

First Baptist Church of Central Square

February 2023

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Birthdays:
Maelynn Desrosiers 4
Victor Vrooman 14

Anniversaries:
Phyllis & Craig Wilson 14

Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to
fbccsny@gmail.com

Covid Update

We are OPEN! Come join us on Sunday mornings while following all safety guidelines. For those who are choosing to stay home still, follow the link below to the sermons!

<http://www.fbc-cs.com/media.htm>

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School is in full swing! Join us at 9am!

Food Pantry

Food Pantry - Pasta, Sauce, Toilet Paper
World Mission Offering - Let's support Mercy!

Diaconate Updates

We continue our card and phone call ministries along with occasional personal contacts for celebrations and concerns of many varieties. Unfortunately the January free Lunch was canceled due to weather concerns but we hope the one scheduled for Feb. 22 proceeds ahead as planned. There are still 25-30 names still on the prayer and care list needing ongoing support, love and prayers. On February 5 we will be voting on and welcoming Theresa Besanson as a new member of FBC along with Marilyn DeMarzo belatedly since she was unable to personally be at church the day her name was called. Also in February, 2 of our members will be facing surgeries and need our prayers for success and quick healing...Joan Haury for her shoulder and Lynn Cuny, Sr. for his knee. Later on this Spring on May 18 there will be a Memorial Service for long time member, Pat Harrington who went to meet her Lord in early December.

Please continue your prayers for all on our list and others you may know need God's love and concern for well-being. Contact any of us...Rich Mizerski, Maggie Heitmann, Don Haury or Pastor Lillian...for any need you want and God Bless Us All!!

If we missed anyone, please accept our apologies and bring us up-to-date!



February Food Pantry -
Pasta, Sauce, Toilet Paper

February 11 - Lasagna
Dinner

February 13 - WIC

February 15 - WIC

February 22 - Free Lunch



Trustee Updates

The trustees took on a lot last year and Art is thankful for the trustee team, Lynn Cuny and Jefferson Duryee, and those who jumped in when needed. The trustee mourns the loss of Bob Chamberlin and the Chamberlain family looks to donate any funds donated in his name be used for projects Bob would do. Special thanks to Don Haury and Pastor Lillian Cabral for being available for tasks and advice.

Christian Education

Roxanne shares her disappointment of the lack of events and children in 2022 and in years past. We talk of getting children involved, but we would need a teacher or teachers to provide youth education. We look forward to growth in the future.

Fundraising Committee

We are in the process of preparing for three upcoming fundraisers:

February 11th Lasagna
March 17th Corned Beef and Cabbage
April 22nd Roast Pork Dinner

Tithes

You can now place your offering in the plate as we pass or mail it to:

Attn: Cherie House
P.O. Box 476
Central Square, NY 13036

Our church is truly blessed with so many generous givers that keep our church going financially. If you are a pledged giver and want to know where you stand with your pledge, please feel free to contact me:

Cherie House, Financial Secretary via 315-391-5408 text or voice mail or at CherHou3@gmail.com

I will be happy to send you a statement to date for 2022. As always, all known givers will receive an end of year statement sometime in the beginning of January 2023, this can be mailed traditionally or emailed. If you have a preference please let me know.
Cherie House



For it was not into my ear
you whispered,
but into my *heart*.

It was not my lips you
kissed,

but my *Soul*.

Camille designs signs

- Judy Garland



From the Pastor

6 So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

"So he said to me". In context, God is instructing Zechariah to deliver His word to this guy named Zerubbabel. But, standing alone, He's telling us something as well. All of your mighty power you may think you have is nothing compared to His Holy Spirit. When we do things in our own power we are doomed to failure. Now, God isn't referring to our mundane everyday things we do. He wants us to work for His kingdom under the power of His spirit.

You may be wondering "what is she talking about"? We are a dedicated group of followers and we get ideas in our heads on where we can do things for the Lord. Sometimes those things are our idea and not God's. If God is directing us we do well. If He doesn't agree with our idea, well that doesn't go so well.

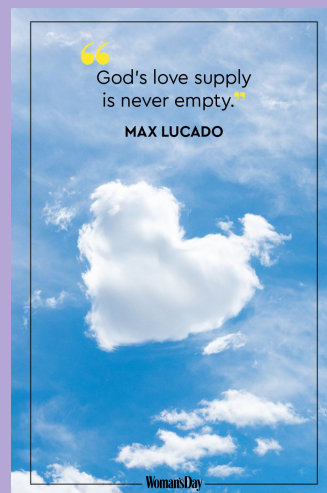
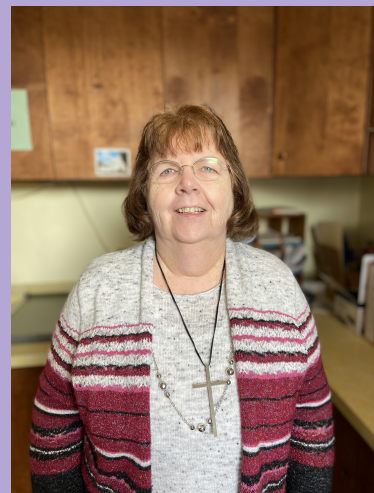
How do we know if it's God that is suggesting something or we are taking the reins? Take your notions and ideas to God first before you jump in with both feet and get tangled up in a mess.

In a society where people don't go to church and don't even send their kids to church how do we proceed to plant the seed to those children? I personally would love to see us incorporate a Vacation Bible School. I've promoting this for 3-4 years now. But what if that isn't where God is directing our steps? What if God wants us to focus our vision in a different area?

As we continue our journey through Matthew, may we find direction. May prayers be answered and vision enhanced.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.
Pastor Lilly

From our Pastor



JOSEPH WAITED
13 YEARS.
ABRAHAM WAITED
25 YEARS.
MOSES WAITED
40 YEARS.
JESUS WAITED
30 YEARS.
IF GOD IS MAKING YOU WAIT,
YOU'RE IN GOOD COMPANY.



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