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June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> June is here and at the beginning of summer we can reflect on all the wonderful things that have happened so far this year: the 175 th Anniversary Banquet, the Festival Service, the Lenten series, the Good Friday Ecumenical Service, and more. It's not too early to think about the fall, especially the Women's Conference with Nicole Mullen. Get your reservations in now!				1	2 10:00 Men's Coffee 	3 Vigil of Pentecost
4 DAY OF PENTECOST 10:00 Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship with Holy Communion Mrs. Kathleen Ordiway, preaching	5	6	7 12:15 Inasmuch luncheon	8	9 10:00 Men's Coffee 	10
11 THE HOLY TRINITY 10:00 Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Rev. Ward Kaiser, preaching 12:15 Second Sunday Lunch	12  Barnabas, Apostle	13	14  Flag Day 7:00 Trustees/ Diaconate Meeting	15	16 10:00 Men's Coffee Time 	17
18 PENTECOST 2 10:00 Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching 	19	20	21  Summer Begins	22	23 10:00 Men's Coffee Time 	24 John the Baptist 
25 PENTECOST 3 10:00 Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Ms Catherine Chambers, preaching	26	27	28	29  Peter & Paul, Apostles	30 10:00 Men's Coffee Time 	



June Birthdays

5	Hank Buchalski
6	Eileen Palmer Wrobel
7	Jenny Brown
9	Connie Davis
10	Dorothy Jackson
22	Christeen Palmer Salimbene



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for Carole and Hank Buchalski, John Swindlehurst, Sara Gromniak, Margaret Payne, Mark Williams, Jr., Patricia Smeal, Janet Keebler, Celia Krasinski, Neal Jacobs, Gladys Lewis, our Church family, our missionaries, especially Carmella Jones, our Country and all those who serve our Country.



June 4 — Sunday — Day of Pentecost

10:00 AM	Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Festival Worship with Holy Communion Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching

June 7 — Wednesday

12:15 PM	Inasmuch Luncheon
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June 11 — Sunday — Holy Trinity Sunday

10:00 AM	Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship Rev. Ward Kaiser, preaching

June 14 — Wednesday

7:00 PM	Diaconate/Trustees Meeting
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June 18 — Sunday — Pentecost 2

10:00 AM	Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching <i>Third Sunday Food Collection</i>

June 25 — Sunday — Pentecost 3

10:00 AM	Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship Ms Catherine Chambers, preaching

Do we have Your Birthday?

If your birthday doesn't appear on our list, please call the office (716-282-4666) to let us know your special date so we can include it.



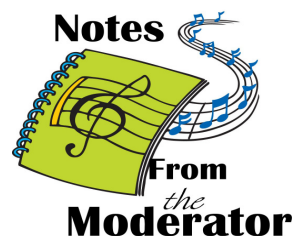
Margaret A. (Hope) Payne in her 99th year entered into eternal life peacefully on Monday, May 8, 2017. Beloved wife of Frank (deceased), loving mother of John (Katherine) Hope; loving stepmother of Donna Lee Ross, Kevin (Tammy) Payne; cherished grandmother of Neal (deceased), Donna, James (deceased) Mark, Julia, Kevin Michael and Zachary. She is also survived by nine great-grandchildren four great-great grandchildren; and many friends.

The family was present at Exley United Methodist Church, 338 Lake Street in Wilson, NY where a service was held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 2:00 PM. Flowers were gratefully declined. Memorial donations may be made to First Baptist Church.

Last Month's Crossword Answers

Isaiah

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May was a very busy month at First Baptist Church. On Saturday, May 6, our congregation celebrated its 175 Anniversary at a dinner at the Doubletree Hilton and on the following Sunday four pastors celebrated the commemoration at our service. It was good to hear familiar voices, see old friends, meet new congregants and mull over the memorabilia. We thank several people for making it happen; Rev. Brian Brown, Kath Ordiway, Jim Flood, Margie Blakely, Sally Denny, Donna Flood, and Jeanette Heasley. Our speaker, Dr. Tony Campolo delivered inspirational words which were recorded and are available on DVD from our church office. His thirty or more books on evangelism give witness to reaching out to build and rebuild a church.

We celebrated Mother's Day with a lovely brunch and it was a delight to see families attending both the brunch and the service. Families get separated with work routines, changing lives and it's good to get together to celebrate and remember all that has been done for us and all that we do for others.

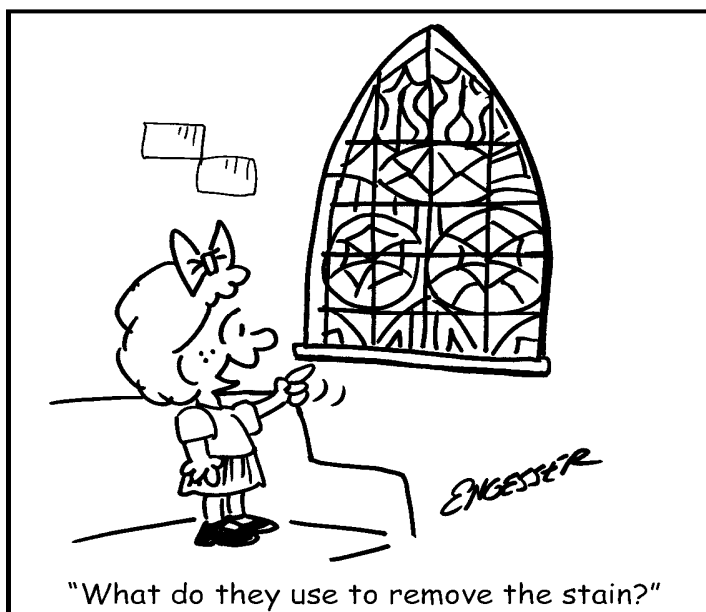
The efforts at internal restoration are moving forward with a new floor in the gym and improved drainage. The old shower room is being renovated. New shelving has been built for equipment and tools. The downstairs is looking good!

The architectural tours held on May 21 & 22 focus on our unique building and were open to the public. The beautiful windows and woodwork are a special feature of our 1900 structure designed by James R. White. Our mission for the next month is an offering for our 175 Anniversary which is more internal in focus. Gas lines needed to be replaced along with connections to appliances which were not known about during budgeting. While the finance committee does allow and plan for the unexpected, these repairs were really unexpected and costly. Our building is solid but things happen.

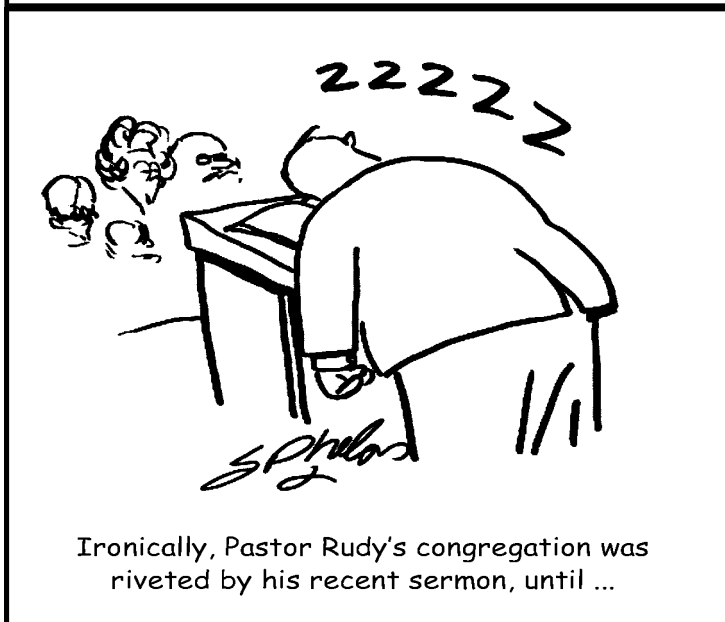
Donna Flood



Reverend Strathmore had an uneasy feeling about the design on the new pulpit.



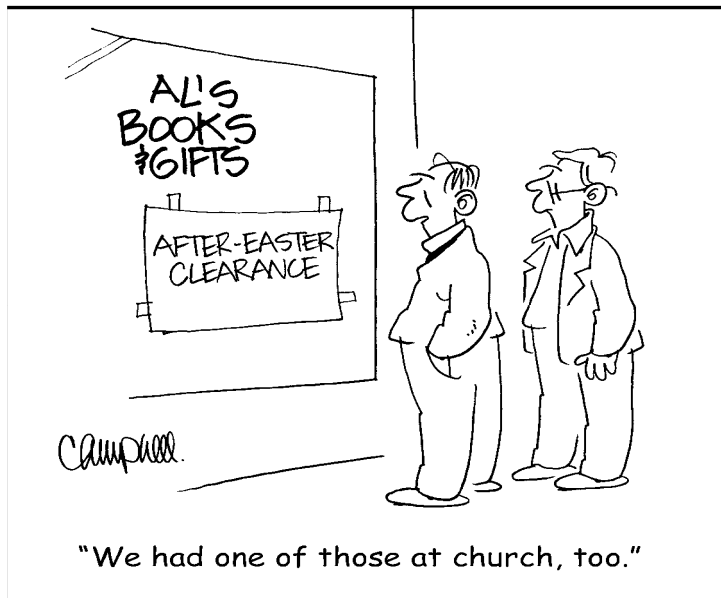
"What do they use to remove the stain?"



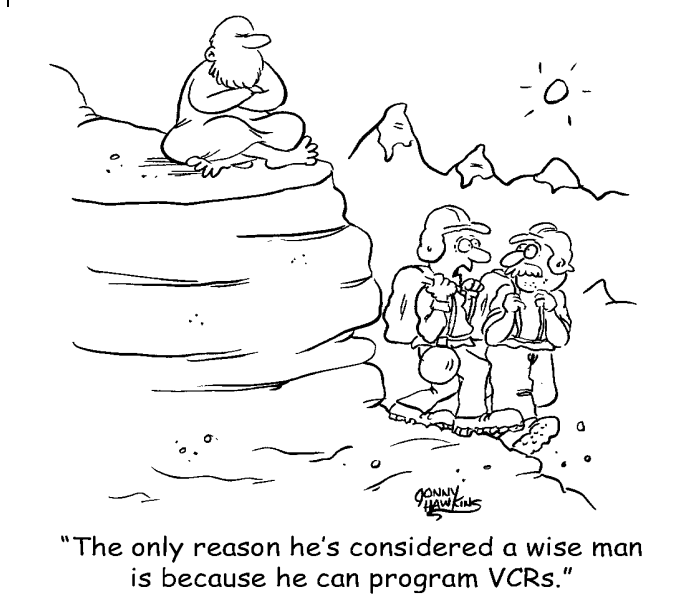
Ironically, Pastor Rudy's congregation was riveted by his recent sermon, until ...



"Somehow, I thought you'd trust us here."



"We had one of those at church, too."



"The only reason he's considered a wise man is because he can program VCRs."

CHURCH 175TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Saturday, May 6, 2017, at the Doubletree Hotel



Tony Campolo spoke to an appreciate audience.

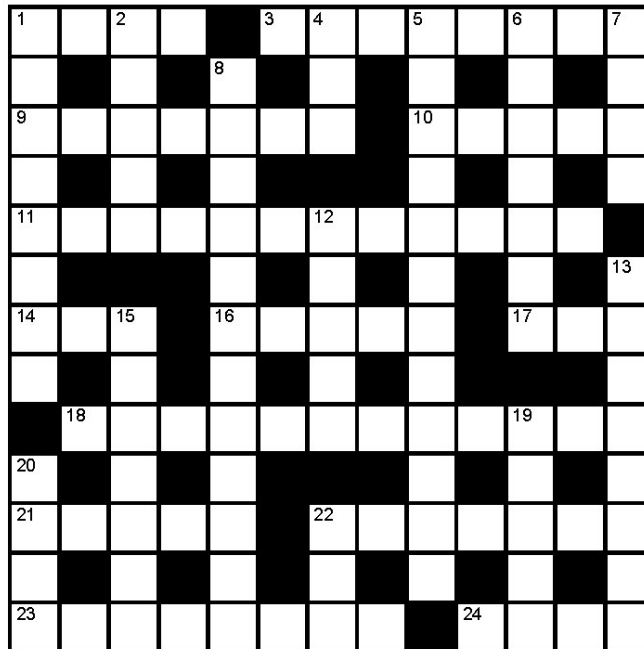


Dr. Tony Campolo and Dr. Brian Brown



Bible Crossword Puzzles (King James Version)

Jeremiah



Across

- 1 Elders of the land ____ up and spoke to the people. Jer 26:17 (4)
- 3 "I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and ____ woman." Jer 6:2 (8)
- 9 "But, O LORD of hosts, that ____ righteously ..." Jer 11:20 (7)
- 10 "____ own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee." Jer 2:19 (5)
- 11 These supplementary texts, written by scholars, can help you understand the Bible. (12)
- 14 The first woman. (3)
- 16 "And I said after she had done all ____ things, Turn thou unto me." Jer 3:7 (5)
- 17 "But she returned not. And ____ treacherous sister Judah saw it." Jer 3:7 (3)
- 18 Nebuzaradan left some men to be husbandmen and these. Jer 52:16 (12)

- 21 "Why are thy valiant men swept away? they stood not, because the LORD did ____ them." Jer 46:15 (5)
- 22 "And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again ____ vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it." Jer 18:4 (7)
- 23 "I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that ____ unto me." Jer 33:22 (8)
- 24 "For ye have kindled a ____ in mine anger." Jer 17:4 (4)

Down

- 1 God says He will bring evil on this people because they have done this with His law. Jer 6:19 (8)
- 2 God overthrew this city because of its wickedness. Jer 49:18 (5)
- 4 "Thou shalt not also go into the house of feasting, to sit with

them to ____ and to drink." Jer 16:8 (3)

- 5 Synonym for prayer. Jer 27:18 (12)
- 6 "He that ____ in this city shall die by the sword." Jer 21:9 (7)
- 7 The foolish people have these but do not see. Jer 5:21 (4)
- 8 "____ in those days, saith the LORD, I will not make a full end with you." Jer 5:18 (12)
- 12 "Be not afraid of ____ faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD." Jer 1:8 (5)
- 13 God will do this with the fatherless children. Jer 49:11 (8)
- 15 Along with NIV and NASB, the KJV Bible is a translation or ____ of the Bible. (7)
- 19 A Netophathite. Jer 40:8 (5)
- 20 The husband to the answer to clue #14. (4)
- 22 This is used to cut a tree out of the forest. Jer 10:3 (3)

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST





The Humble Response of a Former Refugee

Where is home? For Lah-Say Wah, a young woman in her mid-twenties, it is Colorado. But it is also Thailand, where she was born and raised in a refugee camp. Years after moving to the U.S., although no longer a refugee, Lah-Say discovered that she could fulfill a dream to reconnect with her roots. And that journey changed her life.

Lah-Say's parents fled to the Mae La refugee camp in Thailand in 1991 to escape armed conflict and persecution in Burma. They were a part of a globally growing number of refugees who had fled from war, violence or natural disasters. Lah-Say was born in the camp, which was her home until 2009, when her family was given the opportunity to immigrate to America. A bright and eager student, Lah-Say adapted quickly to life in Colorado. Although she knew just a few words of English when she arrived, she enrolled in an American high school and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in public health from Colorado University.

After graduating, Lah-Say yearned to return to northern Thailand to reconnect with her roots and invest in the ethnic Karen (Kah-ren) community there. Her friend Amanda Zepeda told her about the New Life Center in northern Thailand, **which ministers to young ethnic minority women who have experienced or are at risk for human trafficking, forced labor and other forms of exploitation.** Lah-Say was intrigued, and Amanda helped her to get connected quickly.

Lah-Say's language abilities in Karen, Burmese, English and Thai made it easy for her to fit in, and she adapted quickly to her volunteer placement. She taught English, practiced photography and served with great humility and flexibility.

Perhaps even more significantly, Lah-Say's own story of survival and faith in Jesus was a powerful testimony to the New Life Center residents who, like her, had survived ethnic persecution and displacement. During Lah-Say's farewell celebration, several people testified to **the profound impact she had made in their lives solely through the gift of her presence.**

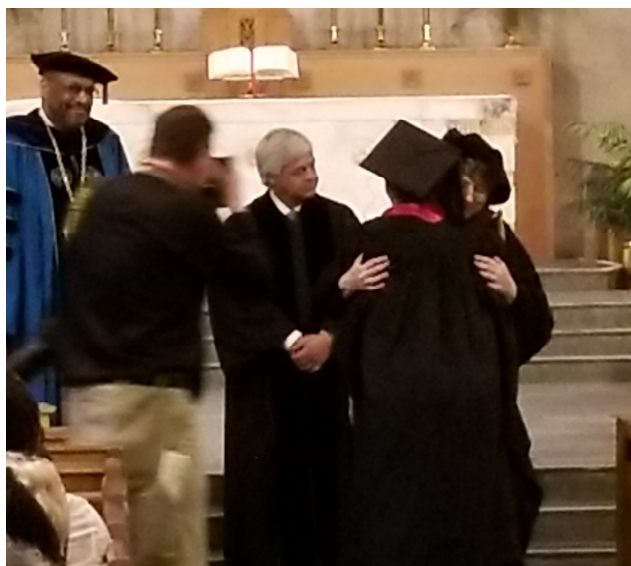
"I cannot believe how much Thailand, and especially the New Life Center, has changed my life," Lah-Say said upon returning to Colorado. "God used this experience to revitalize my faith. I now have a renewed commitment to make a difference in the world by serving other people who have been displaced like me."

KAREN SMITH, MA
Director of Mission Design



Featured Initial Priorities
Abolishing Slavery
Discipleship

Kath's Graduation



Presentation from First Baptist Church



ARISE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE LED BY NICOLE C. MULLEN & FRIENDS
CALLING WOMEN BACK TO LIFE



Friday, September 8, 2017 – Doors open at 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 9, 2017 – Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

Sponsored by **First Baptist Church** Niagara Falls
Part of a year of special events planned to celebrate the church's 175th Anniversary

Held at: Four Points by Sheraton Niagara Falls
7001 Buffalo Ave, Niagara Falls, NY

Open to all women - but seating is limited
Cost: \$165 per person

Registration and full payment due by August 25th
Register and pay in full by July 3rd and the cost will be \$150

During this multi-denominational, multi-cultural women's conference Nicole C. Mullen and friends will share their personal, down-to-earth journeys, struggles and victories gained through scripture and encounters with Christ. Nicole is a nationally-known, Dove award-winning singer, songwriter, speaker and ministry leader, known for her songs: "My Redeemer," "Call on Jesus," "Brainwash," "One Touch," "Talk About It," "On My Knees" and the list goes on.

The conference will also include:

- Dinner and Music on Friday evening - Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday

Tickets (cash, check, credit card) can be purchased through:

First Baptist Church, 554 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14301

Cost does not include overnight stay, but hotel reservations are available at a discounted rate. Overnight stay is not necessary to fully experience the conference!

Contact Kathleen Ordiway with any questions: 716-213-7374 or
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