



MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

THE MAIN ARTERY

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Main Street Baptist Church

Sunday School- 10AM

Church Service- 11AM

Evening Service- 6PM

April Church News



April 19th, Southern Tier Christian Choir, 7pm – presented a concert “**Sing the Gospel**”. Favorite gospels songs were sung at this concert.



April 20th, Pease Tree Farm Planting, thank you to all of the volunteers who came to help plant trees! Special thanks to tree planters: Dan Fassett, Tom Weyant, Scott Farr as well as family and friends. A lot of work but all 400 trees appreciate new homes.



April 20th, Free Clothes and More was held to serve families in our community. We had 15 people come to receive items in our clothing room.



April 27th, Ladies Conference, 3-6PM, The North Fenton Baptist Chapel invited the ladies of Main Street to a conference.

May Events

 BIRTHDAYS



May	
11	Amy Allen
12	Reg Dunneman
13	Chris Luckert
15	Bob James
18	Rick Allen
27	Joe Kotylo

May Anniversaries:

May 30th Tammy & Mike Giovinazzo- 43 Years!

May 31st Cindy & John Petito- 27 Years!



Congratulations to both couples!



May 5th, Organ Recital, 4PM, William Lawson is giving his second organ recital with the help of five students from Binghamton University. They will be giving us a musical tour of Denmark and Danish sacred music of the past 200 years.



May 12th, Mother's Day!



May 18th, Free Clothes and More, 10AM-12PM.



May 27th, Memorial Day!

13th Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13 (ESV)

SAVE THE DATES



MSBC will be having a Yard Sale to benefit the church!

Date: Saturday, June 8th, Rain or Shine

Hours: 8am to 3pm

Location: Front yard at 117 Main St

How can you help?

- Donate saleable items to be sold off - no junk, no clothes, no books please!
- Offer your time ahead of time to organize, price, and move.
- Plan to staff the sale itself. We need your muscles, your smiles, and your sales skills!

See Amanda Svoboda to offer ways to serve.



July 6th and 7th, The Greater Binghamton Airshow is coming back to town! The show will feature the U.S. Navy Blue Angels! For more info visit <https://binghamtonairshow.com/>.

MISSION NEWS

UPDATE FROM THE LEMANS

(I know, I had an article in the last Main Artery, but we've heard more specifics about their ministry and needs we thought you might want to know.) Marcus is working remotely with the team translating Job and James into the Cicipu language. The team's work is difficult and sometimes dangerous in view of travel difficulties, frequent power interruptions, government regulations, many diseases, and the general problems in translation that can be very time consuming. A son of the lead translator was seriously injured and that man is home caring for his son. In the near future, Marcus will be busy at translation workshops and staff meetings and training sessions in Turkey. Pray for safety for the team and for the healing of the boy that was injured, and for restraint among factions that would disrupt efforts at translating the Bible into heart languages around the world.

BOOK REVIEW

Related to the Lemman update, I recently finished a book called, "In Search of the Source" by Neil Anderson with Hyatt Moore which has to do with specific translation details encountered by Bible translators in Papua New Guinea. It's fascinating to read of the cultural differences and the nuances of the Folopa people and the way that God's Word floods open the heart with light, understanding, and peace to the Truth of God's love and Salvation in Jesus. I had borrowed the book from Phylis Finch who is donating it to our library. Thank you, Phylis.

MOM'S HOUSE - Breadbox offering for May

We have long helped the efforts of Mom's House which is located in Johnson City. Here is a quote from their Mission Statement that will help clarify their purpose and ministry to the community. "Inspired by a Loving Creator, Mom's House empowers economically disadvantaged single parents to complete their education by providing free, licensed daycare in an environment that nurtures both parent and child." The parent must be enrolled in an educational program that is certified. In the long run, the ministry helps to ensure that the family can be more financially stable and helps them to be responsible and less hampered by economical concerns.

While the children are there, over and above needs are assisted by having food and clothing donated, tutoring is available, and parents' lives are enhanced through a skills workshop and financial and emotional counseling. They do look for volunteers.

If you wish to donate, you can put a check made out to Main Street Baptist Church and notated for May breadbox or put cash in the small envelope in the pew pack and place it in any offering plate.

FREE CLOTHES AND MORE

HISTORY -Our own local outreach ministry, Free Clothes and More, has been in effect since September 2018 and has reached many in what was a unique mission in the Binghamton area for several of those years. What made it unique was that toiletries, paper products, and cleaning agents were given each month to families along with clothing. The number started at 35 families and generally expanded till last August, we were seeing 90 families. For the most part it was well funded until last year when we realized the draw of funds for this outreach was making it impossible to pay out our budgetary obligations to our missionaries. In view of the shortfall, we stopped giving out the products in September and only had the clothing ministry. When most people found out that this was the case, they stopped coming. We found that there were two other sources at that point for the products, Catholic Charities and another church. Over the last few months, the most we've had attending was 25 people, and in the month of April, only 15. One advantage in having fewer folks coming was that we had time to speak to them

individually and pray for them.

SOLUTION - To try to rectify the financial situation, we withdrew funds from the Fortran Fund which had been established years ago to help with funding for Missions. We did some educating of our members as to the allocation of monies from loose offerings and from undesignated giving envelopes, and that did help. We also designated two Breadbox offerings to finish out the giving to our designated budget recipients. God is good!

FUTURE – At our last Mission meeting it was decided that, in view of the few coming for clothing, and in view of the difficulty in getting people to help sort the clothes that come in, we would have one more day, the third Saturday in May and let people know that we are suspending the program after that.

There are some avenues we will explore to give away the supply of clothing we have accumulated which is considerable. - to schools, to other clothing programs as they need them, and to the Red Cross if there is an emergency situation such as families burned out of homes or flooding. Ideas?

CONCLUSION- We thank our church family for the support that you have shown:

in your times volunteering,

in helping to fund the program,

to Marcia Moulton for her years of shopping for the supplies,

for your prayers for the community,

for Marty Carl in taking what we designated for Salvation Army to them,

and for your dedication to being good servants of Jesus.

Please be in prayer for the wisdom we need to see this through and for seeking His leadership in all things. Your Mission committee