weeks ago. It was to let you know that our children are having a service in the Sanctuary. They are worshipping and praising God during the Sunday school hour. This special time is called SUPER CHURCH.

We have been having a good time at Super Church. In October and November, Christy Brownell has been our worship leader. She has taught us some really fun songs. The 4th and 5th graders shared with us Philippians 4:13, through a skit they came up with on their own. Jeremy Mapstone and Shirley Mapstone played a duet on the piano. The 2nd and 3rd graders gave a presentation about the story of Noah’s ark with beautiful pictures they created. The Pre-K, K and 1st grade shared with us a lovely song about Noah’s ark. Our Sunday school teachers are giving the children great guidance.

We have a special time of prayer. This past month we prayed with our friend sitting next to us. What a beautiful time that was! Mr. Shevchuk provided music to help us quiet our hearts and pray. If you’d like to drop in and see what we are doing, you are always welcome.

*Please enter the Sanctuary from the Narthex
so Super Church is not interrupted.*

Have your child bring a friend to Super Church. The schedule is:

DECEMBER 18TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR JESUS

JANUARY 29TH MESSAGE BY PRE-K AND JR. HIGH

FEBRUARY 26TH MESSAGE BY 4TH/5TH GRADES & K -1ST

APRIL 9TH ... PALM SUNDAY / FINALE FOR JERUSALEM MARKETPLACE

MAY 14TH ... MESSAGE BY GRADES 2/3 & PRE – K

JUNE 11TH ... SUPER CHURCH OR REHEARSAL FOR CHILDREN’S

SUNDAY Super Church is from 9:30 – 10:30. Parents please pick up your children in the gym at 10:30. Thank you.

The Board of Christian Education



*Poinsettias have been given for the
beautification of our church sanctuary
during this Christmas season by:*



- Ken Bex in memory of Elsie F. Bex.*
- Murray and Karen Chesebro in memory of our daughter, Sandy Haase.*
- Carol and George Davenport in memory of Wilson Worman, John Spry,
and our parents.*
- Mrs. Margery Faucett in memory of Harold Faucett.*
- Anne Guild in memory of Robert T. Platten.*
- Carole, Charles, Derek, and Colleen Guynup in memory of Mr. and Mrs.
Fred Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guynup.*
- Al and Sharon Kunsman in memory of Helen and Charles Norris and
Ray Kunsman.*
- Jessie Mapstone in memory of Carl Mapstone.*
- Bob and Shirley Mapstone in memory of our parents, Lynn and Emma
Mapstone and Carl and Anna Nellis.*
- Wilma Meigel to the Glory of God.*
- Eugene and Cecile White in memory of John Paige and Patricia Muller.*