

First Baptist Church of Central Square

May 2024

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Birthdays:

Jessica Shanahan 5
Don Haury 6
Daisy Ayre 11
Inez Kellog 12
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

Adult Sunday School is running! Everyone is welcome at 9am in the fellowship hall.

Christian Education

The Christian Education Facilitators have not formally met but continue to work on our 2024 projects. Mother's and Father's Day gifts are ready for these special days.

Diaconate Updates

This note is extremely brief because "Yours Truly" (a.k.a. Don Haury) has begun Joan's & my Summer Camping escape from now until the end of September. We are, however, staying in touch as much as possible. I do know, however, that the Community Free Lunch was held on May 22 and the next one is scheduled for June 26th. My thanks for all who worked on the one in May.

All of us (all 3) do try to keep in touch by phone, e-mail or visit if possible. Prayers continue...love and concern are always there so do let any of us...Rich, Maggie, Don or Pastor Lilly...know about any need!

Please stay well and enjoy your summer!

GOD BLESS YOU ALL

Trustee Updates

No Update

Women's Group

No Update



**Food Pantry -Cereal,
Canned Pasta Products**

June 26, 2024 - Free lunch

June 17, 2024 -WIC

June 26, 2024 - Free lunch

July 24, 2024 - Free Lunch

August 18th - Summer
Picnic



FBC Giving Tree
Take a leaf...fill a need!

There are many little items that keep our church functioning and clean. Please stop by the table and grab a leaf to help support us financially.

Most items are probably a duplicate item on your shopping list!

If you are unable to stop by and grab a leaf or two and still want to support our fundraiser you can give any monetary amount by mailing it to the church:

First Baptist Church of CS
PO Box 476
Central Square, NY, 13036
Attn: Cherie House/Money Tree
Fundraiser

*These funds will be used for larger

Mission Committee

The Family Resource Center (formerly the Pregnancy Care Center) has donated baby bottles for their annual fundraising campaign to us in hopes of some of us taking one home and filling it with coins or paper money. Their campaign ends on Father's Day.

One Great Hour of Sharing is the offering taken at this time of year used to help people in places where natural disasters strike. Whether it's floods or earthquakes, hurricanes or tornadoes, OGHS is there with funds at the drop of a hat. Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and other denominations work together to make these funds available. The offering will begin after Father's Day.

We only ask you to give what and where you feel led to give. Every little bit helps.

Thank you.

From the Pastor

"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near." – Jesus. Matthew 24:32

I don't have a fig tree. Just saying. So how am I to know that summer is near? Personally, I figure it out my way. When summer is on the way and the humidity begins to rise my feet swell up. Yep, that's a clue for me. All good. Of course we live in Central New York and we have winter and construction season, so I've heard. So we don't have to worry about summer coming.

Jesus wasn't really foretelling the weather. The disciples were asking about the future and Jesus told them there will be distinguishing signs and they will know when the time is near.

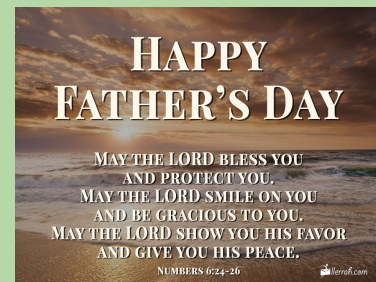
It seems we all wonder and dream about the future. When we are young we map out our perfect life plan. Graduate High School, then maybe college, career goal, marriage (and when that will happen), we might even plan who our mate will be, the number of babies and what parenting will be like. Somehow we all have plans. Seldom do we ask God about His plan. Our plans rarely, if ever, go as we plan but that never stops us. We charge forward as if we are in control. The joke is on us! God always wins. When a personal plan and God's plan divinely coincide, that's a true blessing. But how are we to know if that is going to happen? And, when?

It takes faith and trust in the faithfulness of God our Father, in His Word and in Jesus Christ with the help of the Holy Spirit to get ourselves aligned with God's plan for us.

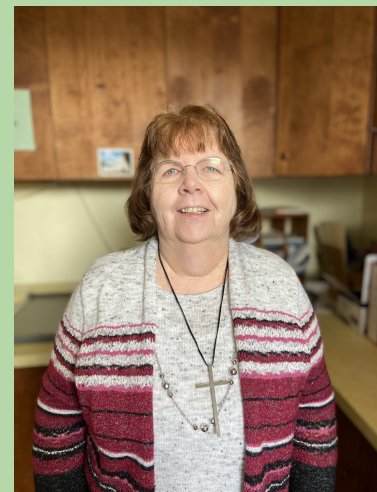
Have a blessed summer. Enjoy the construction season?!? OR Just enjoy God's world.

Blessings, Pastor Lilly

projects that the Trustees are working on.*



From our Pastor



My Earthly Dad

With these three words,
"Dear Heavenly Father,"
I begin my every prayer,
But the man I see
While on bended knee
Is always my earthly dad.
He is the image
Of the Father divine
Reflecting the nature of God,
For his love and care
And the faith he shared
Pointed me to my Father above.

My Hero

My hero is the quiet type,
No marching bands, no media hype,
But through my eyes, it's plain to see,
A hero, God has sent to me.
With gentle strength and quiet pride,
All self-concern is set aside,
To reach out to his fellow man,
And be there with a helping hand.
Heroes are a rarity,
A blessing to humanity.
With all they give and all they do,
I'll bet the thing you never knew,
My hero has always been you.

Our Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete,
And so, he called it Dad



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