



MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

THE MAIN ARTERY

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Sunday School -10:00AM

Church Service -11:00AM

Evening Service – 6:00PM

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever". Isaiah 40:8

September Church News

September 8th, Rally Day was held here to kick off the start of Sunday school after the summer break. In the morning there was a breakfast held and the teachers from each class spoke about some things they would be teaching this year in their class. In the morning service a few children shared about their summer camp experiences. In keeping with tradition Lilly Bowers received a Bible as she is entering the third grade this year.

September 17th, Pastor Luke's Book Club was held in the Green Room. They are reading **Everything Sad is Untrue** by Daniel Nayeri.



September 22nd was the First Day of Fall.

September 28th, we all gathered to see old slides that were found from the 50s and 60s of the church. We had popcorn and a great time of fellowship.



September 29th, Hymn Sing at 6PM, was held in the sanctuary. We had a wonderful time singing our favorite hymns.

October Events

 BIRTHDAYS



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October Anniversaries:

October 18th - Tom & Marcia Weyant, 16th anniversary
October 21st - Pastor Luke & Jennifer Beattie, 12th anniversary
October 24th - Dan & Margaret Fassett, 43rd anniversary



Congratulations to each couple!!!



Announcing the arrival of Theodore Andrew Beattie. Born to Pastor Luke and Jennifer Beattie on September 29th, 2024 . Congratulations to dad, mom, big sisters Naomi and Eliza, and big brother John.

October 19th, Harvest Dinner, 5PM.

October 22nd, Pastor Luke's Book Club, 10 AM, They are reading Everything Sad is Untrue by Daniel Nayeri. Please read through page 231 and be ready to discuss.

As we welcome the Beattie's new little one into our church family, I wanted to share something I read from a church library book, "Immanuel" by Michael Card. The book is uplifting and meaningful in many ways as it explores our Savior's life and death among us. Michael Card has been inspired to put to music much of his experiences with our Living Lord. Let me quote from the book:

(speaking of Simeon who blessed Jesus as a baby in the temple)

"As Simeon took Him into his arms he responded poetically, perhaps even in a song, as Adam had first responded to Eve, as Mary had responded to the angel. The promise had become flesh. It was the good news'."

" It was good news to finally be able to embrace the promised One. But far and away the best news of all is that He embraces us. That was the reason for His coming. Most of us describe our coming to faith by saying, ' I've asked Jesus into my life.' We should really say He has invited us into His life!"

"That was the reason for Simeon's song. Deep inside his tired old heart, he knew that the infant he held in his arms was in truth the One who had been holding him all his life long."

MISSION REPORT

FREE CLOTHES AND MORE:

So, what happened to all those clothes, shoes, kitchen items, toys, books, calendars, etc., etc, etc. when we discontinued the outreach?

As all of the items had been donated, we tried to disburse them to places where they wouldn't be sold. There were a couple of exceptions, such as Thrifty Shopper which puts the proceeds toward Rescue Mission, and Project Concern that lets people fill their cars for \$2.

-**Project Concern** took off- season clothing that we were concerned would be difficult things to get rid of.

-**NOMA** was given spring and summer adult clothes, hoodies, and light jackets.

-**Good Shepherd, Fairview** was given several boxes of adult clothing.

-**Horace Mann School**- off-season boy clothes, ages 5-9.

-**Life Choices Center** -18 mo.-5T clothes.

-**JC Presbyterian Church Outreach**- personal hygiene products, shoes, housewares, toys, books, and the remains of our lawn sale.

-**Susquehanna Nursing Home**- two bags of men's clothing.

-**Chenango Forks High School** – two boxes of boys and girls pants.

-**YMCA** – men's suits and suit jackets.

-**Binghamton East Middle School** – boy and girl clothing size 4-10.

-Set aside a huge box of summer clothes for kids and adults to be shipped to a refugee camp in Uganda when Moses Agapito claims them.

Thank you to those who delivered the items or provided the muscle to get them packed in vehicles for delivery: Marty Carl, Tom Weyant, Amanda Svoboda, Sharon Tucker, Nathaniel Allen, Drew Stevens, Rev. Beattie, Diane Runion, Cindy Petito, and Jack Svoboda.

Also, thank you to those who helped box things up for distribution – Phylis Finch, Tammy Giovinazzo, Cindy Petito, Amanda Svoboda, Diane Runion.

Thank you to all who supported the ministry for many years by bringing in clothes, shoes, and so many more things that benefitted our neighborhood; and by showing the love of Christ to all who came, treating them as individuals loved by God. I don't think anyone came to

our church as a result of the program, but God does bring the increase. He is our faithful and our constant provider.

ANN AND BILL CLEMMER

We get numerous e-mails from them as their ministries mushroom and Satan's attacks grow stronger. They are back from a home assignment to find that refugee encampments around Goma are overflowing with people who fled there to escape the national and militia forces warfare. There is a young man, a teen, who is called Salomon who has no permanent home, no interested family, but who has a passion for telling others, especially children, about Jesus. He one day, hopes to go into youth ministry or to become an evangelist. He recently visited one of the refugee camps where he found hundreds of desperate families with many children present. He heard the children tell of the trauma they've experienced. He started a weekly group that now has over 300 children who come every Saturday to sing songs and receive encouragement. Salomon got permission to use the school hut and then recruited people who are trained in trauma counseling to minister to the children. The stories he tells are ones of a God who loves them dearly, and as God did for him, will stay alongside them through all they must face. There is a picture of Salomon and Ann in Goma on the bulletin board in the entry. Take a look.

MISSION BUDGET

Just a reminder that if you wish to give to missions through the Breadbox offering or to give weekly to Missions, you need to designate a check or notate the amount on the Mission line of your envelopes.

We are experiencing a shortfall in giving again this year, so that we've arranged a withdrawal from the Fortran Memorial mission fund which was set up for this very purpose years ago. We reasonably assume that with this monetary boost, we can meet our budgetary commitments by

the end of the year. If need be, we will discuss a priority of items to be paid out.

Thank you for your commitment to giving that helps us keep our church building and parsonage maintained, pays our staff, purchases needed items, and also supports outreach to our community, nation, and world ministries, telling of Jesus love and provision for salvation and the hope of heaven. God shows His goodness through and in you.

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