



MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

THE MAIN ARTERY

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Main Street Baptist Church

Sunday School- 10AM

Church Service- 11AM

Evening Service- 6PM

"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:18-19 (ESV)

January Church News



January 1st, New Years Day.



January 14th, Ladies Lunch Outing, The ladies of Main Street met at the Park Diner for fellowship and food.



January 21, Pastor's Book Club, 10AM, in the green room. They read Anselm's Proslogion.



A mistake was made in December with the list of congratulations to our college graduates. Alex Kalivoda just graduated from college. Congratulations Alex and may God bless you as you continue on your journey! Anna Kalivoda will graduate in May.



To My Main Street Baptist Church Family - Thank you for the Christmas gift and cookies. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated. Love you all, Cindy Petito

February Events



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3	Maryanne Kotylo
3	Toby Lyon
4	Gordon Blakeney
15	Debbie Carl
24	Gretchen Dunneman



February 2, Groundhog Day.



February 14th, Valentine's Day.



February 15th, 1 PM, Ladies Valentine's Tea, We will be having a ladies tea in the Mizpah Room with a time of fellowship, desserts, and fun. Please let Margaret Fassett or Diane Runion know if you can come by the 12th of February.



February 25th, Pastor's Book Club, 10 AM, The book club is reading "*The Great Divorce*" by C.S. Lewis.

MISSION NEWS

BREADBOX OFFERING CONCEPT CHANGE

In view of the financial stresses on everyone's budget now days, your Mission committee has decided to only emphasize one ministry as a recipient of this over and above offering once a quarter. This comes with the option of plugging one in occasionally when a specific need arises from an organization not in our budget line.

Those of you with offering envelopes may have a question about the offering envelope for Breadbox that appears monthly. Whatever comes in for breadbox on months in which we haven't designated a recipient, we will pay forward for the next one. So, continue to use them if you wish, or not: We'll leave it up to you and God's leading. We value your input and your gracious giving from the heart that we've seen all along. Let us know what you think.

BREADBOX OFFERING CONCEPT CHANGE

No, I didn't make a mistake. We had decided to plug in a ministry from time to time for which there is a direct need expressed. We've all witnessed the destruction as a result of the rampant wildfires in California. As we've observed in the past, when there are devastating natural disasters in this country and around the world, there are many organizations raising money for a response, but also some uncertainty in where that money goes. As we've also seen in the past, Samaritan's Purse is ready with volunteers, donated money for recovery, and the hope in Christ that overcomes all obstacles to restoring lives. They have boots on the ground as you read this. Therefore, our Breadbox offering for February will go to SAMARITAN'S PURSE. If you wish to donate, please write a check to Main Street Baptist Church, and notate it for February's Breadbox offering or use your Breadbox offering envelope.

Cash can be put in the small breadbox offering envelopes that we will have available on the bookshelf just inside the chapel doors. Thank you for your response in advance. May God make Himself known in this endeavor.

SAYING GRACE, SHOWING GRACE – from "Recipe for Life"

"As long as we live here on earth, our hunger pangs will sometimes flare up. We need someone to say grace. Our Lord Jesus has. From his cross he spoke a loud word of grace that echoes forever through heaven's banquet hall. His love satisfies our hunger completely. His grace is sufficient!"

[Jesus said,] "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness"

II Corinthians 12:9

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Psalms 107:1

" You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat."

Matthew 5:6 The Message

PRAYER FOR ISRAEL

We are admonished to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem" in Psalms 122:6, and in Psalms 34: 14b to "seek peace and pursue it." Please add the nation of Israel and the Jewish people around the world to your prayer list that God will protect them, restore a lasting peace here on earth, and give them the lasting peace that comes from faith in Jesus' as their Messiah.

BREAKING NEWS FROM MOSES AGAPITO

Moses reported on the situation in S. Sudan which has been getting much worse of late. Many people are being displaced from the country by war and famine and are having to go to refugee camps, one of which is in Uganda. He said his wife and children are OK, but that they miss him. He had hoped to be back there before Christmas, but couldn't afford the money for the flight.

He's been working off and on, but work has been sporadic and difficult. Of late, he's been working an 11PM-4AM shift outdoors, and we all know what the weather has been like. With the number of hours, he's been able to work, he's had trouble saving money to send the clothing and bandaging materials to the Uganda Refugee camp in the north of that country. Moses filled 3 barrels with what we had donated to him from our clothing room about a year and a half ago. He has the funds for 1 barrel, a man of his acquaintance has pledged funds for a second one, but he asked if we at Main Street could fund another. Each barrel costs \$270 to be shipped from either Albany or Syracuse to Malawi, and then to Kampala, Uganda. Missions does not have the money in our budget at present to help him. Therefore, we thought we'd ask if there is a person or a couple who would like to underwrite sending one barrel - \$270. If you are interested in helping, please see Diane Runion soon for details.

Pages 4,5,6 submitted by Diane Runion