First Baptist Church of Central Square

September 2025

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Birthdays:

Theresa Besanson 1 Penny Faulter 2 Dakota McGraw 12 Courtney Balch 14 Phyllis Smith 18 Dail Mizerski 20 Randi Driesen 21 Amelia Shanahan 23 Margaret Heitmann 25 Nick Cuny 26

Anniversaries:

Courtney & Nathan Balch 3 Cherie & Merrill House 12



Food Pantry - Holiday food fixings for Thanksgiving

Offering - World Mission Offering Let's support Mercy!

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 will resume in 2026.

Christian Education

No Updates.

Diaconate Updates

We firmly believe God is working quietly, steadily and lovingly helping active efforts of a number of FBC members and friends. Who are they? All you need to do is observe, or be a part of, "Good" acts of helping with: educating us about Jesus' teachings, taking care of our little FB church, feeding others where needed, making important decisions regarding our continuing ministries, and praying constantly when and where needed.

So, our contributions of communion, contacting, laughing or crying, praying, serving, mailing and more will continue. But,...or...and, we need your help. If you are aware of some (thing, act, hug, listening ear and more) is needed then let us know. Our little church is helping BIGGER needs by making available our facilities to organizations like Red Cross, WIC and Scouting.

We'd love to have more members...so...we will work on "RE-MEMBERING" what we have to do! With that, our prayers are working overtime for and with members and friends that are still hospitalized, visiting doctors, reaching out to professional services that help make prayers work. We're hoping that beautiful Fall Colors keep all of us on Jesus' hope for an Awesome America!!!

(That acronym means: God Bless Us All)

Cordially, Your Diaconate

Missions - Unity Acres Laundry Detergent Pine Sol (or similar) Cleaning Products in spray bottles Clorox Wipes Cat Food Cat Litter

https://unityacres.org/

October 18, 2025 Chicken n Biscuit Dinner \$14.00

October 22, 2025 Free lunch

November 14, 2025 Red Cross

November 15, 2025 Roast Pork Dinner \$14.00

November 26,2025 Free Thanksgiving Dinner

December 13,2025 Lasagna Dinner \$14.00

December No Free lunch

Trustee Updates

The Trustees are working hard to navigate the process of selling the parsonage. Please pray for them.

Women's Group - No Update

Mission Committee

We are collecting for Unity Acres. - https://unityacres.org/ Missions - Unity Acres Laundry Detergent Pine Sol (or similar) Cleaning Products in spray bottles Clorox Wipes Cat Food Cat Litter

Fundraisina Committee

Chicken & Biscuit Fundraiser on Oct 18!

A Christian Pumpkin

I am a Jack O' Lantern My light will shine so bright

For I am a Christian pumpkin My symbols tell what's right.

My nose is like the cross on which our Savior died

To set us free from sin We need no longer hide.

My mouth is like a fish The whole wide world to show

That Christians live in this house And love their Savior so!

The story starts at Christmas My eyes are like the star

That shone on Baby Jesus And wise men saw from far

My color it is orange Just like the big bright sun

That rose on Easter Day Along with Gods' own Son.

And so on Halloween Let's set our pumpkins out

And tell the trick or treaters What Gods' love is all about!



From the Pastor

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: Ecclesiastes 3:1

Sometimes I feel like a broken record. It's officially fall and not my favorite time of year. Oh, I know the foliage can be beautiful but







then there is the chillier weather and as time progresses it keeps on getting chillier and chillier. I finally have figured out why I'm not an Autumn enthusiast. My least favorite season will soon be here and unfortunately, as a few of us have noticed, time seems to go quicker as we age.

Winter, brrrr! The only thing I like about winter is that Spring follows and everything is new and fresh again.

Summer has left us (or will soon). I have to say we had an interesting summer as a church family. People joined us that we haven't seen in years. We had a couple of new folks come that we thought would be with us for a long time and we were able to show what it means to be a welcoming family of God. And then Autumn came and things changed.

Now we are faced with making some serious decisions. We need the LORD's guidance. I would like to share this prayer I came across written by Samuel Longfellow:

I look to Thee in every need, and never look in vain;
I feel Thy strong and tender love, and all is well again.
The thought of Thee is mightier far than sin and pain and sorrow are.

Discouraged in the work of life, disheartened by its load, shamed by its failures or its fears, I sink beside the road.

But let me only think of Thee and then a new heart springs up in me.

Thy calmness bends serene above, my restlessness to still; around me flows Thy quickening life, to nerve my faltering will. Thy presence fills my solitude; Thy providence turns all to good. Enfolded deep in Thy dear love, held in Thy law, I stand. Thy hand in all things I behold, and all things in Thy hand. Thou leadest me by unsought ways, and turn my mourning into praise. Amen.

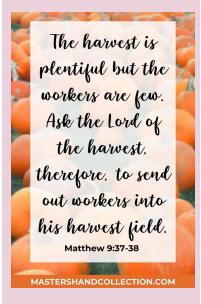
As we seek the Lord's guidance may the decisions we make be the decisions directed by Him. In the meantime, the harvest is ready and the workers here are working to serve Him to the best of our ability. I believe He is smiling and He thanks you for all you do to serve Him..

I'm reminded often where you were when I first came to serve here and I, along with our Lord, have seen your spark for ministry return. It's not the season to throw in the towel. It's the season of harvest.

To God be the Glory. Amen and Amen Chat soon, Pastor Lilly

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