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January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>☺ The month of January has quite a bit on the calendar. There is the <i>brief</i> Annual Budget Meeting on the 19th and also a celebration of New Year's traditions around the world with our Second Sunday lunch on the fourth Sunday (January 26th) with Chinese food.</p> <p>☺ January also has the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from the 18th through the 25th.</p>			<p>1</p>  <p>Name of Jesus</p>	2	3	4
<p>5 CHRISTMAS 2</p> <p>EPIPHANY (Observed)</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship</p> <p>11:00 Divine Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Epiphany of Our Lord</p>	7	<p>8</p> <p>12:15 Inasmuch luncheon</p>	9	10	11
<p>12 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship</p> <p>11:00 Divine Worship</p> <p>Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching</p>	13	14	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 Trustees/ Diaconate Meeting</p>	16	17	<p>18</p> <p>Confession of Peter</p> <p>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins</p>
<p>19 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship</p> <p>11:00 Divine Worship</p> <p>Rev. William Thomas, preaching</p> <p><i>Third Sunday Food Collection</i></p> <p>12:15 Annual Budget Meeting</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>Martin Luther King, Jr.</p>	21	22	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>Conversion of St. Paul</p> <p>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends</p>
<p>26 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship</p> <p>11:00 Divine Worship</p> <p>Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching</p> <p>12:15 Chinese New Year's lunch celebration</p>	27	28	29	30	31	



January Birthdays

5	Ken Bowser
13	Sara Gromniak
14	James Flood
14	Joseph Heasley
14	Christopher Taylor
14	Benedict Arnold
14	Albert Schweitzer
22	Betty Richardson
22	Gisela Scott



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for Nadeem Robin, the Martin family, Toby Ordiway, 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.



January 1 — NAME OF JESUS

No service, but read Luke 2:15-21.

January 5 – Sunday – EPIPHANY (Observed)

10:00 AM	Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship with Holy Communion Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching

January 8 — Wednesday

12:15 PM	Inasmuch Lunch
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January 12 — Sunday — BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

10:00 AM	Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching

January 15 — Wednesday

7:00 PM	Diaconate/Trustees Meeting
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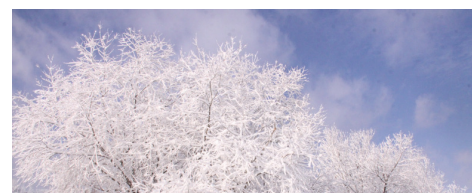
January 19 — Sunday — EPIPHANY 2

10:00 AM	Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship Rev. William Thomas, preaching <i>Third Sunday Food Collection</i>

12:15 PM	Annual Budget Meeting
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January 26 — Sunday — EPIPHANY 3

10:00 AM	Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching
12:15 PM	Chinese New Year's lunch celebration





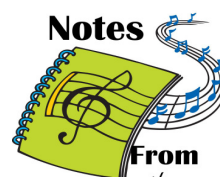
How about a new T-shirt for fall? We have a new shipment of T-shirts with First Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, New York, imprinted on them below the "I Love My Church" slogan.

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.



Notes From the Moderator ...

WE AT FIRST BAPTIST wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!! Our Christmas season is ending, Christmas Eve is behind us and our candle lit service which is a unique service is a very pleasant memory. Candles, music and Scripture illuminated our evening of faith and family. Soon the Mission/Mitten Tree items will be delivered to Community Mission and we thank all those who purchased or made items for the tree. We thank Jim Flood for his music and the wonderful recital he played for the Gift of Music Concert and all the services of this season.

The Christmas Tea this year featured Vanessa Jones from New Hope Baptist Church who spoke eloquently on the need to educate our children in growing their faith. We thank the bakers for the tasty treats. One thing that sticks in the mind from that event is churches need to remember their bookends, their children and their seniors as part of the core of the church and have great value to the congregations. As we sat in the midst of the Nativity scenes from our beautiful Nativity Festival the sense of community of caring surrounded everyone.

The Nativity Festival/Basket Auction for the Sunday school program was very successful and we thank Lydia and Katona, Jen Benn, and the Rev. Kath Ordiway for organizing it. Thank you to all basket donors as your efforts gains over \$700 for programs for Sunday school.

Looking forward to January, our special Sunday will be Jan. 26th. Celebrations of the New Year around the World is our focus for January, specifically the Chinese New Year. Other cultures celebrate different dates and customs for the New Year. We'll have our "Second Sunday" lunch that day and enjoy Chinese Food.

Our Annual Budget Meeting will be January 19th. All members are invited to stay for a *brief* meeting to approve our 2020 Budget which the Finance Committee has proposed to the Diaconate and Trustees.

Due to variable weather issues in January and February, our meetings may be after church on a Sunday. Check your phones for texts on those second Wednesdays for changes as needed.

The Candy makers made over 400 pounds for Walnut Butter Crunch candy which is still for sale at \$10 per box. We have about 150 pounds left so call the office or pick it up any Sunday this month.

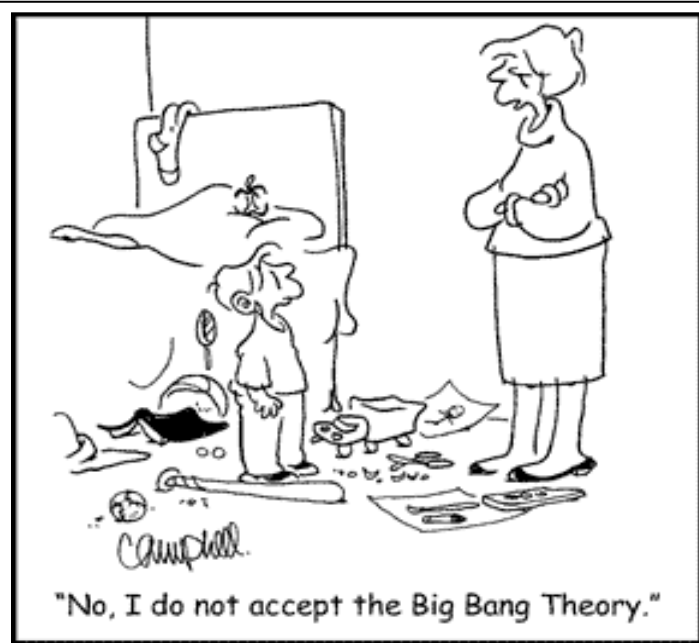
We continue to pray for Christians being persecuted around the world and extend that prayer to those of other faiths persecuted for their beliefs. India and Pakistan are having great difficulties in their cultures around religion. There is much on the International scene that needs prayer.

Donna Flood
Moderator

Last Month's Crossword Answers

2 Timothy









The Candy Makers were hard at work this fall and many boxes of walnut butter crunch are still for sale.

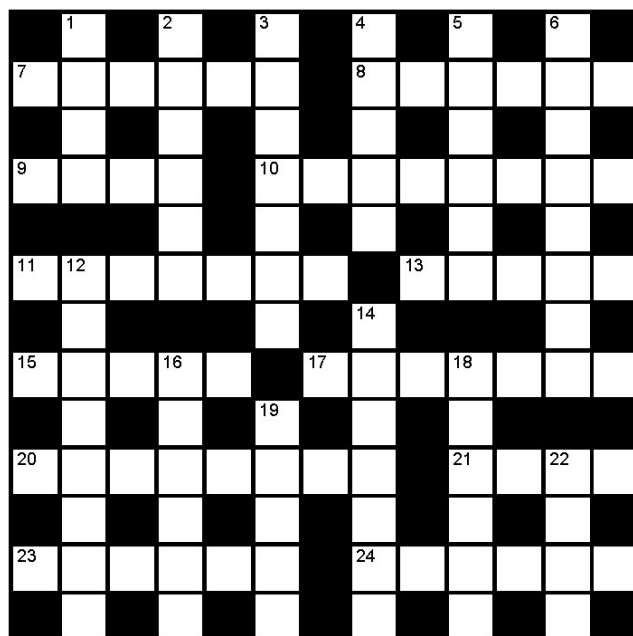
Call the Church office (282-4666) or see any of the candy makers for one-pound boxes of our delicious treat for still the same price at \$10.00

All ages are participating in our Church activities!



Bible Crossword Puzzles (King James Version)

Titus



Across

- 7 Paul instructs Titus to ____ elders. Titus 1:5 (6)
- 8 In the beginning, God created this and the earth. Gen 1:1 (6)
- 9 Some profess to know God, but do this by their works. Titus 1:16 (4)
- 10 A friend and companion of Paul. Titus 3:12 (8)
- 11 Zenas and Apollos were going on this. Titus 3:13 (7)
- 13 "Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering ____." Titus 2:9 (5)
- 15 "And let our's also ____ to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful." Titus 3:14 (5)
- 17 Older women are to teach younger women to be these at home. Titus 2:5 (7)
- 20 Along with love, this appeared toward man. Titus 3:4 (8)

- 21 Paul instructs Titus that the elders he chooses should not have children that are "accused of ____." Titus 1:6 (4)
- 23 Heavenly creatures. (6)
- 24 "This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou ____ constantly ..." Titus 3:8 (6)

Down

- 1 "This witness is ____." Titus 1:13 (4)
- 2 The profession of Zenas. Titus 3:13 (6)
- 3 "For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish ... and hating one ____." Titus 3:3 (7)
- 4 "In hope of eternal life, ____ God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began." Titus 1:2 (5)
- 5 "This is a faithful ____ ..." Titus 3:8 (6)

- 6 God wanted to purify for Himself this type of people. Titus 2:14 (8)
- 12 "Exhort servants to be ____ unto their own masters." Titus 2:9 (8)
- 14 Anointed one. (7)
- 16 Christ came to ____ us from iniquity. Titus 2:14 (6)
- 18 Christ came to "____ unto himself" a people. Titus 2:14 (6)
- 19 "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." Titus, Chapter 2, ____ 11. (5)
- 22 "And let ____ also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful." Titus 3:14 (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 not so tough. Do you know who and when and what?

- ❖ Who is in the picture? Name them all..
- ❖ What was the occasion?
- ❖ When was the picture taken?

ANSWERS: _____

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S PICTURE: Pictured left to right: Walter Bennett; James Ripson; Mrs. Andrew Baxter; and Mrs. Edith Hall.



The Nativity Festival

Saturday,
December 7, 2019

People brought in their crèches to display and beautify the Friendship Room.



The displays remained up for
the Christmas Tea, Sunday,
December 15, 2019





On Saturday, December 7, 2019, the Sunday School held a basket auction at the same time to benefit the Sunday School activities. It was very successful, raising almost \$700 to benefit future programs and activities.



The baskets were well laid out in the gym with a large variety of interesting items.

Photo credits: Donna Flood



The Christmas Tea



On Sunday afternoon, December 15, 2019,. First Baptist Church held its annual Christmas Tea.

This year Vanessa Jones from New Hope Baptist Church was the speaker. Donna Flood, our Moderator, writes in her article this month “The Christmas Tea this year featured Vanessa Jones from New Hope Baptist Church who spoke eloquently on the need to educate our children in growing their faith. We thank the bakers for the tasty treats. One thing that sticks in the mind from that event is churches need to remember their bookends, their children and their seniors as part of the core of the church and have great value to the congregations. As we sat in the midst of the Nativity scenes from our beautiful Nativity Festival the sense of community of caring surrounded everyone.”

The ladies from New Hope Baptist Church supported Vanessa with their attendance and warm fellowship.







FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH decorates a tree at Christmastime each year at the New York State Power Authority. Complete with a garland, ornaments, pictures and Church brochures it lets everyone know that First Baptist is active, alive and celebrating the season.