



TOWER TOPICS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

First Baptist Church

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

554 Main Street

Corner of Main and Fourth

Niagara Falls, New York 14301

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>☞ We are having another Rummage Sale next month. Continue to bring in your items.</p> <p>☞ It is not too late to join the Membership/Baptism Class, meeting with Kathleen Ordiway every other Sunday after Service in the Library/Conference Room.</p>						1
<p>2 16th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 Sunday School and Adult Class 11:00 Divine Worship with Holy Communion <i>World Wide Communion Sunday</i> 12:15 Membership/Baptism Class 1:00 Crop Walk 5:00 L.I.F.E.</p>	3	4	5 12:15 Inasmuch luncheon	6	7  Yom Kippur	8
<p>9 17th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 Sunday School and Adult Class 11:00 Divine Worship 12:15 Second Sunday Lunch</p>	10  Columbus Day	11	12 7:00 Trustees/Diaconate	13	14	15 11:00 – 1:00 Women's Tea
<p>16 18th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 Sunday School and Adult Class 11:00 Divine Worship 12:15 Membership/Baptism Class</p>	17	18	19 2:00 – 4:00 ABW	20	21	22
<p>23 19th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 Breakfast for Everyone 10:00 Sunday School and Adult Class 11:00 Divine Worship</p>	24	25	26	27	28	29
<p>30 Reformation Sunday</p> <p>10:00 Sunday School and Adult Class 11:00 Divine Worship 12:15 Membership and Adult Class</p>	31 	<p>☞ Now is a good time to invite a friend or neighbor to Church.</p> <p>☞ Are you contributing regularly to the Building Fund?</p> <p>☞ All ladies are invited to the Women's Tea on Saturday, October 15th.</p>				



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OCTOBER 2011 SCHEDULES FOR THE MONTH

Sunday	10/2	10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:15 Membership/Baptism 5:00 L.I.F.E. Program
Wednesday	10/5	12:15 Inasmuch Luncheon
Sunday	10/9	10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:15 Second Sunday Lunch
Wednesday	10/12	7:00 Diaconate/Trustees
Saturday	10/15	2:00 Ladies "Tea"
Sunday	10/16	10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service
Wednesday	10/19	2:00 ABW Meeting
Sunday	10/23	9:45 Breakfast for All 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service
Sunday	10/30	10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service

October Birthdays

1 Donna Clark
4 Marguerite Blakely
30 Margaret Payne

Please continue to pray for: Carole Buchalski, Marge Blakely, Hal Faba, Margaret Payne, Dawn Lynn, 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.

Birth Announcements:

John William Saul was born on September 12th to Jennifer & JP Saul. John and Margaret Saul are the proud grandparents and Mary Saul is the proud great grandmother.

McKenna Aisling Daly was born on September 13th to Sean and Danille Daly, granddaughter of Dale and Patricia Dibble and great granddaughter of Kathleen Buckley.

Congratulations to all!

We also have a new address for our dear friend **Mary Saul**. She now resides at Elmcroft of Northridge, 421 Van Thomas Drive, Raleigh, NC 27615.

The **ABW Ministries** is sponsoring a Fall Mission Meeting on Tuesday, October 4th. The mission theme is "Malaysia and Thailand". The Speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Wayne Paulsen and the place is Brighton Community Church, 1225 Brighton Rd., Tonawanda. The time is for a 6:00 P.M. Pot Luck Dinner and a 7:00 P.M. program to follow. Bring a dish to pass and a friend!!!! Come and bring a carload of friends! To help us to know how many to plan on, please call Jean Potter at 745-7674. Or just come!!! Hazel Baxter

L.I.F.E.

"BE A CLOWN"

Presentation by Joyce
October 2, 2011
5:00 P.M.

Pot Luck

Bring a Dish to Pass

Lively Interesting Fellowship for Everyone

There is to be a **Ladies' "Afternoon Tea"** held here at First Baptist on Saturday, October 15th, from 11:00 – 1:00 P.M., \$14.00 per person. The "Tea" will include Lunch, Singing and Gifts. Invite your friends and their daughters and enjoy a few hours of fun, fellowship and song. Everyone is invited to wear a HAT!!

Please RSVP to Kathleen Ordiway, 283-3225

Church Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Monday — Friday
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by Monday, October 9th. Payment can be sent to Kathleen Ordiway at 258 83rd Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14304.

From Pastor Wes Bourdette:

“WHO’S PREACHING?”

Before going to worship, before entering the sanctuary, Protestants often ask, “Who’s preaching?” If we hear the “wrong” answer, we express disappointment and may say so. “Why didn’t the pastor tell us that he/she wouldn’t be preaching today? If I’d known, I would have stayed home.”

Is it possible for us to contrast our usual Protestant approach to worship with the Roman Catholic approach? For the Roman Catholic, the preacher/priest takes second-fiddle to the Sacrament of the Supper. Our Protestant tradition places a heavy, non-biblical burden on the pastor to “perform”, and to perform well.

With the potpourri of Protestant pulpit presenters in any given community, we may, indeed focus our participation, response, and commitment on a pastor – personality and pulpit presence, rather than on the risen Christ and His word. If we do, then we will begin to make value judgments about what and how the pastor preaches, instead of listening to God’s word to us. From this process comes the “I like it, I don’t like it” syndrome. We stay around so long as the pastor agrees with us; we leave when she/he doesn’t

No we may not resign, or join another church. We, may however, slowly or quickly, withdraw our presence, money or support. When we withdraw or withhold long enough, the session or governing body puts us on the inactive roll. Then, we get angry and tell others that the church kicked us out. And so it goes.

One must ask one’s self, not (1) “What’s in it for me?” but (2) “God, what do you want me to do in, through, and beyond this worship hour? How will I respond as your servant in my home, vocation, school, recreation, community, world? Here am I, use me, send me!”

So, the question, “Who’s preaching? At best is irrelevant. The better question is this: “Am I present? Am I ready for a God-event? Am I open to the voice and will of God – to be led by the Presence and Power of the living Christ – today, and from now on?”

From the Moderator..

September mission was One Great Hour of Sharing and now, onto October which starts with the **Crop Walk**. This year October 2 is the Sunday walk around Goat Island by walkers from area churches. Our First Baptist Walkers are **Harvey Lewis, Marge Bozigar, Ron Bowser, Kay Buckley and Donna Flood**. Three times around the island and back to the Presbyterian Church is the 10K walk to benefit the hungry locally and worldwide. Our thanks go to all our supporters for their contributions.

October 16th will be our **Undie Sunday** to benefit Community Missions. People thrown into a homeless situation may have to leave with the clothes on their back and have lost everything. A package of clean clothes may be the step to getting their life back that is a small thing we can do to help. Community Missions was started by First Baptist and other area churches to help meet the needs of those whose life changes quickly and those who have long term mental illness or have been released from prison. Bring packaged items for our donation.

Our September **Rummage and Chowder Sale** was a success raising over \$530 for our General Budget. Rummagers completing the task were **Chuck Compton, Marge Bozigar, Hazel Baxter, Donna Flood, and Connie Davis**. The gym is not empty! We’ll have another sale in November with Rummage and Chili. Clean out those closets and remember First Baptist if you’re downsizing. This mission serves those who live in the neighborhood and will benefit our Capital Campaign.

Our new member’s class is underway. If you or a family member is thinking about joining our church, now is the time to act. Classes are scheduled for after church every other Sunday and in October will be held on the 9th and 16th. **Kathleen Ordiway and Jim Flood** are leading the classes.

An **ad hoc By-Law committee** has been checking our By-Laws and the Diaconate/Trustees plan to have all updates ready by spring for our May Annual Meeting. Our structure of committees has changed as we have down sized and the revisions will reflect those changes.
