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# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October is a month full of activities: Crop Walk; Rummage Sale; Reformation – to name a few. Participate and bring a friend.		1	2 12:15 Inasmuch lunch	3	4 10:00 Men's 	5
6 <b>PENTECOST 17</b> <b>WORLD WIDE COMMUNION</b> 10:00: Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship with Holy Communion Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching	7	8 	9 7:00 Trustess/ Diaconate Meeting	10	11 10:00 Men's  <b>9-3 RUMMAGE</b>	12 <b>9-12 RUMMAGE SALE</b>
13 <b>PENTECOST 18</b> 10:00: Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Ms Catherine Chambers, preaching 12:15 Second Sunday lunch 1:30 Crop Walk	14 Columbus Day  OFFICE CLOSED	15	16	17	18 Luke, Evangelist 10:00 Men's 	19
20 <b>PENTECOST 19</b> 10:00: Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching	21	22	23	24	25 10:00 Men's 	26
27 <b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b> <b>PENTECOST 20</b> 10:00: Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Rev. William Thomas, preaching	28 Simon and Jude, Apostles	29	30	31 Reformation Day  Halloween	Remember to bring in your contribution to the Time Capsule!	



## October Birthdays

- 1 Donna Clark
- 4 Margie Blakely
- 4 Cheryl Taylor



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for Toby Ordiway, Margie Blakely, William Cody, Carole and Hank Buchalski, Sara Gromniak, Janet Keebler, our Church family, our missionaries, especially Carmella Jones, our Country and all those who serve our Country, and all Christians persecuted for their faith.



### October 2 — Wednesday

12:15 PM Inasmuch Lunch

### October 6 — Sunday — Pentecost 17

#### WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

10:00 AM Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship

11:00 AM Divine Worship with Holy Communion  
Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching

### October 9 — Wednesday

7:00 PM Diaconate/Trustees Meeting

### October 11— Rummage and Chowder Sale

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

### October 12— Rummage and Chowder Sale

9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon – Bag Sale

### October 13 — Sunday — Pentecost 18

10:00 AM Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship

11:00 AM Divine Worship  
Ms Catherine Chambers, preaching  
*Third Sunday Food Collection*

1:30 PM Crop Walk

### October 20 — Sunday — Pentecost 19

10:00 AM Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship

11:00 AM Divine Worship  
Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching

### October 27 — Sunday — Pentecost 20

#### REFORMATION SUNDAY

10:00 AM Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship

11:00 AM Divine Worship  
Rev. William Thomas, preaching







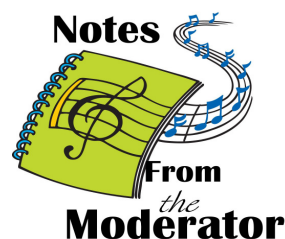
How about a new T-shirt for fall? We have a new shipment of T-shirts with First Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, New York, imprinted on them below the "I Love My Church" slogan.

Sizes available are Large and Extra Large (they will shrink a little).

**Only \$10.00 each**

No shipping or tax.

Call the Church office (282-4666) or see Jim Flood or any trustee after church on Sunday.



**OUR SPECIAL SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER** was Rally Day. The teachers were dedicated, the students' backpacks were blessed, children in third grade and up received their Bibles, the Trustees and active Deacons were dedicated and all the children received bookmarks for their backpacks. Following the very full service was our Second Sunday lunch (on the third Sunday) the opening of our time capsule, and the ABW Gathering at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Special Sundays in the future will feature World Wide Communion in October, Thankfulness in November and so on. If you have a good theme for a celebration talk to Rev. Kath Ordiway or Donna Flood. Having a little something extra in a service keeps focus on the connections we have which each other.

The CWS Crop Walk sponsored by the Church Women United is a collection of funds by individuals who participate in the walk on the second Sunday in October. Walkers collect donations which are distributed to three local food banks and to the world cause by Church World Service. The three local food banks are at Community Mission, Heart, Love & Soul, and the Salvation Army. Church World Service is the same agency that runs Blanket Sunday and supplies locally made blankets to refugees, those in flood and fire zones, or other areas destroyed by severe storms.

The walk starts at New Hope Baptist on Buffalo Avenue and walkers will walk to the falls and back to the church. It's about 3 miles. Food and beverage will be provided. If you would like to walk, see Donna for a collection envelope.

Our Sunday School continues to flourish and children are studying Scripture, how to pray, and learning the various parts of the service. The baptistry will have its hot water heater soon and we'll schedule baptisms.

The Fall Rummage and Soup Sale is 11 & 12. Please bring clean items to the gym or call the church office for a pickup. Out of date electronics are not accepted. Tell all your friends to come and browse our trash and treasures. It's nice to chat with community friends and family.

**Donna Flood**  
Moderator

## Last Month's Crossword Answers

### Colossians







"Here comes the flock, son, not the herd."



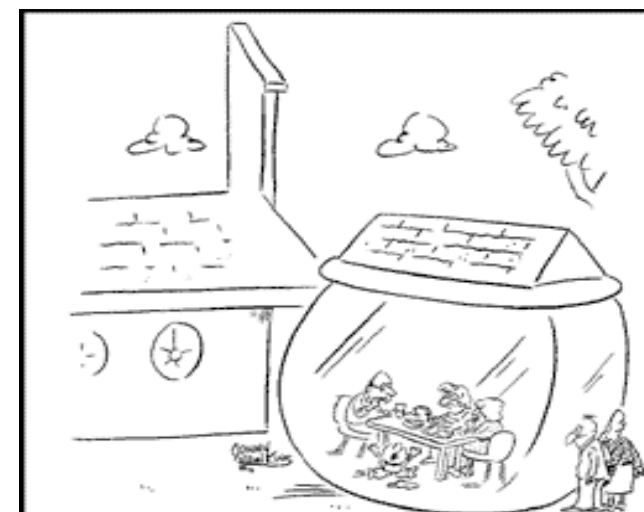
"You're welcome to look on, but viewer discretion is advised."



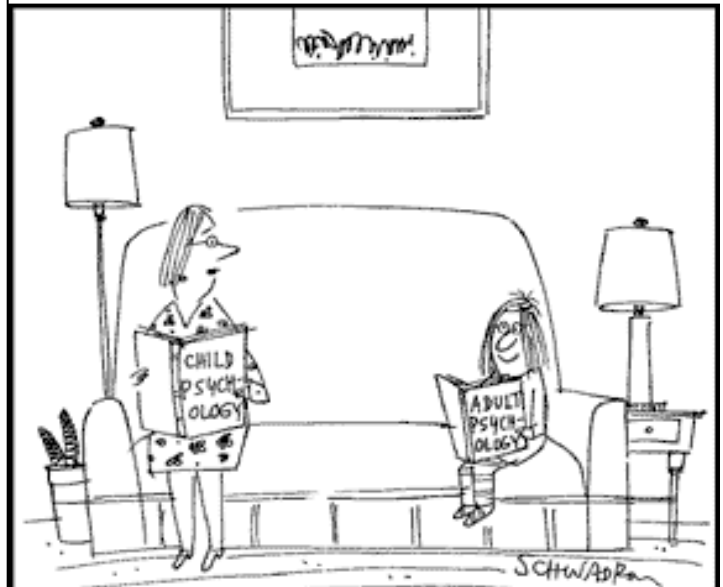
"We're having a very long service Sunday. Probably a good day to appeal for funds for the new pew cushions."



"... and a Minister of Music comes bundled with the software."



Pastor Caldecott's family always felt they lived in a fish bowl ... and for good reason.



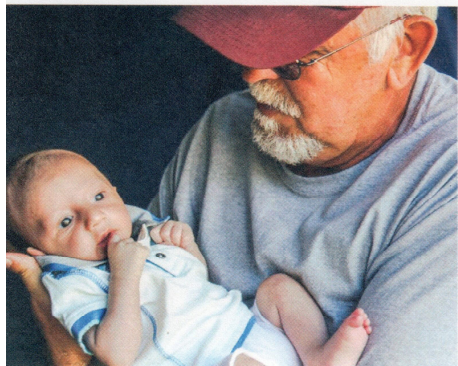




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LIKE YOU, INTERNATIONAL  
MINISTRIES' GLOBAL SERVANTS  
WALK ALONGSIDE THE  
COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE,  
TANGIBLY MEETING NEEDS AND  
DEMONSTRATING THE LOVE  
OF CHRIST IN A VARIETY OF  
PRACTICAL WAYS.

## EDUCATION, REFUGEES

BECKY AND LARRY STANTON serve with IM partners Hungarian Baptist Aid and the Baptist Union of Hungary. Becky teaches in schools in the eastern region of the country. Larry assists Serbian Baptist churches with aid to surrounding communities and to refugees along the Balkan route.



"I get to be a missionary for displaced persons. God tugged on my heart to partner with the aid brigade in Bosnia and bordering countries. From basic needs, food and a simple expression of compassion, to holding a baby when providing spiritual encouragement in a refugee camp, I get to serve by bringing a warm presence that is welcomed and appreciated by those I serve." — LARRY STANTON

"It is necessary for native English speakers like me to teach in the Hungarian schools for the bi-lingual program to be accredited. My daily work allows me to share my faith and use Christian materials in teaching English. Hungarian elementary and high school administrators can see the positive effects we are having on the next generation. Furthermore, there are no limits on praying with my co-workers and being a part of their lives. They trust me and have accepted me into the community. Thank you for your prayers and loving support!" — BECKY STANTON

*Education and refugee initiatives are growing around the world through IM thanks to your support.*





## EVANGELISM DISCIPLESHIP EDUCATION

EVANGELISM, DISCIPLESHIP  
AND EDUCATION MINISTRIES  
ARE GROWING AROUND  
THE WORLD THROUGH IM  
THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT.



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CONSIDER A GENEROUS  
GIFT TO THE WORLD MISSION  
OFFERING TODAY — AND  
BECOME A CATALYST IN  
GLOBAL MISSION. EVERY GIFT  
IS MEANINGFUL IN REACHING  
THE \$1.2 MILLION GOAL.

**THE REVEREND CARMELLA JONES** serves in Hungary as a school chaplain through IM partner Hungarian Baptist Aid. Carmella teaches English, acts as a listening presence and offers pastoral care to children and families with special needs.

"I am blessed to serve in a small school teaching English to children with learning disabilities and behavior problems. One morning, I witnessed a second-grader having difficulty concentrating. Initially, I stood beside him to encourage him, but it was clear he was becoming more agitated and he began to cry. When the class ended, he packed his book bag and then kissed me on the cheek! Jesus commands us to care for the least of these. In caring, Jesus pours out living waters not only on the person who is obviously in need, but it is also poured over the care giver and we are all transformed."



**THE REV. DR. JON AND AMANDA GOOD** serve in partnership with the Baptist Union of Hungary and Hungarian Baptist Aid.

"The Hajnals is one of the families at the Hungarian Talent Elementary School. This night, we shared about a new family English ministry at the school. Upon hearing the news, our friends erupted with excitement. Why start a family English club at an elementary school to share the gospel? While playing games, practicing English, and sharing meals together, the living hope of Jesus abundantly flows. Eighty percent of the families in this public school do not attend church, yet they are thirsty for living water. Please pray for the Talent School families, that each will find a living, growing, transforming relationship with Christ."

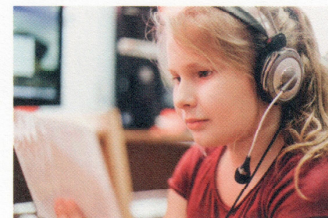


To see IM global servants in action — and the impact you make possible — watch the short videos at [www.worldmissionoffering.org](http://www.worldmissionoffering.org).

You may give using the enclosed reply slip or instantly online at [www.worldmissionoffering.org](http://www.worldmissionoffering.org)

Members of ABCUSA churches may also give through their churches.

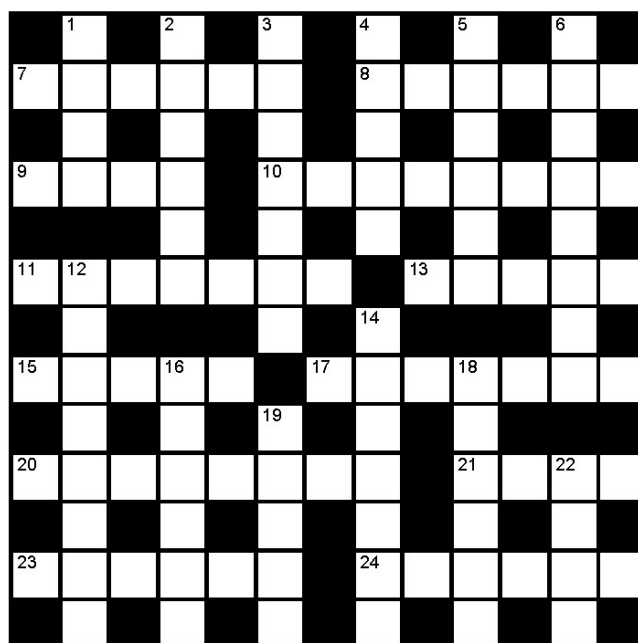
Thank you! We look forward to seeing what God will do through your generosity!





# Bible Crossword Puzzles (King James Version)

## 1 and 2 Thessalonians



### Across

- 7 "And ye \_\_\_\_\_ followers of us, and of the Lord." 1 Thes 1:6 (6)
- 8 "Therefore let us not sleep, as do \_\_\_\_\_; but let us watch and be sober." 1 Thes 5:6 (6)
- 9 "Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have \_\_\_\_\_ taught, whether by word, or our epistle." 2 Thes 2:15 (4)
- 10 The Lord will do this for you and keep you from evil. 2 Thes 3:3 (8)
- 11 "Pray without \_\_\_\_\_." 1 Thes 5:17 (7)
- 13 The Lord shall destroy the wicked "whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and \_\_\_\_\_ wonders." 2 Thes 2:9 (5)
- 15 "For the Lord himself \_\_\_\_\_ descend from heaven with a shout." 1 Thes 4:16 (5)
- 17 Paul commands that you withdraw from every \_\_\_\_\_ who walks disorderly. 2 Thes 3:6 (7)
- 20 "But I would not have you to be ignorant, \_\_\_\_\_, concerning

them which are asleep." 1 Thes 4:13 (8)

- 21 "And the Lord direct your hearts \_\_\_\_\_ the love of God, and \_\_\_\_\_ the patient waiting for Christ." 2 Thes 3:5 (4)
- 23 Paul's exhortation was not of uncleanness or this. 1 Thes 2:3 (6)
- 24 "And to \_\_\_\_\_ them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves." 1 Thes 5:13 (6)

### Down

- 1 "For even when we \_\_\_\_\_ with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat." 2 Thes 3:10 (4)
- 2 Christ shall be glorified in his \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Thes 1:10 (6)
- 3 "But of the times and the \_\_\_\_\_, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you." 1 Thes 5:1 (7)

4 Paul describes sudden destruction as "travail upon a \_\_\_\_\_ with child." 1 Thes 5:3 (5)

- 5 "And the very God of peace sanctify you \_\_\_\_\_." 1 Thes 5:23 (6)
- 6 Paul is taken from this church for a short time in \_\_\_\_\_, but not in heart. 1 Thes 2:17 (8)
- 12 Paul comforted and did this, as a father does with his children. 1 Thes 2:11 (8)
- 14 "For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ in the night." 1 Thes 5:7 (7)
- 16 These books of the bible are a \_\_\_\_\_ to the Thessalonians. (6)
- 18 "... We speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts." 1 Thes 2:4 (6)
- 19 2 Thes 2:12 says that those that don't believe in this are damned. (5)
- 22 "For when \_\_\_\_\_ shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them." 1 Thes 5:3 (4)

## OUR HISTORY CORNER



We are delving into our archives to bring our wonderful past to light. Read the answer below to last month's picture. This month is tougher than some. Do you know who and when and what?

- ❖ Who is in the picture?
- ❖ What was the occasion?
- ❖ When was the picture taken?

ANSWERS: \_\_\_\_\_

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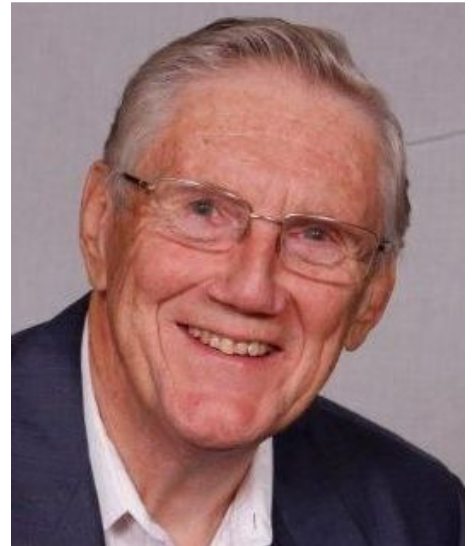
ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S PICTURE: This was probably a church membership class, possibly in the 1960's.

## New in the Church Library

By Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Brian Arthur Brown

The church library of First Baptist Church is more up to date than many church libraries in respect to new thinking and eternal values. This is reflected in recently published resources across the Christian spectrum and the interfaith context of current church missions.

***SIDE BY SIDE*** I personally preach on occasion and sometimes do programs on positive aspects of the Christian role in a multi-faith world. The old notion that we are right and everybody else is wrong seems silly these days, but we have much to offer in Christ and much to learn as led by his Spirit. In case there are any members here who are uncertain about my teachings in this regard, I have put ***SIDE BY SIDE*** into the church library to verify the American Baptist Church position, which I support. This little volume is the latest from our ABC publishing house, the Judson Press.



***AMERICAN COUNTRY CHURCHES*** This is a delightful book which was used by St. John's Stevensville United Church in Canada during a renovation a decade ago. First Baptist is not a country church, but many of us have rural roots, and these churches "in the valley by the wildwood" are part of our heritage too. As a spare copy from a sister church, this one is a keeper and a quick and easy read, published by Henry N. Abrams Inc. of NYC,

***THE ROOTS OF REFORM*** This hefty tome covers the early years of the Protestant Reformation, always of interest. Those clamoring for reforms in the church today are, in my opinion, ill-informed about the thorough reformation nearly 500 years ago. After Martin Luther and John Calvin, the next reformers were Baptist, influenced by evangelical Ulrich Zwingli and Anabaptist Simon Menno. Volume II is already in the library, and I happen to have Volume I, so I thought they should be together, a significant set from Fortress Press of the Lutheran Church.

***THE RESURRECTION OF HISTORY*** This is a recent publication from Wipf and Stock Publications and is by an author who frequently attends special events at First Baptist Church. David Bruce served United Church pulpits in Canada for 25 years and was especially known for his adult study series, *Jesus 24-7* in four volumes, before being invited by the Roman Catholic Church to come over to them to prepare a Catholic edition of that series. That is still in the works, but *The Resurrection Of History* is opening Catholic eyes and could do the same for some of us.

*[Editor's Note: These books, donated by our scholar-in-residence, are now on display in the Friendship Room. Please take time to look them over.]*

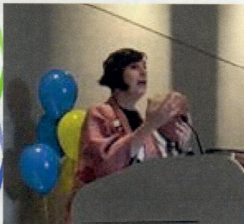


## ABHS at the ABC/USA Mission Summit at Virginia Beach

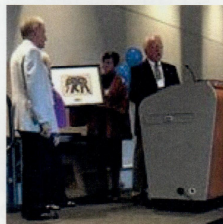


### Celebrating the Successful Conclusion of the *At Your Fingertips* Campaign

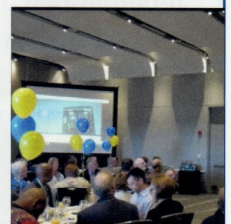
This year's American Baptist Historical Society breakfast recognized donors to *At Your Fingertips*, the Historical Society's campaign to fund the initial phases of our digital project. A total of two hundred fifty supporters provided \$480,000 to get the project off the ground. ABHS expressed appreciation to donors who gave over \$5000 with gifts of reproductions of materials from the archives. Dr. Jeffrey Haggray and Rev. Sharon Koh accepted certificates of appreciation on behalf of the organizations they lead, the American Baptist Home Mission Societies and International Ministries, respectively.



Deborah & Harold Van Broekhoven of Tucker, GA, receive their gift (below)



Beverly Fink of Manhattan, KS, receives her gift (below)



Guests watch a video about the work of the Historical Society (above)

Priscilla Eppinger welcomes guests to the ABHS breakfast (above)  
Photos courtesy of Jerrod Huguenot



Garth and Karen Brokaw of Rochester, NY, receive their gift (above)



ABHS friends and supporters Carol and George Bauer, John and Zelinda Douhan, Pearl Garner, and Everett and Jane Goodwin were unable to attend the breakfast and were thanked in their absence.

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FINGERTIPS

### In the Exhibit Hall

ABHS staff greeted old friends and made new ones. The main display told some of the story of the ABC of the South, the region hosting the 2019 Mission Summit. A second display showed highlights of the construction and dedication of ABC/USA Mission Center at Valley Forge, PA.



Rev. Paul Reeder again repaired books for attendees in return for a donation to benefit ABHS. Thank you, Paul!



Priscilla Eppinger, Kay Eland, and Jenny Manasco at the ABHS booth  
Photo courtesy of Bridget Lipin



## Time Capsule to Remain Open in October

On Sunday, September 15, 2019, we opened our time capsule after lunch. Many interesting items were in the drum and we all enjoyed seeing and reading them..

A note in the time capsule asked that we keep the items in the capsule and add to them for a future opening.

We will keep the time capsule open and in the Friendship Room. Please bring any appropriate things you have and put them in the drum during the month of October. We will then seal up the capsule for a future opening.

Many items have been suggested: a letter from your present self to your future self; a program; pictures of all sorts; recollections of a meeting or an outing; and anything else that would possibly be of interest to us in the future.

You don't have to be a current attendee of First Baptist to contribute. Send us something in the mail. It's always fascinating to find items from our past in the next opening.

