

TOWER TOPICS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

First Baptist Church

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

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Niagara Falls, New York 14301

September 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>☛ September marks the beginning of the fall season and the startup of many activities at Church. The second weekend of October is the Rummage Sale. Bring in your items Monday – Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, or call Donna Flood for a pickup, 759-6442.</p> <p>☛ Friday, November 2, is the basket auction at the Elks Club. There are lots of baskets under the display table in the Friendship Room. Take a couple (or more), fill them with good things, and bring them back in time for the auction to be organized.</p> <p>☛ Note that Membership/Baptism classes start this month. Is there someone you should tell and invite?</p>						1
2 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11:00 AM Divine Worship with Communion 5:00 PM L.I.F.E.	3 Labor Day 	4	5 12:15 PM Inasmuch luncheon	6	7	8
9 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST RALLY SUNDAY WITH INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, DEACONS, & TRUSTEES 11:00 AM Divine Worship 12:15 PM Second Sunday Lunch	10	11	12 7:00 PM Trustees/ Diaconate meeting	13	14	15
16 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11:00 Divine Worship  Rosh Hashanah	17	18	19	20	21	22 Autumn 
23 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:00 Breakfast for Everyone 11:00 Divine Worship 12:15 First Membership/Baptism Class	24	25  Yom Kippur	26	27	28	29
30 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11:00 Divine Worship 12:15 Second Membership/Baptism Class	<p>☛ Everyone can use a refresher course every now and then. Anyone wishing to sit in on the Membership/Baptism classes is welcome.</p> <p>☛ This month's mission focus is the World Mission Offering, with the theme "Hearing the Call." Take a moment to read the last page of Tower to learn more about this important mission effort.</p>					



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SEPTEMBER SCHEDULES FOR THE MONTH

Sunday	9/02	Worship Service L.I.F.E. Program
Wednesday	9/05	12:14 Inasmuch Luncheon
Sunday	9/09	11:00 Worship Service
Wednesday	9/12	7:00 Diaconate/Trustees Mtg
Sunday	9/16	11:00 Worship Service 12:15 Second Sunday Lunch
Sunday	9/23	10:00 Breakfast for All 11:00 Worship Service
Sunday	9/30	11:00 Worship Service

September Birthdays

19	Jessie McGee
21	Paulette Gromniak
29	Alisa Boeskin

Please continue to pray for Gladys Lewis, Ron Blakely, Mark Clark, Paul Ordiway, Margaret Payne, Dawn Schutz, Mike Gunther, Robert Hogan, Tara Clifton, Judy Einstein, Bertha and Harold Bissell, our Church Family, our country and all those who serve our Country. Our prayers and sympathy to Joanne Mercer on the death of her husband Jack. If you have a prayer request, please let us know.

L.I.F.E.

September 2, 2012

5:00 P.M.

Pot Luck

Bring a dish to pass

Sign up in the Friendship Room

We were advised on 8/24/12 of the death of a former long-time member, Marjorie Adams. Daughter Peggy Adams Hickman and her husband stopped in the Church to tell us of the death of her mother in Dec. 2011. The Hickman's live in Kentucky and took the opportunity to revisit First Baptist while they were traveling. Peggy is now a Minister.

From the Moderator...

A new series of Membership classes will be starting in September. Kathleen Ordiway and Jim Flood will be leading the series which will begin on September 23, after church and continue on September 30, October 7, October 14, and October 21 and concludes on October 28th. If you or a family member wishes to join our congregation the classes are the start and will conclude with the extending of the Right Hand of Fellowship at a Sunday service. The classes include faith information and discussion as well as how Baptists are unique in structure and belief. Having been to these classes, I found them uplifting and revive faith and energy for good works.

Rally Day is September 9th. Last spring's annual meeting elected officers and Diaconate and trustee members who will be dedicated to service during the worship service. A list of committees and their members is now posted on the bulletin board reflecting our By-Law changes last spring.

Our mission for September is World Mission and its theme is "Hear the Call". By supporting World Mission we are helping International Ministries' global servants and more than 220 Christian Partner Organizations. If anyone is interested in a mission trip overseas, I have information to share with contact names and website. Global partners include hospitals and clinics, seminaries and churches, schools and orphanages. See the back page of Tower Topics for more information.

The Basket Auction date is November 2 at the Elks behind the Niagara Outlet. Baskets to be filled are under the table in the Friendship Room. Pick a theme, fill them up and bring them in when they're ready.

Gifts of goods and finances given to the church in honor or in memory of family and friends will be dedicated on the first Sunday of November (All

Saints Day). The Memorial Books completed by Carole Buchalski are on display at the back of the church in the display case.

Local mission of food donations are ongoing for the Heart, Love and Soul mission. Bring canned or dried food items and personal care products in on the Third Sunday of each month. They will be taken when the baskets are filled to their food pantry. Your donations will be placed on the shelves for those in need.

Auction Basket Theme Ideas

- Gardening
- Car Wash Basket (sponge, car wash, etc)
- Car Needs Basket (oil, window cleaner...)
- Cleaning Products
- Birthday Party Supplies
- Baby Bath Supplies
- New Baby Basket
- Halloween Basket
- Thanksgiving Basket
- Christmas Basket
- New Year's Basket
- Romantic (bubble bath, candles, music)
- Sports Themed
- Camera, film, picture frame, album
- Kitchen Utensils
- Italian Dinner Supplies
- Snacks & Candy Galore
- Movie Night (movie, popcorn, pop)
- Lotions & Potions
- Picnic Stuff
- School Supplies
- Children's Books
- Art Supplies
- Tool Kit
- Hair Care
- Fishing Supplies
- Golf Basket
- Games (board, card, etc)
- PMS Basket (chocolate, bath salts, etc)
- Stationary Basket
- Pet Supplies
- Stuffed Animals
- Men's Toiletries
- Chocolate
- Basket of Balls (golf, football, soccer...)
- Gift Wrap (paper, ribbon, scissors, cards)
- Bath Basket (soap, facial mask, sponges...)
- Baking (cookie cutters, measuring spoon..)
- Bread Basket (bread mix, jams, honey...)
- Sewing Supplies
- Scrapbook Supplies
- Coffee and/or Tea Basket
- Quilt, Blanket anything homemade
- Candles and Holders
- Cereal Tower, bowls & spoons
- Cards for all Occasions
- Crayola Basket (crayons, markers, etc)
- Any Kids' Theme (Sponge Bob, Hannah Montana, High School Musical, Disney, Winnie the Pooh, Sesame Street)
- Boy's Toys
- Girl's Toys
- Original Artwork
- Ice Cream Party (toppings, scoop, bowls)
- Office Supplies (tape, stapler, paper...)
- Wine & Cheese Basket
- Money Tree
- Lottery Tree
- Jewelry Basket
- Knick Knack Basket
- Angel Themed Basket
- Devotional Basket
- Cookie Basket
- Heart Healthy Basket

- Barbie Basket
- Niagara Falls Themed Basket
- CD Basket
- Summer Basket (pool toys, sun tan lotion)
- Kids' Musical Instruments
- Any local restaurant, business or attraction (either purchase or ask for a donation)

The possibilities are endless. Watch store clearance racks for great ideas. Make your baskets as creative and interesting as possible. The basket should be something that you would like to win. For the container, use fruit baskets, recycled Easter baskets, buckets, laundry baskets, etc. Use cellophane and ribbon to finish it off. Fill the basket with your clever thoughtfulness and generosity.

COMMITTIES

BLDG AND GROUNDS:

Chuck Compton, Dave Martin, Ron Bowser, Jim Flood, Joe Heasley

CHRISTIAN ED.:

Marge Bozigar, Betty Richardson, Joe and Jeannette Heasley, Kath Ordiway

FINANCE:

Jim Flood, Marge Blakely, Hazel Baxter, Carole Buchalski, Connie Davis

HOSPITALITY:

Marge Bozigar, Hazel Baxter, Donna Flood, Betty Richardson, Kathleen Buckley

MEMORIALS:

Carole Buchalski, Hazel Baxter, Connie Davis

MISSIONS:

Donna Flood, Gladys Lewis, Betty Richardson

MUSIC AND WORSHIP:

Carole Buchalski, Hazel Baxter, Jim Flood, Kath Ordiway

PUBLICITY: Dorothy Jackson, Donna Flood, Hazel Baxter, Kathleen Ordiway, Jim Flood, Webmaster

SHEPHERDING:

Marge Bozigar, Ron Bowser, Kathleen Buckley



Too high for me!!!



Inspecting the tracery.

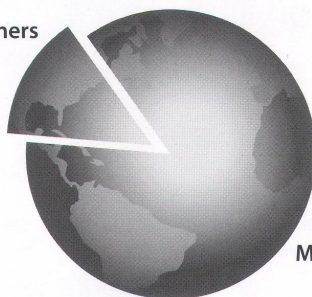
How 2011 World Mission Offering Dollars Are Being Used

You are invited to copy the item below and distribute it to your congregation.

**Thank you for your 2011 WMO gifts
of more than \$3 million!**

**How the World Mission Offering was invested in 2011-2012
(general and directed giving)**

**Global Christian Partners
and Programs**
\$426,000



**Total Annual
Missionary Cost
\$6.75 million**

Missionary Support
\$2,615,000

United States and Puerto Rico churches and individuals gave \$3,041,000 last year to support the work of the Lord through American Baptist International Ministries' World Mission Offering (WMO). The largest portion, \$2,615,000, was used to support 100 IM missionaries serving around the world.

Funding through the World Mission Offering is very important. The vital combination of WMO giving, PLUS giving to IM for the personalized support of missionaries, covers IM's total annual missionary cost of \$6.75 million. Your missionaries are able to carry on the work of the Lord — thanks to you. And they are encouraged through your prayers and generous support of them through the World Mission Offering.

The remaining \$426,000 is being used to provide support for IM's global Christian partners and programs, including schools, seminaries and colleges ... health clinics ... agricultural projects, peace initiatives ... and ministry to victims of human trafficking. IM's partners thank you for remembering the poor, the sick, the homeless and the heartbroken through your gifts to WMO.

Thank You!

www.worldmissionoffering.org

