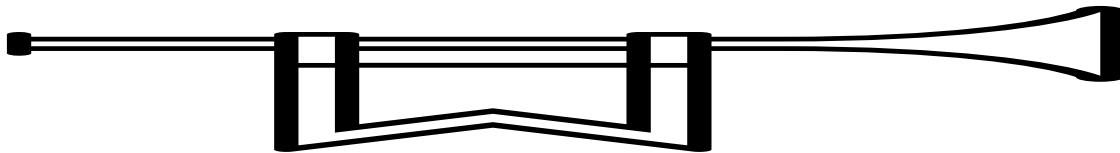


THE MAIN ARTERY

JULY/AUGUST 2021

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Special Business Meeting July 25, 2021

We will have a business meeting immediately following the worship service [on July 25](#). In order to more simply comply with the IRS' tax rules for Pastor Luke's tax withholdings, as a formality, the congregation has to vote to *officially* "license" him as Main Street Baptist Church's Pastor. This is a Pastoral License (noun) that, moving forward, MSBC will own in order to license (verb) its Ministers. This licensing formality will change nothing in terms of an MSBC Pastor's responsibilities or duties. It should however, make tax season a little less challenging.

Summer Bible Studies

Tuesdays at 6 PM– Summer Bible Study of Beatitudes in Mizpah Room led by Judy Wark. All are welcome.

Thursdays at 7 PM Ladies Bible Study in Mizpah room. A devotional study of Ephesians called "The thoughts we think, The words we speak." by Proverbs 31 Ministries

The guest minister for the month of July will be Rev. David Seaver. Pastor Seaver, now retired, served as the Protestant chaplain for Lourdes Hospital. He has preached at Main Street Baptist on several occasions.

Upcoming Events

July Events

July 11 – Coffee Hour following the morning service.

August Events:

August 8 – 6 pm The Dunneman’s 25th Homecoming concert at Main Street Baptist Church. (More information on page 3)

August 15 – Coffee Hour following the morning service.



July and August Birthdays

July	August
2 Jennifer Beattie	5 Stephanie Howard
4 Olivia Ciacelli	12 Priscilla Pease
4 Jill Blakeney	15 Luke Beattie
8 Jack Svoboda	20 Tabitha Reed
19 Diane Runion	26 Janet Blakeney
19 Amanda Svoboda	



Wedding Anniversaries

July 2 Warren & Natalie Hessler

July 6 Chris & Jesse Galli

July 17 Pastor Timothy & Peggy Bennett

July 22 Dennis and Marcia Moulton

July 22 Marty and Debby Carl

August 26 Rick and Amy Allen

Sunday August 8

The Dunnemans sing their 25th Homecoming Concert

On Sunday August 8, Reg and Gretchen Dunneman will give their 25th Homecoming Concert at 6:00PM at Main Street Baptist Church located at 117 Main Street in Binghamton.

Reg and Gretchen Dunneman from Binghamton, NY, the Odosagih Bible Conference in Machias, NY and Bradenton, FL, sing their own special blend of gospel music, including southern gospel, traditional, hymn, and classical Christian styles. Their full-time ministry presents concerts from Ontario to Florida, to Maine to Texas.

They have produced several recordings which will be available at the concert: "Feeding His Flock", "Tell Them This, "Jesus Saves", "Timeless", "Before the Throne", and their Christmas album, "Angels, Shepherds and a Star". "The Recital" features Gretchen singing classic church solos. "Wonderful Grace" is a collection of hymns. CDs are \$15.

Reg Dunneman, a native of Stratford, Ontario, grew up in a musical family and played piano at an early age. He organized The Victors Trio and then The Tabernacle Trio, which sang in Ontario for ten years. Then, for 20 years, he sang with Canada's Galileans, a Southern Gospel quartet that toured Canada and the United States.

Gretchen has been a member of the The Friendship Trio, singing in churches and Bible conferences. She also sang with the Broome County (NY) Savoyards, performing Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, and in the choruses of the BC Pops, and the Binghamton Symphony Orchestra, all in Binghamton, New York.

For almost thirty years, their joyful, challenging and uncompromising message of God's love and provision has been an inspiration to all who listen. Jesus said, "If you love me, feed my sheep." Reg and Gretchen's love for Christ transcends denominational lines. Their gifts are dedicated to building up the body of Christ.

Their recordings will be available for purchase.

MISSIONS REPORT by Diane Runion

CLEMMERS: It's hard to imagine worse conditions for a city to endure than that of Goma in the Democratic Republic of Congo. May 21st, one of the 6 volcanoes around the city erupted, spewing molten lava and ash and engendering almost continuous earthquakes. Many people close to the mountain had to flee and 32 lost their lives. In the process, 182 children were separated from their parents and were found and returned to their families by people from the Clemmer's church. Just this week we heard that most of the city had to be evacuated because the fresh water lake there has fissures from the eruption and quakes through which molten lava can enter the lake causing a fiery blast from the methane gas and sulfuric gases that collect in the bottom. (the lake is one of 5 in the world where this can happen). Also, pockets of molten lava have been found under the city as well. Goma has been dubbed the most dangerous place on earth. 400,000 people including the Clemmers have been evacuated to Rwanda. To top it all off, there is continuous downpours of rain.

In spite of the dangers and confusion and loss of property and life, the Christian community is praising God, know that He will bring glory to His name through it all. God has been working, changing lives and hearts and standing alongside through all they have to face. Please pray for the Clemmers and for all the people of Goma.

LEMANS : The family is awaiting permission to pursue French language studies in France. They've been on-line studying the language and it seems they will finally get permission to go to Alvertville sometime in August to be ready for the next school year. They will most likely be there until summer of 2022 to prepare for future assignments. Please pray for travel preparations and for their summer trips to Salt Lake City and Michigan for most of the summer.

FREE CLOTHES AND MORE: We served 51 families on Saturday, the 19th and were able to have people come into the church and pick out what they needed in the way of toiletries, cleaning agents, and paper products. They were also able to get clothing for free for the first time in 14 months. It was wonderful seeing so many we have served before, seeing some new faces, and having more opportunity to speak with them. Thanks to all who have faithfully volunteered to disburse these products through the last year. God has put this outreach into our hearts as a way to show His love to those in our community who are disadvantaged. A full list of products we give out is:
deodorant bar soap liquid hand soap toothbrushes toothpaste shampoo
alternating with conditioner laundry soap alternating with dish soap facial tissues,
toilet paper paper towels. If you have anything you wish to donate, please leave them in the appropriate box in the entry way. Thank you.

CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES

Chosen People Ministries has been added to our budget for this year and I'd like to give an update as to what they do and how they have coped during the pandemic. One adaptation is to expand their evangelistic websites, launching- About Messiah.com for a secular but curious Jewish audience. Some of the topics are: “ What does the Bible Say About Suffering?” and “How Does Science Point to the Existence of God?” They also launched a Beta version of a Messianic apologetics website geared toward a more academic audience . That site is, Chosen People Answers.

There is coming up, an online Bible Institute for believers who would like to learn more about the Jewish roots of their faith. Certificates will be issued on completion, but the courses are not accredited.

When Israelis finish their mandatory service in the Israel Defense Forces, many choose to travel. For this reason they maintain a thriving ministry in New Zealand, India, and soon in Brazil- hotspots where young Israelis flock. Christians host them for free allowing them to show love and caring to these young people.

Children's camps will again be opening in the United States and Israel. And Chosen People is cooperating with the Israeli government in providing computers to children in need, especially those with disabilities. They are developing ongoing relationships with those families.

Check out their website at www.chosenpeople.com.

BREADBOX OFFERING FOR JULY:

The Breadbox offering for July will go to help us fund Free Clothes and More items. As you know, these are expensive and God has helped us to continue the outreach since September of 2018. Most likely the need for these items we give out will continue. If you wish to donate, please put cash in the small envelopes in the pew racks or make a check to the church and notate it July breadbox.

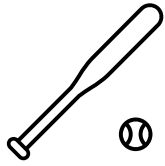
CLOTHING NEEDS: We have need for some clothing items appropriate for spring and summer. For most items, we have an abundance; however, there is a need for:

Women's and men's shorts

Boys: small boy sizes, toddler and baby clothes

School items such as notebooks, pens, lined paper, pencils, glue.

There is a box in the entry for collecting those clothes. Please only put in clean clothes in good condition, and seasonal. We can also use more people to sort clothing from time to time. Please see Diane Runion if you can help with this. We have a good time doing it. It would be fun to have another Fashion Show to illustrate the quality of what comes in. What do you think?



History News from 1956

Sporting events, especially baseball and softball were on the “To Do” list for Main Street Church in 1956. Here are a few events listed in the June 10, 1956 bulletin:

Sunday School Picnic - Saturday – June 23rd, 1956 – State Park

Car owners drive your own car (no buses this year). Meet at the church at 12:30 noon.

Transportation for all.

Outstanding fun and sports programs planned and supervised by Mickey Grivas and Athletic Committee. Plenty of eats. Bring covered dish for your own family and one for the table. Bring table service. Rolls, hot dogs, beverage and ice cream furnished. Come one- Come all. Let's have a good time.

- Mickey Grivas played on our softball team. On September 12th, 1956, Main Street Baptist won the Church Softball League Championship over Slovak Lutheran 8-1. Frederick Fortran pitched a no hitter while Doug Johnson hit a grand slam! This was reported in the Binghamton Press. (“No Doubt About It In Church Final” Binghamton Press [Thursday] September 13, 1956, pg. 27)

Sunday Evening, June 24th, Double Attraction, Baseball Night- “Winning the Pennant”.

Presentation of “Trips” autographed balled to young person, boy or girl answering “Ed” Crawford’s baseball quiz. Rev. Albert Sheckells will present the achievement Award “A” Banner to our church school. Less than 200 of over 6000 [Sunday Schools] obtain the high award.

- Rev. Sheckells was the Director of Christian Education for the NYS Baptist Missionary Convention (ABC).

“Main Street Night at Johnson Field June 29th. Youngsters under 13 free with an adult.

Ladies 25¢. Adults \$1.00 Reserved Grand Stand Section back of 3rd base- Enter park at center gate. Let's go- “Peanuts, pop, crackerjack and a good time”. Triplets vs.

Williamsport.

- Before the Binghamton Mets and Rumble Ponies, the Triplets were the city’s minor league baseball team from @1923-1968. The Binghamton Triplets were mainly affiliated with the New York Yankees. In 1956, they were managed by Freddie Fitzsimmons, a former major league pitcher for the New York Giants and Brooklyn Dodgers. On June 29th, they faced the Williamsport (PA.) Grays, (the Pittsburgh Pirates’ minor league team). Binghamton won the game 8-4. (Eastern League Stats Binghamton Press [Saturday] June 30, 1956 Pg.13)