

# First Baptist Church of Central Square

May 2020

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## Birthdays:

Hazel Schaff 1  
Benjamin Springer 5  
Aaliyah Ripley 5  
Lynn Cuny Jr. 6  
Eleanor Cuny 7  
Nathan Ayre 8  
Ken House 12  
Mary Sanford 15  
Kim DeFalco 18

## Anniversaries:

Misty & Nate DeFalco 29  
Linda & Sam Heer 29  
Daisy & Paul Ayre 31

Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to  
[fbccsny@gmail.com](mailto:fbccsny@gmail.com)

## Tithes

While we are not having church together, you can still send in your offering via mail. Help our church get through this storm together.

Please mail it to  
Attn: Cherie House  
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## 2020 Missions

Divine Mercy's food pantry is in need of canned fruits and vegetables, macaroni and cheese, tuna fish, pork and beans, cereal, canned and boxed pasta. Please leave it on the parsonage porch or drop it off to the food pantry Tuesday & Thursday 9am - 12pm or by scheduled drop off.

## Closure

Our church will remain closed for church services until we are given the okay to open back up by the government. We hope that people stay inside and stop the spread of Covid-19. Many current and past sermons can be found on our church website. Please use this resource to lift you up when you are feeling down.

Follow the link below to the sermons!

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



## Upcoming Events



**STAY HOME**  
**STAY SAFE**  
**SAVE LIVES**



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### Trustee Updates

No updates.

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### Diaconate Updates

Please notify any member of the diaconate if you have needs.

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### Christian Education Updates

No Updates.

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### **Council**

The uncertainties in our personal and corporate lives imposed by pandemic precautions haven't allowed us to set an exact date for a normal Council meeting. Fortunately, there haven't been any recent, pressing issues that would require handling at the Council level. Our next major issues will certainly be when to open our church for Sunday services, whether to open also for the organizations that use our facility, and overall, what restrictions/conditions will be applied. We are approaching the time when things will begin to "open up", yet we still cannot set a safe date for a normal face to face meeting. Pastor Lillian suggested trying a video conference. Rebekah has investigated and reported she can set this up for us. She will also arrange for those without camera capability to participate by phone. This meeting will be set up for Sunday, May 17 th at 1:00PM. Rebekah will notify Council members on how to join the meeting. Rich Mizerski

**BE HAPPY...**

NOT BECAUSE EVERYTHING IS  
GOOD, BUT BECAUSE YOU CAN  
SEE THE GOOD IN EVERYTHING.

**The Lord is  
on my side;**

*I will not fear.*

-Psalm 118:6



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**I am with you**  
*and will watch over you  
wherever you go.*

-Genesis 28:15



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"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.....but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." Isaiah 40:29, 31

I don't know about you but I'm feeling weary; weary of all the virus updates; weary of wearing a mask; weary of not being able to go shopping on the spur of the moment; weary of staying home. Yeah, I'm feeling weary. How about you? But there really is nothing else we can do for the welfare of everyone. It's hard.

Another scripture comes to mind:

Be still, and know I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. Psalm 46:10

There is no question that this past month has been a challenge both as individuals and as a body of Christ. I can't help but wonder if God is sending us a message - Loud and Clear. We are forced to "Be Still". What a great opportunity to connect or reconnect with God. The whole world is at a standstill. People are praying. Not only that, but people are being kind and considerate. Most people are watching out for the welfare of others. We have been given a gift. Oh, I know it doesn't feel like a gift. We are getting bored and restless. Some of us would love to go out to a restaurant and have a good meal we didn't have to prepare for ourselves. Yes we can get take out, but it's not the same as having someone wait on you and serve your meal on a fancy plate. And dessert, don't get me started on that one. (It's the last thing I need right now.) We have been given the gift of renewal; the gift of reconnection to our family and to our God. Priceless!

As we continue to reach out to each other and to those in need however we are able, I believe God is watching to see how we use this gift. He has His eye on each of us every day.

None of us know when we will be able to meet together. When we do, I expect we will still be wearing masks and practicing social distancing. "It's a whole new world!" I would love to celebrate in grand style when we meet again but I'm not sure that is practical or doable. We need to be cautious. We had several plans for this summer that might have to be postponed or canceled - our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Vacation Bible School, the second annual picnic in the parking lot, and the ecumenical picnic. This is not only very sad but heartbreaking.

All of this makes one weary. But God has promised us He will renew our strength as long as we lean on Him and trust His word. Let me encourage you to open your Bible daily and spend a few minutes listening for the message God is sending you.

I hope you are able to connect to our Sunday services. I would like to thank Rebekah, Mary and Jessica for working to make our "broadcasts" as meaningful as possible. If you are not able to connect let us know what we can do to make that happen for you. Feel free to leave a message on the church phone.

To God be the glory. Amen.

Pastor Lilly

## From the Pastor



"My flesh and my heart  
may fail, but God is the  
strength of my heart  
and my portion forever."

PSALM 73:26

Woman's Day



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