

First Baptist Church of Central Square

June 2023

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Birthdays:

Jessica Shanahan 5
Don Haury 6
Daisy Ayre 11
Cheryl Shanahan 18
Craig Wilson 23
Braedon Woolson-Smith 25
Helen Webb 26
Phyllis Wilson 29
Kristie Long 30

Anniversaries:

Diana & Ed Baxter 6
Margaret & Mark Heitmann 11

Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to
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Watch Past Services

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

Sunday School

We have enough studies to get us through the rest of the year. As always everyone is welcome to join us at 9:00 am. We do start promptly at 9:00 am but will welcome anyone that is running a few minutes behind. Hope to see our group grow and to gain some new knowledge and to hear some new perspectives.

Any questions, you can contact Cherie or Merrill House. 315-668-1400 or 315-391-5408.

Food Pantry

Food Pantry - Canned Fruit & Canned Chicken

Christian Education

No Update.

Trustee Updates

No Update.



The righteous man walks in his integrity; **His children are blessed after him.**
PROVERBS 20:7



Food Pantry - Cereal, canned pasta products

June 18 - Father's Day Breakfast

June 28 - Free Lunch

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

CORRIE TEN BOOM



The only one qualified to throw a stone... didn't.

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Diaconate Updates

We have begun reviewing our entire birthday/anniversary/member/friend lists with the intent of making contact with individuals that we have not corresponded with or seen in some time. We know of at least one or two friends who will be returning from winter trips elsewhere so we will make sure we contact them to welcome them back.

Pat Harrington's Memorial Service was held on May 18 th and her daughter, Sue, and Partner, Annie, journeyed North to be with us for this remembrance and was followed with a delicious luncheon. All there were blessed by a presentation by the Central New York Nurses Honor Guard for Pat. Additionally, "Amazing Grace" was sung beautifully by a family member.

Pastor Lilly and Pastor Bud Adams shared the pulpit with a beautiful service and memories of their contacts with Pat and her family.

May 24 th was another scheduled Community Free Lunch where 35-40 guests joined us for a delicious meal of meatloaf, potatoes, veggies, lemon dessert and beverages along with joyful conversation. Save the date of June 28 th for the next Free Lunch!

We're trying to do our best to stay in touch. If anyone has questions, comments, joys, concerns please get in contact with Pastor Lilly, Rich, Maggie or Don. Blessings to all for a Summer of Joy and Love!

Women's Group

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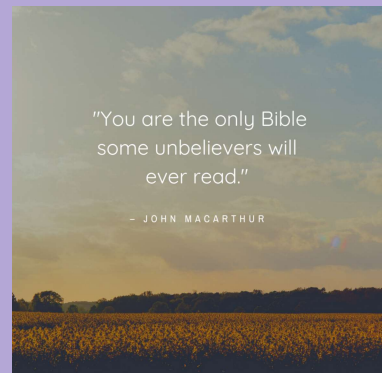
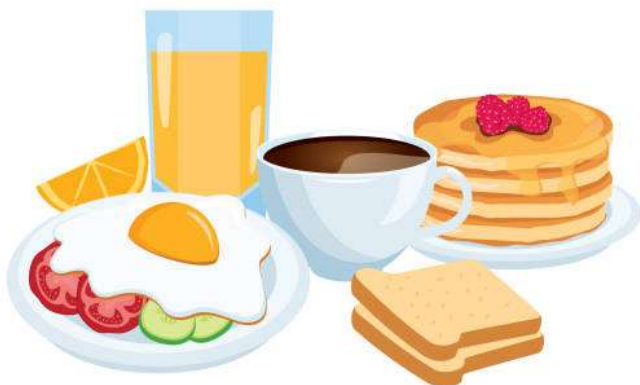


Fundraising Committee

June 18th

Fathers Day Brunch 8am - 10

\$10 per meal, Father's Eat Free



From the Pastor

*Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
Then you will win favor and a good name
in the sight of God and man.
Proverbs 3:3-4*

Good advice. The Bible is full of good advice. We're not especially good at following advice. We have a natural tendency to do it our own way. Who knows better than ourselves what we should do, right?

Maybe if we heeded good advice our life would be easier and run more smoothly. Who knows? We may ever find out. I have this set of blinders that I wear on occasion. I get something in my head and nothing can change my mind until my 20/20 hindsight shifts into gear and that moment of clarity shows up and I see my stubborn stiff-necked-ness (is that a thing?) clearly.

Heeding good advice takes a bit of open-mindedness, a dash of humility and a willingness to listen. (Not necessarily in that order.) There are a great many attempts in our life to offer us advice. Unfortunately, it's not all good advice. So where do we turn to find which is good and which we can safely ignore?

There's this bestselling book; it's called the Holy Bible. It's been on the bestselling list for years. The problem is - after people buy it they set it on a shelf and forget about it. My Dad gave me one of those big family Bible's years ago. It's pretty dusty. I have a few in my spare room that could use some dusting off too. The one I use the most has yellowing pages and stains of some sort. (Well at least I read it!) Some of our younger Christians have the Bible downloaded on their electronic device (phone or tablet). I hope they're reading it - I've heard it is full of good advice.

People have a tendency to pick and choose what advice they want to take when it comes to scripture. The one that bugs me the most is "wives submit to your husbands". If they read the whole advice given it goes on to say "husbands love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies...he feeds and cares for it". No master and slave there. No abuse. No boss. No disrespect. Equals.

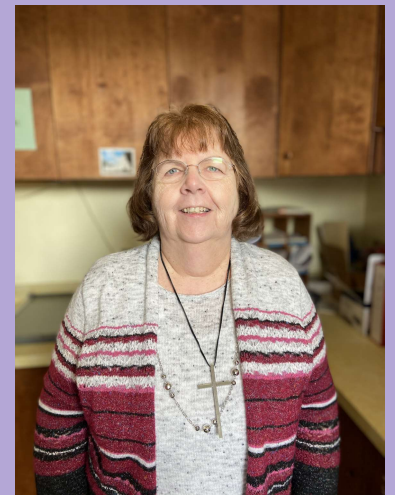
I digress.

I have a piece of good advice for you - if your Bible could use some dusting off, get a clean rag and dust it properly, then look inside and read the words. You won't be sorry. Don't have a Bible? I bet you could find one on the bestselling list.

May your month be a blessing to you and everyone you meet,
Pastor Lilly



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