

First Baptist Church of Central Square

November 2021

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Birthdays:

Cindy Cuny 14
Ken Myers 14
Dottie Landers 18
Aaron RaPray 23
Merrill House 24
Kristen Desrosiers 24
David Shanahan 24
Chris Ayre 27

Anniversaries:

Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to
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Tithes

You can now place your offering in the plate as we pass or mail it to:
Attn: Cherie House
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November is here and there is only 8 weeks left in 2021. 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 2021. As always, all known givers will receive an end of year statement sometime in the beginning of January 2022, this can be mailed traditionally or emailed. If you have a preference please let me know.

Happy Autumn, Cherie House

Covid Update

We are OPEN! We are strongly suggesting mask wearing and masks are required for those unvaccinated. 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>

Diaconate Updates

Please see a diaconate if you have a need.

Food Pantry

In November we are collecting: -- Holiday Fixings



November 14th
Iroquois Association
Annual Meeting

November 19th
Red Cross Blood Drive

November 24th -
Free Lunch - Turkey
dinner (11:30 - 1:30)

November 25th Happy
Thanksgiving

November 28th
First Sunday of Advent



Music Committee

We are trying different ideas with our opening praise songs. Let us know if you have any requests! All singers are welcome to join us at 9 AM on Sunday morning for rehearsal.

Mission Committee

Please remember we ask that you consider as little or as much as you are comfortable donating.

Hats, Gloves, Mittens

World Mission Offering

Health Supplies

The Homeless Women in the Oswego County Shelters need supplies.

Some suggested supplies

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Bar Soap
- Feminine Products

Please place items in a ziplock plastic bag.

Thank you for all you do to help those in need.

Trustee Updates

No Updates.

Sunday School

Currently the group has been following a study guide used several years ago: God's Project: Effective Christians. We have had some good discussion and fellowship so far.

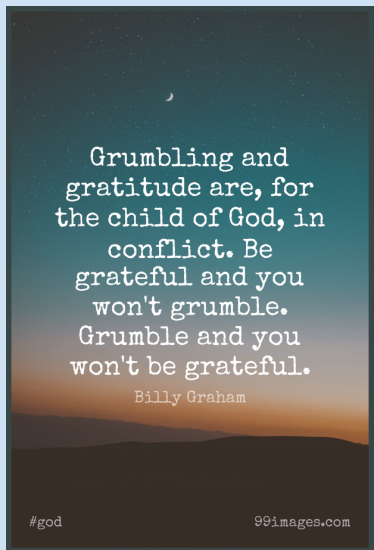
Exciting news:

Starting in early November we will be doing a 6 week study** "Advent Of The Savior". This is open and welcome to anyone that wants to join for this bible study time on Sundays at 9:00 am before service. This may be a good way to prepare for the holiday season. Interested? See Roxanne Spink. The study guide is for 6 weeks but in reality we know it may take a few extra to get through the content allowing for everyone to participate in discussion.

AB Women

The AB Women's Group is in desperate need of a Treasurer. If you or anyone you know may have an interest please let Misty DeFalco or Maggie Heitmann know as soon as possible.

We will be holding a vote for offices by ballot, as meeting attendance has been low due to COVID and other unforeseen circumstances. These will be mailed out the last week of October and all votes need to be returned by November 20th. If you have any questions please reach to Misty: abwomen.firstbaptist@gmail.com Text/Call 315-935-6267.



Grumbling and gratitude are, for the child of God, in conflict. Be grateful and you won't grumble. Grumble and you won't be grateful.

Billy Graham

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I'm thankful for so many things, but mostly, **G O D** Without **him** I'd have *nothing else* to be thankful for.

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GIVE Thanks to the **LORD**, FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS **Love** ENDURES FOREVER!

Psalms 107:2

Fundraising Committee

For Outreach and Fundraising it has been offered that we will reinstate the free lunch for the public on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The dates are November 24th and December 29th.

From the Pastor

My heart rejoices in the Lord; in the Lord my strength is lifted high. 1 Samuel 2:1a

Hannah starts her prayer with these words. She has just dedicated her son Samuel to the Lord's service. She is on a spiritual high – a mountaintop experience.

When we feel God's presence in our AHA! moments, we know how she feels. Unfortunately, we have to go through the valley to get to the mountain. The valley can be a desperate time when we can't feel God. Sometimes it's just a hiccup in the road of life. When we travel through the valley God says, "Be still, and know I am God." (Psalms 46:10) It's up to us to stop, look and listen for His voice. Not an easy process. So much in life is harder than it sounds.

We will be taking a short trip through the Book of Ruth. When we look at it from Naomi's point of view, we see ourselves in our struggles to find God in the hard times. But we have God's promise - Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you or forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

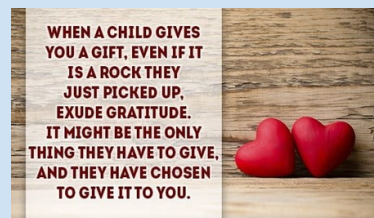
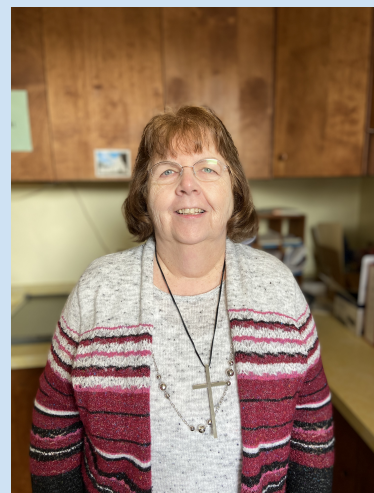
But I am praising God for the blessings He has given us as a Church family. He is moving and it shows. There is a growing enthusiasm as we put our faith at work. We've been together for three years. When I came, I saw the valley among this congregation. We may not be at a mountaintop but we are gaining ground. So I want to say thank you. Thank you for being the loving people you are. Thank you for the lovely plant you presented to me. Thank you for encouraging me as we work together to bring God the honor and praises only He is worthy of receiving. Thank you for putting up with me for three very short years.

So all that to say: Yes, my heart rejoices in the Lord!

November is a month dedicated to thankfulness. We shall be thankful!

Blessings,
Pastor Lilly

From the Pastor



Here are 10 facts that you may not know about the roots and meanings of Advent



1. Advent is a time of expectation and preparation for the birth of the Lord. The word "Advent" derives from the Latin word "adventus," which means "coming," and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas.
2. Advent has a changing start date, but it always contains four Sundays. It starts on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (Nov. 30). It can begin as early as Nov. 27th or as late as Dec. 3.
3. Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year. Advent was chosen to begin the year as representative of the time in history that Christ was not known to us. With His birth the beginning of our faith was founded. The liturgical year ends with the feast of Christ the King, His reign over the universe.
4. The Advent season has two meanings. It emphasizes both the celebration of Christ coming into the world as a man and also the second coming when the Lord will return again. It blends together a penitential spirit, very similar to Lent, a liturgical theme of preparation for the Second and Final Coming of the Lord, called the Parousia, and a joyful theme of getting ready for the Bethlehem event. The traditional color of Advent is purple or violet, which symbolizes the penitential spirit. Religious traditions associated with Advent express all these themes.
5. Hope is a predominant theme of Advent. The Israelites hoped for a Messiah to come, and Christ entered the world. We are hopeful for the arrival of Christ again into the world.
6. Advent is a reminder of the Old Testament promises of the coming of the Messiah. The Advent tradition of the Jesse Tree consists of symbols of the Messiah coming from the line of Jesse (Lk 3: 23-38). Isaiah is often read during this season to remember that we are waiting for the day when the Messiah will come again.
7. Advent focuses on light as opposed to darkness. Christ enters our dark world and casts away the darkness of sin to redeem us. He will come again as the light of the world.
8. Advent has two parts. The first portion the First Sunday of Advent until Dec. 16 is preparation for the second coming of Christ. The second portion from Dec. 17 to 24 directly prepares us for the commemoration of the first coming of Christ, Christmas.
9. The origins of Advent can be traced back to the Church in France. In the 4th Century, the Church in France used the period before Epiphany as a time of preparation for baptism. It was called "St. Martin's Lent" for the 40 days that started on Nov. 11, the feast of St. Martin of Tours.
10. Advent as we know today was developed in Rome. Pope Gregory I in the late 6th or early 7th Century composed many of the prayers, antiphons and psalm responses. Many themes and ideas we now know can be traced to the Roman Advent season.

November						
Food Pantry Collection: Holiday Fixings Other Collections: Health Supplies & World Mission Offering						
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