

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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Cindy Cuny, Witness Editor
Victor Vrooman, Organist

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 June mystery member is Grace Shetler. Grace began school June 18th in Mexico to study learn how to work with medical records. Her hope is to begin a new career.

Our mystery member for July / August is someone who will be going to school for a month to learn how to work with and repair hi-tech composite materials used on aircraft . 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; Patrick Bort; our missionaries; our nation; and our denominational and local church leaders.

Verse of the Month



“When pride comes, then comes disgrace; but wisdom is with the humble.”

- Proverbs 11:2

Prayer for July/August

Dear Lord, we who are divided, unloving, and prejudiced at times ask that you make us united, loving, and open to learning. Amen.

BOARD MEETINGS

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

“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 September Witness are due in the church office by **August 23rd**.

To Your Health



Nearly 10% of parents are delaying vaccinations for their infants, nearly doubling in number since 2003. There are many reasons for this, including the proven false claim that links vaccinations to autism or other problems.

Whatever the reason, these infants have the time lengthened in which they are at risk for contracting preventable disease – diseases such as hepatitis B, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, meningitis, pneumonia, polio and flu. In fact, recent outbreaks in measles and whooping cough, including 10 infant deaths, seem to be tied to this trend.

*as printed in "More Adults Put Off Kids' Vaccinations",
Science News Web Edition, Nathan Seppa, June 20, 2012*

Baptisms

The Baptist understanding and practice of baptism is that candidates for baptism will have already made the decision to be a follower of Jesus. So, we refer to it as believer's baptism. That certainly does not mean that a candidate know all Jesus teaches us, or knows all about God. If that were the case, nobody would ever be baptized.

Baptism is an outward expression of an inward change that has already begun. And so we are delighted to say that we are planning several baptisms at our Worship-by-the-Lake on August 12th. And all the angels of heaven will sing!

No August Witness

There will be no Witness produced for the month of August.

Articles for the Witness

The Witness is produced to facilitate communication within our congregation. Upcoming events, results of recent events, items of church business, information regarding American Baptist Churches (national, regional, and associational levels), and other pieces for the good of the order are generally included. And, of course, our boards and committees often have updates and news for us all.

In order to make this happen, finished articles must be submitted to the church office in plenty of time for inclusion in the Witness. Submissions may be edited and late submissions may put on hold until the following month's issue.

Please make this work as easy as possible on our church staff by emailing them to the church office.

Our Graduate



We joyfully celebrate the graduation of John Zelesnik from Paul V. Moore High School. John has overcome many tremendous obstacles in his life – *many* obstacles. Fortunately for John, he was main-streamed in the Central Square School District. This was fortunate because it gave John wonderful exposure to others who were not as challenged as he and he was able to establish very caring connections to many he would have never had he opportunity to know.

We at First Baptist Church have been blessed by having John as part of our fellowship just as his school-mates have been blessed.

*Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of
resentment and the handcuffs of hate. It is a power that
breaks the chains of bitterness and the shackles of
selfishness."*

- Corrie Ten Boom

SAFETY SLIDE LOCKS

In June, our Board of Trustees were presented with a safety concern by those who operate our nursery. Chemicals for keeping the nursery area, including the rest room, sanitary are kept in the rest room. When children are in the nursery unattended, there is the danger that they may get into those chemicals. Further, kids being kids, they may decide to climb and reach up to pull items off the shelves.

The Trustees decided to install a slide lock on the top of the nursery room door, high enough so children cannot reach it. For the same reasons, they also installed a slide lock on the Utility Room door.

Please, if you open these doors, remember to slide the lock closed when you leave the room.

Nursery News

Our nursery workers are volunteers who give of their time and energies to provide care to our infants and toddlers during our time of worship. To have better accountability for our young ones, parents are asked to use the clip board beside the nursery door to sign their children in when they are dropped off and sign them out when they are picked up.

When our community worship has concluded their time in the nursery comes to an end. This means that our nursery will be closed during Fellowship Hour. So, parents and grandparents, please remember to keep an eye on your little ones when our nursery service is closed.

CHILDREN DEDICATION

We are planning a dedication ceremony for two children on July 15th. If you are a custodian of a child and feel committed to have them raised to learn about Jesus and to develop a vital connection with God, please consider taking part in this event. Contact Pastor Bud for more information.

Church Picnic

Our Worship-by-the-Lake and Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, **August 12th** at Taft Bay Park. Our Diaconate will supply the meat dish and beverage and those attending are asked to bring a dish to share.

Worship will begin at **10:30** and will conclude with several baptisms in Oneida Lake. We will then enjoy a shared picnic lunch with one another. While picnic tables will be available for our meal, it is important to bring your own folding chairs to use during our time of worship.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

A Pastoral Search Committee was assembled at our called Congregational Meeting on June 10th. Named to that committee are Janet Bettinger, Grace Fuller, Lynda Heer, Mark Heitmann, Genie Rotundo, and Ben Springer. They have met and selected Janet Bettinger and Mark Heitmann as co-chairpersons. You will be receiving surveys and other communications from this committee in the coming weeks and months.

This is a process that will take some time and not be taken lightly. A profile of our identity as a congregation will be one of the first things to be established in this process. Please make your involvement with this committee a top priority so they can do their job in as effectively and accurately as possible.

A NEW TRUSTEE

At a called business meeting on Sunday, June 24th, Roger Eisinger was presented for consideration to fulfill the unexpired term of Kyle Funke, since the Funke's have relocated to Wyoming.

In a unanimous vote, our congregation moved to elect Roger to this position. Welcome, Roger! And thank you for volunteering your many skills in service of our church!

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

July

3 – Bob Abel 7 – Ian Brooks
8 – Jill Gillette 10 – Grace Fuller
15 – Don Flower 17 – Genie Rotundo
23 – Misty DeFalco, Katie [Rotundo] Rowell
27 – Patrick Bort 31 – Cherie House

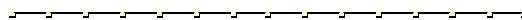
August

2 – Diana Baxter
4 – Roxanne Spink, Delores Olin
8 – Ray Olin 9 – Lilly Woolson-Smith
11 – John Zelesnik 13 – Rebekah Springer
16 – Vesta Lewis 18 – Rachel Fuller
20 – Freda Lawton 21 – Bonnie Woolson-Smit
27 – Alice Silva 31 – Aleza Jo Shanahan

SUMMER ANNIVERSARIES

July

4 – Dale and Lynn Bort
20 – Kay and Stephen Springer



“The deepest level of communication is not communication, but communion. It is wordless. It is beyond words, and it is beyond speech, and it is beyond concept. Not that we discover a new unity. We discover an older unity. My dear Brothers [and Sisters], we are already one. But we imagine that we are not. And what we have to recover is our original unity. What we have to be is what we are.”

- Thomas Merton