

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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OUR CHURCH OFFICERS

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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 – Wednesday, 5:00 pm

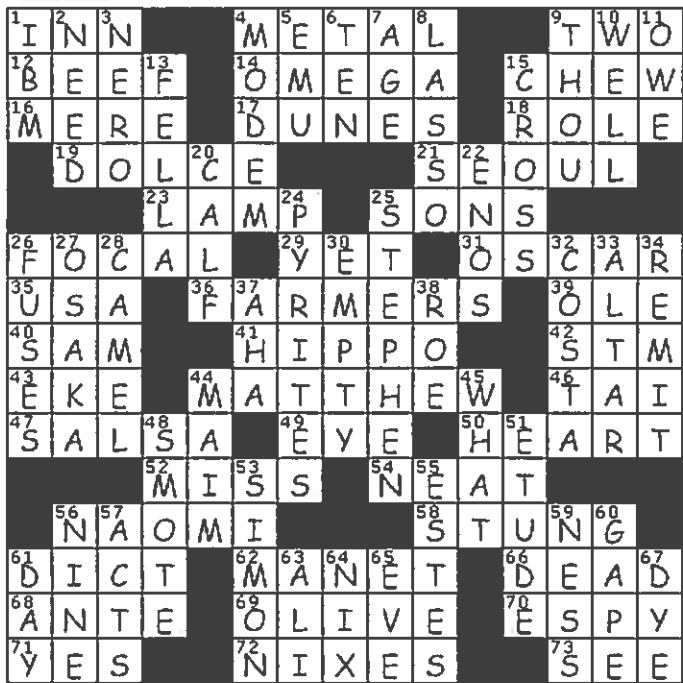
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SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

2018

Solve



DOWN

- 1 Large computer co.
- 2 Require
- 3 A Roman emperor
- 4 Computer phone
- 5 Flightless bird
- 6 X
- 7 Grow older
- 8 Cowboy rope
- 9 KJV pronoun
- 10 Healthy
- 11 IOU part
- 13 Slang term for man
- 15 Where Jesus died
- 20 Golden __ (Israelite idol)
- 22 Son of Seth
- 24 Metallic sulfide minerals
- 25 First Christian martyr
- 26 Melts together
- 27 Japanese city
- 28 Hard to pass

- through a needle?
- 30 Vacant
- 32 __ Rica
- 33 Sacrificial table
- 34 Pay up
- 37 Expression of surprise
- 38 Caviar
- 44 Wound
- 45 Journalist's question
- 48 Struck (KJV)
- 51 Musical composition
- 53 Peter's other name
- 55 Painter Richard
- 56 Baseball team
- 57 Book after Gospels
- 59 Loch __ monster
- 60 Gaww
- 61 Part of a week
- 63 Boxer Muhammad
- 64 Veto
- 65 Adam and __
- 67 Imbue

ACROSS

- 1 No room for them in the __
- 4 Iron, for example
- 9 Pair
- 12 Steak
- 14 I am the Alpha and the __
- 15 Chomp
- 16 Meager
- 17 Sand hills
- 18 Persona
- 19 " __ et decorum est..."
- 21 Asian capital
- 23 Thy word is a __ unto my feet
- 25 Male children
- 26 Central
- 29 Still
- 31 Award
- 35 North American nation
- 36 Food producers
- 39 Bullfight cheer
- 40 Surface to air missile
- 41 Large zoo

animals

- 42 Short-term memory
- 43 Stretch to make do
- 44 First book of NT
- 46 Thai
- 47 Chip dip
- 49 Hurricane center
- 50 Biblical seat of emotions
- 52 Fail
- 54 Nifty
- 56 Mother-in-law of Ruth
- 58 Smarted
- 61 Dictionary (abbr.)
- 62 Impressionist painter
- 66 Deceased
- 68 Wager
- 69 Popeye's girlfriend
- 70 Catch sight of (KJV)
- 71 Affirmation
- 72 Vetoes
- 73 Visualize

Pastor's Page

Ecclesiastes 3:1 states, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven;"

God loves His people and loves to bless them, especially with the beauty we see around us. One of those blessings is the various seasons with all their beauty. Each person has their favorite season, but as it is true in life, each season holds its blessings and its struggles.

In spring, I love to see all the new life greeting us with flowers struggling to come forth out of the cold, cold ground and the buds on the trees all reminding us that Jesus continues to transform our life into one that glorifies Him. Easter is a fine example of Jesus' life after death and the promise that we too can have eternal life if we die to that old self and let Jesus transform us into a beautiful child of God. But each season has its blessings and its struggles. I love to see beauty burst forth but I don't enjoy getting wet in the spring showers. While each season has its "sit back and enjoy" times, it also has its expected labor. While we enjoy the new beauty of spring, there is work to be done—preparing the earth, planting of seeds, clearing away the evidence of winter storms.

Summer continues to show us the power of God as He turns all those seeds into beautiful flowers and crops in the fields and He blends the warm air and sunshine along with the rain. Blessings and struggles—the vacations to see new parts of God's creation and visit family; the reunions, graduations, picnics, and other celebrations; coffee outside in the morning to greet the new day; sitting on the porch at end of day sipping ice tea and watching the beautiful sunset God is painting across the sky, and much, much more. But oh that grass that seems to never stop growing and needs mowing again, weeding and tending the garden and flowers, picking fresh food from the garden (oh how delicious), canning and freezing, and various other tasks.

Then comes fall with its beautiful color transformations, cooler weather, crops in the field, the fall harvest and other joys. As the flowers are dying, the crops in the fields have given way to harvest, the leaves are falling and the grass is slowing ceasing to grow, God reminds us with death comes new life. When we die to self and surrender to God, He makes us into a new and beautiful creation filled with the desire to be more like Jesus. But again, along with the blessings comes the struggles—harvesting the crops in the fields before the frost and the snow; again freezing and canning the last of the garden; raking the leaves; putting away all those summer items and preparing for the winter to come.

And finally, there is winter where God decorates the trees with ice and snow after a winter storm; gives children snow to play in, build snowmen, toss snowballs, and even make a few snow angels; gives snowmobilers a way to zip over the fields; gives the skiers a ways to glide down the slopes; some the joy of just sitting in an easy chair and watching the gentle snow fall, and the celebration of Christmas –the precious coming of our Savior. However, we struggle with the snow that needs to be shoveled and plowed, roads that are slippery, the heat to keep us warm that comes at a cost, the dangers of falling with fears of broken bones, the flu and the constant brushing of snow off the car and scraping the ice off the windshield . I dislike having to bundle up in a thick jackets and boots to protect myself from the snow and bitter wind. I like the freedom of just sailing out of the house without a coat and getting in the car to go without

thinking, "Is this jacket so bulking it will hinder my driving?" That's why I wear a light weight jacket to drive with and a heavy jacket in the back seat in case I need it.

Yes, there are blessings and struggles in every season, but most of the time, the blessings far outweigh the struggles. Believe it or not, there are some people who enjoy mowing grass and shoveling snow.

Just as there are blessings and struggles with the seasons on our calendar, the same is true with our life. We go through seasons in our life, each one carrying its blessings and its struggles. The secret is to be thankful for the blessings and enjoy them to the fullest, and rely on God to get us through the struggles. Many times God is trying to teach us something during our struggles, prepare us for something to come, be a witness to someone watching our behavior as we struggle, give us wisdom to pass onto our family or the next generation, or to use our struggle for His glory as we help someone down the road who is also struggling with the same issue. Again, the secret in life is to trust in God. He will never leave or forsake us; He is with us every step of the way. Don't take pity on oneself, but praise God for granting you yet another day of life. Find the blessings in each new day and give God thanks. Next, pray for God's wisdom and strength as you walk through your struggles.

May you enjoy the next season on the calendar and the next season in life. Open your eyes and see God's blessings all around you. Know you are a child of God and He holds you in the palm of His hand. What a wonderful place to be!!!!

God's blessings to you,

Pastor Phyllis

OCTOBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

October 7 Pastor Bill
October 14 Pastor Bill
October 21 Pastor Phyllis
October 28 Pastor Phyllis

SAVE THE DATE!

On November 4th following worship, in the fellowship hall, we will have a representative from Family of Promise join us. Linda will explain how this program is helping the homeless in Ontario county and Geneva. Even though we may not be equipped to be a host church, we may be able to offer our assistance to a host church in our area. Come to hear about the program and learn if God is asking you to use your God given gifts for a part of this ministry.

Report from the Financial Secretary

There it was this Sunday on full display. Coming down the aisle to light the altar candles, Carley stops, leans over smiling and invites Emma and Ezra to join him in the lighting ceremony that starts our worship. Their faces light up with excitement. Holding the candle lighter, they watch with rapt attention as the flame moves from lighter to candle wick, then swells and brightens. Children gathered around an altar table with lit candles, an open bible, a cross and a bouquet of the Frederick family's sunflowers... It was a painter's living tableau worthy of Norman Rockwell. The simple scene choked me up and filled my heart with joy.

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Most important, commitments give us our moral character.

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When my oldest kid was born, it was a difficult birth and he had a low apgar score of 3 or 4,

He comes out blue and the doctors take him right away and rush him to intensive care. It was a harrowing moment, but I remember having this weird thought: if he only lives for 30 minutes and we have to suffer a lifetime of grief, somehow it will still be worth it. That doesn't make any sense by non-commitment logic, but any parent will understand it. The dignity of a life you helped create is so infinite that somehow, yeah, that would be worth it.

When you make a commitment to something your love impels you to make vows, you make promises to those things, to always be there for the kid. And those promises are things you want to live up to. They involve self-sacrificial practices. You want to play golf, but you are pushing the baby carriage. Then you do that enough and habits get engraved into a disposition. You get in the habit of serving your kid and eventually putting the child's needs first becomes second nature. And so eventually you can't even tell the difference between giving and receiving.

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The only thing that turns around a life is a relationship."

(From Brooks Talk (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URSERvgLDGY&t=3467s>))

As Christians, our commitment is to Christ. From the outside that commitment is not logical, but from the inside we all feel Jesus's infinite love for us. We serve him and the giving is receiving. It is our relationship with Christ that turns our life around. And it is through this commitment that children lighting candles at an altar becomes a moment of true transcendent joy!

Attendance

August 5
36

August 12
45

August 19
33

August 26
35

Pledging

Through the month of August expected pledges were \$39,444. But actual pledge collections totaled \$47,365. Thus our pledging is running an impressive \$7,920 ahead of schedule! Our plate collections are a very healthy totaling of \$5,236. Thank you everyone!

Dave Belding

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Attendance

September 2
44

September 9
35

September 16
31

September 23
47

September 30
34

Pledging

We ended our third quarter on September 30. Expected pledges at that point were \$45,245 but actual pledge giving totaled \$52,560. This puts us \$7,315 ahead of schedule. So far for the year our plate collections have amounted to \$5,855. Thank you everyone for all your generous support!

Dave Belding
Financial Secretary

ABW NEWS

All women of the church are invited to attend the first meeting on Tuesday, October 9 at 10:00 am at the church. We will enjoy refreshments, followed by a business meeting and then continue the Bible Study of:

1 & 2 Kings

Chronicles

Ezra

Nehemiah

Bev Simons

Linda Lilyea fell recently and broke a hip.

Her temporary address is:

Elderwood at Liverpool

Room 129D

4800 Bear Road

Liverpool, NY 13088

She welcomes cards!!

9-2018

Good morning,

As Bill has just shared-we have sadly lost one very special lady!

Margene was bright and beautiful, always kind, always gentle, always patient and always so very humble!

We know how much she loved her family, her friends, her furry & feathered creatures, her flowers, and her garden-but her greatest love was always to her Lord.

She was a true servant to him and always led by example.

Many times over the years I would tell Margene that she so was much more to me than just my mother-in-law, she was my mentor and she was my friend!

I sure am grateful to have had her as my friend!

It has been such a privilege having her in my life and I will be forever grateful for that opportunity. Her genuineness, her sincerity, and her honesty made you want to call her your friend! I already miss you my friend!

But, I know that you are now with the Lord and you are at peace in heaven!

Please listen to these words that express what my heart is feeling:

Our lives will go on without you-but nothing will be the same,
We'll have to hide our heartache-when someone speaks your name.
Sad are the hearts that loved you-silent are the tears that fall,
Living our lives without you-will be the hardest part of all.
You did so many things for us-your heart was kind and true,
And when we needed someone-we could always count on you.
Those special years will not return-when we were all together,
But with the love within our hearts-you will walk with us forever!

Thank you Margene for showing us what a true servant of the Lord looks like!

Heaven is lucky to have you!

So with a grateful heart shall we take a moment to say good morning to it other?
And be thankful for having had Margene as our friend!

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am Tim/Jennifer Goodall Anniversary
2 Worship 10am Pastor Bill Parker Vorozilchak Birthday Dale/Sue Wakley Anniversary	3 Phil Forsline Birthday	4	5 Prayer Time 5pm	6	7 Sue Wakley Birthday	8 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am
9 Worship 10am Rev. Granger	10	11 Tim Goodall Birthday	12 Prayer Time 5pm Nahyeon Lee Birthday	13 Bob Lamson Birthday	14	15 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am
16 Worship 10am Pastor Bill	17 Norma Withiam Birthday	18 Board Mtg 6:00 pm	19 Prayer Time 5pm	20 Bill/Juanita Flanigan Anniversary	21	22 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am
23 Worship 10am Rev. Granger	24	25	26 Prayer Time 5pm	27	28	29 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am
30 Worship 10am Rev. Streeter						

October 2018

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	1 Tim Austin Birthday	2	3 Prayer Time 5pm	4	5 Linda Lilyea Birthday	6 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am
7 Worship 10am Pastor Bill Jamee Sealy Birthday	8	9 Jeannette Frederick Bastedo Birthday	10 Prayer Time 5pm Jan Forsline Birthday	11	12 Bev Simons Birthday	13 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am
14 Worship 10am Pastor Bill Peter Chris Achilles Birthday	15	16 Board Mtg 6:00 pm	17 Prayer Time 5pm	18	19	20 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am
21 Worship 10am Rev. Granger	22	23 Hugh/Kathy Price Anniversary	24 Prayer Time 5pm	25 Peter/Mary Achilles Anniversary Jan Frederick Birthday	26	27 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am Gary/Judy Hartman Anniversary
28 Worship 10am Rev. Granger	29 Dick Buck Birthday	30 Phyllis Granger Birthday	31 Prayer Time 5pm			

Finger Lakes American Baptist

Women's Ministries



Greetings!

AB Women of the Finger Lakes

Join us for our Fall Rally!

Saturday, October 13th at 9am!

Location: United Church

11 Gibson Street (corner of Main and Gibson Rt. 21)

Canandaigua, NY 14424

Guest Mission Speaker for Community Missions, Inc. of Niagara Falls

Rev. Patricia Ludwig, Lockport, NY



Pat is a retired pastor working with groups like Habitat for Humanity, Community Missions, Inc., of Niagara Falls and CROP Walk for Hunger.

She has been an ordained minister for 46 years and has served churches in Illinois and Western New York. Currently, she is very active in the workings of ABC-NYS, including two recent mission trips to Rwanda in January, and Community Missions, in July, in addition to serving as secretary of the region.

I supply preach anywhere and anytime churches ask, in various denominations.

I was a widow for 14 years before I married Mark Hewitt in 2005. I have a 38-year-old son who owns a construction business, and 3 grandsons, 13, 11 and 4.

Join us as I share some of the wonderful experiences and needs of this worthwhile organization.

Hobbies: cross stitch, 'triking', computer Scrabble, and I love watching the Buffalo Bills!! If chocolate is considered a hobby, you can add that, too!!!!

We begin with a devotional and business meeting, followed by our guest speaker around 10:15-ish.

Anyone wishing to attend is encouraged to let your ABWM church representative to let us know you would like to join in. Church representatives, please RSVP to contactus.flabwm@gmail.com, or call: 585-944-2387 by October 5th, 2018.

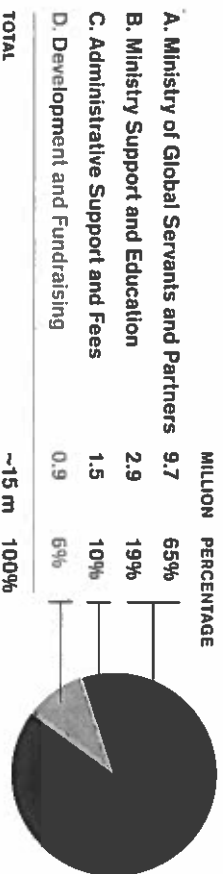
Where Women in Service, Mission and Faith join together in Christ's name!

→ WHY GIVE TO THE WMO?

*Answers to your most frequently asked questions
about the World Mission Offering*

HOW ARE MY GIFTS FOR THE WMO USED?

WMO gifts, like all gifts to the IM General Fund, are used 84% for mission program (global servant, partner and other ministry support), 10% for administrative support and 6% for development costs.



WHAT ABOUT MY GIFTS TO GLOBAL SERVANTS?

All global servant personalized support is targeted for global servants (item A in the chart above). Each year, IM global servants seek to raise approximately \$9.7 million of the \$12.6 million needed for their ministry programs.

WHY DO GLOBAL SERVANTS AND IM BOTH RAISE FUNDS?

As the body of Christ, we are in partnership with those in the field, those in the home office, those in the local churches and individual donors. When each area contributes, no one group carries the full burden of expense. IM does not ask global servants to raise all of the funding that they need, but comes alongside them in financial support as well as in ministry.

WHAT ELSE DO MY WMO GIFTS DO?

Whenever personalized funding falls short, the WMO gifts fill the gap so that global servants can stay in the field; continue in ministry; receive income and benefits; and cover ministry expenses such as education, visas and passports. WMO gifts also fill the gaps in funding for other IM expenses (items B, C and D in the chart above) so that IM can continue to support global servants with services such as training, networking, promotion and pastoral care; address crises whenever they arise; and so much more.



*Answers to your most frequently asked questions
about the World Mission Offering (CONTINUED)*

WHAT IS MINISTRY SUPPORT AND EDUCATION?

This refers to the cost of providing financial accountability and maintaining up-to-date and transparent communications. It includes expenses associated with IM's website, training conferences, donor support, brochures, the *Guide to Global Servants*, WMO materials, emails, management of ministry project funds, and more.

WHAT IS ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT?

This is the part of IM's budget that keeps all operations running, by providing staff to serve global servants, IRS compliance measures, and offices for the home staff.

Each year, IM raises approximately \$1.3 million in WMO funds, which, together with individual gifts, investment income, legacy gifts and ongoing development and fundraising, keeps the work of IM's global servants and partners and other ministries moving forward. We are grateful for your part and thankful for every gift that has allowed IM global servants to serve over 200 years in global mission.