

# TOWER TOPICS

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NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

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## **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

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# November 2011

| Sunday  | Monday | Tuesday               | Wednesday                                   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday                                      |
|---|--------|-----------------------|---|--|--|---|
| <p>☺ There is still time to bring in more Rummage!</p> <p>☺ Have you seen the work being done on the bricks of the north wall of the education wing?</p> <p>☺ See the new roof over the porch and secretary's office.</p>   |        | 1                     | 2<br><br>12:15 Inasmuch luncheon            | 3  | 4 United Christian Women's Meeting<br><br><b>RUMMAGE</b><br>9:00AM – 3:00 PM                                   | 5<br><br><b>SALE!</b><br>9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon |
| <p>6 ALL SAINTS</p> <p>10:00 Sunday School and Adult Class</p> <p>11:00 Divine Worship with Holy Communion<br/><i>The Reading of the Necrology</i></p> <p>5:00 L.I.F.E.<br/><b>Daylight Savings ends</b></p>                | 7      | 8<br><br><b>VOTE!</b> | 9<br><br>7:00 PM Diaconate/Trustees Meeting | 10   | 11<br><br><br>Veteran's Day | 12  |
| <p>13 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 Sunday School and Adult Class</p> <p>11:00 Divine Worship</p> <p>12:15 Membership/Baptism Class</p>   | 14     | 15                    | 16<br><br>2:00 – 4:00 ABW                   | 17   | 18   | 19  |
| <p>20 REIGN OF CHRIST/<br/>CHRIST THE KING — <b>PLEDGE SUNDAY</b></p> <p>10:00 Sunday School and Adult Class</p> <p>11:00 Divine Worship<br/><i>Third Sunday Food Collection</i></p> <p>12:15 The Hanging of the Greens</p> | 21     | 22                    | 23  | 24<br><br><br>Thanksgiving  | 25   | 26  |
| <p>27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>10:00 Breakfast for Everyone</p> <p>10:00 Sunday School and Adult Class</p> <p>11:00 Divine Worship</p> <p>12:15 Membership/Baptism Class</p>   | 28     | 29                    | 30  | <p>☺ Christmas is getting so close! Do you have any items for the mitten tree?</p> <p>☺ November 20 is Pledge Sunday. Please think seriously about your giving to the regular budget and the Building Fund. Everyone's help is needed.</p> |  |   |



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### **NOVEMBER 2011** **SCHEDULES FOR THE MONTH**

|           |          |   |
|-----------|----------|---|
| Wednesday | 11/2     | 12:15 Inasmuch Luncheon   |
| Fri/Sat.  | 11/4-5   | 9:00 Rummage Sale   |
| Sunday    | 11/6     | 10:00 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship Service<br>12:15 Membership/Baptism<br>5:00 L.I.F.E. Program |
| Tues/Wed. | 11/8-9   | 9:00 Candy Making   |
| Wednesday | 11/9     | 7:00 Trustees/Diaconate Mtg   |
| Sunday    | 11/13    | 10:00 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship Service<br>12:15 Second Sandy Lunch                          |
| Tues/Wed. | 11/15-16 | 9:00 Candy Making   |
| Sunday    | 11/20    | 10:00 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship Service  |
| Tuesday   | 11/22    | 9:00 Candy Making   |
| Sunday    | 11/27    | 9:45 Breakfast for All<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship Service                            |

### **November Birthdays**

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 4 Carolyn Culbreth  | 26 Dana Clark        |
| 7 Dawn Schutz       | 27 Sara Clark        |
| 8 Bertha Bissell    | 29 Charles Compton   |
| 10 David Martin     | 29 Debra Heller      |
| 18 Jennifer McGrath | 29 Kathy Pasquantino |
| 26 Peggy Scott      |                      |

**Please continue to pray for:** Carole Buchalski, Marge Blakely, Hal Faba, Margaret Payne, Dawn Schutz, Mike Gunther, Robert Hogan, Tara Clifton, Judy Einstein, Jack Mercer, Bertha and Harold Bissell, our Church Family, our Country and all those who serve our country.

**L.I.F.E**  
**“FAT MR. TURKEY”**  
**November 6, 2011**  
**5:00 P.M.**  
**Pot Luck**  
**Bring a Dish to Pass**

### **Lively Interesting Fellowship for Everyone**

#### **From the Moderator...**

Missions in October have been completed for world hunger with the Crop Walk. First Baptist raised \$350.00 and donors can be proud of the outcome. We did very well! Undie Sunday to benefit Community Mission was a success with all your donations of packages of socks and assorted undies. A large basket full was collected on our third Sunday event. Food contributions for Heart, Love, and Soul were collected for their pantry. All in all, a very successful month for mission projects.

Looking ahead to November our efforts will be focused on a Rummage Sale on November 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and November 5 from 9:00 a.m. to noon with a Bag Sale. The sale proceeds will benefit our Building Fund as we continue repairs to our walls, roof, and brickwork. If you've been at church during the week you may have seen the roofers and the masons at work, weather permitting.

Continuing our food collections for November, we will focus on Heart, Love, and Soul. They will be giving 450 baskets to those in need in our city. They need items for baskets; stuffing mix, mashed potato mix, canned green beans, cranberry sauce, gravy or gravy mix, and brownie mix.

Enclosed in the Tower Topics is the donation envelope for a Thanksgiving offering which goes to the general budget. Special donations keep our funds on an even keel as we enter the heating season, keeping boilers, plumbing, and heating systems up and in good repair.

Our pledge Sunday will be Thanksgiving Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Pledges are the basic building block of our financial stability. They form the core of financial strength for our church to do Christ's work in our city. A letter is on its way to you for your consideration.

It's hard to believe but the First Sunday of Advent is November 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be having our "Hanging of the Greens" after church on November

20 so plan to stay to move a few boxes, set out the decorations, and decorate the trees. Start your knitting for the Mitten (Mission Tree) to benefit our local missions.

Donna Flood

This is the first installment for the Names of Jesus as found in the New Testament. There are fourteen. In this article, you will find seven. Please note that most of us have nicknames. We shorten them and for some, we come up with a new name. For example, King Richard became Richard the Lion-Hearted to symbolize his fearless braver. Ivan the Terrible of Russia needs no explanation.

In the time of Jesus, there were many known by this name. So, he is often referred to as Jesus of Nazareth. The name Jesus in Hebrew is "Joshua". And in Greek, the name of Jesus is "Iesou" which means "healer of souls."

1. "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the End. (Rev.22:13) Alpha is the first letter in the Greek alphabet, like "A" is the first letter in the English alphabet. It means the first or the beginning. Omega is the last letter in the Greek alphabet. Putting them together they mean the beginning and the end, or the first and the last.

2. "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." (John 6:35) This happens to be the King James Version. Well, how many version (interpretations) of this passage are there. Living Bible, Phillips Modern English, Revised Standard, New Revised Standard, Today's English, New International, Jerusalem Bible, New English, and Good News. I will have in the study, a book titled Parallel of the New Testament, but it only has eight of the ones listed.

3. "Cornerstone" (Ephesians 2:19-20. The Apostle Paul refers to Jesus as being the chief Cornerstone of our faith.. The houses of Jesus time were somewhat different than what we have today. Remember, there was no indoor plumbing or electricity. Often the houses of Jesus time simply shattered when there was just a slight tremor, such as an earthquake. The recent earthquake in Turkey shattered many homes and buildings. It has been suggested that poor design and construction contributed to the vast destruction because of a

7.2 earthquake. And our question today is: In what way is Jesus our Cornerstone?

4. "Door-Gate" "I am the gate, whoever enters by me will be saved and will go in and out and find a pasture." (John 10:9) Doors and gates are used in all sorts of ways. How often have we said when a door was left open – "were you raised in a barn" and gates are used to keep animals confined. Different cultures use a door differently. When we leave a bathroom door open, it means no one is in it. Europeans tend to close a door when not in use. In what way is Jesus a door for us? Are we open doors or closed.
5. "Forerunner" Hebrews 6:20. Why is the author referring to Jesus as being the forerunner? A forerunner goes first, which would mean that Jesus will either make it safe or warn. others, not enter even at the risk of one's life. How does Jesus make it safe for us to follow Him? As followers, in what ways are we forerunners.2
6. "Good Shepherd" Once again we turn to John and read that "I am the Good Shepherd and know my sheep." John 10:14 During Jesus time, shepherding was common. There are three kinds of shepherds. The first was taught by his father down through the years. The second kind was one who simply loved sheep, and the third kind was a person known as a hireling shepherd – one who worked as a helper. Jesus is the Good Shepherd! Jesus guides the sheep and as a good shepherd, He walks in front, making sure that the path is safe. So, once again – in what way is Jesus our Good shepherd. How are we like sheep in Jesus flock?
7. "Lamb". Staying with the Gospel of John, we read: "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:29). What is our understanding of a lamb? A baby sheep? Lambs are known for their trust and dependency on their shepherd. What do we mean when we say that a person is like a lamb? Do we think in terms that a person is gentle, kind meek and humble?

I am using for my resource, a booklet entitled "By These Names I am Known", 14 Biblical names for Jesus, authored by Dorothy Leon. It is in my study and you are more than welcome to borrow it.

