

THE MAIN ARTERY

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Our Church Council has decided that after reading through the new state mask guidance, it looks like all of the restrictions regarding mask wearing, social distancing and capacity have been removed for all persons who have been vaccinated. Along with this, although not specifically mentioned, singing would once again be allowed indoors.

This being said, the one caveat, requested by the State, is that the business involved ie; the Church, must ensure that all persons in attendance, under these rules, are vaccinated. However, the Church should not be put in the position of asking people for their personal medical information, such as proof of vaccination.

It should be sufficient to point out the State requirements and trust our members to make the proper decision.

Asking for proof of Vaccination would put us into the category of "information relating to the provision of healthcare to an individual", which is covered under HIPAA laws. This would require a private individual consultation, written consent from the individual and the subsequent safeguarding of this information.

*The State says that you can ask to see New York's Vaccine Passport, the "Excelsior Pass". To some, the Excelsior Pass, it could be argued, sounds like the "Mark of the Beast" from Revelation 13:17, **"So that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name"**.*

None of this stops our members from wearing a mask if they don't feel comfortable without it. Likewise, we would not question why they are wearing a mask. There will be a section of the sanctuary designated for those wishing to be extra careful and maintain precautions as previously set by the CDC.

June 2021 Calendar

June 13th – Children's Day/Graduation Sunday

June 20th - Father's Day

Birthdays

June 1st – Maynard Wark

June 6th - Shawn McMahon

June 10th – Nancy Brown

June 20th- Zachary Allen

June 20th – Warren Hessler

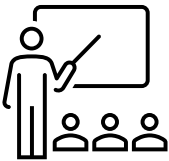
June 28th – Connie DeWitte

Anniversaries

June 11th – Dan & Amanda Svoboda

June 27th - Joe and Margaret Kotylo

✠ June 3rd marks the third anniversary of Pastor Beattie's ministry here. We are most fortunate to have him, Jennifer, Naomi, Eliza and John at Main Street Baptist with many more years to come.



Upcoming Bible Studies

A Study of Ephesians Thursday May 27th at 7 pm we will begin a ladies devotional study of Ephesians called "The thoughts we think, The words we speak." by Proverbs 31 Ministries. We are open to meeting in person or virtually. Please let Jeannette Farr know if you're interested.

A Study of the Beatitudes

June 8th - Summer Bible Study coming soon.

Who: Led by Judy Wark. All are welcome.

What: Beatitudes – 8 week lesson

When: Tuesday's at 6:00 pm starting June 8th.

Where: Mizpah room

Congratulations to our Graduate- Abigail Farr



Abigail Farr is graduating from Johnson City High School with an Advanced Designation Diploma with a Fine Arts Distinction. During her time in high school she has been very active within the music and art programs. Abigail was a swimmer and captain of the swim team. She is also a member of the National Honor Society. Throughout her middle and high school years Abigail spent much of her time volunteering with the children of our church and at her school. Abigail plans to attend SUNY Oneonta in the fall and major in Early Childhood Education.

Highlights from April 2021 Council - Submitted by Recording Secretary, Beth Blakeney

By the grace of God, the Easter offering was substantial and has led us to be up from last year with all bills being paid, although we are still behind on budget.

The property committee has worked to put more protection on the stained-glass windows on the front of the church so we can continue to enjoy their beauty for years to come!

Christian Ed delivered Holy Week bags to the children of the church to keep in touch during COVID times while we are apart. Thank you to Tabatha Reed for helping with distribution!



Mission Notes From Diane Runion

JUNE BREADBOX will go for Child Evangelism Fellowship which has been instrumental for 80 years, reaching children for Jesus and discipling them, leading them into Bible- preaching churches. It's ministry has been active around the world and is expanding into new nations and areas to fulfill the Great Commission.

During the school term, Good News Clubs meet with groups of children weekly in schools, homes, community centers, churches and apartment complexes, wherever they can easily and safely meet. They must have parental approval. For 60-90 minutes, trained teachers meet with kids ages 5-12+ to present a clear telling of the Gospel on a child's level, including strong training to build Christian character and to strengthen moral and spiritual growth. I attended a Good News club from Junior High School and High School. (Diane Runion) Summer Good News clubs will soon be starting up using materials supplied by the CEF Press.




In our Mission Budget, we support the Chosen People ministries that seeks to evangelize our Jewish brothers and sisters. As you know, Israel has been bombarded by over 1000 rockets at this printing, sent by Hamas, a radical military group bent on the destruction of Israel. Please pray for the innocent ones of the Palestinians and for the Israelites and pray for peace in that area. We know that the Prince of Peace will one day come and we pray for Jesus' soon return.

THOMAS RODRIGUES (CRU MINISTRY)

Thomas reports that despite COVID and the social distancing, CRU ministries are reflecting God's many graces in the workers lives as well as the lives of campus students and professors. God is actively working to bring His Spirit to new believers.

He is preparing to go on his summer mission assignment in Yellowstone National Park. Along with him, 38 students have signed up to serve along with him, to witness

to summer staff and tourists there. He requests back-up in prayer for this ministry. So, please add him to your prayer list as well as all those working to evangelize in the area.

 IF YOU LIKE TO PLAY GOLF AND ARE INTERESTED, there is opportunity to help support this organization by signing up to play at Endwell Greens Golf Course on Monday, June 14th. The cost is \$65 per player and includes lunch and prizes. There are forms to enter which must be in by June 7th. Forms can be found on the table in the entry or you can register by going to the website – www.cefbroome.org.



FROM FOCUS ON THE FAMILY/ AUGUST 2002 (reprinted from Dr. Dobson's book, "Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide")

QUESTION:

I know that beauty and brains are false values that demoralize kids who don't think they measure up. But what values do you suggest that I teach to my children?

ANSWER: I believe the most valuable contribution a parent can make to his child is to instill in him or her genuine faith in Jesus Christ. What greater sense of self-worth could there be than knowing that the Creator of the universe is acquainted with me personally? That He values me more than the possessions of the entire world, that He understands my fears and my anxieties; that he reaches out to me in immeasurable love when no one else cares; that He actually gave His life for me; that He can turn my liabilities into assets and my emptiness into fullness; that a better life follows this one, where the present handicaps and inadequacies will all be eliminated!

What a beautiful philosophy with which to "clothe" your tender child. What a fantastic message of hope and encouragement for the broken teenager who has been crushed by life's circumstances. This is true self-worth at it's richest, dependent not on the whims of birth or social judgment but on divine decree."



Legacy Five in Concert – 7 PM Friday June 11, 2021 at First Baptist Church Port Crane, NY – Limited Seating & Tickets Required. See the Church Bulletin Board in the coat room for more information.



Highlights from Church Bulletins from 41 years ago

Reverend H. Victor Kane served as our interim pastor in 1981. He was the last minister at The First Baptist of Binghamton before it was demolished @1970. He also wrote The River That Flowed Upstream – The Story of American Baptist in New York State.

June 14, 1981 Trinity Sunday – Children’s Day

Children’s Sermon : “A lesson in Black and White”

Hymn for the Children : “Jesus loves the Little Children” Rev. Kane added this second stanza to it:

“If we say that God loves us,
We must care as Jesus does,
And be like Him in the things we do and say,
There is just one human race,
So the color in each face
Tells us God the Artist painted us that way. (2nd stanza by H. Victor Kane Sr.)

Our Current Mission Chair, Diane Runion was scheduled to sing “Lover of the Children” by Ken Medema

The Breadbox offering for June 1981 was to help furnish one room in Edith Hulslander’s new motel at Camp Gilead. Edith, a former member at Main Street Baptist, was active in Child Evangelism for the Children’s Bible Mission and Camp Gilead in Polk City, Florida.

The 1981 Missions Annual Report noted

“Our highlight of the year was our recent Fellowship Dinner at which time Edith Hulslander from the Children’s Bible Mission in Florida showed slides and told us about her work. She was appreciative of our gift of \$500 from the Breadbox Fund this summer which was to be used to furnish a room in their new motel. This room is called the Main Street Room. We gave her \$100 that evening as a love gift in appreciation of her efforts to be with us to give the resume of her work.

June 21, 1981 Father’s Day Bulletin

“Methuselah’s Dad” (Hebrews 10:35-11:6) was the listed as the sermon.

Biblical Plants Word Search

As the frost finally melts, opportunities for gardening begin.

Here are a few plants, trees and flowers mentioned in the Bible.

It is also interesting to see how the different Bible versions translate them. KJV indicates the name used in the King James Version.

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Almond – *Number 17: 8*

Almug Tree- *I Kings 10:11* (KJV)

Apple -*Proverbs 25:11*

Barley- *Deuteronomy 8:8*

Cotton- *Esther 1:6*

Flax – *Proverbs 31:13*

Gourd- *Jonah 4:6* (KJV)

Husks – *Luke 15:16* (KJV)

Juniper – *I Kings 19:4* (KJV)

Lily - *Hosea 14:5*

Nuts – *Genesis 43:11*

Rose- *Isaiah 35:1* (KJV)

Spices- *Exodus 30:23*

Vine- *Judges 9:12*

Wormwood -*Revelation 8:11*