

# First Baptist Church of Central Square

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**Prayer Concerns:** Bernadette Lynch, Frank VanBuskirk, Morris Reels, Melody Clark, Ken Gleason, Bobbi Biddle, Pat Harrington, Helen Webb, Christa Koagel, Gordon Tollman, Dave Nelson, Erin Knighton, Richard & Dawn Alberry, our schools, our nation, and our military.

## Birthdays:

Diana Baxter 2	Roxanne Spink 4	Delores Olin 4
Lilliah Woolson-Smith 9	John Zelesnik 11	Rebekah Springer 13
Vesta Lewis 16	Rachel Fuller 18	Sofia Shanahan 23
	Aliza Jo Shanahan 31	

## Mystery Member:

August's Mystery member is Aubrey Biddle!

She may be short, but she is full of personality, she has been published in a medical journal, and was five pounds when they born! Aubrey is taking steps to be a "haircutter" when she gets older (hopefully not on her own hair again!). We will miss this ball of energy!

## I'm Sorry!

I apologize for not having an August Witness for you all on time. This month was crazy (as I am sure it was for you too!). I will be starting my new teaching job this fall so things will be more consistent for me. I appreciate your understanding!

Sincerely,  
Rebekah Springer, Your Witness Gal



## Upcoming Events

Look in the  
September Witness!



## From the Reverend

For the last three weeks, we have been talking about the parables of Jesus. We have discussed God's gardening skills, which are far better than mine. God does not follow the typical rules of a gardener. God is extravagantly wasteful, throwing seed everywhere. Everyone gets the same kind of seed, the best seed. Those weeds that end up in our garden, don't just pull them. That is not our job. Our job is to point to Jesus, because each and every one of those weeds were put there on purpose. I ended our parable section talking about the Kingdom of God.

Apparently, most of you have never heard the joke about the Baptists in Room number 8. It is worth repeating.

A man arrives at the gates of Heaven. St. Peter asks, "What religion?"

The man says, "Methodist."

St. Peter looks down his list and says, "Go to room 24, but be very quiet as you pass room 8."

A woman arrives at the gates of Heaven. St. Peter asks, "What religion?"

She answers, "Lutheran."

"Welcome. Your Lutheran friends are in room 15, but be very quiet as you pass room 8."

Another man arrives at the gates, and St. Peter asks, "What religion?"

"Presbyterian, sir."

"You are in room number 11, but be very quiet as you pass room 8"

The Presbyterian looks at Peter with a look of confusion on his face, and asks, "Why do I have to be quiet when going past room 8?"

Peter replies, "Well, the Baptists are in room 8, and they think they're the only ones here."

The truth is, that for a very long time, and in some places today, the joke about room 8 is not a joke at all. Depending on where you were raised, and how you were raised, many denominations believed that they were the only ones getting into the Kingdom. What we have thought about in the last several weeks is the work of the Kingdom. It will be beyond anything we can imagine, and we will be truly surprised by people we never dreamed would get in. This is exactly why God spreads the seed with wasteful extravagance and not one single seed is ever wasted.

School will be starting before we know it. We have a girl scout troop that will be using the fellowship hall after school on Fridays, twice a month. We are looking forward to the Thanksgiving dinner these young ladies, and their families will be cooking for the entire community in November, with the profit going to the church.

Have you met....

We have new friends among us. Have you met them yet? Please make them all feel welcome!

Alec & Taylor, along with their kids Aiden, Carter, and Baby Vanna and Erin, and her grand-daughter Alaina.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Meg

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