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October 2015
Happy Halloween!!!
This is your copy of The Witness
We wish God's Blessings on



THE WITNESS

The Monthly Newsletter of the First Baptist Church of Central Square

Church Office Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays from 9:00-12:00

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"Our mission as a church is to share and respond to God's love for each person by welcoming all. Together, we can return God's love by becoming witnesses and followers of the teachings of Jesus Christ throughout our daily lives. We allow these things to help us become new people in Christ."

Lynn Bort, Moderator

Megan Biddle, Pastor

Linda Heer, Church Clerk

Cindy Cuny, Church Secretary

Victor Vrooman, Organist

Cindy Cuny, Witness Editor

News and Upcoming Events about our Community of Faith

Notices Concerning Our Affiliated Denomination – The American Baptist Churches in the USA

Information to Help Live a More Fulfilled Life

PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these members and friends in your prayer: Adam Backman, Melody Clark, Ken House, Barry Mugglin, Stewart Smith, Phyllis Smith, Stephen Springer, Helen Webb, Mike White, Kevin Hamon, Cheryl Backman, Frank Rossa, our missionaries, our nation, and our denominational and local church leaders.

VERSE OF THE MONTH



There is no one like you, O Lord, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

1 Chronicle 17:20 NRSV

PRAYER FOR OCTOBER

Holy God, creator of all things, we thank you for your mercies every day. Open our eyes to those who are hurting and broken in the world around us. Give us compassion, may we be your hands and feet in the world around us.

MEETING NIGHTS

Trustees	October 11th	after church
Deacon's	October 6th	6:30

WITNESS ARTICLES

All witness articles for November are due by October 20th. All boards should submit an article and any members who would like to put an article in. If you need help with a topic just ask.

BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER



Penny Faulter	2	Courtney Cuny	14
Andy Bettinger	16	Phyllis Smith	18
Dail Mizerski	20	Randi Driesen	21
Erin Rose Shanahan	24	Margaret Heitmann	25

Nicholas Cuny 26

COUNCIL MEETING



Council Meeting is on October 14th at 7pm here at the church. All members and board heads need to attend. See everyone there!

CHICKEN N BISCUIT DINNER



October 23rd 4pm -7pm
Adults \$10.00.

Call Mark Heitmann for more details.



Jr. Church invites the congregation to join us in creating a "Thankful Tree" in the hall as you enter. We will have paper leaves available as you enter the sanctuary. What we need you to do is fill out what you're thankful for on the leaves and put them in the container marked "First Baptist is Thankful For:" in Fellowship Hall. One thankful thing per leaf and take as many as you want or need. Our Thankful tree will be displayed for the whole month of November! Leaves will be available to fill out from September 27th through October 30th. This is a great way to thank God for all that we're thankful for and display it!! I encourage everybody to make out at least one!! The children will be filling theirs out in Jr. Church! Any Questions please contact Misty. ☺

AB WOMEN'S NEWS



AB Women will be collecting Cotton Sheets for Bandage Rolling from now thru January. As you pull out those flannel sheets think of donating those old cotton ones!! They must be light in color and cotton. Donations can be left on the Superintendent's Office!! Any Questions please contact GenieRotundo or Nancy Flower.



**Young Adult Bible Study will pick back up
Monday October 19th!**

All 16 and older are welcome to join!! We will have Bible Study alternating Mondays from 6:00-7:30.

Mark your calendars through November!!

Any Questions contact Misty!

Monday 10-19-15 6:00-7:30

Monday 11-2-15 6:00-7:30

Monday 11-16-15 6:00-7:30

Monday 11-30-15 6:00-7:30



Calling all Vehicle Owners!!

Trunk-Or-Treat will be held Sunday October 25th
from 4:00-5:30

We will be collecting candy donations in the Orange basket in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in helping out in any way please contact Misty! We need as many decorated trunks as possible!

CRAFTER'S NEEDED



Looking for crafters for a craft show on December 5th from 9am-4pm. Call 668-2138 and leave a message with your name and phone number so we can get back to you. Tables are \$25 if you bring your own its \$20. Please mail checks in by November 20th. Make them payable to First Baptist Church.

**DO YOU KNOW YOUR TIMES
TABLE?**

Father x Son x Holy Spirit = God

originates	Mediates	Executes
from	through	through
whom	whom	whom

$$1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$$

$$1 \times 1 \times 0 = 0$$

**OSWEGO ASSOCIATION
FALL DINNER**



On October 4th there is an association dinner at the Pulaski Baptist Church. Registration is at 4:45, dinner is at 5:00. They will have guest speaker Ann Clemmer.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE SNIC

Saturday, September 12th we launched our Saturday evening service. We had 31 in attendance. I am so thankful for everyone who came out to support this ministry. Less than an hour friends, you can give God an hour. Music and a message, Join us. Bring your friends. We are all looking for something to give us meaning and purpose, find it here, among friends.

DATES TO REMEMBER



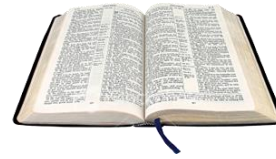
10/11 - Baptism
10/25 -Trunk or Treat
10/23- Chicken N Biscuit Dinner

FAMILY TRIP TO PUMPKIN FARM



On October 10th we will be leaving from church at 10am. Then enjoy cider and doughnuts afterwards at the church.

PASTOR'S CORNER



Fall has arrived, and hopefully it will stick around for a while. I am in no hurry for snow. It is nice to be back in a routine now that the kids have returned to school. I am, as most people are, a creature of habit. My calendar fills up quickly, but keeping busy is nice. What happens when the unexpected arises?

One thing I have learned is that ministry is never convenient, much like illness and death. It often seems like the moment we get comfortable or stop paying attention, the phone rings and our life is forever changed. What is our response when the unthinkable occurs?

When someone we love is hurting, our desire is to do something. We want to comfort, dampen the pain, and fix it! Sometimes there is nothing we need to do except practice the ministry of presence and be a stabilizing force in a time of crisis. We cannot always fix it with a casserole, and in certain circumstances the last thing a person wants to hear is that you are praying for them. Persons who are in the midst of the fire often say things without thinking, and do not realize how hurtful they are. If you are caring for someone in the midst of trial, you must also be sure to take care of yourself as well.

No matter where you are in your life, know that God searches you out. You are never alone; the spirit is closer than our own breath. If you need someone to be with you as you walk through the fire, all you need to do is ask. You are loved.

See You in Church
Pastor Meg