

First Baptist Church of Central Square

May 2021

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Birthdays:

Aaliyah Ripley 5
Lynn Cuny Jr. 6
Eleanor Cuny 7
Nathan Ayre 8
Mary Sanford 15
Kim DeFalco 18

Anniversaries:

Misty & Nate DeFalco 29
Linda & Sam Heer 29
Daisy & Paul Ayre 31

Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to
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Tithes

Please have offering ready when you come into church or mail to
Attn: Cherie House
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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>

Trustee Updates

No Update.

Diaconate Updates

Please see a diaconate if you have a need.

Christian Education Updates

No Updates.

Food Pantry

In May, we are collecting - __

Music Committee

We are trying different ideas with our opening praise songs. Let us know if you have any requests!



May 14
Blood Drive
1:30 - 6:30

May 23
Pentecost - Wear **RED**



From the Pastor

This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

John 21:14

We have been walking through Eastertide. Jesus appeared to up to 500 people after His death on the cross. John records three visits in his gospel. It was actually more like 7 appearances recorded in the gospels.

It's pretty amazing to us that someone who died so horribly could be alive. Jesus isn't an ordinary human being. It must have been pretty amazing to those he first appeared to as well. As the Son of God, his power is astounding and hard to comprehend.

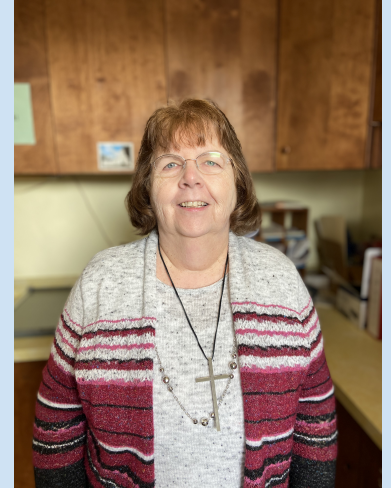
Why would God come to earth in human form to save mankind? It's a puzzlement. But we are thankful that He did. In a few short weeks, Jesus will be ascending to take His rightful place in Heaven where He has prepared a room for each of us. Then He will send the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to assist the apostles in spreading the good news to all the world. Okay, so it actually took place over 2,000 years ago but we relive it every year. All the events surrounding the resurrection story are the most important events that ever happened. It's important that we remember and share the news with the world.

I can't believe it's May and the year is already almost half over. The worst year of the century is coming to a close as we see the pandemic ever so slowly take it's leave. Maybe we can get back to doing some ministry. How can we introduce "our neighbors" near and far to Jesus Christ? We would love to get VBS back on the radar to offer to the children in our community. We will be contacting the Community and Universalist churches to see if they would like to collaborate with us on it. We hope to do some more drive through dinners and our third annual picnic in the parking lot. Somehow we need to start up some Bible study or Sunday school time. I've been trying to figure out how we can make them happen. We have a zoom account we haven't been using. These are things we need to be discussing as we move forward. Yes, some of it is Christian Ed, but we are all in this together.

Jesus expects us to be His hands and feet. Let's see if we can get moving toward the prized goal.

Blessings, Pastor Lilly

From the Pastor



God doesn't bless
perfect parenting.

He blesses
humble parenting.

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A Mother's Day Devotional

Jesus . . . said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. — John 19:26-27

In many countries at some time of the year there is a focus of gratitude and celebration for the life and influence of mothers. Today is such a day in the United States and Canada as we celebrate Mothers Day.

On this day we generally celebrate the mothers who gave us birth, or adopted us, or stood in a mother's place for us (such as an aunt or grandmother). We give thanks for and rightly honor the people who have cared for us and loved us.

In God's family the basis of our relationships is love and care as well. Being part of God's family is about recognizing the love and provisions we receive from God, coming to faith by God's grace, and then connecting with others who have a similar relationship with God—and inviting still others whom God wants us to welcome into his family.

As we learn about how the early church developed, we see that the mother of Jesus became part of the household of the disciple John. She also became a "mother" to John and took care of him. Jesus made sure that this relationship of mutual adoption framed their future even as he paid the ultimate price for all our sin.

Let's not forget about this important link between Mary and John. The early church was noted for their love for one another in Christ. May we follow that example today too and live out that legacy.

Prayer

Father God, in your family helps us to live by love, hospitality, and generosity for Jesus' sake. Amen.



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