

"Striving to be the Church of Jesus Christ where Every Member is a Minister"

Olean First Baptist Church



Sharing the faith, hope and redeeming love of Jesus Christ with all people.

AT FIRST BAPTIST JULY/AUGUST 2014

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FBC WOMEN SET SAIL ON CHAUTAUQUA LAKE

Join us on Sunday, July 20 on the Summer Wind - The finest way to cruise Chautauqua

Lake! Enjoy the sunshine and breezes of the upper deck or relax in the climate-controlled comfort of the



interior salon. If you wander down to the bow deck, keep an eye out for historical sights and sceneries!

Listen to the

captain's tales of the area's history and present ecology.

Elegant decor, fine dining, first-rate musicians, and an ever-changing water view on beautiful Chautauqua Lake, all combine to make a truly memorable experience.

The luncheon cruise leaves from Celoron Park at 12:15 so we will plan to leave from First Baptist immediately following worship. The cruise is the entire length of the lake and returns to the park by 4 PM. The cost for the cruise and lunch is \$37.50/person. A discount will be given for a group of 20 or more. Reservations are due by July 13.

Come and join in the fun as we enjoy a relaxing trip on beautiful Chautauqua Lake!

UPCOMING CHURCH OUTINGS:

**Saturday, July 19
Corning Glass Museum**



Rockwell Museum of Western Art



**\$22 Admission to both museums
\$20.25 for Seniors 55 and over
Age 19 and under free!**

See Pastor Dan by July 6

BISONS GAME:

**Fri. August 22, 7 pm
vs Scranton Yankees**

See Pastor Dan by August 10
if you would like to attend.



ODOSAGIH

Saturday evening, August 23 at Odosagih Bible
Conference and Retreat Center:

"Ryan and Friends" (Christian Ventriloquist)

Buffet Dinner @ 5 pm: \$11.50

Concert @ 7:00 pm (Love Offering)

See Pastor Dan by August 10

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS STARTING

The class (taught by Pastor Dan) will focus on how to share your faith and will run from June 29-July 27 from 11 am to noon. Recognizing that we all have different styles of communicating, this class will provide a tool to help you recognize your style, provide an overview of those styles (assertive, analytical, storytelling, relational or invitational) and offer suggestions on how you can be more effective in reaching people for Christ. The class is based on Jeffery A. Johnson's book "Got Style? Personality Based Evangelism" but purchasing the book is not required. See Pastor Dan if you are interested. The class will be held in the café or the new church library.



FIRST SUNDAY OUTDOOR PICNICS AND VESPERS CONTINUE:

Sunday, July 6 @ Allegany State Park (Red House Area). We will meet at 6:00 pm in the picnic area near Red House Lake. Bring meat to grill and a dish to pass. Pastor Dan will lead devotions.

Sunday, August 3 at Stony Brook State Park (Lower or north Entrance). We will leave the church at 4:00 to travel to Stony Brook (between Arkport and Dansville) and meet in the picnic area near the pavilion. Bring meat to grill and a dish to pass. Pastor Dan will lead devotions.



SUMMER OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Wednesday Night Outreach @ 15th St. Every Wednesday night starting July 9 thru August 27 -- 5:00PM – 6:30PM hotdogs, drink, games, ministry to the families at the 15th St. apartments near Marcus Park. Pastor Bruce and Carole are seeking volunteers to help provide supervision and transportation to these events!



LADIES PINK LEMONADE PARTY SATURDAY, JULY 12 @ 10 A.M.

We'll enjoy some devotional time, an inspiring message, a few games, and good food! Bring a light-weight fashion scarf and we'll share some fun ways to tie and wear them. (Scarfs will be available if you don't have one.) Unfortunately, due to a family graduation party Sarah Harnisch won't be able to be with us but we'll have several activities to make our time fun! Sign up on the bulletin insert by July 6...and bring a friend!!



SEMINAR SUNDAY JULY 27!

American Baptist International Ministries

(Our overseas missionary organization) has asked us to host a seminar to help them plan to respond to the needs on the mission field in 2015-2020. Following the Sunday School hour (at noon) we will have a free salad luncheon followed by a 1-hour discussion using materials provided to us by International Ministries. Please sign up on your bulletin inserts in July or call the church office (372-5151).

This seminar will kick off:

MISSION AWARENESS MONTH IN AUGUST

The Board of Christian Mission in our congregation will be working hard in August to raise awareness of the various things we support through our mission giving pledges (in preparation for the stewardship campaign in September). Currently our mission giving can be categorized in the following ways:

American Baptist Concerns:

American Baptist Church of New York State:	\$10,417.25
Northern Baptist Seminary:	\$392.50
Springbrook Home:	\$392.50
Fairport Baptist Home:	\$392.50
Emmanuel Baptist Church (Mexico):	\$392.50
Camp Vick:	\$1962.50

Local Community Concern:

Greater Olean Association of Churches:	\$196.25
Interfaith Caregivers:	\$392.50
Genesis House:	\$1962.50
Olean General Hospital (Chaplaincy Program):	\$157.00
Family Life Network:	\$392.50
Community Easter Dinner:	\$392.50

First Baptist Mission Concerns:

Board of Christian Mission: (Misc expenditures)	\$235.50
Boxes and Bags:	\$392.50
Local ABW (White Cross efforts)	\$235.50
We Are His Hands Fund:	\$1570.00
Recovery Ministries:	\$785.00



Articles and Information for the September edition of At First Baptist are due on or before August 7.



CHURCH GARAGE SALE –

The Youth will be having their annual Garage Sale on Saturday August 2, 8:00AM – 2:00PM. . If you have donations for the sale, you can drop them off at the church during office hours beginning June 16. You may donate household items, toys, bikes, etc. but please make sure they are in good condition. **NO CLOTHING WILL BE ACCEPTED.**



SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 @ 11 AM in the War Vets Park Pavilion!

Join us after church for an intergenerational Sunday School lesson led by Pastor Dan, followed by a picnic, games and swimming at the City pool. Meat, beverage and table service will be provided. Bring a dish to pass under the following guidelines: If your name begins with:

A-H: Salads

I-R: Side Dishes

S-Z: Desserts



JULY/AUGUST BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings for the month of July and August are as follows: **Tuesday, July 15, and August 12:** 7 PM – Trustees

August 18:

5:30 p.m. – Board of Christian Education @ Rosel's **Tuesday, July 22** Advisory Council

The Diaconate and Board of Christian Missions will meet on an “as needed” basis during the summer months.



All retirees are invited to lunch at the home of Jim and Mary Anne Kirkpatrick on **Monday, August 18, at noon.** Pastor Dan will offer devotional thoughts and an opportunity for food and good fellowship. Transportation to this event is available for any who need it. There is no charge but donations will be gratefully accepted. Sign up on the bulletin insert or call the church office by Thursday, August 14, if you would like to attend.....Come and bring a friend!!



In 2014 the Memorial Committee was privileged to dedicate the following gifts to the Glory of God and the Service of His Kingdom.

BRIDE'S ROOM AND CHAPEL

New Window Coverings
Given by Janet Snyder

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Digital Camera - FUGI Film - SD Card
In memory of Diane Brenton,
Dorothy Dunshie, Myrne Hazzard
Given by Friends

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Large Wall Clock
In Memory of Peggy Grimes, Betty Ortlip,
Rita Taylor and Margaret Robinson
Given by Friends

OFFICE

Three Hole Punch
In Memory of Maxine Porcello
Given by Friends

CAMP VICK CAMPERSHIPS

In Memory of Richard and Mabel Lyons

MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir Riser Rails
In Honor of My Mother
Given by an Anonymous Giver

Two (2) Mics for Bell Choir Amplification

In Memory of Helen Fortner
Given by Bud Fortner and Sue Keim

Adjustable Piano Lights for
Electronic Piano and Chapel Spinnet
In Memory of Marie Williams
Given by Friends and Family

Set of Choral Anthem Books with CD's
(includes 20 new anthems)

In Memory of Grace Montgomery
and Ronald Montgomery
Given by Friends and Family

RADIO MINISTRY

Two (2) Wireless Handheld Microphones
Given by Janet Snyder

SANCTUARY

12 NIV Large Print Hardcover Bibles
In Memory of Frances Sprague
Given by Friends

2014 MEN'S CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES



"As Iron sharpens Iron, so one man sharpens another."

THE "IRON SHARPENS IRON" MEN'S EQUIPPING CONFERENCE will be held in Buffalo on Saturday, October 25. Keynote speakers include Bryan Carter and Ted DiBiase.

Rev. Bryan L. Carter is the Senior Pastor at Concord Church of Dallas, TX. Concord, nestled in the southern sector of Dallas, TX, was established in 1974 and has over 6000 members. Rev. Carter has served as Senior Pastor since October 2003.

Ted DiBiase is a Hall Of Fame professional wrestler, best known as the villainous "Million Dollar Man" of the World Wrestling Federation. Having been raised by his wrestler father, "Iron" Mike DiBiase, Ted chose to follow in his Dad's footsteps. After authoring a book about his life entitled *Every Man Has His Price*, Ted is now a full time evangelist and motivational speaker, speaking to church congregations, youth groups, men's meetings, corporate businesses, and in public schools and universities all over the world.

Here are some seminars being offered at the "Iron Sharpens Iron" Men's Conference:

Back to Basics: Reading, Praying and Memorizing God's Word by Travis Zimmerman, Co-Founder • Speak My Word Ministries • Hershey, PA

Dealing With Difficult People by Rick Capozzi, Founder & President • CapozziGroup •

Every Man a Warrior – Helping Men Succeed in Life by Lonnie Berger, CEO and Author • Every Man a Warrior • Omaha, NE

Family Devotions that Blow Up the Box!
Tim Shoemaker, Author, Speaker

Get Off the Couch and Live by Steve Reynolds, President • Losing To Live • Chantilly, VA

Mobilize Your Men to Meet the Needs Spectrum in Your Church by Herb Reese, Founder & President • New Commandment Men's Ministries • Arvada, CO

Sharing Your Faith in a Skeptical World by Jim Walton, Founder & Director • the 3rd CHOICE

Ten Minutes that Transform by David Maddox • Dothan, AL

The Power of the Gospel in a Lost and Dying World This seminar is for EMERGING Men (age 13-19) Mike Masters, Director • Cross Training Ministries • Tonawanda, NY

Yes! You can do it Every Day!

Don Sunshine, Founder & President • Don Sunshine Ministries • Wernersville, PA

Sign up on the bulletin insert or call the church office. Financial assistance is available.



We would also like take a group to the **American Baptist Men's Conference at Keuka College** the weekend of August 8-10. The keynote speaker is Jay Koshy, the Evangelical Chaplain at Syracuse University where he has the opportunity to minister to over 21,000 students. He is involved with a movement that has planted many churches in India and the surrounding countries of Asia, where there is little Christian witness. The conference will offer opportunities for worship, small groups, youth programs, workshops, great food and even fishing! Cost (including double-occupancy lodging, program expenses and meals) is \$130 for adults. For more info go to www.abmennys.org or see Pastor Dan.





FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART...

"It is beginning to cost something to be a Christian in America—not as much as in many places in the world or in

much of history, but more than it used to. As living for Christ costs more in our culture, it will mean... Christianity will become more of a minority in culture, but [we will see] more refined, more biblical, and more missional churches... A counter-cultural church that faithfully adheres to Scripture and proclaims the gospel in a carefully considered way... will offer real hope in the midst of an adversarial culture, and is the only real future for the American church."

So concludes Ed Stetzer in a recent article in Christianity Today magazine. Stetzer serves as Lead Pastor of Grace Church in Hendersonville, Tenn., a congregation he planted in 2011. Holding 2 masters degrees and 2 doctorates, he is also a Professor at both Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Ill. and at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. (2 of the leading seminaries in the country). In addition to all those duties, Stetzer is a contributing editor for *Christianity Today*, a columnist for *Outreach Magazine*, and is frequently cited in news outlets such like USA Today and CNN.

In the article I quoted above, Stetzer's analysis offers an interesting response to the shifting currents in American culture; a welcome contrast to the knee-jerk "change or die" reactions that seem to have dominated the conversation over the past 30 years or so. Much of the prevailing wisdom affecting churches is often based on thinking that says: *"We'd better stop being so exclusive and shift along with the culture or everybody will leave the church."* Stetzer sees four trends that will become increasingly important in the days to come:

1. The word "Christian" will become less used and more clear - Stetzer identifies 3 types of people who currently see themselves as Christian: (a) *Cultural Christians* (as in, "I'm not atheist, Jewish, Muslim, or any other religion, but since I'm an American, that must mean I'm a Christian, right?"), (b) *Congregational Christians* (those who have a loose connection to a church but marginal involvement), and (c) *Convictional Christians* (people who orient their lives around their faith in Christ).

2. The Nominals will increasingly become "Nones". Those who are currently Christian "in name" but who do not demonstrate any life change or ongoing commitment will stop self-identifying as Christians. Stetzer explains, "Nominal Christians in the squishy middle (cultural and congregational Christians) are becoming those who now answer "none of the above" on religious surveys.

3. Christians will increasingly change cultural tactics. Instead of advocating for the legislation of traditional values, we will focus more on protecting religious liberty. Christians will be engaging in cultural conversations as the minority we have become. Those who aggressively fight this as a culture war will find it harder to reach people. Instead of being seen as those who are seeking to engage and serve people, those Christians will be seen as an enemy. That's not to say there are not important causes to engage—there are—but *how* we engage is almost as important as *that* we engage.

4. More Robust Churches will Result from the death of nominalism. Churches preaching the gospel and focusing on biblical truths are going to become more clearly distinct from the culture around them, and robust Christian communities will get stronger.

When Stetzer (and others) speak of "missional" churches, they are referring to a church movement arose at the beginning of the 21st century. The movement seeks to rethink and redefine the nature of the church and create a new paradigm in which churches are seen as *missional*, instead of *attractional* in nature. Instead of attempting to attract people to churches through church programs, churches instead take the gospel outside of the church and engage society with the gospel.

Missional living is a term that is used in contrast with historical institutional churches. Church leaders as well as Christians in general have often regarded the Church as an institution to which outsiders must come in order to receive a certain product, namely, the gospel and all its associated benefits.

Institutional churches are sometimes perceived to exist for the members and depend on pastors and staff to evangelize the lost. The "missional church", on the other hand, attempts to take Christ to "the lost" and its members are personally engaged in reaching their communities with the message of Jesus Christ. If Stetzer is right (and I believe he is) we will need to change our outlook on what "church" looks like. And it will start with our personal behavior and attitudes! ~Pastor Dan



A Musician Appreciation Picnic was hosted by the Music Committee in June to thank the many musicians in our congregation for their continued dedication. 40 singers, bell ringers,

instrumentalists, the audio-visual team and guests gathered for an evening of food, fellowship and singing. **THANKS** again to all who minister through music!

There was a good response to the call for ‘favorite songs’ to be used in summer worship. We have collected your selections and will be using them to enhance our worship over the next months. Pastor Dan will be sharing some of the stories behind the songs and their composers. If you would like to sing or hear a selection at any time, be sure to ask – we’ll try to make it happen!

During the summer months, the Sr. Choir, Kid’s Choir, and the In One A’Chord Handbell Choir will take a brief hiatus. During worship you will enjoy many special music selections by members and friends of our church including: Erin Arsenault, Jonah Rosel, Casey DeGroff, Jim Sorokes, Lynn Brown, Mike Schultz, Karen and Kara Goodwin, the Enchanted Mountain Barbershop Chorus, 3:16 and more! Be sure to welcome all of them and thank them for their participation.



TELL SOMEONE ABOUT JESUS

“And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle

unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; (2 Tim. 2:24-25)

These were the first verses that we were required to memorize when at the Bible college that I attended. They lay the foundation of importance of evangelism and also the method by which it should be carried out.

First we see that we as believers are to be the servants of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore we are at His bidding to do His will. And it is He that said” Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Mat. 28:19-20). God’s clear command is that we tell others of His great salvation but our text then tells how we should do this as well.

“Must not strive”...that means that I do not argue with them. I do not have to prove a point or show them that I am right or that I know more than they do. Rather, I am to be “gentle, kind and respectful” to all men. It is not for me to choose who I will be kind to, nor is it for me to choose who I should share the good news of Jesus with.

“Apt to teach”...that is ready and able to teach. Therefore, I have a responsibility to know how to tell others about Jesus. Such as: All men are sinners (rom. 3:23); Sin separates us from God (Rom. 6:23); Christ died for us (Rom. 5:8); Ask and receive foiveness (Rom. 10:9-10)...or just tell them what God has done in your own life.

Patient...that means that the time table is not up to me and it is not my place to force it. We need to be persistent but also patient. This brings us to “meekness.” This is where we put others before ourselves. It is not letting others walk on you rather it is the power that you have through the Gospell held in control. Never forget that the unsaved man is his own worst enemy; he opposes himself.

“God will repentence”....We must do our part and then step back and allow God to do Hi. “I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.” (1 Cor. 3:6-7)

This week, ask God to open a door that you may tell someone of Jesus. ~Pastor Millard

THANK YOU'S

Thank you for collecting and donating
113 lbs. of food.
The Olean Food Pantry

I wanted to personally express sincere appreciation to you and your church for hosting His Little Feet. The team was truly blessed by their time at FBC. I pray that lives in your church were touched and changed from the experience with the His Little Feet children and staff. We know that children around the world were impacted. Praise God for how your church responded:

- *The love offering given to the ministry totaled \$1,069.00*
- *There were 5 children sponsored through Compassion International*
- *There was interest expressed in going on a mission trip and adopting children who need a forever family*

The team was indeed blessed by the hospitality and generosity of the people in your church who opened their homes to the choir children and staff. The meal provided for the team was also wonderful and a great help. Please express our appreciation again to all those who hosted and helped provide meals for the team! We would love to bring His Little Feet back to your church in the future and we will be in touch when returning to your area.

*With love, gratitude and God's blessings,
Mike Hahn, President & Founder*

We would like to thank everyone who sent us cards and gave congratulations to us as we celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary (June 6). You are all very special to us and we appreciated your thoughtfulness.

~Sandy and Mike Schultz

*Thanks to the generosity of those who gave on the two Blanket Sundays, we were able to send \$178 to Church World Service for their use in providing blankets for those involved in disasters and emergency situations around the world. Your donations helped to
BLANKET THE WORLD WITH LOVE!*

Dear Friends at FBC Olean; I want to thank you for your generous support of Regional Ministry. Your gift enables us to do more work in churches, strengthening their ministry and equipping their people. Blessings,

~Rev. James Kelsey, Executive Minister
American Baptist Churches of New York State

Thank you for your generous gift of \$602.50 for the Alder Street Genesis House Project. Donations such as yours enable Genesis House to continue ministering to temporarily homeless people.

~Linore Lounsbury, Genesis House of Olean, Inc.

The Family of God



We extend our Love and Sympathy to Jeanne Ahrens on the recent passing of her sister, Dorothy Ostergard.

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Jack and Kathy Porcello became grandparents on May 30! Their granddaughter, **Elsa Rose Porcello**, was born to Nick and Brandi Porcello. She weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20" long.

Grace Thurston was recently recognized for her 20 years of service to the Cattaraugus County Dept of the Aging Retired Senior Volunteer Program. She was also recognized for 2,402 hours of service to Olean General Hospital.



Olean Police Chief Terry Schnell will officially retire from the OPD on July 12, 2014. We thank Terry for his dedication and faithful service to our city and extend our congratulations and best wishes for his retirement.



OFFICE CLOSED
 The Church Office will be closed
 on Friday, July 4
 in observance of
 Independence Day.

- 1 Aaron Ketchner
Lynn Brown
- 5 Kara Pascucci
Kelli Heiler
- 10 Joseph Funden
- 13 Summer Geise
Marilyn Voorhees
- 16 June Heineman
Lorana Selph
Judy Wightman
- 17 Jarred Martin
Tim Selph
- 18 Tim Spiller
- 22 Clarissa Spiller
- 29 Don Martin
- 30 Chad Ketchner



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Larry & Jill Selph
Jerry & Cindy Nutt, Jr.
- 3 Gordon & Mary Ellen Olson - 60
- 4 Ted & Nan Norton
- 7 Jerry & Pam Nutt
- 10 Geoff & Cheri O'Dell
- 14 Jim & Mary Anne Kirkpatrick
- 22 Larry & Bonnie Kettle

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jamie Geise
Valerie Kane
Elaine Rockey
- 2 Brenda Brown
- 3 Jagger Pascucci
- 7 Pauline Glenn
- 11 Pete Cole
- 12 Mitchell Martin
- 15 Brad Peterson
- 17 Don Anderson
- 19 Isaac Anderson
- 20 Erik Hartburg
- 23 Robert DeLong
Pat Sherry
- 24 James VanBrunt
- 25 Drew Taylor
- 29 Kathy Porcello
- 30 Micki Ellis
- 31 Emily Schultz-Cone

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Jack & Louise Croft
- 4 John & Sue Keim
- 5 Eli & Marci Rust
- 7 Jack & Micki Ellis
Jack & Gail Crowley
- 8 Dana & Cari Matejka Boser - 10
- 11 Terry & Alli Armstrong Schnell
- 14 Jeremy & Kelli Heiler
- 27 Steve & Chris Rosel
- 28 Tim & Elizabeth Spiller
- 30 Jason & Caitlin Davenport