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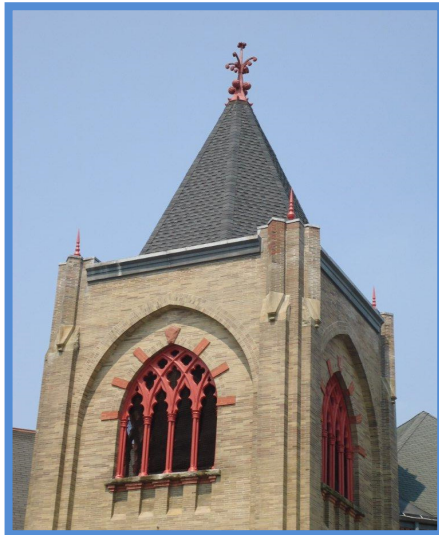
# TOWER TOPICS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

## First Baptist Church

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

2014



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Niagara Falls, New York 14301-1584

# July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>➤ This summer month of July we'll be holding a "Family Night" on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The program will consist of the new Veggie Tales: <i>The Fennel Frontier</i>. Those of you who know the Veggie Tales series will enjoy this latest production which is very professionally done. The theme is learning to share with others. Invite your friends and acquaintances, young children through adults! Free popcorn and lots of fun!</p>		<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Pastor Wes on Vacation</p> <p>12:15 Inasmuch at Donna Flood's house</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 OFFICE CLOSED</p>  <p>Independence Day</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</p> <p>10:00 Pre-service Fellowship</p> <p>11:00 Divine Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching</p> <p>5:00 L.I.F.E. "Red, White or Blue"</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pastor Wes on Vacation</p> <p><u>NO</u> Diaconate/ Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 Men's Coffee Time</p> 	<p>12</p>
<p>13 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</p> <p>10:00 Pre-service Fellowship</p> <p>11:00 Divine Worship</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Brian A. Brown, preaching</p> <p>12:15 Second Sunday lunch Ice Cream Social</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pastor Wes in his office</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 Men's Coffee Time</p> 	<p>19</p>
<p>20 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</p> <p>10:00 Pre-service Fellowship</p> <p>11:00 Divine Worship</p> <p>Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching</p> <p><i>Third Sunday Food Collection</i></p> <p>12:15 Music and Worship Committee</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Pastor Wes in his office</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 PM Family Night With Veggie Tales Free Popcorn!</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 Men's Coffee Time</p> 	<p>26</p>
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6	David Martin, Jr.
19	Robert Culbreth
22	Ronald Blakely
25	Florence Bowser
28	Kimberly Hutchinson
28	Mark Boeskin, Jr.

**Also we extend our condolences** to Mark Breese and family. Mark's father, R. Bryon Breese, Sr., passed away on Sunday, June 22, 2014.



**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY** for Patricia Smeal, Margaret Saul, Janet Keebler, Celia Krasinski, Neal Jacobs, Gisela Scott, Gladys Lewis, Dawn (Schutz) Lynn, Bertha and Harold Bissell, our Church family, our missionaries, our Country and all those who serve our Country.



### **July 2 – Wednesday**

12:15 PM Inasmuch at Donna Flood's house

### **July 6 – Sunday**

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

10:00 AM Pre-service Fellowship  
 11:00 AM Divine Worship with Holy Communion  
 Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching  
 5:00 PM L.I.F.E. "Red, White or Blue"

### **July 9 – Wednesday**

No Trustees/Diaconate Meeting

### **July 13 – Sunday**

#### **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

10:00 AM Pre-service Fellowship  
 11:00 AM Divine Worship  
 Rev. Dr. Brian A. Brown, preaching  
 12:15 PM Second Sunday Lunch: Ice Cream Social

### **July 20 – Sunday**

#### **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

10:00 AM Pre-service Fellowship  
 11:00 AM Divine Worship  
 Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching  
*Third Sunday Food Collection*  
 12:15 PM Music and Worship Committee

### **July 24 – Thursday**

7:00 PM Family night Showing of new Veggie Tales, *The Fennel Frontier*. Free popcorn!

### **July 27 - Sunday**

#### **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

10:00 AM Pre-service Fellowship  
 11:00 AM Divine Worship  
 Rev. Wesley R. Bourdette, preaching  
 5:00 PM Benefit Concert: Men in White

### **July 28 - Monday**

7:00 PM Kit Ripley at Kenmore Baptist Church

### **July 29 - Tuesday**

6:00 AM–10 PM Fundraiser at Bob Evans Restaurant

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

Lively Interesting Fellowship for Everyone

**Sunday, July 6, 2014**

**5:00 PM**

**“Red, White or Blue”**

Pot Luck.

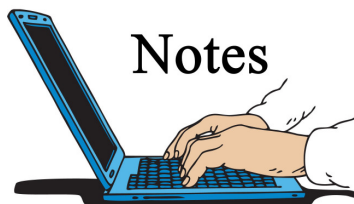
Bring a dish to pass.

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.

**Scholar-in-Residence**



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SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE**



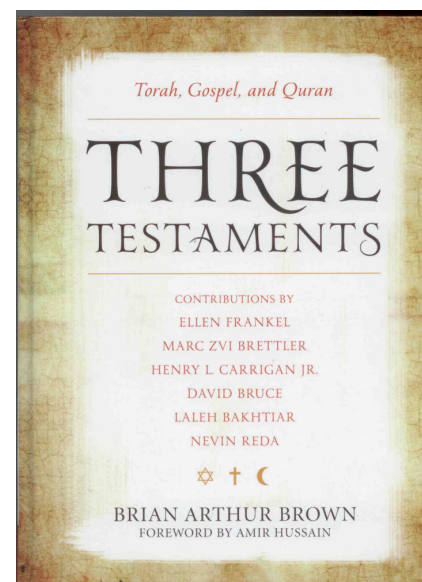
Brian and Jenny pose for a picture with his book, *Three Testaments, Torah, Gospel and Quran*.



Independent Publishers Association present Rev. Dr. Brian A. Brown with IPPY award.



Brian is in the spotlight!





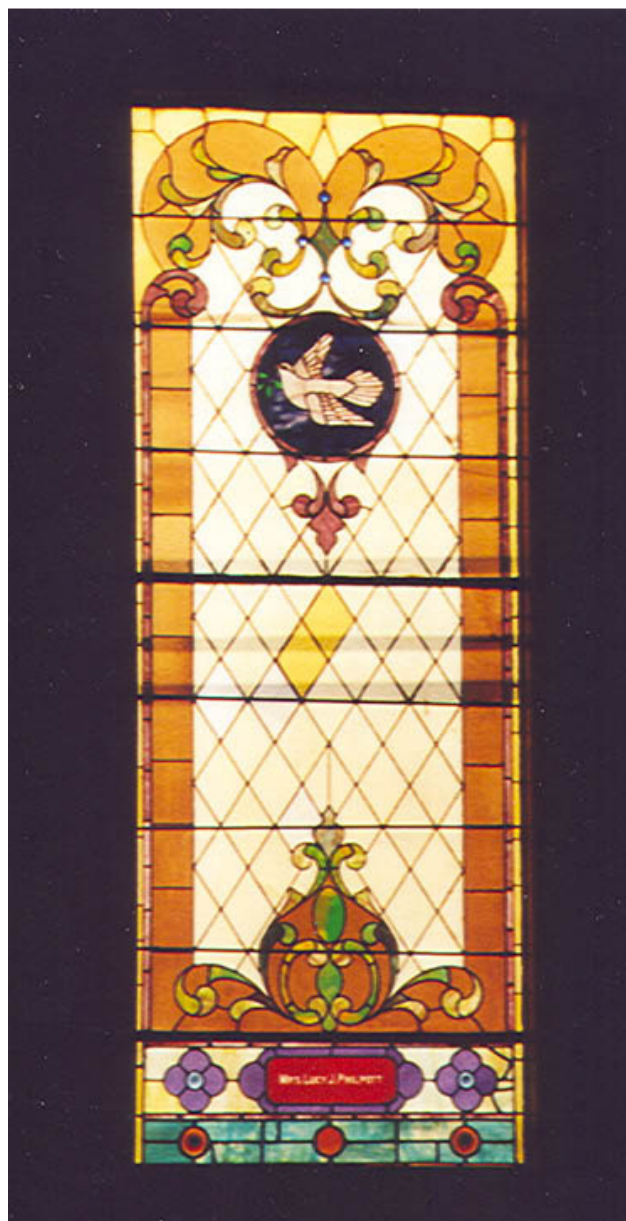
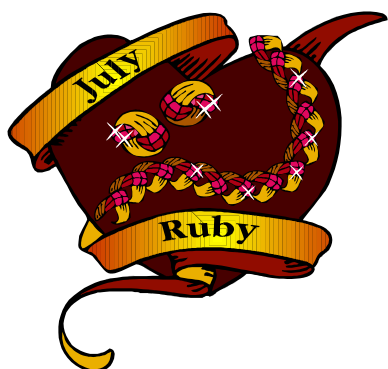


## *last month's answers*

### Colossians



The World Missions Conference from July 21-25, 2014, will be held at Green Lake, WI, will include all of the missionaries with International Ministries plus over 100 international guests. Food, fun, music and information about amazing ministries will abound! Can you be a part of this once in a lifetime conference event? Call the church office for details.



**WE ARE INDEED FORTUNATE** to have many beautiful stained glass windows in our church, especially the two very large triple lancet windows in the sanctuary. The Jerome Durr Studio, LLC, in Syracuse, NY, has been chosen to do the restoration work. You may have noticed some "holes in the wall" already. We will be missing these sections until the end of August when they will return and re-install the new and re-leaded sections.

Envelopes for contributions are still available on the table in the Friendship room.



**I NEVER KNEW THERE WAS** a conference center in Niagara Falls. I found the site “The Conference & Event Center” on Old Falls Street where I attended the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ.

The theme for this three day event was: “Being Bold from Generation to Generation.”

My ministerial standing is not only with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) but also with the Western Association of the New York Conference United Church of Christ.

It was a most enjoyable occasion, as I saw many people known to me. I was most fortunate to have attended the General Synod of the United Church of Christ on three occasions. Two times I was a delegate for the Western Association New York United Church of Christ and one as the chair of the NYUCC Executive Council.

The key resource person was Dr. Eric Elnes who is Biblical scholar. He is also a leading articulator of Convergence Christianity and Senior Minister of Countryside Community Church (UCC) in Omaha, Nebraska. He is the author of several books on faith, theology and culture including *The Phoenix Affirmation: A New Vision for The Future of Christianity*, and a book on experiential worship called *Igniting Worship: The Seven Deadly Sins*. This one I have on order.

Indeed, it was a most inspirational experience and I thank First Baptist Church for funding my attendance at the conference.

Should you wish to learn more about Dr. Elnes you can go to [www.ericelnes.com](http://www.ericelnes.com) also you may read his blog on [www.darkwoodbrew.org/blog](http://www.darkwoodbrew.org/blog).



## Preaching Conference

**ON THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2014 I ATTENDED** a preaching Conference, “Shaping the Claim: the Forms and Functions of a Sermon”. It was held at Northeastern Seminary, in collaboration with Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School and St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry. Marvin McMickle, president of CRCDS made the presentation. Thanks to First Baptist Church for covering my registration and expenses.

The conference was very informative and I learned some excellent techniques for both planning and presenting a good, Bible-based, centered and engaging sermon. While there, I spoke with representatives of CRCDS regarding their 3-year certificate program. If all goes as planned, I will enroll and begin classes in September.

*Kathleen Ordiway*

## First Baptist New Facebook Page

**WITH ALL KINDS OF WAYS TO REACH OUR MEMBERSHIP**, our friends, the community and, well, the world, available to us, our church has ventured into social media by creating a Facebook page this past month. If you have your own Facebook page, please reach out and “Like” our page! You’ll find us at:

[www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchNiagaraFalls](http://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchNiagaraFalls) - and hopefully we will have daily updates with what’s going on at First Baptist, as well as inspirational tidbits and celebrations. Let me know what’s going on in your life that you would like mentioned on our new Facebook page. During the first few weeks of June, we let everyone know about Pentecost Sunday, our Second Sunday Luncheon, our Monthly Food Drive, about Sara Cooke’s graduation, and, of course, our Rummage Sale. So far we have 43 “Likes”, striving toward that first 100!

*Kathleen Ordiway*

## A Word from Springbrook. . .

As you know, First Baptist is a sponsor of Springbrook in Oneonta (formerly Upstate Baptist Home). Our mitten tree is sent to them each year after the Christmas collection time. We get regular communications from them and it is nice to share their successes.

### Springbrook Scholars a Success!

Being the leader in any industry is always a challenge, but the most difficult part often involves being able to maintain that level of excellence. Springbrook is constantly striving to ensure it stays at the top, and one way we make sure that happens is by giving our employees opportunities for personal and professional advancement. One example of that commitment is through our Springbrook Scholars program, in which employees—through a SUNY partnership—have the opportunity to continue their education at no cost to them. The partnership began with SUNY Oneonta but now includes the University of Rochester. By further educating our staff, we ensure that our participants are getting the most professional and knowledgeable support available.

One of the six recent graduates of the SUNY partnership program is Tom Golisano Center for Autism Teacher Katlyn Yorks. Katlyn, or Katie, graduated this May with her Master of Science in Special Education from SUNY Oneonta. The 23-year-old Rochester native has been with Springbrook for 4 years and has served in multiple capacities, ranging from intern to volunteer to substitute teaching staff member.

Of her commitment to Springbrook, Katie says that her students are her inspiration and her thirst for knowledge and understanding is the reason she comes back to work each day. “I am here to teach children with autism, but most often, I find the students are constantly teaching me. They deserve the world and every day, I learn more from them about how to teach them,” she says. “If the students are not learning, it’s because we’re not teaching in a way they can learn.”



From left (back): Katlyn Yorks, Caitlin Smith, Philip Boshart; (front): Ashleigh Doxtader, Renee Vilbrin, James Leech



## American Baptists respond to Washington state landslide

In response to the March 22 landslide in Oso, Wash., American Baptist Churches USA has released through ABHMS an initial \$2,500 One Great Hour of Sharing Emergency Disaster Response Grant to First Baptist Church (FBC), Darrington, Wash.

The landslide resulted in injury, death and missing persons. FBC held a community prayer service and has been



supplying food to displaced families. The grant will help with expenses associated with transportation, funerals, utilities and emergency services.

"The road to Darrington has been cut off. To get to work, many drivers must now take a three-hour round trip. With the high price of gas, we are trying to collect funds to help people get to work and back home," says Michael De Luca, FBC's pastor. "Another area of concern is for the many funerals that will be taking place in the near future."



## Special deal marks 75th anniversary of 'The Secret Place'

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In honor of the 75th anniversary of its quarterly publication "The Secret Place," Judson Press is offering a 20 percent discount on new individual regular- and large-print subscriptions. In addition, new bulk subscriptions for churches, nursing and retirement homes, and other interested organizations are discounted based upon the quantity ordered:

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5-10 subscriptions	\$7.20 each
11-25 subscriptions	\$7 each
26-75 subscriptions	\$6.60 each
76 or more subscriptions	\$6.40 each



Seeking to renew faith, invigorate the spirit and strengthen personal relationships with God, "The Secret Place" features a daily Scripture passage, original meditation and brief prayer. Written by Christians from across the nation, these meditations share comfort and inspiration found in daily life.

To take advantage of these savings, contact Judson Press Customer Service at 1-800-458-3766 and mention promotional code SPI75.

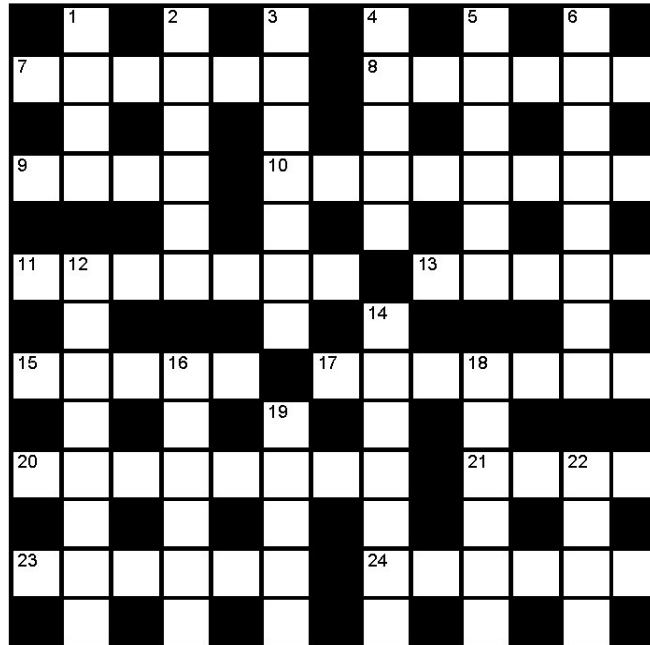
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# Bible Crossword Puzzles (King James Version)

## 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)

## From the Moderator...

**"MOVIE NIGHT"**, A NEW family friendly program will be held on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Our feature is "The Fennel Frontier," a new Veggie Tale saga of outer space travel by our singing vegetable friends. This humorous, light hearted tale will be accompanied by popcorn and soda and held in our church dining room. Don't miss it! Bring all your younger friends and relatives to a special treat.

**Grant News:** a grant was written for funding for our building renovations to the Sacred Sites New York State Landmark Conservancy. In sixty days, we'll have news on the application which is 50% of the cost of the external walls in roof line repair of bricks and mortar to be done by Ajax-Smith. The work will be started in the fall to coincide with the grant procedure. Keep your fingers crossed!

**Celebrate Recovery** is a program for those hurts, habits, and hang-ups that keep one from enjoying the blessings of the Holy Ghost and is under consideration for our church. We need your prayers and help from another man and woman who

are willing help others pull themselves up the ladder into the light. This twelve step program, based on the Beatitudes, is a two year self-help program. It is Scripture based, inspired by the Gospel according to Matthew. There's none like it in Niagara Falls. There is a need to heal and be healed. We have the desire to house and support this program and are searching for people whether they are members or not, to assist in the Celebrate Recovery mission.

July 13 is our after church **Ice Cream Social**. Important is that last word, SOCIAL. Invite friends to stop by to enjoy a tasty treat to make your own Sundaes. Add the syrup, fruit, toppings and whipped cream and a cherry to your favorite ice cream.

The **Worship and Music Committee** will meet after church July 20 to work on the **Bible Study** program. Every church has its core of worship and Bible study, prayers for those in need, and Communion for the home or hospital bound. We are looking into a fall Bible Study course which will answer questions, pose new ideas, and inspire a deeper faith. Stay tune for the results.

*Donna Flood*

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Roy Medley at the site of the Hopevale Memorial commemorating the eleven American Baptist missionaries who took refuge in the mountains of Capiz during the World War II invasion of the Phillippines. They hid in the forest they call "Hopevale" with the help of their Filipino friends. They were all killed on December 19, 1943.

**ABC MISSIONARY  
KIT RIPLEY  
MONDAY, JULY 28**



Join us for an evening with  
ABC Missionary Kit Ripley  
Monday, July 28.

Kit will be sharing the life-  
transforming ministry of the  
New Life Center in Chiang  
Mai, Thailand.

Presentation begins at 7 pm,  
followed by dessert and  
informal conversation.

This is Kit's only stop in New  
York State.



**Kenmore Baptist Church**  
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Kenmore, New York 14217  
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# Benefit Concert Featuring Men In White Choir

With Their Special Guest

## The Chapel At Crosspoint Choir

The *Men In White* & *The Chapel at Crosspoint Choir* invite you for an evening of music to support, celebrate and honor the work of **Community Missions of Niagara Frontier.**

When: **Sunday, July 27, 2014**

**5:00 PM** (Doors open for seating at 4:30 PM)

Where: **First Baptist Church**

**554 Main St. (4th & Main)  
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**Free Admission**

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