

First Baptist Church of Central Square

November 2024

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Birthdays:

Judy Hedgecoth 9
Cindy Cuny 14
Ken Myers 14
Dottie Landers 18
Aaron RoPray 23
Merrill House 24
David Shanahan 24
Chris Ayre 27

Anniversaries:

Don & Joan Haury 7

Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to
fbccsny@gmail.com

Watch Past Services

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

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School is every Sunday at 9:00 AM. We are studying women of the bible.

Christian Education

The Christian Education Facilitators have not met in person but continue to work on our 2024 projects. In September we celebrated our senior members. We will begin working on our holiday projects this month.

Diaconate Updates

"Tis" the season of Thanksgiving and Blessings. Our small American Baptist Church with many good hearts reaches out to help others.

Some have been in the hospital for surgery and other needs so prayers continue to return to good health while others, too, will experience the same results!

Additionally, there will be a celebration of God's gift of a new family member and the blessings that will bring!

Looking forward as a church family we will experience: A Community Free Thanksgiving Dinner; continued giving of so many needs through the local food pantry as well as personal needs items; Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays of Family and Church traditions; recognition of everything our Pastor Lillian does for us and God....and so much more when needs occur.

Your Diaconate still continues their duties of contact and assistance when we know of them. We also have been blessed recently with seeing and welcoming a few new faces...thank God...so we intend to outreach to all of them.

Stay safe. Pray and enjoy every day and keep in touch!!

Thank you and God Bless You All!

Your FBC Diaconate

Pastor Lilly, Rich, Maggie and Don



Food Pantry - holiday food fixings

Missions -

White Socks for Men
Hats, mittens, gloves

Nov 27 - Free
Thanksgiving Dinner



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 projects that the Trustees are working on.

Trustee Updates - No Update

Women's Group - No Update

Mission Committee

As an ongoing mission project we will be collecting WHITE socks for Homeless Men in and around Oswego County. White socks are easy to launder. There is no worry of bleaching them or matching them. White is white and socks are always in need to keep feet warm and dry. White socks can be found at the Dollar (and a quarter) Store. And also Mission continued: wherever Men's socks can be found. Whenever you shop and happen to be in the area of men's socks, think of the homeless and be a blessing. We are the hands and feet of Jesus and what better way to serve Him than keeping feet clean and dry.

From the Pastor

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

November, the month with the day designated for thanks giving. We even have a special holiday set aside to give thanks; Thanksgiving. A day when family and friends gather to be thankful for God's blessings.

Paul tells the Thessalonians to be thankful always, in all circumstances. In other words, we should be thankful 365 days a year 24/7. That's not always as easy as it sounds. When someone is cruel to you or you hear bad news about health concerns for yourself or someone you love, it's hard to be thankful. It's much easier to ask, "Why me?" "What did I do to deserve this?"

Sometimes we tend to think the world revolves around 'me'. We may not speak it or think it but our actions and the way we handle situations is what others may see or hear.

Can I hear - been there, done that? Don't be dismayed. We are all a work in progress. We all neglect to give thanks for our troubles and sometimes for the good times.

Scripture tells us Jesus knows us because he lived like us. Hmm. Does that mean that sometimes He forgot to be thankful in all circumstances? Hard to believe it, isn't it? Thankfully, he never forgets to stand as our emissary at the foot of the throne telling His father that He took our place - yours and mine - on the cross for our sins. That is more than enough to give thanks for.

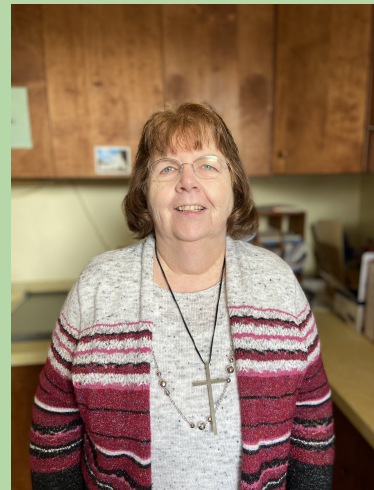
Before we know it, it will be December and our thoughts will turn to Advent and the Birthday of our King. I'd like to give you a heads up. I will be doing a series of messages entitled; Ugly Christmas Sweater. Feel free to wear ugly Christmas sweaters, just saying.

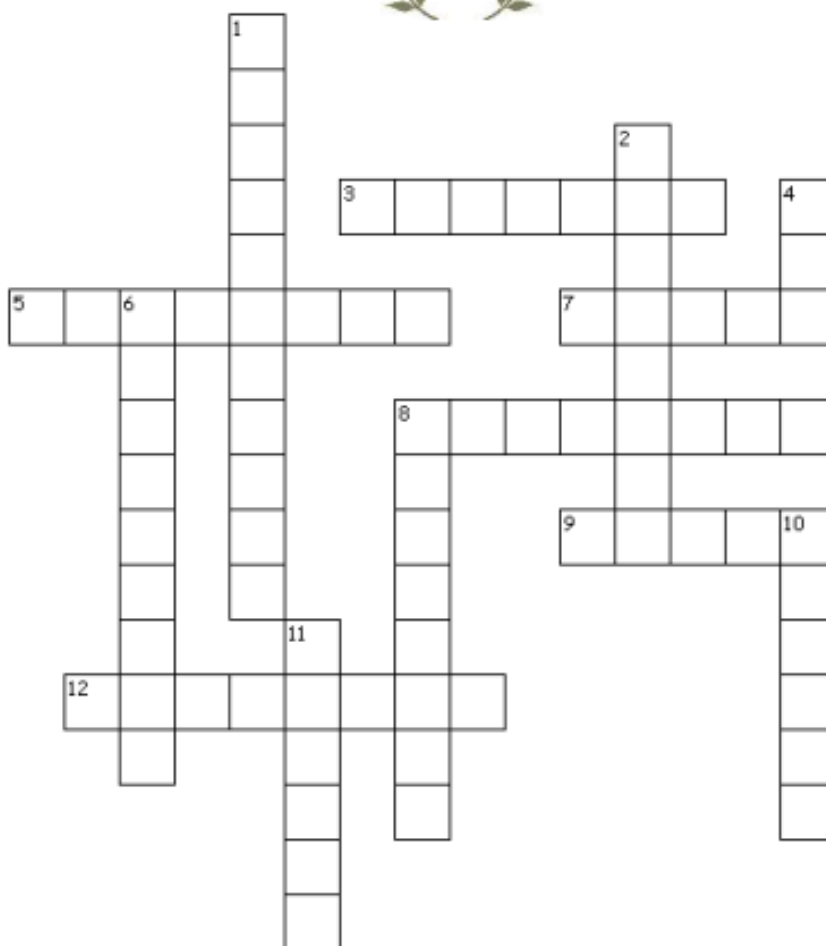
Until then; to God be the glory, great things He has done.

Blessings,

Pastor Lilly

From our Pastor





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- 3. a popular pie
- 5. sponsored the first Thanksgiving parade
- 7. number of days the first Thanksgiving lasted
- 8. where Thanksgiving was first celebrated
- 9. Thanksgiving dinner
- 12. wanted the turkey to be the national bird

down

- 1. classic Thanksgiving fruit
- 2. considered good luck
- 4. favorite dessert
- 6. name of the ship the pilgrims sailed on
- 8. first to celebrate Thanksgiving
- 10. Thanksgiving dinner entree
- 11. famous Thanksgiving parade



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