

# TOWER TOPICS

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# August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>➔ Time to think rummage sale! Bring in your items any time the office is open. The rummage sale will be the second weekend of October, so that gives you time to bring in your treasures and allows time to organize.</p> <p>➔ Is anyone interested in writing an article for the Tower? The subject is your choice. Let your voice be heard!</p> <p>➔ Let Donna know if you will be able to help with the Rummage Sale.</p>						1
<b>2 10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 10:00 Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship with Holy Communion Mrs. Kathleen Ordiway, preaching 5:00 L.I.F.E.	<b>3</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>4</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>5</b> OFFICE CLOSED 12:15 Inasmuch lunch 	<b>6</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM Men's Coffee Time 	<b>8</b>
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<b>16 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 10:00 Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Mrs. Kathleen Ordiway, preaching <i>Third Sunday Food Collection</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00 AM Men's Coffee Time 	<b>22</b>
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## Birthdays

7	David Ward.
11	Michael Baxter
12	Katie Kundl Canterbury
13	Andrew N. Baxter
14	Deborah Boeskin
15	Judy Ward
17	Herbert Lewis
19	Thomas Culbreth
30	Chris Kundl



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for Sara Gromniak, Margaret Payne, Mark Clark, Mark Williams, Jr., Patricia Smeal, Margaret Saul, Janet Keebler, Celia Krasinski, Neal Jacobs, Gladys Lewis, Dawn (Schutz) Lynn, Bertha and Harold Bissell, our Church family, our missionaries, our Country and all those who serve our Country.



### August 2 – Sunday

#### TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

### August 5 – Wednesday

12:15 PM	Inasmuch luncheon
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### August 9 — Sunday

#### ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM	Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship Rev. Brian Brown, FRSA, preaching
12:15 PM	Second Sunday Lunch

### August 12 — Wednesday

7:00 PM	Diaconate/Trustees Meeting
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### August 16 — Sunday

#### TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

### August 23 — Sunday

#### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM	Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching

### August 30 — Sunday

10:00 AM	Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship Rev. Brian Brown, FRSA, preaching

**Office Closed July 28 – August 6, 2015**

Church Office Hours: 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday — Friday

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**L. I. F. E.**

Lively Interesting Fellowship for Everyone

**Sunday, August 2, 2015**

**5:00 PM**

**"It's Summer!"**

Pot Luck.

Bring a dish to pass.

Sign up in the Friendship Room.

## 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.

## Last month's answers

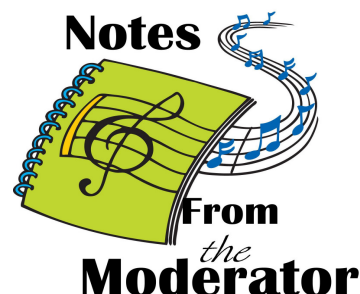
### Genesis



## Summer Recap



## Notes



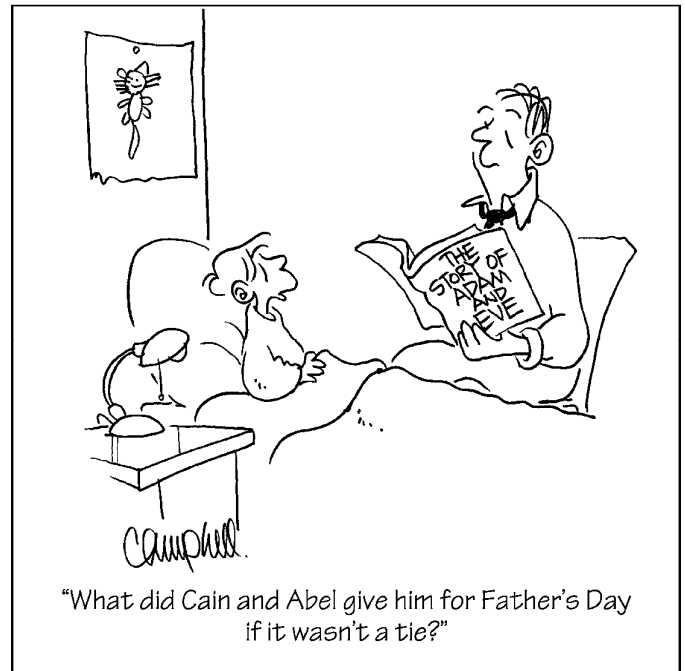
July was a quieter month and hopefully relaxing and rejuvenating for all. The month of August will be a planning time to restart our church programs and the church year. Our Diaconate meeting this month will focus on calendar dates as well as expanding programs that are working and deleting ones that are not. Many factors cause programming to change and it's a growing process as we reflect our changing church.

Thinking ahead, rummage is accumulating in the basement for our October sale. If you need a clean out or a pick up, call the office to schedule a time. Electronic equipment doesn't sell so send those items to a recycle center. We accept clothing, books, toys, and household items.

By the time the Rummage Sale happens, our gym floor may have had some carpenter's attention on the bad spots making the gym more appealing to look at and easier to walk upon. Promoting events continues to be a concern so the Diaconate will be looking at media outlets, costs, and effectiveness. Bible Study will continue in the fall leading up to Advent and Christmas. Deepening your knowledge and faith is part of the personal journey we all travel in life. Our church studies are open to the community and all are welcome.

*Donna Flood*

goodbye  
**August**  
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This is the Eternal Light in our sanctuary. It is located near the altar and burns continually. The eternal fire is a long-standing tradition in many cultures and religions. It symbolizes the eternal light and presence of God.

### Need a Little Transportation?

Sometimes lack of transportation keeps a person from coming to church when they want to. Do you or someone you know need transportation to come to First Baptist? Let us see what we can do. Call the Church office (716-282-4666) to let us know your needs and we will see what can be done to help out.



### The Play

I would like to start by both congratulating and thanking the congregation for hosting and producing the play, *Three Testaments: Shalom, Peace, Salam* in June. One of my colleagues exclaimed, "So that is what a Scholar-in-Residence does ... where can I find such a congregation?"

Together we succeeded in engaging the community, including some from Buffalo to Toronto, but definitely closer to home for the most part. This included local Jews, local Muslims and local Christians, both those wishing their churches could mount such a relevant show, and other Christians who have given up on churches that have little idea or interest in what is going on in the world.

The impact of this play on Niagara Falls, NY, may take years to appreciate, and we hope to undertake more such ventures meanwhile, but as one drives around and notices the empty and inactive church structures which dot the landscape in these times, First Baptist has served notice that we are here and we know what is going on. A visiting couple the other week said as much.

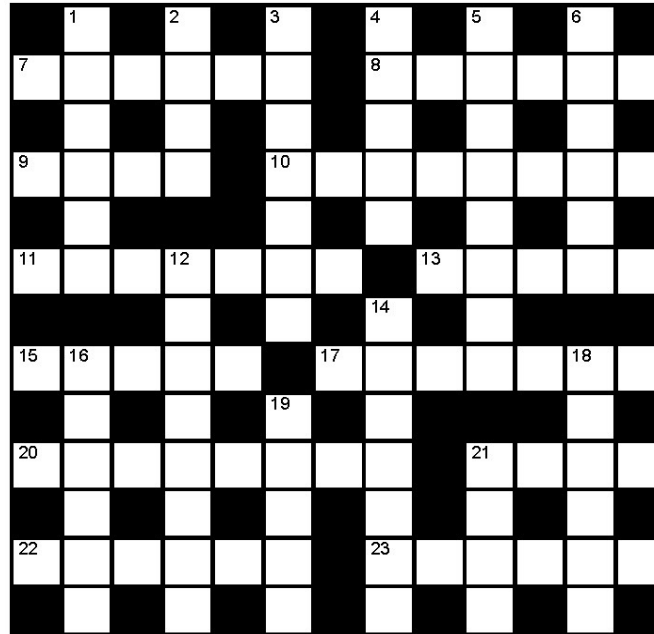
In detail, we broke even financially, with generous assistance from Jewish, Muslim and Christian supporters in the USA and Canada who appreciated what we were doing. We had dreamed of 1,000 in attendance, but that was too optimistic. There were a couple nights in which there were over a hundred patrons in the house, but usually 30 to 50 per evening with even fewer patrons once during the ten nights, and always another 20 – 25 present as actors and behind the scenes personnel. Maybe the attendance was 1,000 after all if we count those who saw the play time and again.

We also cleared over \$300.00 for the *Inasmuch* circle, and almost another \$300.00 from the play patrons alone for the *One Great Hour of Sharing*, but this event was not intended to be a fund raiser as much as a consciousness raiser, for the community to become more conscious of the leadership role of First Baptist, and for our own members to become more aware of the spiritual dynamics of the confused and troubled times in which we minister. Special thanks and congratulations to nearly two dozen of our own members who served in large and small ways in this undertaking.

**Brian Arthur Brown**  
**Scholar-in-Residence**

# Bible Crossword Puzzles (King James Version)

## Exodus



### Across

- 7 Aaron was this. Ex 28:1 (6)
- 8 The Jews who saw Moses' crime said, "Who made thee a \_\_\_\_\_ and a judge over us?" Ex 2:14 (6)
- 9 "This is my name for \_\_\_\_\_." Ex 3:15 (4)
- 10 The garments of Aaron and the priests are to be \_\_\_\_\_. Ex 29:29 (8)
- 11 God promises to \_\_\_\_\_ the borders of Israel. Ex 34:24 (7)
- 13 "And the third row a ligure, an \_\_\_\_\_, and an amethyst." Ex 28:19 (5)
- 15 The LORD troubles the Egyptians during the morning \_\_\_\_\_. Ex 14:24 (5)
- 17 "The cause of both \_\_\_\_\_ shall come before the judges." Ex 22:9 (7)
- 20 "Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have \_\_\_\_\_." Ex 23:20 (8)
- 21 The people of Israel wanted Moses to speak to them, rather

than God directly, "\_\_\_\_\_ we die." Ex 20:19 (4)

- 22 The feast of unleavened bread is celebrated in the month Abib when the Israelites "\_\_\_\_\_ out from Egypt." Ex 34:18 (6)
- 23 This word describes someone who lends money at an unfair rate. Ex 22:25 (6)

### Down

- 1 "And they were \_\_\_\_\_ out from Pharaoh's presence." Ex 10:11 (6)
- 2 "Come \_\_\_\_\_ before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings." Ex 16:9 (4)
- 3 "Ye shall offer no \_\_\_\_\_ incense thereon, nor burnt sacrifice, nor meat offering; neither shall ye pour drink offering thereon." Ex 30:9 (7)
- 4 A garment that the priests wore. Ex 28:4 (5)
- 5 The LORD smote the firstborn in Egypt at this time of the night. Ex 12:29 (8)

6 "Then shall an oath of the LORD be between them both, that he hath not put his hand unto his neighbour's goods; and the owner of it shall \_\_\_\_\_ thereof, and he shall not make it good." Ex 22:11 (6)

- 12 Exodus 28:38 describes what Aaron should wear, "that they may be \_\_\_\_\_ before the LORD." (8)
- 14 One of the types of stones that was set in the breastplate that the priests wore. Ex 28:17 (7)
- 16 The Israelites were scattered \_\_\_\_\_ throughout Egypt. Ex 5:12 (6)
- 18 God set up judges for Moses. "So shall it be \_\_\_\_\_ for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee." Ex 18:22 (6)
- 19 "And he made for the altar a brassen \_\_\_\_\_ of network under the compass thereof beneath unto the midst of it." Ex 38:4 (5)
- 21 Describes the sound of the trumpet. Ex 19:16 (4)

THIS LETTER FROM THE SACRED SITES PROGRAM of the New York Landmarks Conservancy is of interest to us as our external building restoration project has now drawn to a close.

THE NEW YORK  
LANDMARKS  
CONSERVANCY

July 14, 2015

James D. Flood, Church Administrator  
First Baptist Church  
554 Main Street  
Niagara Falls, NY 14301

Dear Mr. Flood:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the New York Landmarks Conservancy, I am delighted to send a check in the amount of \$3,000, to help fund masonry repair at the rear elevation. This grant has been made available from The New York Landmarks Conservancy's Sacred Sites Program.

The New York Landmarks Conservancy commends both you and the members of First Baptist Church for the commitment and dedication that have been shown with respect to the preservation of this historic sacred site. It is a pleasure to be able to assist with efforts to ensure that the building will last well into the future, and we wish you well with this endeavor.

Sincerely,



Peg Breen  
President

Enclosure



**While the American Baptist Church** is a non-creedal church, that does not mean that we do not have statements of faith and other such documents to help us realize our faith and beliefs. Our Church Covenant is one such document and one with which we may not all be familiar.

## First Baptist Church

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### The Church Covenant

We believe in God, the Father, infinite wisdom, goodness and love; and in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord and Savior, who for us and our salvation lived and died and rose again and liveth evermore: and in the Holy Spirit, who taketh of the things of Christ and revealeth them to us, renewing, comforting, and inspiring the souls of all.

We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and in our purpose to walk in the ways of the Lord, made known or to be made known to us.

We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the Gospel to all mankind, exalting the worship of one true God, and laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of human brotherhood.

Depending, as did our fathers, upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us all into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the kingdom of God; and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and the life everlasting.



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## Nearly 10,000 Households in Nepal Receive Aid from IM Partner



Photo courtesy of United Mission to Nepal

News from [International Ministries](#)

June 19, 2015

The first earthquake hit Nepal on April 25, 2015. Within days, American Baptist International Ministries (IM) had reached out to help with the first phase of relief efforts—emergency care and supplies—with funds from the American Baptist Churches' [One Great Hour of Sharing](#) (OGHS) offering. This aid was sent to IM's partners in Nepal, including [United Mission to Nepal](#) (UMN).

As of June 8, UMN had provided relief to 9,980 households, including many in the hardest-hit and most difficult-to-reach areas. In this [three-minute video](#), see how UMN brought hope to a remote and impoverished village that had been devastated by the earthquake.

