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WAVERLY FIRST BAPTIST NEWS

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PASTOR'S CORNER:

During our lives many moments in time come to us. There are historical ones like the men landing on the moon, which happened around my birthday. Some historical and very sad ones like 9/11, a tragedy which brought tears of sadness to our eyes even as we took time to pray for all of America.

There are moments in time that are very personal to us. Among the most memorable happened during our early school years, followed by college, then a wedding and the birth of our children. Then our times are filled with desire to see them succeed in life as they go to college, get married and have a family.

All of these times are important and are photographable to help us remember. But isn't the most important time in our life at the moment when we reach out to Jesus? When we realize our sinful estate and request forgiveness. Oh, if one could only touch the hem of His garment, we will be healed. Or, like the blind man, whose sight was given to him by Jesus and went away rejoicing loudly in telling all what had happened to him.

Our moments in time these past twenty years have been spread all across America as we have endeavored to serve God, from the east coast to the west coast with a stop in between. Each of the stops has given us a special moment of time. We have been able to sight see in long desired places. Shared happy moments with many people and these moments will be long remembered, to be relived from time to time. We deeply cherish the time here with the Waverly people, who are strong prayer warriors for Christ. A stop where people laugh while sharing their time and love. Our time spent here has been intriguing, very serious at times and given to laughter at numerous times. This moment now comes to an end but will never be forgotten.

May God bless you with wisdom and foresight in serving our Lord Jesus Christ. May all your moments in time be glorious stops.

Amen.

Pastor George

MISSIONS



CHOW for Children

“A person who has food has many problems. A person who has no food has only one problem.” –Chinese saying

Chow for children is a ministry designed to feed hungry children in Waverly. This program was started 8 years ago and was administered successfully in the Head Start school. Chow provided two weekend meals for Head Start children and their entire family for the school year. This past school year (2014/2015), Head Start, Waverly, was not funded by the government. A private organization, Family Enrichment Network, funded and ran the preschool program and Chow was able to feed 19 families which included 94 people 2 weekend meals for the school year.

Chow is funded through 3 area churches: Waverly First Baptist, Waverly Methodist and Valley Presbyterian as well donations from the Community Chest, Waverly High school food drives, Waverly Rotary as well as private donations. God has always provided for Chow. Chow has a refrigerator/freezer and is able to obtain federally discounted food through the Food Bank of the Southern Tier, allowing them to include fresh, healthy food in their weekend meals.

“He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done.” Proverbs 19:17 Since it is not guaranteed that the Family Enrichment Network will be able to fund the local preschool for the 2015/2016 school year, Chow is looking into running a pilot food program for the preschool children at Lincoln Street elementary school. This pilot program will run 6-8 weeks to get a feel for the response of weekend meals. The administration at Lincoln Street School welcomes the program and has expressed that there is a need for a supplemental food program for Waverly children.

We look to respond to Jesus’ teaching to “Feed my sheep” and with God’s blessing we will succeed. Our goal is to give \$500 to Chow. Prayerfully consider giving to this great local ministry!

Palm Project: To date, \$711 was given to Palm Project. Thank you to all who gave!!

Missionary update: Dan & Sarah Chetti from Lebanon

Dan Chetti writes:

“We thank you for your support and concern for the ministry among the Syrian refugees. International Ministries is also helping refugees in Iraq. Last June I have launched a strategic initiative, AWI(Arab World Initiative) supporting 7 servants of God in 6 Arab countries. All of them are my former students, except one. A Baptist lay leader from Ohio has given the funds for 5 years. I am now encouraging churches to come aboard and learn more about this new strategic initiative in the Arab World. Once the funds come to an end 4 years from now, my prayer is that ABC churches will start adopting these ministries. God is opening the doors for us to witness to the Arabs and we must follow His lead without fear. Sarah recently launched a new ministry as well with the 'maids'.

AROUND THE CHURCH



The Choir at First Baptist Church is made up of some of the friendliest, loving people you'll ever meet! We make it a point to nurture a "family atmosphere" among us, but make no mistake – we love lifting up our Lord through Worship! At practice led by Elaine Daddona on Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. you'll enjoy awesome fellowship, learn more about how music and your voice function, sing some of the most exciting songs you'll ever hear, be refreshed spiritually, and enjoy a "heaping helping" of good, old-fashioned fun!



Kid's Choir is for children who love to sing praises to God and like to have fun. Children who are 3-8 years old are welcome to come. Our choir sings at the 11:00 a.m. service at least once a month. Kid's Choir practices on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Lynette Felt is the director.

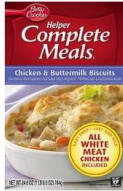


Calling all Ladies for Fun, Food and Fellowship!

Come out and learn how to make quick and easy meals with common ingredients at the next Ladies Night Out on Thursday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. We will be eating what we make so come hungry!! Bring a friend. The more, the merrier!



Community Dinner – don't forget Waverly Baptist is providing the Community dinner in May at the Waverly Methodist Church. This is the first Thursday in May (7th). If you would like to make a monetary donation towards the food purchase, please put it in the offering plate and mark it Missions – Community dinner. Thank you.



VALLEY FOOD PANTRY



The 'fixins' for at least eight warm breakfast or fun breakfast meals were delivered to the Food Pantry thanks to 43 items donated in February. The much needed canned fruit was especially appreciated. More and more families are relying on the Pantry to get through the month. April is Dinner-in-a-Box Month. May will be Canned Pasta Month and June will be Protein Month. Remember to add macaroni and cheese, hamburger helper, canned pasta and canned meats to your shopping list.



Wayne and Katherine Niles are Coming to Visit!

We are blessed to have the opportunity to share a meal and meet with our American Baptist missionaries Wayne and Katherine Niles on Saturday April 25th at 5:30 p.m. They will talk for a short time and show a Power Point presentation on the various aspects of their ministry in the Congo. It is a great way to learn more about the Palm project, the medical ministry where our rolled bandages are used and much more. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship and a once in a lifetime event. Mark your calendars now to plan on being there!



First Fruits Creative Ministries practices Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. are busy preparing our spring show for the Mother's Day Banquet on May 9th. We also have a show at Elmira Wesleyan Church on April 18th and at Elderwood Nursing Home May 16th. Join us for an uplifting time of fellowship and sharing of God's love. Anyone 12 years old or older are welcome to join!



Prayer meetings are held on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. This is for anyone interested in praying for the church and community, and specific families and needs as they arise. We welcome all to join us in this important ministry.



To the Congregation: Our Saturday night farewell dinner and fellowship was delightful and delicious, so thanks to each who made it possible. The numerous gifts we received overwhelmed us. This out pouring of love warmed our hearts and will continue to do so for a very long time as we sit in our apartment seeing and using the results of your gracious giving. Thank you each and everyone. We pray God's blessings be upon you. Pastor George and Gladys.

Men's Fellowship & Breakfast -

All men are invited to breakfast and fellowship at Bren's Restaurant (formerly called Bishop's Restaurant). The next men's breakfast will be **April 25th at 8:00 a.m.** The men will be meeting at the church parking lot at 730 for all those who wish to car pool. See Rex Paris.



Big Contest! Valuable Prizes!

The American Baptist Churches of New York State is initiating a contest to develop a logo for our Regional Ministries. What do you need to do? Submit a logo in jpg. format to jkelsey@abc-nys.org before April 30, 2015. What will you win - A \$200 credit that can be used at any Regional activity (ABY Convention, ABCNYS Biennial, a Region-sponsored conference or event, etc.)



POTLUCK DINNER

April 12th: Join us for the Transitional Service where Pastor George will hand over the Christian Leadership Role to our new Pastor Steve Dygert. After this special service, there will be a dish to pass dinner to fellowship and welcome Pastor Dygert

and his wife Sandy to our congregation. Please remember to bring a dish to share and your own table service as well.



Save the date: May 4th is the Quarterly Meeting at 7:00 p.m.



Amplify Youth Fellowship

YOUTH SUNDAY 2015 - On March 15th we presented Youth Sunday for the morning service. The youth did an awesome job relaying the message of "forgiveness". **Thanks to all the youth for your passion, commitment and hard work.** We also thank the parents and the church for their support in prayer, financial and other. As of March 22, \$557.00 was donated to Amplify.

We also took our show on the road, with some minor adjustments, to the Christian Missionary Church on Chemung Street on Palm Sunday, March 29th.

NEW THEME AND MEETINGS- In April we will get back to regular meetings and begin a new study on the "Fruit of the Spirit". We are going to move our meeting time to 12:30 - 2 p.m. on Sundays (bring your own lunch). We will try this for a few months and see how it goes. **April 12th** will be games, pizza & cake provided by the leaders and **April 19th** will be devotions. Vickie will be out of town April 26, but for those who are able we will meet on **Thursday, April 30** from 6:30-7:00 to fellowship and clean our room.

SUMMER RETREAT (YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US)

FRIDAY, JULY 10- SUNDAY, JULY 12TH - Amplify is planning to combine their summer fun trip with a retreat. We are planning a trip to Hershey Park one day and then we will be attending "Joseph" at the Sight and Sound Theater. If time allows we will also plan to visit an Amish Farm to see how a different Christian faith lives. If you would like to join us at Hershey, for "Joseph", or the Amish Farm, please let Vickie know no later than Sunday, April 19th. Group tickets will be ordered the last week in April. Thank you!

Amplify Youth Fellowship is for grades 7-12 and meets in the youth room every Sunday from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

NEWS FROM THE BOARDS



DIACONATE BOARD

March was a memorable month at Waverly First Baptist with a special Youth Sunday led by Amplified youth group. It is very evident that we have many gifted and treasured young people. A special thank you to the teens and leaders who worked so hard in preparing the service. We were blessed in many ways. Thank you to all who came to thank Pastor George and Gladys for their service at the Saturday night fellowship meal. We continue to pray for a blessed transition into retirement for both of them. There are many who would count themselves as having been blessed in knowing them. We love you both! Please welcome Robin Smith, Joyce Dudash, and Larue Dudash who have been accepted into membership by experience and the right hand of fellowship in March. Please continue to pray for Pastor George's great-grandson Steve who was baptized by Pastor.

April will be an eventful month with Pastor Dygert coming for his first Sunday service at Waverly First Baptist on April 12th. He will do a joint service with Pastor George to transition the church leadership. Please join us in praying for a smooth transition as Pastor Steve Dygert is preparing to lead our church. There will be a dish-to-pass dinner on April 12th to welcome Pastor Dygert and his wife Sandy. Please plan to join us this special day.

The Niles, missionaries to the Congo will be joining us for a special presentation on April 25th. Other churches and friends of the Niles will be invited to join us as we hear about their ministry and what the Lord is doing in their mission field. A dinner is being planned as part of their time with us. Please listen for more information from the Missions Committee.

Pastor George will end his ministry at Waverly leading us for Easter Day services. Easter services will begin with a special Maundy Thursday service on April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. If you have not joined us before, this is a very reverent service focused on Christ and his great sacrifice leading up to his death on the cross. Easter Sunday services will start with Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. Join us upstairs immediately after the sunrise service for breakfast. Sunday School will commence at its usual time of 9:45 with a traditional Easter Service at 11:00 a.m. Please invite your friends and family to join us this day as we celebrate what God has and is continuing to do for His people. GOD IS GOOD!

Diaconate contacts for the month of April are Pam Russell ([607\) 734-5569](tel:6077345569) and Stephen Lynch ([570\) 886-2120](tel:5708862120). Please contact them in the event that Pastor cannot be reached.

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:8-11

Board of Trustees



Board of Trustees – Highlights for April newsletter

- Funds are still needed to pay off the SOS account.
- Everything has been submitted to the Bank by Attorney Finlayson regarding the Pittsley Account and we are waiting on the Bank to release the funds
- Dave Rote plans to work on setting up the Emergency lighting, exit lights and sanctuary lighting with backup batteries this winter.
- Vickie will work with the Youth group to get the videotaping of the Church property for Insurance purposes.
- The 4 holes from relocating the memorial plaque still need to be repaired trustees discussed getting 4 plugs for the wall but Dave Rote recommended using Spray Foam to plug the holes and then paint over to match. Dave will take care of this.
- Both computers are in, attention will now be turned to getting WIFI in the church
- Carpet Squares will be purchased for the lower level of the Church – it was decided that as long as the carpet is not done yet this would be a good time to paint any of the rooms in the lower level.
- The Oreck vacuum cleaner could not be repaired the trustees purchased a new commercial grade video to replace it.
- Trustees will review the procedures and the contacts for the Fire Alarm System in order to make sure they are up to date.

The Trustees of the First Baptist Church of Waverly

Reference phone number & email addresses of 2014 Board of Trustees:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD



Our thanks to the youth and Vickie for a great Youth Sunday service.

A reminder to everyone to check your home libraries for books/DVDs that needs to be returned to the church library. Any material taken from the library should be signed out, even if it is being used in the building.



Junior Church and Church Nursery are looking for volunteers. Signup lists are posted in the hallway.

If you work with our young people in any capacity and have not viewed the Risk-Management webinar, please do so as soon as possible. If you are unable to view it, please see a board member.



Mark your calendar!

May 17-Children's Day

June 14-Graduation Sunday.

Two great Sundays recognizing the children of our church and honoring those graduating from high school and college.

April 2015 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 Choir Practice	2 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday service	3 Good Friday	4
5 9:30 Kid's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	6	7 6:30 Prayer Ministry 6:30 First Fruits	8 6:30 Choir Practice	9 6:30 Trustee Meeting 6:45 Diaconate Meeting	10	11 10:00am Ladies Fellowship
EASTER SUNDAY						
12 9:30 Kid's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship TRANSITIONAL SERVICE Dinner after church to welcome Pastor Dygert and family 12:30- 2:00 Amplify	13	14 6:30 Prayer Ministry 6:30 First Fruits	15 6:30 Choir Practice	16 7:00 Christian Education Meeting	17	18 .First Fruits at Elmira Wesleyan Church 4:00 p.m.
19 9:30 Kid's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:30-2:00 Amplify	20 ALL NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	21 6:30 Prayer Ministry 6:30 First Fruits	22 6:30 Choir Practice	23 6:30 Ladies Night Out	24	25 8:00 am Men's Breakfast and Fellowship at Brens 5:30 p.m. Niles Missionary Dinner
26 9:30 Kid's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	27	28 6:30 Prayer Ministry 6:30 First Fruits	29	30 6:30-7:30 Amplify	Quarterly Meeting is Monday May 4th	



April Birthdays

2 Wendy Cranmer
 2 Lynette Bentley
 6 Betty Smith
 6 Anniv: Nicholas & Samantha Barler
 9 Nicholas Wheeler, Mark Hawthorne
 9 Corey Reed
 10 Lauryn Wheeler
 12 Eric Larson
 13 Doris Dunn
 15 Todd Atchison

17 Susan Larson
 17 Anniv: Garry & Robin Smith
 20 Katie Felt
 21 Leroy Woodruff, Helen Ellis
 22 David Lougher
 22 Anniv: Don & Dot Woodcock
 23 Blythe Atchison; Sharon Bean
 27 Amy Wurth
 28 Richard Bean
 29 Gabriel Levering

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 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 11:00 a.m.
 Amplify (7th-12 grades): Sundays at 12:30- 2:00 p.m.
 First Fruits Creative Ministries: Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
 Prayer Meetings: Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.
 Choir: Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
 Ladies Tea/Coffee: 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.
 Ladies Night Out: 4th Thursday 6:30 p.m.
 Men's Breakfast: 4th Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

Staffed Nursery and Junior Church

