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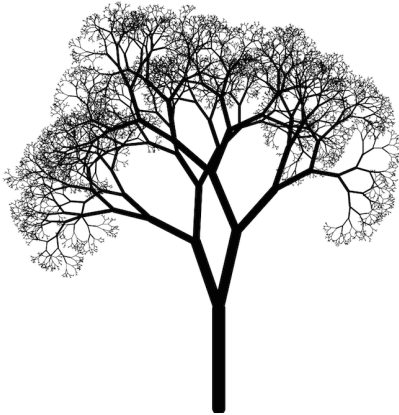
Pastor Luke Beattie preached on Genesis 1 – 11 earlier this year. These chapters covered the creation, genealogies, Noah's Ark and more.

The 1971 Apollo 15 space mission brought back the Genesis Rock which assisted scientists in dating the moon's age.

Commander David Scott, left behind a Bible

on the Lunar Rover before returning to earth. Astronaut James Irwin, in his retirement, went on expeditions to Mount Ararat in search of Noah's Ark.

If interested in the topic, there are several books about the space missions and astronauts in the Church Library.



*Nursery will be
available starting
September 13th*



HELP! ALL THESE CLOTHES AND NO PLACE TO GO!

After 6 months during which we've been unable to distribute clothing to those who come for Free Clothes and More, our sorting room and storage areas are loaded with really nice clothing. All is in a bit of a mess at present as our areas in which clothes are stored are bulging. We've been able to distribute to a few people in our church and to a group that was burned out of their apartments, but at present have no outlets. The Red Cross has been notified and we've explored the avenues that others are using to get the items out to people that need them.

What we need:

1. Ideas about how to distribute clothes during the pandemic
2. People to help organize the sorting room to make it more useable.
3. More staffing - Phylis Finch and Anna James and Nancy Brown and I do the sorting and replenishing and Mary Carl takes extra or unusable clothing to Salvation Army. Three of us are older and would love to pass the baton to someone else or to have some younger folk to work with us regularly.

How 'bout it? If interested, see Diane Runion or Phylis Finch with ideas or ability to volunteer.



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mission

Breadbox Offering: Samaritan's Purse

Breadbox offering for September will go to the Bandera Family Christmas. We are not sure if they will be able to have the dinner as usual, and they may have to switch to take-out in view of the pandemic. As of this writing, we aren't sure what will happen, but we can tell you that this community organization has developed to the point that over 3000 free Christmas meals are delivered to shut-ins, and provided at community centers in the Binghamton area and possibly Norwich. I can't imagine preparing and cooking all the turkeys and other parts of the meal for that many people. It gives people a real sense of community when they work together as volunteers and eat together on this special day of the celebration of our Lord's birth. It takes a full year of preparation. If it isn't going to happen this year at all, your Mission committee will switch to a different recipient and will let you know. For donations, make out a check to the church and earmark it for September breadbox.

Free Clothes and More

We had a very disappointing re-start to this program in which we give out for free, toiletries, paper products and cleaning agents. We only had 9 families that came to our Saturday, the 15th distribution, largely due to the fact that it wasn't properly advertised, and for that I apologize. However, we had great volunteers and had a good time in pre- packaging the Wednesday before and in being there prepared to hand the goods out the door. You learn much about people when you work with them. Many thanks go to those who helped so ably. We have worked out a process to prepare and distribute the goods to keep people separate and safe.

Another disappointment is that we haven't yet come up with a way to distribute the clothing that you folks have been so generous in donating. We have copious amounts of clothes for most age groups of men, women, and kids for all seasons. Please let us know if you have an avenue to disseminate these items. We have donated a few to a group of people who were burned out of their apartments and have contacted the Red Cross to let them know of our availability in times of need.

WE CANNOT TAKE ANY CLOTHING AT THIS TIME.

GOD SINGS

Music enhances enjoyment.
Your heavenly Father ...sings; he sings songs of joy over you!
Don't believe me? You have His Word on it!

The Lord your God is with you,
he is mighty to save.
He will take great delight in you,
he will quiet you with his love,
he will rejoice over you with singing.
Zephaniah 3:17
(quoted from "Recipe for Life" by T. Wesemann)





BACK TO SCHOOL

September normally begins the new Sunday school year. This is a look back the attendance in 1960. The records sometimes included the weather for that Sunday. Keep in mind that although the number of teachers may seem a lot, several teachers were assigned to different age groups. The toddlers through senior high classes may have required multiple teachers whereas the adult classes only required 1.

According to the 1960 Sunday School annual report, the enrollment of the Main Street Baptist church School at the end of 1960 was approximately 644. This included 339 children and 240 adults and about 65 teachers and officers.

Below is a sample of the attendance:

January 03, 1960 Weather: cold
16 Classes - Teachers- 44; Total Attendance -338

April 19, 1960 Weather – Flurries, cold 30°.
16 Classes - Teachers- 48; Total Attendance -391

July 17, 1960 Weather – Sunny & Warm
16 Classes - Teachers- 25; Total Attendance -185 (**lowest attendance for 1960**)

October 30, 1960 Weather – Clear & Warm
16 Classes - Teachers- 43; Visitors -20; Total Attendance -419 (**highest attendance for 1960**)

December 11, 1960 Weather – Mild.
16 Classes - Teachers- 39; Total Attendance -363

The Sunday School committee for 1960 included Mr. Robert Boughton – Superintendent, Mrs. Novella Blakeney – Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Laura Morgan Secretary, Mr. Jackson Price – Treasurer, Mr. Douglas Johnson- Treasurer, Mr. Gordon Blakeney – Adult Superintendent

Source: Secretary's Record Book (Judson Record System- Main Street Baptist Sunday School Class (January 1, 1960 – December 31, 1960 – Laura Morgan – Secretary

Anna Kalivoda (1), Alex Kalivoda (3), Jonathan Galli (3), William Galli (3), Doug Johnson (9), Demos Ford (9), Aaron Bennett (11), Joshua Root (15), Jessica Carl (16), Brandi Robinson (17), and Ed Pease (23)



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Genesis 2:24

Amy and Aaron Bennett
celebrate 14 years together on
the 3rd

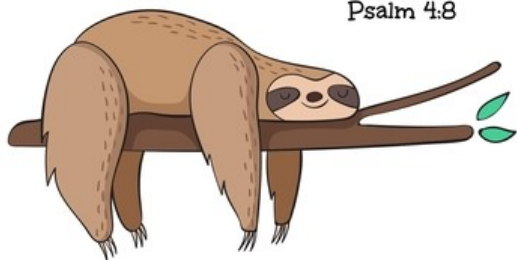
September 7th

LABOR DAY

The first Labor Day was held celebrated in New York City on September 5, 1882 and was started by the Central Labor Union in New York City. In 1884, it was moved to the first Monday in September where it is celebrated today.

**I will lie down
and sleep peacefully,
for you, Lord,
make me safe & secure.**

Psalm 4:8



“...In the Bible, the Gospels tell us of two perilous storms on the Sea of Galilee when the disciples feared for their lives. Both times, in the midst of the gale, they experienced a confusing mix of emotions... Jesus was with them, but his presence did not instantly end the danger. They were desperate for his protection, yet they were uncertain of his love. The inner storm this caused was even worse than the storm itself.

“Storms come to everyone, not just fishermen, All of us experience struggles trials throughout our lives. Sometimes it seems as if a trial will never end. You may be there right now, facing sickness, divorce, financial troubles, a prodigal child, a crisis of faith. But hang on, because even when the storm is still raging, Jesus brings real hope and good news in the midst of it.”

An excerpt from “Clinging to Hope in the Storm”, a six part devotional published by Our Daily Bread Ministries . All copies of this devotional are available with the Daily Breads.

