

# 2018



Newsletter of FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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### OUR STAFF

The Rev. Phyllis Granger, Pastor  
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### OUR CHURCH OFFICERS

Beverly Simons - Moderator  
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Judy Hartman - Fellowship Coordinator  
Sheila Griffin - Worship  
Susan Belding - Missions  
Peter Achilles - Treasurer  
David Belding - Financial Secretary  
Nancy Robbins - Church Clerk

### OUR SCHEDULE

Neighborhood Saturday Lunch Ministry - 11:45am – 12:15pm  
Worship - Sunday, 10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship - Sunday, 11:00 – 11:30 am  
Bible Study - Sunday, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Prayer Time – Wednesday, 5:00 pm

# August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Prayer Time 5:00 pm Janice Bourne Birthday	2 Paul/Phyllis Granger Anniversary John Frederick Birthday	3	4 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am Juliana Belding Birthday
5 Worship 10am Pastor Bill	6 Harold Rasmussen Birthday	7 Jeanine Principio Birthday	8 Prayer Time 5:00 pm Jordyn Myers Birthday	9	10	11 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am David Achilles Birthday
12 Worship 10am Rev. Granger	13	14	15 Prayer Time 5:00 pm	16	17 Dusty/Marcy Myers Anniversary	18 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am David/Susan Belding Anniversary Mike/Meredith Vorozilchak Anniversary
19 Worship 10am Rev. Granger	20 James Robbins Birthday	21 Board Mtg 6pm	22 Prayer Time 5:00 pm	23	24 Bill/Nancy Robbins Anniversary	25 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am David/Becky Achilles Anniversary Lucinda Burger Birthday
26 Worship 10am Pastor Bill	27	28 Ashley Mumford Birthday	29 Prayer Time 5:00 pm Freda Mumford Birthday	30	31 Ed/Dorene MacDonald Anniversary	

## Pastor's Page:

I read a devotion entitled, "Try Compassion on for Size." The scripture reference was Galatians 6:10 NRSV: "Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith."

This devotion gave me much to think about as I hope it does for you. We go to great lengths to buy a pair of shoes that are comfortable and do not hurt our feet, so it would be very painful if we had to wear someone else's shoes. This devotion talks about the hurt we experience in our heart when we have compassion for people in difficult circumstances. What hurt would you experience if you had to walk in the shoes of an unwed mother, a cancer patient, a homeless person, someone who has just lost their job and has a family to care for, someone who has just lost a loved one, someone who just lost their home, a child from the other side of the world who is suffering from hunger or the mother has walks miles just to get a small bowl of rice to feed her family? That's what compassion does. It empathizes with the difficulties of others so closely that we take on their burdens as if they were our own.

Our first thought is often to thank God for the blessings we have in our life and being thankful that we do not have that burden. But we still carry a heavy burden for this person, and God's goal was never meant for us to be downcast about their situation. God's gift of compassion is designed to spur us into action.

What can we do to help lighten someone's load? A good way to start is with prayer. Then allow compassion, and God's Spirit, to direct your steps. The people in these circumstances are God's children, too. Just as we reach out to our children and close friends, we must pray about a way to lighten the burdens of those God brings to our attention. We take offerings in our church to help retired ministers who need assistance and offerings through One Great Hour of Sharing to benefit people in dire circumstances. We fill shoeboxes to spread the word of God to little children around the world. We have a food ministry to provide food to the needy, a lunch program to provide food and fellowship to the community, a quilt ministry to bring warmth to the homeless, a loose change jug for baby formula and diapers for babies in our community, and a stamp ministry that helps provide Sunday School material to Spanish speaking children. But the question is, "Is there something else we could be doing when God brings these people to our heart – both in our private life and in our church?"

If you have any thoughts on the above, please share them with me or a board member so we can discuss them. We are each a piece in the big picture of the body of Christ at First Baptist Church so each person's thoughts are important, especially when inspired by God.

*Rev. Phyllis Granger*

## Preaching Schedule

August 5	Pastor Bill
August 12	Pastor Phyllis
August 19	Pastor Phyllis
August 26	Pastor Bill

## **Report from the Financial Secretary**

Pastor Phyllis's sermon on humility last Sunday got me thinking. I was particularly struck by the idea that God needs us to be humble in order to open our hearts and teach us. In my many years teaching calculus, I always found the most difficult audience were those who had taken some calculus in high school. Having already learned the basics, they approached the course confident that they already knew the ropes. As a result, they often tuned out and skipped to their own conclusions missing the deeper beauty of the subject that I was trying to impart. One of the greatest treasures of Christian faith is the way God guides us toward deep humility in order to help open our eyes and hearts to the awesome beauty of his creation, to open our ears to his ever-present voice and counsel in our lives. To be humble before God doesn't imply a lack of confidence. On the contrary, even in our weakness our fundamental confidence is boundless; it is "full trust" in God.

*Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.  
He guides the humble in what is right  
and teaches them his way.*

*Psalm 25:8-9*

*You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.  
You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.  
You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.  
Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.  
You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.  
Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?  
If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.  
If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.  
If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"  
even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.*

*Psalm 139:1-12*

## **Attendance**

July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
28	38	34	37	32

## **Pledging**

Through the month of July our pledges totaled \$40,992. This amounted to \$7,010 more than the expected pledge collections of \$34,804. Our plate collections at this point totaled to a robust total of \$4841, more than a thousand dollars beyond last year's amount at this time. So as we move into the end of summer, our congregation has managed to maintain good attendance and stay well ahead of our financial targets. Thank you everyone! But as we all know, this wonderful bounty proceeds from God's generous blessings in our hearts and lives. Praise God!

Dave Belding, **Financial Secretary**

## **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**

Thanks, once again, to the generosity of our First Baptist Church family, this year's One Great Hour of Sharing offering reached a total of \$461.55! These gifts help bring much needed relief to people suffering from both natural and man-made disasters occurring at home and around the world. Our offerings not only show our neighbors that we are there with them, but help them know that God is always present in their times of need. Thank you for sharing during our OGHS season.

Susan Belding, **Mission Coordinator**

## AAADD - KNOW THE SYMPTOMS....

Thank goodness there's a name for this disorder.  
Somehow I feel better, even though I have it!!

Recently, I was diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. - Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder.

This is how it manifests:

I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing.

As I start toward the garage, I notice mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mail box earlier. I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full.

So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first.

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first. I take my check book off the table, and see that there is only one check left.

My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Coke I'd been drinking. I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over.

The Coke is getting warm, and I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the Coke, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye-- they need water. I put the Coke on the counter and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning.

I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers. I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table.

I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.

I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.

Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day:

- \*the car isn't washed
- \*the bills aren't paid
- \*there is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter
- \*the flowers don't have enough water
- \*there is still only 1 check in my check book
- \*I can't find the remote,
- \*I can't find my glasses
- \*and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day, and I'm really tired.

I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail....

Do me a favor.

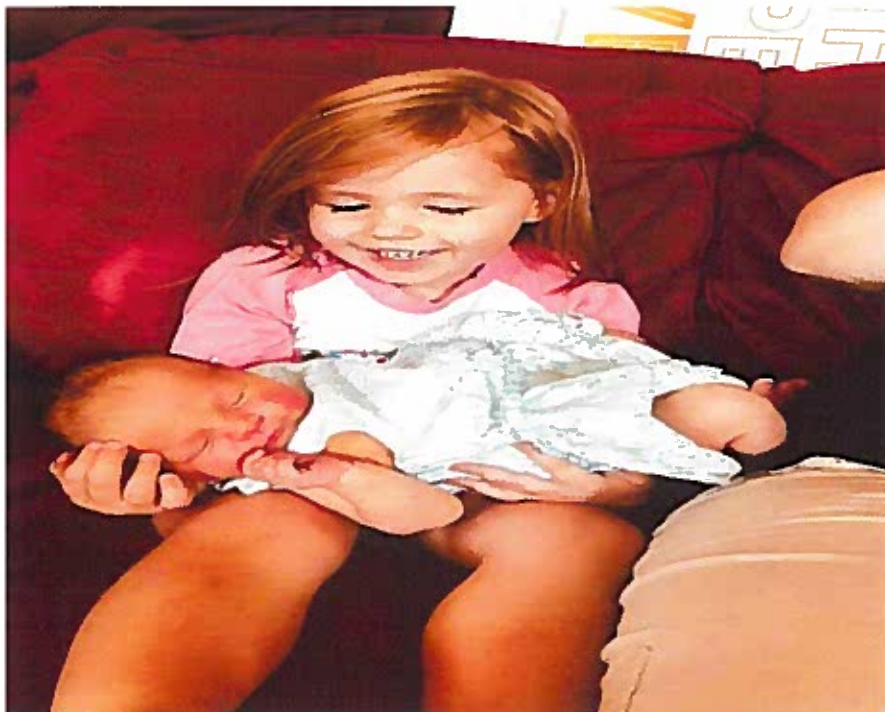
Forward this message to everyone you know, because I don't remember who in the world I've sent it to.

Don't laugh -- if this isn't you yet, your day is coming!!

**Mother and children: Elyssa Belding Krivicich with Celeste and Madeleine Joy, born July 24, 2018 weighing 7lb 9oz. and measuring 19 1/4 inches!**



**Madeleine Joy with her big sister, Celeste. Enjoying a bit of heaven!**



Callianne Robbins received her Master of Science Education Degree with a specialty in Technology Education from SUNY Oswego in May of 2018. She was a member of the Dean's List throughout her two years there.

In November of 2016, while still completing her Masters, Calli was hired at Geneva High School as a long-term sub in the Technology Education Department. All of her evaluations were higher than satisfactory and in April of 2017, she was hired as a permanent, tenure-track teacher.

Calli is living in Honeoye Falls and has found a church in Rochester to continue her faith as a Baptist.



## Frederick named Ontario Fair Queen

CANANDAIGUA — The Agricultural Society recently named Jaimee Frederick its 2018 Ontario County Fair Queen.

Frederick, a lifelong Ontario County resident, grew up on her family's dairy farm in Clifton Springs. She is studying animal science at Cornell University.

She recalls at last year's fair, how exciting it was to see her dairy heifers competing for Holstein junior champion at the 4-H show. "It was

very exciting to see the work I put into them to try getting them ready was paying off," she said.

Frederick has received numerous awards, including the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs Scholarship. She and her family host sunflower hayrides each year at the family farm each year. She anticipates using her role as Fair Queen to promote new ways for farmers to make and sell their own products.



Submitted photo

**Jaimee Frederick was recently crowned Ontario County Fair Queen.**

Jaimee attended Alfred State College this past year, studying Ag Tech with a concentration in Animal Science. She earned a spot on the Dean's list both semesters. She has had a very busy summer here at the farm, getting ready for the county fair, sunflower hayrides, the state fair, and getting ready to go back to college.



GRANT SWINEHART

GENEVA HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 2018



Grant was an honor student at Geneva High School while he participated in various sports including hockey, lacrosse and cross country. Grant also was an active band member for 8 years, playing saxophone(s) and the tuba.

He enjoyed being a member of the Panther Robotics team as a programmer, with the honor of even traveling to Chicago for the world championships after their team did so well in competition. Grant was also a volunteer in the Big Brother/Big Sister program for two years where he mentored a young man while teaching him how to play chess. He was also able to secure his first "real" job as Helping Hands/Front End Cashier at Wegmans.

Grant will be heading off to Houghton College  
(One Willard Avenue, PO Box # of 1627, Houghton, NY 14744)  
where he will be studying Applied Physics with Engineering focus.  
Grant will continue his role of helping others by working part time at their gymnasium assisting with sports equipment rentals while attending.

## MORE DOGISMS FROM PASTOR BILL AND SKIP



The Almighty, who gave the dog to be companion of our pleasures and our toils, hath invested him with a nature noble and incapable of deceit.

Sir Walter Scott

Thorns may hurt you, men desert you, sunlight turns to fog. But you're never friendless, ever, if you have a dog.

Douglas Malloch

The dog was created specially for children. He is a god of frolic.

Henry Ward Beecher

May peace and joy fill your lives as we journey together towards our God of love. Remember, not only are we called to worship and honor our God, but to also be good stewards of this wonderful world He has created and blessed us with.

Peace and love to you all,  
Pastor Bill, Nancy, and Skip