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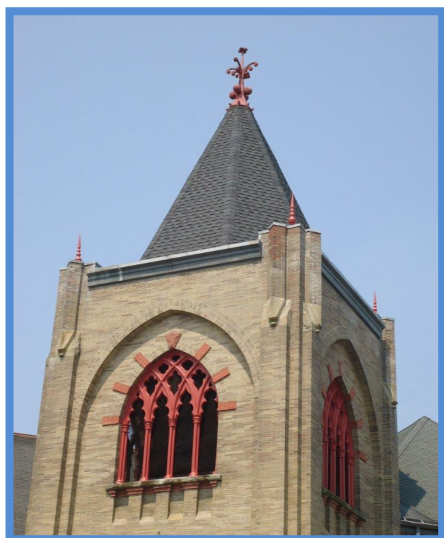
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## First Baptist Church

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

2014



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# October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Another month with a fair amount of things to do. Have you been down the alley side of the church to see the new paint job on the back window openings of the gym? Did you mark the Bible Study on your calendar? How about Family Night with Minnesota Cuke and his adventures?</p> <p>Saturday, October 18, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM we will again be at the Park Place Market just up the street across from the Post Office. What a great opportunity to meet people from the neighborhood, the area, and even further away. This is real outreach. Join us for a couple of hours to talk up your church!</p>			<p>1</p> <p>12:15 Inasmuch Luncheon</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 Men's Coffee Time</p>  <p>Yom Kippur</p>	<p>4</p>
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- 1 Donna Clark  
4 Marguerite Blakely  
30 Margaret Payne



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for Margaret Payne, Mary Kay Wilson, Mark Clark, Mark Williams, Jr., 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.



### October 1 – Wednesday

12:15 PM Inasmuch luncheon

### October 5 – Sunday

#### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM Pre-service Fellowship

11:00 AM Divine Worship with Holy Communion

*World Wide Communion Sunday*

Rev. Dr. Brian A. Brown, preaching

5:00 PM L.I.F.E. "Discover Fall"

### October 8 – Wednesday

6:00 PM Diaconate/Trustees Meeting

7:00 PM Bible Study with Charles Lamb

### October 12 – Sunday

#### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM Pre-service Fellowship

11:00 AM Divine Worship

Rev. Wesley R. Bourdette, preaching

12:15 PM Second Sunday Lunch

2:00 PM *Gift of Music*: David Keller, bassoonist

### October 19 – Sunday

#### NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM Pre-service Fellowship

11:00 AM Divine Worship

Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching

*Third Sunday Food Collection*

### October 26 - Sunday

#### TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM Pre-service Fellowship

11:00 AM Divine Worship

Rev. Wesley R. Bourdette, preaching

### October 30 - Thursday

7:00 PM Family Night: Halloween Party with

*Minnesota Cuke and the Search for Noah's Umbrella*

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

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

Lively Interesting Fellowship for Everyone

**Sunday, October 5, 2014****5:00 PM****“Discover Fall”**

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.

October 12, 2014 – 12:15 PM

**Second Sunday LUNCH**

With

***Gift of Music***

2:00 PM

David Keller, bassoonist

## **My EXperiences Going Back to School (or “How I’m coping With “The Great Adventure”)**

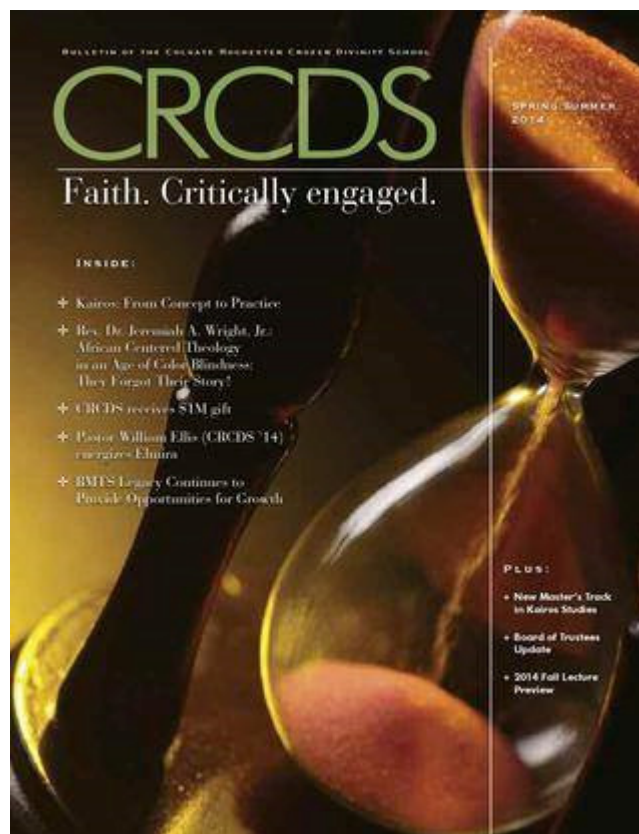
On October 6<sup>th</sup>, I took the first step on a 3 year process – returning to school for a Certificate in Christian Leadership – a long-awaited dream. Returning to school... For a month, my stomach harbored butterflies. I labored over my first paper, due before my first class! Homework, it's been a while!

I got to Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity

School 20 minutes early. I located the building – empty! I went to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, where I read the class would be held – the hallway was in complete darkness. I inched quietly down and found the classroom – locked. I heard a noise where the stairway led to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Concerned that I would look odd, alone in the dark, I ran on feathered feet to return to the stairway. Three people had gathered, soon to be 8 of us – my classmates.

We headed to the chapel for prayer and song – beautiful wood, amazing acoustics – we sounded good! Then on to the classroom – on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor! No wonder the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor door was locked.

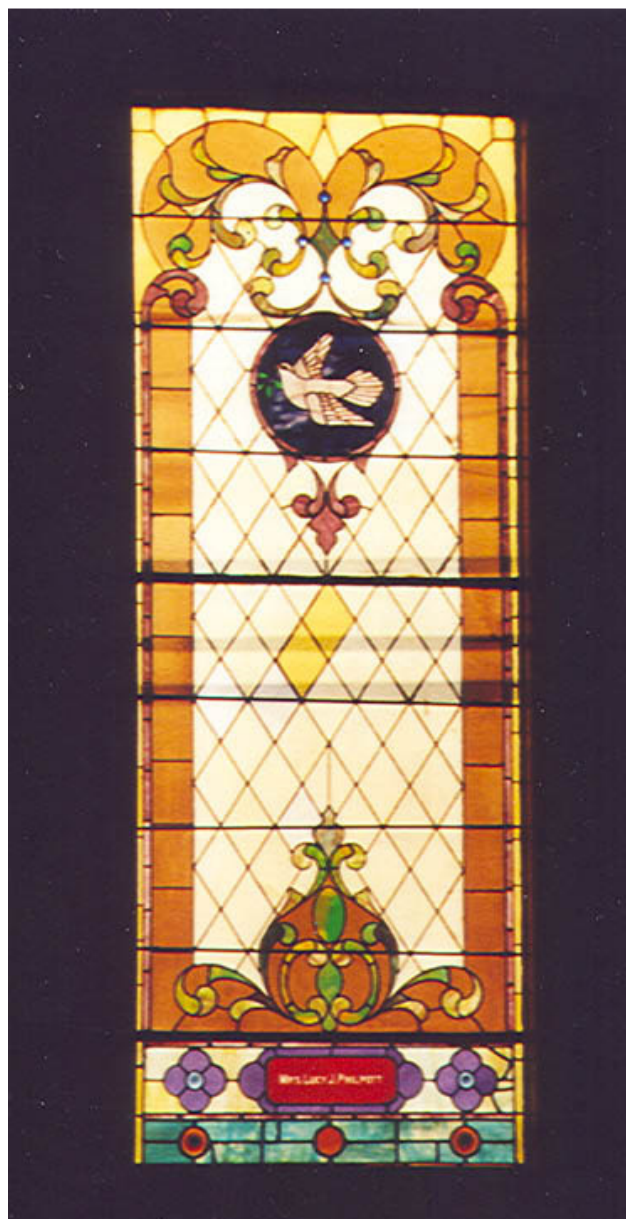
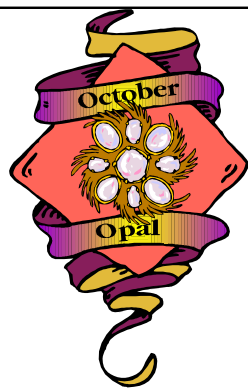
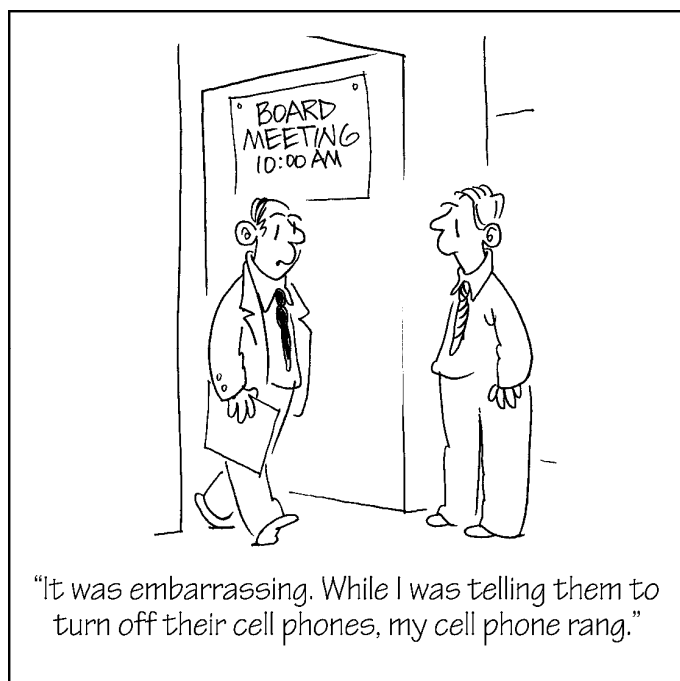
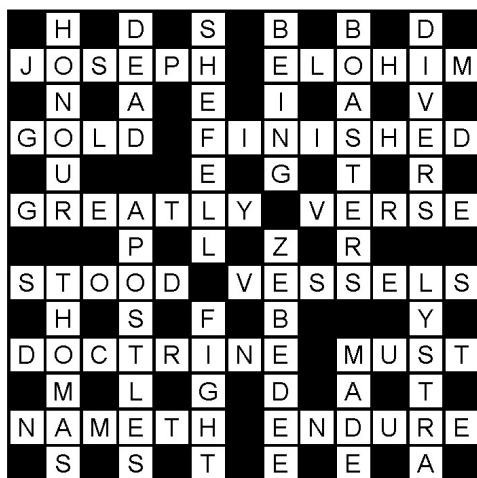
More to come next month!

**Kath**



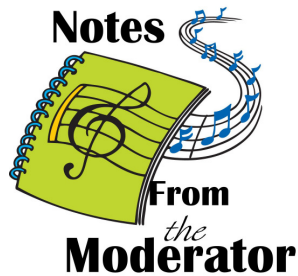
*last month's answers*

## 2 Timothy



**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 will have noticed some "holes in the wall."

We are still about \$600.00 short of completely raising funds to cover the cost of this work. Envelopes for contributions are available on the table in the Friendship room. We still need a few more donations for this project.



Our September Rummage Sale netted \$400.00. The sale is a success due to the donations of church and community members for which we are grateful. The sale is a service to the community as well as a social event of a unique time. It's nice to catch up with acquaintances over one of a kind bargains. Thanks go to Hazel Baxter, Marge Bozigar, Carolyn Culbreth, Connie Davis, and yours truly for sorting, organizing, and selling.

We're looking ahead to a Family Night film about *Minnesota Cuke and the Search for Noah's Umbrella* and Halloween party. October 30 is the date and get ready for more silly songs, popcorn and meeting new people. Our outreach brings new folks to church and sows seeds for the future for our church. Our neighborhood has changed.

Thinking about those changes and meeting our neighbors, we need to thank Jim Flood, Hazel Baxter, Joe Heasley, Kay Buckley and Ron Bowser for doing outreach last Saturday at the Park Place Market on Main Street. Two more Saturdays are planned for similar activities to greet our neighbors and tell them about this church. Working at public relations is simply telling our story and listening to theirs. We welcome all to worship with us.

Our mission for October is America For Christ. The information will be in the Sunday bulletins and on page 12. The Crop Walk will take place on October 12 and envelopes will be available Sunday. The funds from the walk fund food locally and around the world. Walkers are encouraged to reach out for donations outside and inside the church.

Second Sunday, also October 12, brings us the Gift of Music Concert at 2:00 PM. Robert Keller, retired US Army bassoonist, will be performing on bassoon and contrabassoon. His accompanist is Larry Tallman and both performers are music educators. I have the pleasure of performing with both of these outstanding gentlemen in the Batavia Concert Band. See you there for an excellent and different performance.

**Donna Flood**



### Bless you, Sr. Beth

Many times when we read in the Tower or in the Sunday bulletins about "Third Sunday Food Collection" we think, "Oh, yes, I'll bring in a box of spaghetti, if I can remember to do it."

It's really more important than we think. It is a real service we do in our community. Heart, Love & Soul provides greatly needed services to residents of the north side of Niagara Falls on a regular and ongoing basis. It's not just a "soup kitchen."

Perhaps you have seen Sr. Beth Brosmer on TV in the recent M & T Bank commercials. First Baptist Church each month provides items – such as personal items – that Heart, Love & Soul does not get through food banks.

Last month First Baptist donated 48 pounds of "food" (which includes all items). 48 pounds! That's a lot of stuff! Please read Sr. Brosmer's letter which is on the next page; it tells a lot about what is going on.

This is not some far away missionary effort we read about in a flyer during a yearly appeal, as important as they are. This is real and up close giving, helping, missionary work on our own doorstep, to people we can actually see. Sr. Beth and her assistants are true missionaries doing difficult and many times thankless work. And, after all, "Charity begins at home."



HEART Love &amp; SOUL

Serving The Community

12 September 2014

First Baptist Church  
554 Main Street  
Niagara Falls, NY 14301

Dear Friends at First Baptist Church,

Where has the summer gone? As the children begin another school year, many of them take with them fond memories of summer fun and learning provided by Heart & Soul, here or elsewhere. Heading into autumn, we gratefully acknowledge your recent contribution of 48 lbs. of food which we received on September 2, 2014. Without the support of donors like you, much of what we do would not be possible.

For the past year we have been using a new, innovative system in our food pantry. Now, instead of preparing bags of food for our clients, they shop for themselves for fruits, vegetable, grains and proteins, according to the number of people in the family. Our "shoppers" are more than satisfied with this arrangement. Last month 553 families (979 individuals) received nourishing food from our pantry. We are still serving nutritious breakfasts and hot lunches for approximately 180 persons per day.

Our nurse Barbara Malinowski retired after 10 years at Heart & Soul and now Sister Mary Kay Tyrell, a Sister of Charity from Mt. St. Mary's Hospital, has assumed those duties. Our Social Worker Janet Smith is also kept busy meeting various needs of our guests.

We are grateful for all the blessings of this past summer... that we were able provide meaningful recreation for so many children, that we had plenty of food, especially fresh produce from area farmers and gardeners to feed our guests in the dining room and in the pantry. And we are thankful to you for being a part of our family of generous givers.

*Blessings!  
& peace!*

Sincerely yours.

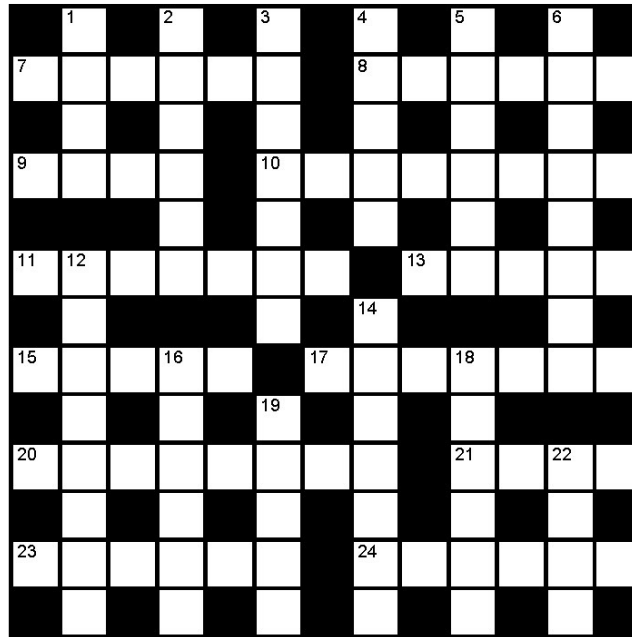
Sister Beth Brosmer  
Executive Director

*For tax purposes I declare that no goods or services were given in lieu of your donation.*



# Bible Crossword Puzzles (King James Version)

## Titus



### Across

- 7 Paul instructs Titus to \_\_\_\_ elders. Titus 1:5 (6)
- 8 In the beginning, God created this and the earth. Gen 1:1 (6)
- 9 Some profess to know God, but do this by their works. Titus 1:16 (4)
- 10 A friend and companion of Paul. Titus 3:12 (8)
- 11 Zenas and Apollos were going on this. Titus 3:13 (7)
- 13 "Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering \_\_\_\_." Titus 2:9 (5)
- 15 "And let our's also \_\_\_\_ to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful." Titus 3:14 (5)
- 17 Older women are to teach younger women to be these at home. Titus 2:5 (7)
- 20 Along with love, this appeared toward man. Titus 3:4 (8)

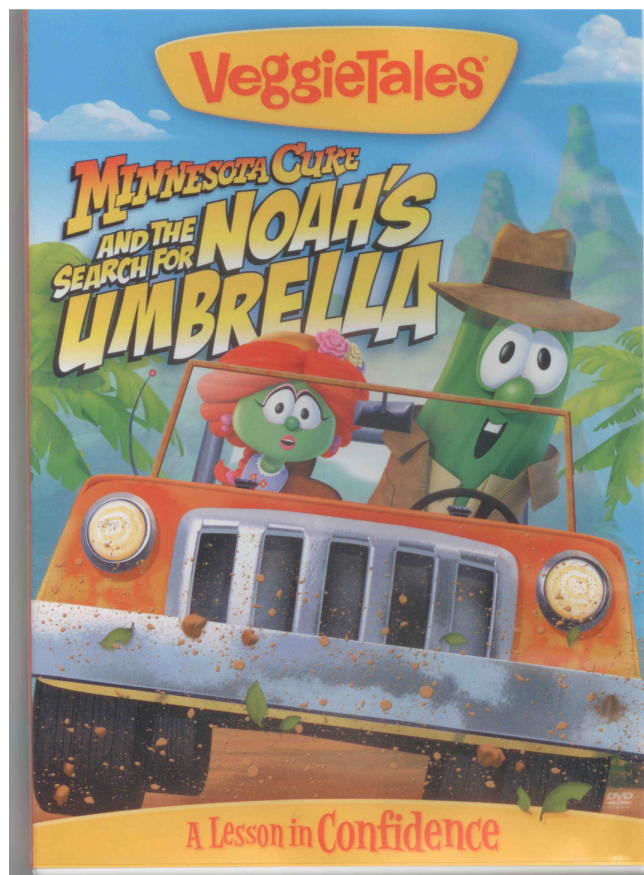
- 21 Paul instructs Titus that the elders he chooses should not have children that are "accused of \_\_\_\_." Titus 1:6 (4)
- 23 Heavenly creatures. (6)
- 24 "This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou \_\_\_\_ constantly ..." Titus 3:8 (6)

### Down

- 1 "This witness is \_\_\_\_." Titus 1:13 (4)
- 2 The profession of Zenas. Titus 3:13 (6)
- 3 "For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish ... and hating one \_\_\_\_." Titus 3:3 (7)
- 4 "In hope of eternal life, \_\_\_\_ God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began." Titus 1:2 (5)
- 5 "This is a faithful \_\_\_\_ ..." Titus 3:8 (6)

- 6 God wanted to purify for Himself this type of people. Titus 2:14 (8)
- 12 "Exhort servants to be \_\_\_\_ unto their own masters." Titus 2:9 (8)
- 14 Anointed one. (7)
- 16 Christ came to \_\_\_\_ us from iniquity. Titus 2:14 (6)
- 18 Christ came to "\_\_\_\_ unto himself" a people. Titus 2:14 (6)
- 19 "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." Titus, Chapter 2, \_\_\_\_ 11. (5)
- 22 "And let \_\_\_\_ also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful." Titus 3:14 (4)





**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!** Larry the Cucumber is Minnesota Cuke, a children's museum curator and part-time detective hired to find the famous Noah's Ark. [Any similarity to *Raiders of the Lost Ark* is purely intentional.] But the search gets complicated when he learns of Noah's mysterious and powerful umbrella . . . and a clever villain who wants it for his own selfish gain! Will Minnesota find the confidence to continue the search, face the villain and protect the umbrella – or will all hope of finding the Ark be washed away for good?

Presented Thursday, October 30, at 7:00 PM, this is a lesson in confidence for all ages, with engaging songs, veggie action, and terrible jokes and puns. Come for the free popcorn and soda, stay for the movie, and perhaps meet some of our neighbors of all ages who come and receive a Christian message – another outreach of your church.

**Come for an Ark-sized adventure, plus a Halloween party and join in a good time!**



The Family Night is turning out to be a big hit. Last month we saw the VeggieTale *Celery Night Fever* and not only was it entertaining, but delivered a great message in forgiveness. Almost thirty people from the neighborhood were there.

This month's Family Night will be a Halloween party for all ages and we'll see what *Minnesota Cuke and the Search for Noah's Umbrella* holds in store.

Our new large screen 60" TV with extra "sound bar" audio equipment provides a big, engaging picture with superior sound to captivate the audience, young and old(er).

We need a few people from our congregation to volunteer to be at the Family Nights to speak to the people who come in. It's not enough to pass out free popcorn and a brochure on the church; the personal touch is what's needed. This is a real opportunity for outreach and service. Can you be there some nights?

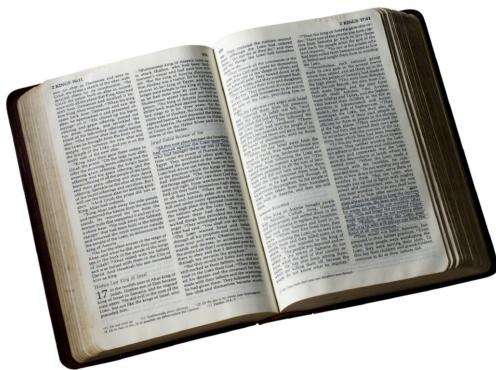
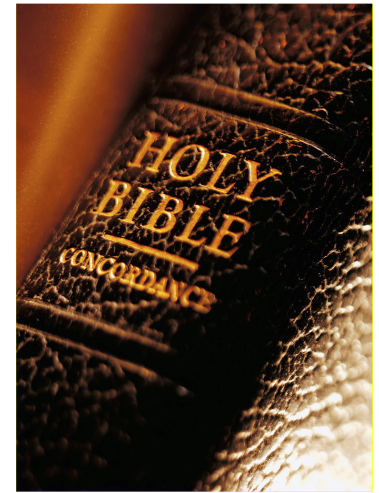
And speaking of outreach, notice on the calendar that First Baptist will be at the Park Place Market on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Market is so close to the Church and the special Saturday opening is especially for informational opportunities for various organizations. How about volunteering to come down for a couple of hours to see whom you could talk to? Speak to Jim, Donna, Hazel or anyone on the Diaconate. We can use the help. We'll be passing out information, brochures and pens. This is a great opportunity to meet people and to tell everyone of our services, activities, and our friendly Christ-centered influential Church. This is a really important chance to meet and talk to people from the neighborhood and all over Niagara Falls with whom we might not otherwise come in contact.

## Bible Study

The **Rev. Dr. Charles Lamb** has graciously agreed to lead our Bible Study classes this fall. The Diaconate wishes to invite everyone, both members of First Baptist Church and our community in general, to participate in these extraordinarily fine sessions. Dr. Lamb taught Bible at Niagara University for many years and brings a wealth of information and insight to his studies. Many of us were fortunate enough to hear Rev. Lamb's Lenten series in 2013 and have come to appreciate his insightful yet down to earth approach to the Scriptures.

This fall series will be a general survey to provide deeper understanding of the Bible as a whole. In the spring the study group will be able to choose a specific area for closer attention.

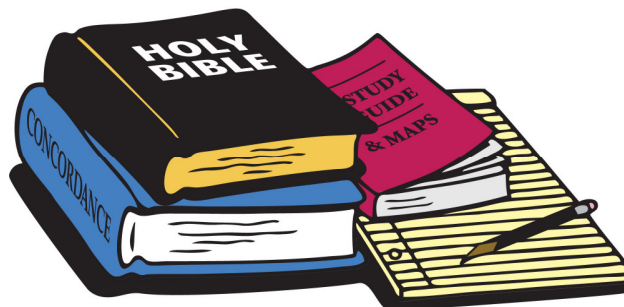
Mark your calendars right now to save the dates for this wonderful opportunity to learn and grow in Biblical knowledge under the guidance of a gifted teacher.



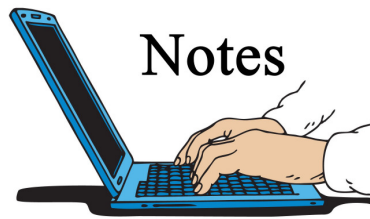
### *Dates for the Bible classes* *All classes start at 7:00 P/M*

September 24 — The Torah, the First Five Books  
October 8 — Historical Writings & King David  
November 5 — The Prophets  
November 19 — Job, Psalms, Proverbs, etc.  
December 3 — The Epistles  
December 17 — The Gospels

## Be Nourished



## Scholar-in-Residence



### Reading “Our” Play at Trinity College, Dublin

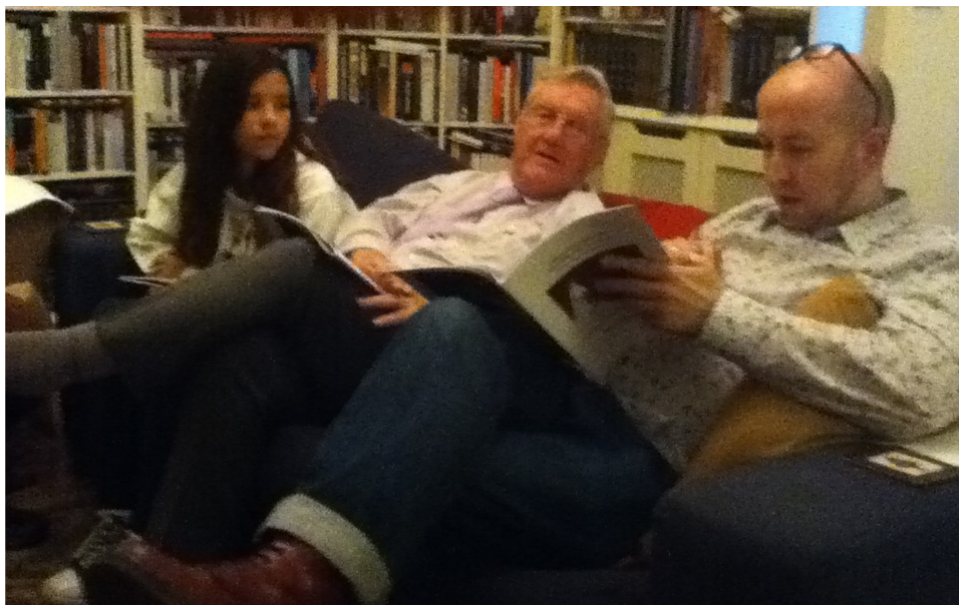
First Baptist scholar-in-residence **Dr. Brian Arthur Brown** and his wife Jenny toured England this summer, as Brian presented a lecture on his main book, *Three Testaments: Torah, Gospel and Quran* at Oxford University.

Colleagues also presented the *Three Testaments Companion* to students at the Cambridge Interfaith Summer School, while Dr. Brown held meetings at the British Museum and British Library, researching material for his forthcoming book, *Four Testaments: Tao te Ching, Analects, Dhammapada, Bhagavad Gita*.

These writings offer Christians an opportunity to understand the complex world in which we live in the twenty-first century, and puts forward the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a manner which may be appreciated by others in a world which is sometimes suspicious of Christian business, political and military activities around the globe.

Following the time in England, the Brown's went on to Ireland, where Dr. Brown's play, *Three Testaments: Shalom, Peace, Salam* was reviewed by academics prior to its use in class at St. Patrick's Seminary (Roman Catholic) and Trinity College (Anglican) in Dublin, pictured below.

First read at our church last autumn, the play is now scheduled to open at the West End Theatre in New York City on June 10, 2015. New bird masks have been created by Jeanette Heasley of our congregation, and the play may someday have its upstate New York premiere right here.

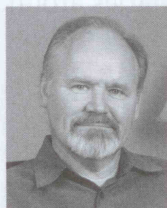




## WORLD MISSION OFFERING

### “Come Over ... and Help Us!”

ACTS 16:9b



*Special message from Reid Trulson  
Executive Director, International Ministries*

**Thank you for your prayers** for the 116 global servants now serving through International Ministries in more than 70 countries around the world.

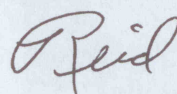
**Thank you for your giving to the World Mission Offering** to help identify, train, place and sustain IM global mission staff worldwide.

#### **Your prayers and giving are making a difference!**

Because of your support, tens of thousands of people are being touched by the work of IM global and home staff and more than 200 partner organizations in such ministries as evangelism, health and healing, theological education, human trafficking, economic development, education and peace and refuge.

Please join me again this year as, together, we **Rise to the Challenge** to enable *many thousands more* people around the world to *come* to Christ, *grow* in their relationships to God and *change* their worlds through the power of the Spirit.

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## PRAY

that someone from  
YOUR church  
will respond to  
God's call to  
mission service!

Oftentimes, we hear missionaries say they received God's call to mission service on Mission Sunday at their local church. During your World Mission Offering Sunday, please pray that, as the Scripture is **proclaimed** and encouragement is given to **respond**, *someone you know will hear God's call* and give himself or herself to long- or short-term mission work.