

THE WITNESS

The Monthly Newsletter of the First Baptist Church of Central Square

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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.”

Rev. Bud Adams, Pastor
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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



Mystery Member of the Month

Our May mystery member is Roger Eisinger. Roger has a Diesel pick-up that he has converted to run on used vegetable oil. The only thing coming out of his exhaust pipe is H₂O.

Our mystery member for June is someone who is going back to school this June. Do you know who this person is?



Prayer Concerns

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers: Mavis Cooter; Alice Silva; Joe Silva; Bob Abel; Ken Bird; Stewart Smith; Phyllis Smith; Delores Olin; Ray Olin; Ken House; Hazel Schaff; Steve Springer; Jerry Maynard; Arlene LeBeau; Eva Kairis; Peggy Sue Ashby; Patrick Bort; our missionaries; our nation; and our denominational and local church leaders.

Verse of the Month



“No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.”

- Jeremiah 31:34

Prayer for June

Merciful God, even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, your perfect love is casting out fear. Even when I’m caught in the middle of the storms of this life, make me know you are near. Please never let go of me. Amen

BIDARD MEETINGS

Board	Date	Time
Christian Ed	Sunday - 10	11:30
Trustees	Tuesday - 12	6:00
Diaconate	Tuesday - 12	6:30
Executive	Tuesday - 12	8:00

Lord’s Prayer Study

The subject of the Lord’s Prayer and what it means to each of us resonated with some but there were others that didn’t understand the request. So we will visit what has become known as the Lord’s Prayer as presented in Luke and in Matthew at our Thursday evening Bible study beginning July 12th. Please join us if you are interested in expanding your knowledge of our Book.

Witness Articles

All articles for the May Witness are due in the church office by **June 23rd**.

To Your Health



The Food Safety and Inspection Service and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has updated its "Food Safety for Pregnant Women" booklet, which was developed to inform pregnant women about the importance of protecting themselves and their unborn baby from food borne illnesses. The booklets educate consumers on the four food safety messages of clean, separate, cook, and chill from the *Food Safe Families* campaign.

To order these or other booklets in the series, call the USDA Meat & Poultry Hotline at 1-888-674-6854, Monday thru Friday, 10 am to 4 pm. Specialists are available in English and Spanish.

Danlight Savings Time

The Parsonage

Our parsonage property will soon become the property of our neighbor, the Central Square Fire Department. Before that changeover takes place, we will have a special decommissioning ceremony on Sunday, June 17th. In response to the invitations we mailed to former Pastors and their families, we have already received letters from Rev. Steve Anderson and Rev. Jim Morrison.

If you are interested in helping to plan the events for the day, please speak with Moderator Lynn Bort or Pastor Bud.

USED CELL PHONES

We have had a collection box in Fellowship Hall for used inkjet printer cartridges for several years. We then ship them to a company that reprocesses

them so they can be reused. Although it doesn't generate a lot of money for us, it does bring in enough to help pay for new printer cartridges. And it keeps the old ones out of the landfill.

Now, we've begun collecting used cell phones. The collection box in Fellowship Hall looks very similar to the ink cartridge box. But when you look closely, you'll see that it is clearly marked for used cell phones. So, if you've been wondering what to do with those old phones you shoved in your dresser drawer, just bring them on in.

GoodSearch

Instead of using whatever default search engine your web browser provides, consider using **GoodSearch**. Why? Each time you do a search using GoodSearch, \$.01 will be donated to your favorite charity or non-profit. The non-profit that money is going to whenever a search is done on the church computer is: First Baptist Church of Central Square.

"One cent? For one cent you want me to use GoodSearch?" Certainly! One cent per search, for every search, for every person who uses GoodSearch can add up. And, to bring some sense of comfort, GoodSearch is powered by the Yahoo search engine.

Just go to **www.GoodSearch.com** and in the section on the top right that says "My Impact", enter First Baptist Church of Central Square and click the "Validate" button.

If you shop on-line, consider visiting one of the more than 2,500 GoodShop merchants that can be found on the GoodSearch site. Why? Up to 8% of the purchase price will be donated to – us. And if you register your credit card with GoodDining, guess what happens when you dine at one of the participating restaurants? A portion will be directed to our church.

Our Church Computer

Talk about good timing! **Mark Heitmann's** employer was upgrading their computer equipment and when he asked what they planned to do with the "old" stuff, they said they were going to take it to the dump. So, Mark got permission to bring one of their old systems to our church – right at the time our computer was starting to die. Their 'old' computer is now our 'new' computer.

The changeover took place towards the end of May (no time is ever a good time for such things) and, as a result, our Witness is a bit later than usual. Please forgive our lateness. But, had it not been for Mark's quick thinking, we may not have gotten it out at all!

DUCK RACE TO END RACISM



Community Wide Dialogue, the nationally acclaimed program of InterFaith Works of CNY, will conduct its annual **Duck Race to End Racism** on Saturday, June 9th from noon to 4:00 at Syracuse's Inner Harbor. Contributions of \$5 will be acknowledged with a ticket that will make one of the plastic ducks your unique entry in the race.

So, why is it four hours long? The day is much more than a duck race. It's actually a **free family festival** complete with entertainment, kids' space, non-profit community booths, and food vendors. And Byrne Dairy will provide **free ice cream** for everyone throughout the day!

Church Projects

If you haven't noticed, some of the projects on the list posted by our Board of Trustees in Fellowship Hall have already been completed. The good news is that are still projects available for people to commit to working on them. Some of them are ideal for the Summer months, such as power

washing the siding; scraping, painting, and cleaning the church sign, and painting. Please contribute your abilities so our building and property are in tip-top shape. It will go a long way in helping our neighbors appreciate who we are.

CHILDREN DEDICATION

On **July 15th**, our Spotlight Moment will feature a dedication for at least one child. For those few who are unfamiliar with this tradition, this is more about us than it is about the child(ren) involved. The family members of the child(ren) and the members of our congregation are dedicating themselves to the responsibilities in providing instruction, loving guidance, and living example of who God is and what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

We do this so that when those children reaches the age when they make their own decisions, they will have experienced and learned enough so that they might feel strongly drawn to also become an apprentice of Jesus our master.

If there are others who are interested in learning more about entering into this covenant with us concerning their child(ren), please contact Pastor Bud. There is always room for more!

Camping News



Four of our youth – **Amber Eisinger, Brandon Pittsley, Alex Springer, and Ben Springer** – spent a week-end at Pathfinder Lodge for an adventurous, recreationally exhilarating, and spiritually enriching time. **Grace Shetler**, chairperson of our Board of Christian Education provided transportation and chaperone services. Unlike the youth, it was Grace's first camping experience. And from all reports, some of which we will hear during an upcoming Spotlight Moment, it was a great week-end for all!

FOUR SUNDAYS IN JUNE

We have a full calendar of special events in June, and you won't want to miss any of them.

June 2nd – Teacher Recognition

Throughout the year, our Sunday school teachers who, from September through June, lead us in discussions that help us all learn how the Bible provides us direction in how we live our lives in the 21st century. Today we will honor them for their committed work.

June 10th – Youth Sunday

The younger individuals in our congregation have quick minds that pick up and retain so much of what they are exposed to here. Today, they will share what they have learned about how and why we worship God as we do.

June 17th – Parsonage Decommissioning

Our parsonage has served as the residence for our pastors longer than any of us can remember. Today we will give thanks for the blessings that have been ours as we share memories associated with it. Of course, we will also share a meal that day.

June 24th – Graduate Recognition

John Zelesnik is our lone graduate this year and perhaps that is how it should be. John has triumphed over tremendous challenges in his education and as we applaud him in this, we also give thanks to God for all that made this achievement possible.

Week-Day Bible Study

The week-day Bible study group that meets here has changed their meeting time to Tuesdays at 11:15. All are invited and welcome.

“Frugality is one of the most beautiful and joyful words in the English language, and yet one that we are culturally cut off from understanding and enjoying.

The consumption society has made us feel that happiness lies in having things, and has failed to teach us the happiness of not having things.”

- Elise Boulding

Directory Update

Please make these address changes to your directory.

Jerry Maynard
McHarrie Point Assisted Living
Sage Court
7740 Meigs Road
Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Roseann Prouty
205 Oak Street, Apt. 202
Fulton, NY 13069

Musical Notes



Our Praise Chorus is open to all who love to sing, and as you can see, it is growing. Remember that ours is not a professional choir. It is a group that sings praises to God, giving the best that they have to the God that loves us all. Please know you are welcome to give it a try. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings at 6:00.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 – Anita Brooks 26 – Helen Abel Webb
6 – Don Haury 27 – Chad Brooks
11 – Daisy Ayre 28 – Jean Hart
25 – Braedon Woolson-Smith

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

2 – Pastor Bud and Tanya Adams
6 – Ed and Diana Baxter
28 – Marcus and Genie Rotundo
29 – Bob and Carol Chamberlin

“The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing ... not healing, not curing ... that is a friend who cares.”

- Henri J. M. Nouwen