



TOWER TOPICS

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First Baptist Church

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

554 Main Street

Corner of Main and Fourth

Niagara Falls, New York 14301

April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY 11:00 Divine Worship with Communion 5:00 L.I.F.E. 	2	3	4 12:15 Inasmuch Luncheon 7:00 Bible Study	5 7:00 PM Service  Maundy Thursday	6 Meditation 12:00 N - 3:00 PM  Good Friday	7  Passover
8 EASTER 11:00 Divine Worship 	9	10	11 7:00 Diaconate/Trustees meeting	12	13	14
15 2 ND SUNDAY OF EASTER 11:00 Divine Worship 12:15 Sunday lunch 2:00 <i>Gift of Music:</i> Handbell concert	16	17	18 2:00 ABW 7:00 Bible Study	19	20	21
22 3 RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 10:00 Breakfast for Everyone 11:00 Divine Worship 7:00 Bible Study  Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 4 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 11:00 Divine Worship	30					



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APRIL 2012 SCHEDULES FOR THE MONTH

Sunday	4/01	11:00 Palm Sunday Worship 5:00 L.I.F.E. Program
Wednesday	4/04	12:15 Inasmuch Luncheon
Thursday	4/05	7:00 Worship Service
Friday	4/06	12:00-3:00 Meditation/Music
Sunday	4/08	11:00 Easter Worship Service
Wednesday	4/11	7:00 Diaconate/Trustees Mtg
Sunday	4/15	10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 2:00 Gift of Music
Wednesday	4/18	2:00 ABW Meeting 7:00 Bible Study
Sunday	4/22	10:00 Breakfast for Everyone 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service
Sunday	4/26	10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service

April Birthdays

4	Jane Garis
7	Mark Boeskin Sr
11	Kathleen Ordiway
12	Thomas Culbreth Jr
15	Glenn Richardson
15	Crystal Guiliana
25	Doug Garis
29	Amy Baxter

Please continue to pray for: Carole Buchalski, Marge and Ron Blakely; Mark Clark; Paul Einstein; Paul Ordiway; Margaret Payne; Hal Faba; Dawn Schutz; Mike Gunther; Tara Clifton; Judy Einstein; Jack Mercer; Bertha and Harold Bissell; our Church Family; our Country and all those who serve our Country.

A Memorial Service will be held for Mary Saul on Sunday, May 6th at 2:00. All are invited.

Congratulations! Mark Boesken Jr. was recently named Teacher of the Year at the South Carolina Social Studies Conference in Greenville, S.C. Mark received a Social Studies Teacher of Distinction Award at last year's event and also won the 2011 Palmetto award for social studies teachers in his school district in Georgetown, S.C. where he teaches at the Georgetown Middle School. The 2011 Graduate of Niagara Wheatfield High School is the son of Mark and Deborah Boesken of Wheatfield.

L.I.F.E.

"Home for a Bunny"

April 1, 2012

5:00 P.M.

Potluck

Bring a dish to pass

Sign up in the Friendship Room

Lively Interesting Fellowship for Everyone

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the School Kits. They have been given to Church World Service for distribution.

In April we will be collecting for the Migrant Kits. Please bring the exact item on the designated Sunday. Place it in the basket in the Friendship Room.

April 8: 1 New Bath Size Towel

April 15: 1 Store Wrapped Tooth Brush

April 22: 1 Tube Tooth Paste

April 29: 1 Comb

SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY After a hiatus of too long of a time, Sunday evening Bible Study will resume after Easter Sunday. It will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Everyone is welcome to attend. It is a wonderful group of both men and women. If you are interested, please contact Kathleen Ordiway or Betty Richardson for the time and location.

Church Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Monday — Friday

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Building Improvement

As I'm sure, by now almost everyone has noticed the beautiful new carpet in the Friendship Room and Conference Room/Library, and the new vinyl floor and refrigerator in the kitchenette. What you may not know is that it was all paid for in advance by special gifts from several donors over and above the general budget. We are certainly grateful for the funding of this special improvement to our beautiful building.

This was the most recent phase of our campaign to upgrade and maintain our historically significant physical plant. We are now looking at the next step: painting and refurbishing the ladies' and men's restrooms, which have needed it for quite a while now. This project will take some time and be stretched out over the spring, summer and fall. Below is a list of the necessary parts of this project. Do you think you could fund one (or maybe more) of these items?

Ladies' Room:

New carpet in lounge area	
	already in place
New dehumidifier	
	already in place
Painting walls in lounge and rest room areas	
	paint and labor
	\$300.00
Painting stalls, paint and labor	
	\$100.00
Painting woodwork, paint and labor	
	\$100.00
Painting ceilings, paint and labor	
	\$150.00
New toilet paper holders with installation	
	\$ 40.00
2 new vanities with new sinks	
	\$400.00
New sink fixtures	
	\$150.00
Plumbing	
	\$400.00

Men's Room:

Dehumidifier with electrical outlet	
	already in place
Painting wainscot, paint and labor	
	\$200.00
Repair of walls, material and labor	
	\$150.00
Painting of walls, paint and labor	
	\$200.00
Painting stalls, paint and labor	
	\$100.00
New toilet paper holders with installation	
	\$ 30.00
Painting woodwork and trim	
	\$150.00
Painting ceilings, paint and labor	
	\$200.00
Painting entry area, paint and labor	
	\$125.00
2 new vanities with new sinks	
	\$400.00
New sink fixtures	
	\$150.00
Plumbing	
	\$350.00

The above figures are rounded and include upgrade of code, such as supply shut-off valves, etc. The project has been broken down into larger and smaller component parts to facilitate individual giving.

We will start with the Ladies' Room since we have a shower and a wedding already booked for this spring and summer. In October the American Guild of Organists has asked to hold their fall regional workshop and seminar at First Baptist Church. Quite an honor, since they require a superior pipe organ and fine facilities for the meetings, lunch, etc.

Over the next few weeks, please consider which part(s) of this project you can underwrite. You can drop your envelope in the offering plate or mail it in to the office and indicate which item you would like to fund or perhaps just help out in general. We can all be justifiably proud of our church. Without exception, people coming into our building comment on its beauty and how well kept it is. It is truly a privilege to meet and worship in such a fine historically and architecturally significant structure. Thank you for your generous support!

Truly Alone

Read Mark 14:27-42

Have you ever felt truly alone? I know I have. While Toby has been on midnights, I haven't been sleeping as well as I should be. I know many people in my life experience that every night, so I'm not complaining. But last night I couldn't fall asleep ... as I'm listening for someone breaking my back window and breaking into the house. Is the door locked? Would it be worthwhile for someone to break in? Are my "valuables" valuable enough for them to try? Where would I hide if someone broke in? The attic? I can get there from my bedroom. Will the intruder hear me on my cell phone calling the police? Will the police get here in time? Or will I be cornered in my attic? Will I die alone as I call out for help?

Jesus told His disciples that they would all fall away from Him, they would all leave His side, they would deny Him. Even though they insisted this would never happen, Jesus said it would. In fact, it started happening just a short time later as He knelt in prayer at Gethsemane. Jesus asked His disciples to stay and watch with Him... and they fell asleep, leaving Him alone. Jesus knew that the end was near and He was praying to God to take this cup away from Him – to find another way. He was ready to go to the cross for us, for our sins, but still He prayed that there was another way.

His closest friends couldn't stay awake and he prayed alone. I'm sure the human side of Jesus was fearful of what was going to happen; worried about the pain He would experience; even more worried about the separation from His Father that He would feel for the first time.

Jesus was alone.

I had several people that I could have called last night. They probably would have laughed at my little panic attack, but they would have answered the phone and talked me through it. I was not truly alone.

Jesus was alone. He knew that He was going to be alone on that cross.

Be thankful for those in your life you can call out to in your times of fear and need. Be thankful if you have special people in your life that will sit with you when you just need their presence. Be thankful that we can call out to God to be present during our trials. And know that Jesus suffered and died for your sake. Be thankful you are never truly alone.

Kath



From the Moderator...

Communion for the home bound is being given at the end of March and the beginning of April. Pastor Wes, Kathleen Buckley and Ron Bowser take the Ordinance for the quarterly visit. If you or a family member are interested in receiving communion at home in the future, please call Peggy at the church office M-F 9:00 AM-12:00 noon to set up future dates.

Out with the old and in with the new! The kitchenette and the kitchen are getting a big spring cleaning from Connie Davis and Donna Flood. The shelving has been washed, cupboards were polished and dishes returned to refreshed storage. Other areas of attention this spring will be the basement restrooms. Each will have a major cleaning, painting and replacement of old fixtures in the near future, making them ready for the upcoming events.

Easter week happenings will start April 1 with Palm Sunday, then Holy Thursday there will be a communion service, commemorating the meal in the Upper Room, and there will be a meditation time on Good Friday from 12:00 noon-3:00 PM. Holy Week concludes with the celebration of the risen Christ on Easter Sunday.

Our Second Sunday luncheon will be on the Third Sunday, April 15th as well as the Gift of Music concert at 2:00 PM. The date change was necessary due to Easter being on the second Sunday. The Handbell Concert will be conducted by Janice Peters with performers from Brighton Community Church

and Grand Island United Methodist Church. Twenty ringers will fill our altar area with music written for bells by a variety of composers. Handbell music has expanded the techniques of ringing involving mallets, finger damping, four in hand ringing, table damping, and many other fun to watch techniques. This will be a good concert for kids of all ages to attend.

Last January we voted to amend our by-laws to update the verbiage to accommodate our numbers. The Diaconate/Trustees have worked on them and we'll have paper copies for your review as well as a brief meeting after church in April to see them on computer. They can also be sent to your computer via e-mail. Before our spring Annual Meeting in May, those who wish to comment may do so in any one of those forms.

If you have spare yarn that you wish to donate to our "Knit It Forward" project for Roswell Park, bring it in and place it into the basket on the table in the Friendship Room or pick up the description of the project and bring in your knitted squares. The squares are bound together for lap blankets for cancer patients.

Last but not least, our spring Rummage Sale will be June 1 & 2. If you need a pickup of clean, reusable items, call the office and make arrangements. Again, we're accepting toys, tools, clothing, household items and furniture, but no out of date electronic equipment. Tapes, DVD's, and CD's, and records are welcome as well as books, cookbooks, and games and puzzles. If you wish to help sort or sell, see Donna.

Donna Flood



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Gospel Fest 2012



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non-perishable food item
for our Food Pantry.

A free will offering will be
taken to help support the
many services of
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2012 Performers

Anointed Voices of Praise (Christ Redemption Tabernacle, Niagara Falls)
Revelation (St. Paul Lutheran Church, North Tonawanda)
Mt. Erie Male Chorus (Mt. Erie Baptist Church, Niagara Falls)
Nocturnal Project (Buffalo, NY)
LeVern Durham & The Dominion Community Choir (Buffalo, NY)
Sharifah (Buffalo, NY)
Joanne Lorenzo (The Magdalene Project, Niagara Falls)

And More!

Contact Us To Get Involved!
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