

First Baptist Church of Central Square

October 2021

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Birthdays:

Penny Faulter 2
Courtney Balch 14
Andy Bettinger 16
Phyllis Smith 18
Dail Mizerski 20
Randi Driesen 21
Zane Zustra 22
Amelia Shanahan 23
Margaret Heitmann 25
Nick Cuny 26

Anniversaries:

Courtney & Nathan Balch 3
Cherie & Merrill House 12

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! 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 October we are collecting: -- Holiday Fixings

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.
October Food Pantry - Holiday Fixings
Hats, Gloves, Mittens
World Mission Offering



October 24th - Free Chili lunch after church - Drive thru (11:30)

October 27th - Free lunch - Goulash, toss salad, and dessert (11:30-1:30)

October 31st - Trunk or Treat Drive Thru at Goettel Park (1pm - 3pm)



Health Kits

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.

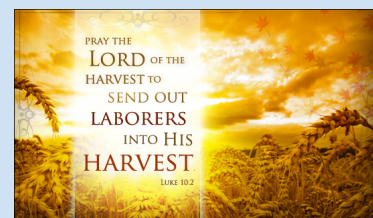
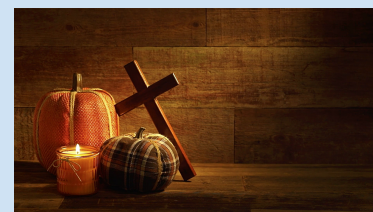
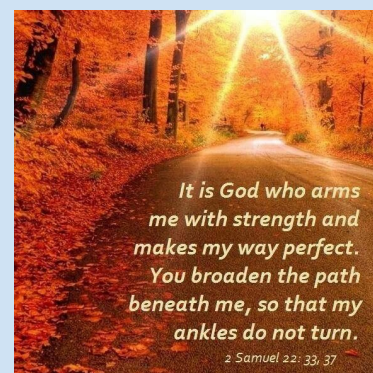
AB Women

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.

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 October 27th, November 24th and December 29th.



From the Pastor

Yet he has not left himself without testimony; He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy. Acts 14:17

Lately, I'm feeling the inclination to sing that childhood rhyme, "rain, rain, go away, come again another day".

October is upon us. It really seems like we thought 2020 would go on forever and now we're closing in on the end of 2021. UGH!! And the rain keeps falling. Well, hopefully by the time you read this brilliant writing, the rain has moved out. But we always need to remember rain is important and we would be in trouble without the refreshing water it gives to us and all life on earth. It has been a blessing this year as we saw the devastation caused by drought and fires in the western states. Thankfully the crops around here are thriving; the vegetables are delicious, and I saw field corn being harvested recently. This is a busy time of year. The lazy, hazy, days of summer are gone.

Remember when the word was that the way to a man's heart was through his stomach? Still much truth to that, but God promises more than food; He promises joy! God delivers! No credit card or phone call needed! We have a direct line to Him called prayer. We can dial in any time of day or night. How simple is that? We have a whole book of instruction to get it all right but it's really pretty simple; Love God, with all your heart, soul, mind and strength; then love your neighbor as yourself and love your enemy too. (Okay, it's hard to love your enemy, but you can do it with God's help.)

It has been a busy month of September. Adult Sunday school has resumed. Senior Appreciation was a wonderful celebration. Our free lunch is picking up momentum. October is promising to be just as busy.

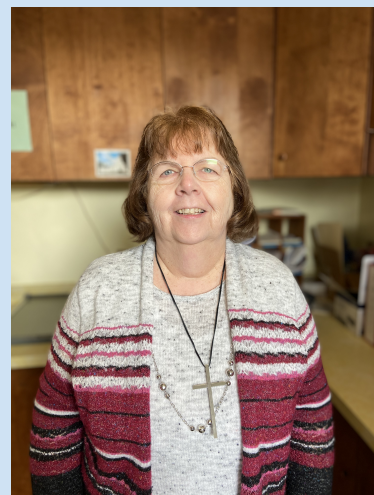
October is World Mission Month. International Ministries has asked for us to remember our missionaries around the world. Here we ask you to remember our adopted missionary, Mercy Gonzalas-Barnes as we collect our World Mission offering. Our global partners do their work around the world to bring Christ to those who need to hear His message of hope. (Have Only Positive Expectations)

I'm getting very excited to learn what God has up his sleeve for First Baptist as we follow His lead.

May you feel God's presence, love and joy every day.

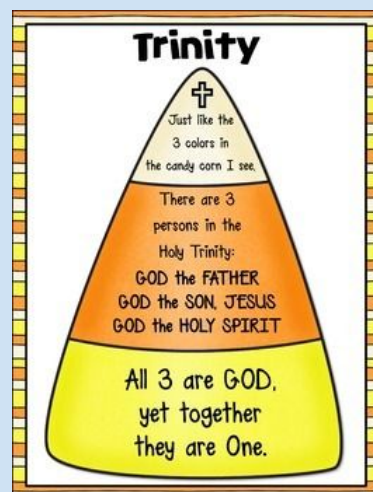
Blessings,
Pastor Lilly

From the Pastor



God is pure light,
undimmed by darkness
of any kind.

1 John 1:5



October

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Chili Lunch Drive Thru	25	26	27 Free Lunch (11:30)	28	29	30
31 Trunk or Treat Goettel Park (1-3)						

Rain



One rainy afternoon I was driving along one of the main streets of town, taking those extra precautions necessary when the roads are wet and slick.

Suddenly, my son, Matthew, spoke up from his relaxed position in his seat. "Mom, I'm thinking of something."

This announcement usually meant he had been pondering some fact for a while, and was now ready to expound all that his six-year-old mind had discovered. I was eager to hear.

"What are you thinking?" I asked.

"The rain!," he began, "is like sin, and the windshield wipers are like God wiping our sins away."

After the chill bumps raced up my arms I was able to respond. "That's really good, Matthew."

Then my curiosity broke in. How far would this little boy take this revelation? So I asked... "Do you notice how the rain keeps on coming? What does that tell you?"

Matthew didn't hesitate one moment with his answer: "We keep on sinning, and God just keeps on forgiving us." I will always remember this whenever I turn my wipers on.

In order to see the rainbow, you must first endure some rain.

We must continually come to the Lord and seek His forgiveness.

-Brenda Hunter



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