

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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OUR STAFF

The Rev. Phyllis Granger, Pastor
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OUR CHURCH OFFICERS

Beverly Simons - Moderator
Bill Robbins/Sherry Kelsey – Visitation/
Christian Education/Evangelism
Geoff Marshall - Personnel Manager
Gary Hartman- Property Manager
Verne Marshall - Financial Advisor
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 – every Wednesday, 4:30 pm

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JUNE/JULY



2017

Pastor's Page

This is the time that is often referred to as the “Lazy Hazy Days of Summer.” This is a time to take your morning coffee out on the porch and enjoy the start of a brand new day listening to the birds singing, admiring the colorful flowers in full bloom, and enjoying the peace and quiet of the day before the hustle and bustle begins.

Recently on the television news, there was a story of a man who had waited eight months for a heart transplant and finally received one in time to attend his daughter’s graduation (something he wasn’t sure he would live long enough to see let alone attend). When asked how the heart transplant had changed his life, his response was that he appreciated the little things more.

How true this is. Many times when I visit with our senior citizens it is not the big things in their life they talk about but the little things someone has done for them or the little things they did with their children. Never underestimate the power of the little things.

I challenge you this month to concentrate on the little things you can do for a family member, friend or even a complete stranger. In the Women’s World magazine, I enjoy reading the section Random Acts of Kindness which tells of the many ways people are being blessed by someone’s random act of kindness. These acts not only bless the person receiving the blessing but it makes the giver feel blessed as well. This only confirms what Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Perhaps you can share your stories with me; I’d love to hear them.

Have a blessed summer. Be sure to make some precious memories.

Rev. Phyllis Granger

Preaching Dates

July 4	Pastor Bill Robbins
July 9	Dr. Montrose Streeter
July 16	Rev. Phyllis Granger - Dedication of Surrilee Winter Smith
July 23	Pastor Bill Robbins
July 30	Rev. Phyllis Granger

Stamp Ministry

Please continue to place your used postage stamps in the foil stamp box in the fellowship hall or give them to Pastor Phyllis. These stamps buy Sunday School material for Spanish speaking countries. Hopefully by the next newsletter I will have a count of how many stamps we have collected in the first six months of this year.

Sherry Kelsey

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and get well cards during my recent hospital stay. I have not returned to work yet because I am still having issues with my leg, but little by little I am getting closer to returning to work. Again thank you for your prayers. It is very comforting to know there are people praying for you.

Sherry Kelsey

Report from the Financial Secretary

Last Sunday we were privileged to take part in the beautiful dedication of of Edmund Jan Cieslak. The whole service centered on children, from scripture readings to Phyllis' heartfelt dedication message, Charity's music, our anthems and congregational hymns. For me the spirit was captured in the sweet words of the Swedish hymn we sang:

Children of the Heavenly Father

*Children of the heavenly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e're was given.*

*God His own doth tend and nourish; in His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them; in His mighty arms he bears them.*

*Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth.*

*Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.*

God has blessed First Baptist in many ways: with deeply generous and faithful members, a radiantly beautiful sanctuary for our worship, wonderful spirit-filled ministers to lead us, rewarding missions for our work. And now He has blessed us yet again with the new life of children to love and help guide. What joy!

Attendance

May 7 35	May 14 31	May 21 38	May 28 34
June 4 58	June 11 38	June 18 43	June 25 37

Pledging

As Christians we know firsthand how abundant and overflowing God's grace can be in our lives. This spirit seems to have caught fire in our own church in terms of giving. May and June continued the strong pattern we have been seeing throughout the year. As of the end of June, actual pledges totaled \$37816, which was \$8950 above anticipated pledging of \$28866. Not only has pledging exceeded projections, but the non-pledged plate collections have also been rising. At the end of May the plate/cash collections were \$2686, far exceeding the \$761 given at this time last year. While financial abundance is heartening to see, the real magic is how God works in our hearts and lives as we become more generous.

Dave Belding
Financial Secretary

JAIMÉE FREDERICK'S GRADUATION PARTY

Saturday, July 15, 2017

1:00 - 5:00 pm

*2090 McBurney Road
Clifton Springs, NY*

*RSVP by July 7
1-315-548-2515*

"Frederick Farms' sunflower seeds have been planted so be on the lookout for our church picnic date in August. We still have Black Oil Sunflower seeds available - \$10.00 for 25 pound bags. We have also been selling the oil from our sunflowers. You can cook and back with it, as well as make salad dressings. It is an omega three product and it has Vitamin E, plus selenium. The bottles are 12 oz and are \$5.00 each.

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Esther Lee Birthday	2	3 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am
4 Worship 10am Rev. Granger Mother's/ Father's Day Celebration	5	6 Sheri Swinehart Birthday	7 Prayer Time 5pm Catherine Austin Birthday	8 David/Freda Mumford Anniversary	9	10 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am
11 Worship 10am Pastor Bill	12 Jaimee Frederick Birthday	13	14 Prayer Time 5pm Scott/Christina Rankin Anniversary David Mumford Birthday	15	16	17 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am
18 Worship 10am Pastor Bill Grad Day	19 Becky Achilles Birthday	20 Board mtg 7pm Elsie Trochesset Birthday	21 Prayer Time 5pm	22 Harold Withiam Birthday	23	24 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am Clean up day
25 Worship 10am Rev. Granger Baby Dedication Edmund Jan Cieslak Dan/Edith Benedict Anniversary	26	27 Sherry Kelsey Birthday Glenn Kregloh Birthday	28 Prayer Time 5pm	29 Michael Freier Birthday	30	

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						1 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am
2 Worship 10am Pastor Bill Phil/Morgan Ewert Anniversary Luis Huertas Birthday	3	4 Clair Schaffner Birthday Nancy Robbins Birthday	5 Prayer Time 5pm	6	7	8 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am Marlyn Stanton Birthday
9 Worship 10am Rev. Granger Clair/Carol Schaffner Anniversary	10	11	12 Prayer Time 5pm	13	14	15 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am
16 Worship 10am Montrose Streeter	17 Jim Foster Birthday	18	19 Prayer Time 5pm	20	21 Ed MacDonald Birthday	22 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am David Belding Birthday
23 Worship 10am Pastor Bill	24	25	26 Prayer Time 5pm	27	28	29 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am
30 Worship 10am Rev. Granger Doug Freier Birthday	31 Callianne Robbins Birthday					