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November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>✚ Contributions to the Election Day Bake Sale are needed. See Donna Flood, Hazel Baxter, or Connie Davis</p> <p>✚ Plan to help with the Hanging of the Greens after church on Sunday, November 24.</p> <p>✚ Now is a good time to think about participating in a service in a modest way. We are looking for two people to give a short “stewardship moment” in November and we are looking for five teams to do the Advent wreath lighting ceremony at the beginning of the services in Advent. Call the Church office (282-4666) to be a participant!</p>					1 10:00 AM Men's Coffee Time 	2
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November Birthdays

1	Sarah Denney
10	David Martin
18	Jennifer McGrath
26	Peggy Scott
26	Dana Clark
27	Sara Clark
29	Charles Compton
29	Debra Heller



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.



November 3 — Sunday — Pentecost 21

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

10:00 AM	Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship with Holy Communion Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching <i>The Reading of the Necrology</i>

November 5 — Tuesday

6:00 AM – 9:00 PM — Election Day Bake Sale

November 6 — Wednesday

12:15 PM	Inasmuch Lunch
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November 10 — Sunday — Pentecost 22

10:00 AM	Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship Ms Catherine Chambers, preaching
12:15 PM	Second Sunday lunch

November 13 — Wednesday

7:00 PM	Diaconate/Trustees Meeting
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November 17 — Sunday — Pentecost 23

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

November 24 — Sunday — Pentecost 24

CHRIST THE KING THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

10:00 AM	Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching
12:15 PM	Hanging of the Greens





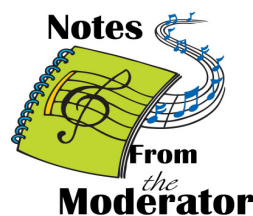
How about a new T-shirt for fall? We have a new shipment of T-shirts with First Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, New York, imprinted on them below the "I Love My Church" slogan.

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.



OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS included a successful Rummage and Chowder Sale and an International Second Sunday lunch. We thank the rummagers, Cheryl Taylor, Connie Davis, Hazel Baxter, Marge Bozigar and Donna Flood for arranging, selling, and cleaning up our sale which netted \$250. We appreciate all the donations for our community event. We even had guests from Idaho! Our second event was the International Potluck luncheon on our second Sunday. The favorite recipes from family favorites from Pakistan, Ireland, and the southern United States provided varied tastes.

The Crop Walk collection netted \$165 from our congregation. Other congregations from Niagara Falls participated for a total of \$800 for food. The 25% that is returned to our community goes to Heart, Love, & Soul, Community Missions, and the Salvation Army. The remainder provides food around the world through CWS.

In November, the Candy makers gather to make the delicious butter walnut crunch candy which is our big fall fund raising effort. The plan is to make candy for five mornings this month to have the taste of Christmas ready for next month. If you want to order, contact the church office sooner rather than later to get your treats fresh off the production line.

Election Day is November 5. Plan to vote your conscience and pick the new mayor of Niagara Falls and other important officials locally and across the state. Our bakers will be holding the Bake Sale at Niagara Frontier Fire Hall from 7 AM to sell out at that election site. If you'd like to help, contact Donna through the church office. Transportation will be provided.

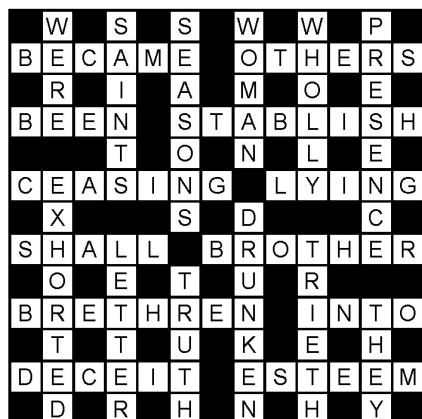
Community Missions is an important charity focus for Thanksgiving. If you'd like to donate food items for holiday celebrations for the less fortunate, bring in your shelf stable items during the month. They will be distributed to the needy.

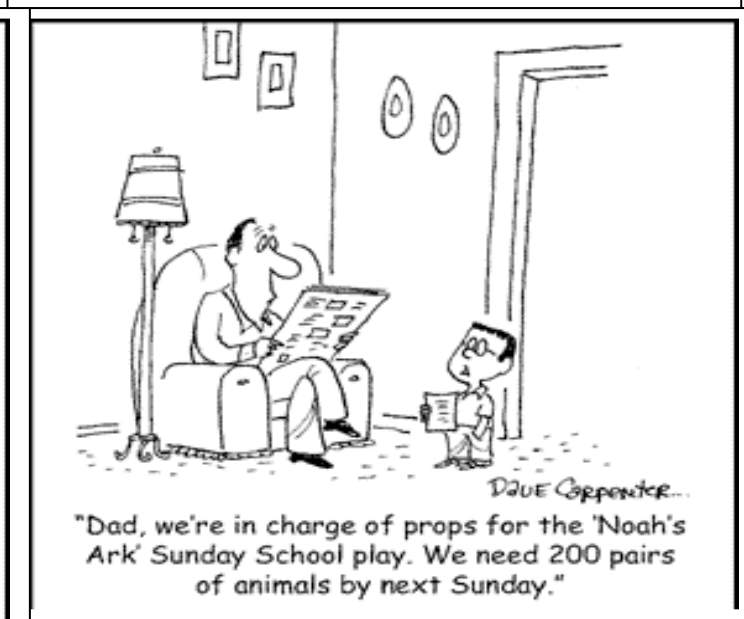
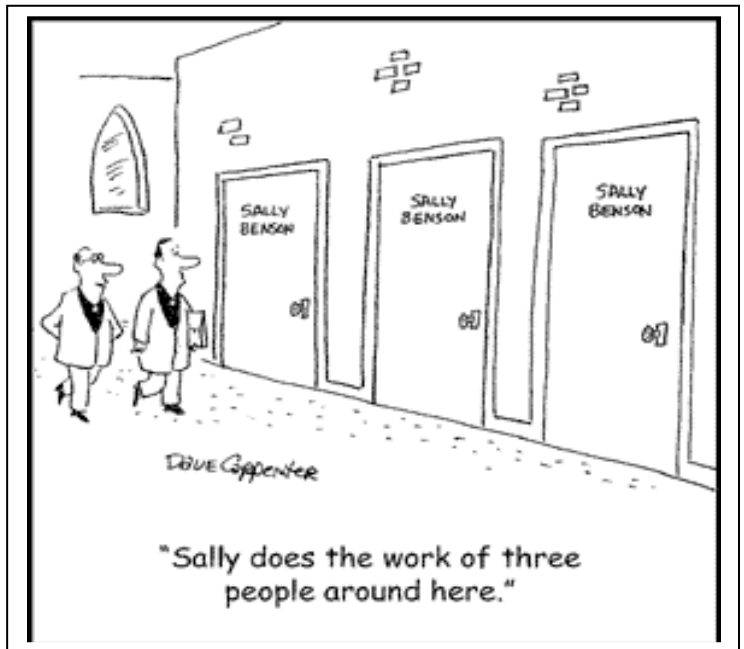
November is also pledge month. Pledging your financial support is very important for the financial wellbeing of our church and its upkeep and outreach programs. The 2020 Budget will be prepared after the pledges come in. Time and talent are also most valued and are necessary. Many hands make light work when it comes to getting work done and First Baptist has a tradition of doers and donors.

Donna Flood
Moderator

Last Month's Crossword Answers

1 and 2 Thessalonians





David & Joyce Reed now serving as IM's Global Coordinators of Spiritual Care



[David and Joyce Reed](#) have been reassigned to serve as IM's *Global Coordinators* for Spiritual Care*. In this role, they will broaden and expand work they have done as Regional Consultants for Spiritual Care in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean to focus on cultivating a culture of health and well-being for IM personnel around the globe, as well as in the home office in King of Prussia, PA. They will collaborate with IM leadership and area directors to coordinate implementation of Goals for Personnel Care set forth in IM's strategic plan *Responding to the Call*.

David and Joyce served for 16 years as IM missionaries in La Paz, Mexico and have served 4 years in their regional role facilitating spiritual care for global servants. Joyce is currently a doctoral student at Portland Seminary focusing on spiritual formation and leadership in her ministry context with global servants. She and David teach in the Masters of Theological Studies in Latino/a Ministries which is a joint venture of IM, Palmer Theological Seminary, and the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. In recent years, they have integrated spiritual care practices more deeply into IM's annual Conference for Missionaries and Hear the Call Retreats.

Their aim as spiritual caregivers is ...

- to offer spiritual guidance, support, and presence
- to provide workshops and retreats on self-care, soul care, and community care practices
- to research and find resources to support spiritual growth and health;
- to walk with colleagues through significant times of transition, transformation, grief and loss
- to mentor global servants during their first years on the field.

"This new assignment carries forward IM's historical commitment to care for its global servants," says Jim Bell. "Care for Personnel' is a high value for IM. As global coordinators for spiritual care, David and Joyce will allow IM to more intentionally cultivate a culture of health and member care which sustains and nurtures global servants and staff so that they may thrive and be effective in following God's call to global service."

News and Events at First Baptist

Election Day Bake Sale

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IS ONCE AGAIN teaming with Frontier Fire Hall for an Election Day Bake Sale! We need your help in three ways! Let Donna Flood know how you are able to help this year.

First, we need bakers! Cupcakes, cookies, cakes, pies, candies, brownies, sweet breads - you name it, they want it! Wrap your items for sale (ziplock bags, plastic wrap, boxes ...)

Second, we need sellers! It's a long day ... 6 a.m. until 9 p.m. We will have a table set up for as long as we can get volunteers to sit and sell.

Let everyone know where they can buy some delicious baked goods!

Put Tuesday, November 5th on your calendar. The bake sale will be at the Frontier Fire Hall, 2176 Liberty Drive.

Nativity Festival and Children's Basket Auction

ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH we will be having a Nativity Festival again and adding a Basket Auction to benefit the Sunday School program. The day is open to the public!

There will be beautiful and heart-warming nativities displayed, a free craft to take home and Christmas music to enjoy.

Choose which of your nativities you would like to display on this special day! Maybe you'd like to bring 2 or 3, or like a few have in the past, you'd like to display 10 or 15! Write a little history of your nativity. Did someone make it? Was it a gift? Did it belong to a great grandparent?

Also, let Rev Kath know if you or someone you know would like to offer your talents to the music portion of the day. Sing a carol, lead a sing-a-long, dance, play an instrument - share a Christmas story.

As our Sunday School program continues to grow, Miss Katona, Miss Lydia and Miss Jenn are organizing a Basket Auction to support the program, including camp for the kids and other wonderful events. If you are interested in donating a basket, please see Miss Katona. We will be advertising the auction to the community and are hoping for a great turnout.

Let everyone know they can enjoy these two wonderful events at the same time!

Community Missions Retreat

ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, Rev Kath, with the help of Katona, Eileen and Sally ... and anyone else who would like to join us - will be leading a retreat at Community Missions. The ladies at the mission are a joy for us to spend a few hours with and always love the retreats.

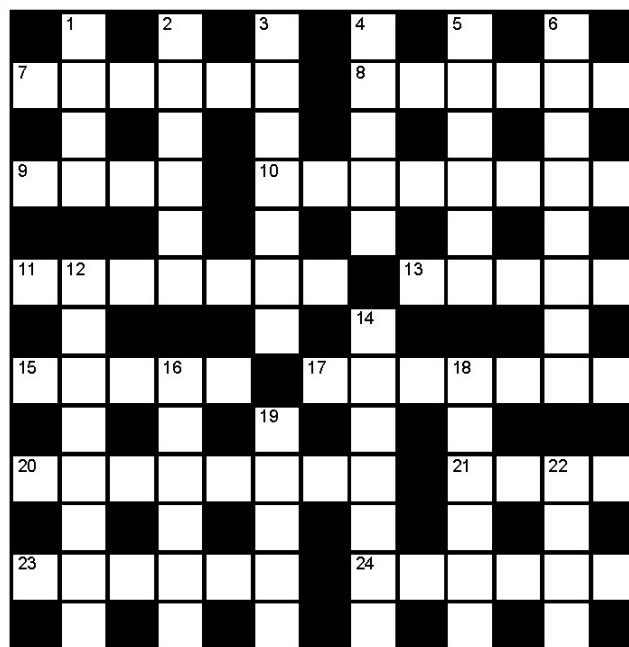
This year's theme is: For This I Am Thankful. We have to be contagious in our thankfulness - even when it's hard to find even the smallest thing for which to be thankful. We are told in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

The mission usually provides a pastries and coffee to begin our day and then serves lunch. There is no cost for the day.

If you are able to help, or you would just like to attend or to invite a friend, please see Kath.

Bible Crossword Puzzles (King James Version)

1 Timothy



Across

- 7 "For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good _____, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus." 1 Tim 3:13 (6)
- 8 Paul exhorts that this be made for all men. 1 Tim 2:1 (6)
- 9 "But thou, O man of God, _____ these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness." 1 Tim 6:11 (4)
- 10 In 1 Tim 1:7, Paul instructs Timothy about some who have turned aside to meaningless talk and "desiring to be _____ of the law" but do not understand what they say. (8)
- 11 In later times some will depart from the faith and teach false practices like forbidding marriage and commanding to _____ from meats. 1 Tim 4:3 (7)
- 13 Women are to adorn themselves in modest apparel, not costly _____. 1 Tim 2:9 (5)
- 15 For a man to be a bishop, he should not be a novice so that he isn't lifted up with this. 1 Tim 3:6 (5)
- 17 The recipient of this letter. (7)

- 20 "And the grace of our Lord was exceeding _____ with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." 1 Tim 1:14 (8)
- 21 To abstain from food as a spiritual sign of worship. (4)
- 23 "But if I tarry long, that thou _____ know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God." 1 Tim 3:15 (6)
- 24 Paul instructs not to be high minded or trust in uncertain _____. 1 Tim 6:17 (6)

Down

- 1 The place where Jesus refers to "the fire that never shall be quenched." Mark 9:43 (4)
- 2 Christ is both king and this. (6)
- 3 "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is _____ we can carry nothing out." 1 Tim 6:7 (7)
- 4 We can trust Paul as a preacher, apostle, and teacher of the Gentiles. He says, "I _____ the

truth in Christ, and lie not." 1 Tim 2:7 (5)

5 "But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself _____ unto godliness." 1 Tim 4:7 (6)

6 Paul and Timothy "both labour and suffer _____" because of their calling. 1 Tim 4:10 (8)

- 12 This criminal was set free in the place of Christ. (8)
- 14 Timothy is to treat the older women as mothers and the younger as these. 1 Tim 5:2 (7)
- 16 "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath _____ the faith, and is worse than an infidel." 1 Tim 5:8 (6)
- 18 Paul gives instruction on the _____ of a deacon and a bishop in 1 Tim 3. (6)
- 19 One of the things Paul encourages Timothy to follow after in 1 Tim 6:11. (5)
- 22 "God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, _____ of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." 1 Tim 3:16 (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: _____

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S PICTURE: A reception. Jeanne Barns serving and Mr. Myron and Mrs. Norma Weaver at the table.

More in the Church Library

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

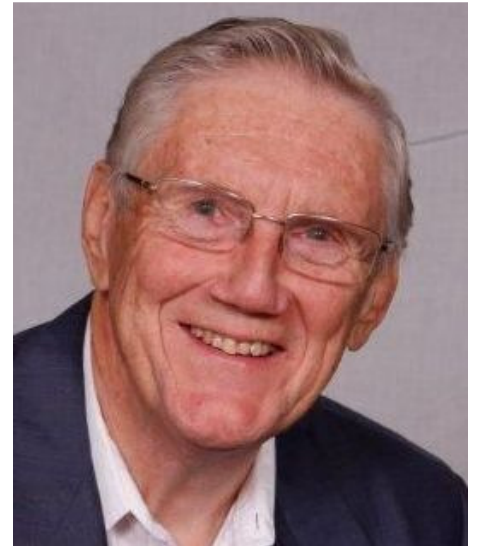
The Kingdom of God is a Party

Since the death of Billy Graham, many people would say that the most recognized and admired Baptist preacher in America is Tony Campolo, and he happens to be affiliated with the American Baptist Church, just like us. We had the good fortune to have Campolo as the guest speaker at the 175th anniversary dinner of this congregation the year before last.

He preaches and teaches from his position as professor of sociology at Eastern College, a Baptist seminary in St. David's, Pennsylvania. Books like *Who Switched the Price Tags* and *Hot Potatoes Christians are Afraid to Touch* emphasize his attitude about worship where we are to "rejoice" and "celebrate" and sing Hallelujah as if we mean it.

My favourite book by my friend Tony is called *The Kingdom of God is a Party*. Things around this church are pretty lively and even joyful. People are even getting used to the idea of laughing in church when one of the ministers tells a joke ... always with a point related to the sermon. I put a copy of Tony Campolo's book about happiness into the church library, relating our beliefs to a positive outlook in church life and beyond. I invite you to pick up this good read and enjoy it: *The Kingdom of God is a Party*.

[Editor's Note: This book, donated by our scholar-in-residence, is now on display in the Friendship Room. Please take time to look it over.]





International Ministries, also known as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, works cross-culturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim, through both word and deed, God's reign of justice, peace and abundant life for all creation.

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Inviting People to Be Disciples of Jesus



EVANGELISM

IM shares the gospel of Jesus Christ in respectful and creative ways.



DISCIPLESHIP

IM nurtures both individuals and communities in their knowledge of and commitment to Christ.



THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

IM trains church leaders in both formal and nontraditional settings.

Proclaiming God's Reign of Justice, Peace and Abundant Life



IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

IM serves immigrants and refugees, building upon the celebrated immigrant and refugee ministries of American Baptist congregations, regions, national organizations and partners in order to develop similar ministries on a global level.



PEACE AND JUSTICE

IM works with the Body of Christ around the world to embody God's love in situations of discord, suffering and conflict.

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IM provides exemplary services to survivors of trafficking in persons and all forms of modern-day slavery.

**EDUCATION**

IM promotes the liberating power of education through ministries that range from basic literacy through graduate study.

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

IM transforms lives in the name of Jesus Christ by empowering people and communities through economic development.

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

IM engages in curative, preventive and educational ministries around the world that promote holistic health and wellness.

Equipping the Body of Christ to Engage in God's Mission**PROMOTION OF MISSION "FROM EVERYWHERE TO EVERYONE"**

IM assists the efforts of churches and partners around the world as they engage in cross-cultural ministry and send their own missionaries.

**SHORT-TERM MISSION ENGAGEMENT**

IM promotes and provides opportunities for individuals, churches, American Baptist regions and educational institutions to engage in life-changing cross-cultural ministry experiences.

**YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS**

IM inspires youth and young adults to grow as disciples of Jesus.

**TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING**