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Happy Mother's Day!

This is your copy of *The Witness*
We wish God's blessings



THE WITNESS

The Monthly Newsletter of the first Baptist Church of Central Square

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“Our mission as a church is to share and respond to God’s love for each person by welcoming all. Together, we can return God’s love by becoming witnesses and followers of the teachings of Jesus Christ throughout our daily lives. We allow these things to help us become new people in Christ.”

Lynn Bort, Moderator

**Lynda Heer, Church Clerk
Cindy Cuny, Church Secretary**

**Victor Vrooman, Organist
Cindy Cuny, Witness Editor**

**News and Upcoming Events about our Community of Faith
Notices Concerning Our Affiliated Denomination – The American Baptist Churches in the USA
Information to Help Live a More Fulfilled Life**

PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these members and friends in your prayer; Bob Abel; Mavis Cooter; Stewart Smith; Phyllis Smith; Ray Olin; Helen Webb; our missionaries; our nation; and our denominational and local church leaders.

Verse of the Month



Trust in the lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Pslam 37:3+4

PRAYERS FOR MARCH

Dear Lord,

Reminds us all to turn to you when things go badly even when thing are going well. We thank you for giving us strength and courage to get through everything and for being our guide.

Amen

MEETING NIGHT

Christian Ed	May	5 th	11:15
Deacon's	May	8 th	6:30
Trustees	May	12 th	11:00
Executive	May	19 th	12:00

WITNESS ARTICLES

All articles for the June Witness are due in the church office by May 20th. Please write an article and submit it! Thank You

Birthdays

For May



Hazel Schaff - 1

Jessica Edick - 5	Ben Springer - 5
Lynn Cuny Jr. - 6	Hunter Gillette - 7
Nathan Ayre - 8	Kyle Funk - 10

Ken House - 12	Ron Myers - 28
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And Many, Many More

Lynda & Sam Heer - 29

Daisy & Paul Ayre - 31

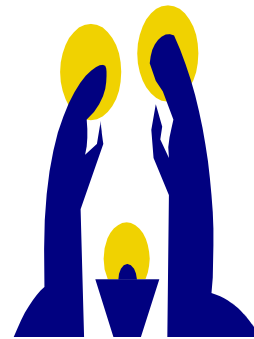
HEALTH TIPS!



Well, the good weather is finally here! So, go outside and enjoy the nice weather. Try walking, running, and bike riding, clean up your yard and plant a garden. Again this is my two for one special. You get exercise and save money at the store, plus soon you will be eating great food from your own back yard. See how simple good health can be. See you next time.

***Till Next Time ***

Prayer Ideas!



The glory of each morning is that it offers a chance to begin again. Laughter is the hand of God on the shoulder of a troubled world. A cheerful heart is good medicine. The shortest distance between two people is a smile. We should all live as though someone is writing a book about us.

Spring Cleaning Time



It's here!



It's Time to Clean up Our Church

Saturday May 11th at 9:00 will be our annual spring clean up day. We will be done by noon. We will feed you if you help. As God said, many hands make the job easier and faster, so help us make his home ready for summer.

May 3rd and 4th will be our annual rummage sale. Please put the dates on your calendars. We will need lots of helping hands. On Friday from 1:00 to 7:00 and Saturday from 9:00 to 2:00. Don't forget our bake sale we can use a lot of baked goods.

Our Annual VBS



Our Annual Rummage Sale

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, August 10th for vacation church school. Please bring lots of friends. If you can help out please contact Genie Rotundo at 561-3726.

Thank You To The



Women Society

The women always work very, very hard on our rummage sale. Well, they chose's to donate a large sum of the money that they raised for our new chairs. Make sure you thank them when you see them.

Prayer Chain 2013



Our prayer chain has a long, wonderful history and is open to anyone in need of the power of prayer. When anyone receives a request for prayer, call Delores Olin, who will start the prayer chain. Remember, if you are a prayer chain participant and cannot speak to the next person on the chain, leave a message and continue down the list until you speak to someone in person.

Participants Prayer Chain

Deloris Olin	668-2719
Lynn Bort	317-3864
Art Brooks	668-7064
Genie Rotundo	675-8646
(cell)	952-5424
Carol Chamberlin	676-7461
Joan & Don Haury	668-6987
Phyllis Smith	668-6478
Lynda Heer	668-1304
Dail & Rich Mizerski	675-3271

FORMULA FOR MAKING ANY DAY GOOD



(Norman Vincent Peale's book "*Enthusiasm Makes the Difference*")

1. *Think a good day.* To make a day good, first see it good in consciousness. Do not allow any mental reservation that it will not be good. Events are largely governed by creative thought, so a positive concept of the day will strongly tend to condition it to be as imaged.

2. *Thank a good day.* Give thanks in advance for the good day ahead. Think and affirm a good day. This helps make it so.

3. *Plan a good day.* Specifically and definitely know what you propose to do with the day. Plan your work and work your plan.

4. *Put good into the day.* Put bad thoughts, bad attitudes, bad actions into a day and it will take on bad characteristics. Put good thoughts, good attitudes, good actions into a day and they will make the day good.

5. *Pray a good day.* Begin each day with that powerful affirmation from Psalm 118: 24: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Start the day with prayer and finish it the same way. Then it is bound to be good even if it brings tough experiences.

6. *Fill the day with enthusiasm.* Give the day all you've got and it will give you all it's got, which will be plenty. Enthusiasm will make a big difference in any day and in any job.

***Money from our rummage
sale:***



Will go for our mission projects here at first Baptist for college students, card ministry, local financial needs, new chairs, donations to Salvation Army, Rescue Mission and Unity Acres. For our country and around the world is White Cross requests, Refit Fund for missionaries, Special Project "Break the Chains and Stop the Pain" to aid mistreated girls and women, Haitian Child project to name a few.

- The Oswego Association meeting is May 6th at Scriba

***The church World service
blanket and tools offering is
Mother's Day May 12th.***



This money goes to CWS to help flood victims, special needs areas with blankets and / or tools to help them in many ways. Some areas receive community wells, tools for building and, planting and animals to grow food and establish future means of feeding their families. This aid starts right here in our own area to flood victims and migrant workers, reaching out across our country and further touching those in need around the world.

To add to our year we enjoy fun and fellowship at an Association Picnic in August at Scriba. Date will be announced later.

***May 19th we will be having
Les and Linda Green here to
Sing:***



The Greens, a nationally known Gospel Music Ministry from Fulton, NY, will present a Christian Music concert for us during our worship time on May 19th at 10:00.

The vocal duo is composed of Les Green, who sang for many years with the award winning quartet "The Envoys," and his wife Linda, who added her true Alto voice in 1986.

Each year, The Greens perform in over 200 churches. Gaither TV programs, and other special meetings, preaching and singing The Great News of Jesus Christ in a variety of musical styles ranging from Bill Gaither to lively Southern Gospel. Each concert is a delightful blend of the different styles, with The Greens skillfully weaving their own pre-recorded voices to their live performances, creating beautiful, yet lively, trios and quartets.

Please plan to attend. This is our opportunity to hear how wonderful they are.

FROM THE THRESHOLD OF THE TEMPLE



One of the most beautiful stories in the Bible is that vision which comes near the end of Ezekiel (chapter 47). He tells about a stream that begins at the door of the temple and becomes wider and stronger and deeper as it moves out into the world. As it flows it freshens stagnant waters, brings abundant harvests of fish and plants, and gives rise to healing which will grow like leaves on the trees. This is a powerful affirmation of the power of God, especially after describing Israel, only ten chapters earlier, as a “valley of dry bones”.

Ezekiel sees the great good that can come when God is truly worshipped and the word of God is truly lived. Certainly, that same promise is true for us today. The architecture of our sanctuary reminds us that the Scriptures are the central guide to the ministry of the church and our communion with Christ and each other is the back bone of our being the body of Christ. When we truly worship God in word and deed, then the healing and empowering stream does flow from the door of the church into the community at large.

From time to time Nancy and I attend the Holy Spirit Renewal Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin. On one occasion the keynote speaker said something that has stayed with me. He said, “Praying in unity is not the same thing as praying with a unanimous spirit.” In other words, it is possible to pray all together in the presence of God, but not be all together in heart and spirit. The experience of the early church at Pentecost was what empowered it to “turn the world upside down”. The Spirit of God melted their differences so that they

became of one mind and their prayers mirrored this unity.

So valuable was this to them that this became the banner for the early church.

- “Have this mind among you which you have in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5)
- “...until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of ...the stature of the fullness of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:13)
- “Walk in love as Christ loved us...” (Ephesians 5:2)
- “Maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:3)

There is more, but you get the idea. Being united before God came before being united before the world. That is still true today. The flow that starts at the doorstep of the temple really begins with the spirit of worship that we experience in our lives and share inside the temple.

This month is full of opportunities to share the Good News and start the flow of healing from the doorstep of Central Square First Baptist. Why not join us and bring a friend. ***Pentecost is May 19th Wear something RE***