

First Baptist Church of Central Square

July 2025

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Birthdays:

Grace Fuller 10
Maggie Heitmann 10
Ryan Casatelli 11
Brycen Cuny 12
Cheryl Backman 15
Katie Rotundo 23
Misty DeFalco 23
Marilyn DeMarzo 26
Patrick Bort 27
Lillian Cabral 27
Donna Fisher 26
Cherie House 31
Bryan RoPray 31

Anniversaries:

Lynn & Dale Bort 5
Mary & Michael Long 9
Kay & Stephen Springer 18
Rebekah & Dakota McGraw 23

Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to
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Watch Past Services

<http://www.fbc-cs.com/media.htm>

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will resume later in 2025.

Christian Education

No Updates.

Diaconate Updates

So...1/2 of 2025 is at it's halfway point. We're pretty sure it's been 6 months of questions, concerns, are we a democracy, what is happening...all mixed with happy times...and so much more.

Our beautiful America...headlined this month by the Fourth of July...and is shared with mixed emotions. We hope God is leading us in love for all...reaching out, sharing positive events and living our lives of Joy! At FBC we open our doors for free lunches, giving for so many needs, welcome all visitors, continuing prayer chain, communion at the Lord's Table and more.

Do you have concerns for yourself and others, enjoy family and friend get-togethers, events many of us would enjoy, celebrate birthdays and anniversaries...or know of ways we all might be the answer to prayers many have reached for.

Stay in touch. We love and pray for All of You!!

Trustee Updates

Detailed inquiries/surveys for both electrical and roof existing conditions were received from our new underwriter representative. The Trustees wrote detailed accounting of our maintenance and historical work, and provided photos of facilities as requested. We are waiting on response to the information provided. Presumably these requests for information are made in light of the severe winter our region

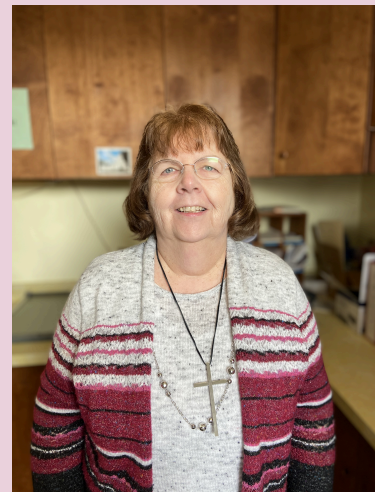


Food Pantry - Tuna, mac and cheese
Perks for Pets

Offering - School Supplies, Box of tissues

Missions -
White Socks for Men
Hats, mittens, gloves, hygiene products

From our Pastor



experienced in 2024-5.

The Trustees are pleased to present Koehler Jeroloman, a tenth grade student who has approached our church to partner in his pursuit of an Eagle Scout Service Project. Koehler is developing plans and project scheduling for continuing and finishing the good work of waterproofing our basement walls that began with the hard work of Ed Baxter and LeAnn. Thank you Ed and LeAnn for sanding and sealing work!

In May, ArborTech Tree Service, Mark Holbrook and company, removed our Norway Spruce Tree overhanging both our garage and the neighbors. All of the cleanup work involved many trailer loads of limbs and wood taken to recycling. The entire cost of the tree removal was underwritten. Many thanks again to Ed and LeAnn for helping to cleanup. They are always willing and available to help. Keith Fox, Fox's Logging of Mallory, hauled the remaining six butt logs at no cost to Ted Aubin's portable sawmill on Morey Road in West Monroe. Surprisingly, no metal was found in the tree and this allowed the salvage of beautiful, clear spruce that was sawn into good lumber. Mike Murphy, our pest management specialist for the church, invested in the total cost of the sawing salvage and received the wood for use on his farm in Palermo. Thanks to each for their contributions to making our grounds and neighbors safer.

Also in May, a second old sump pump in our boiler room failed and required replacing. A new sump with vertical switch and new design check valve were installed. Unfortunately this, along with some minor window well leaks required numerous visits to address very sensitive water alarms through our service providers. Since August of 2024, the church now has two new sump pumps with better valves that should last for many years.

Following considerations by Council, the Trustees have approach a trusted Real Estate professional in assisting us to value the Parsonage for possible sale. Result of their advice will be brought back to Council for further thought.

Our kitchen stove manufacturer is no longer in business since 2016 but Garlan Commercial Kitchen Stoves are still sold and we have reached out to service providers in Tennessee and Canada for repair or parts of the right-side oven pilot light system. Until repairs are complete, use only the left oven and the gas supply must be turned off when not in use.

We still continue to be plagued by water alarms with each large storm that passes as parking lot water makes its way into the older basement area. We are working to remedy this situation and you may see some piles of soil along the outside of the church foundation and driveway. Please be patient.

Thank you sincerely, to the folks who are volunteering to help with the lawn mowing.

There are many more items Trustees are working on. With your help and by the grace of our Lord, we will continue to meet these opportunities and challenges.

Respectfully submitted your Trustee Facilitators: Ed Baxter, Lynn Cuny, Art Brooks

Women's Group - No Update

Mission Committee

No Update.

Fundraising Committee

No Update.

From the Pastor

Well we made it.

We survived the coldest of winters and the wettest of springs and arrived at what so far seems like the hottest of summers. We have followed the good advice of Joshua 1:9 – to be strong and courageous. And like Paul said we “fought the good fight” and here we are still fighting.

Unlike me, Joshua and Paul weren’t talking (writing) about the weather. It’s very easy to take scriptural words of wisdom out of context. I try not to do that but as you can see, I’m not always successful in the endeavor.

We can miss the true message of God’s word when we take it out of context. That’s why we are instructed to read and study His Word. My Dad read through the Bible several times but he didn’t understand why there was so many wars and ugliness in the Old Testament. It doesn’t seem like he got the essence of the message. But I can’t say that for sure. I find we need to study and look deeper into the Old Testament to see the prophecies and the value there in. Those prophecies aren’t always easy to see on the first, second or third read through. We just have to be diligent in our study and our reading. Somehow that gets put on the back burner in our “too busy” world.

We often look for a good book to read during the ‘lazy, hazy’ days of summer while sitting next to the pool or under the shade of a tree. The Bible is the most bought book of all time. Why not pick up your copy and settle down with a glass of lemonade or iced tea under the shade tree and give it a read? You might just find an answer you’ve been looking for in those pages.

Have a blessed summer. Keep cool!

Pastor Lilly



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