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PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Palm Sunday Worship on March 29th will include a powerful celebration of the Resurrection story presented by our Senior Choir titled

"Cornerstone". This musical brings Jesus-the Stone the builders rejected-to life as he became the Cornerstone of God's work of forgiveness and grace. Celebrate that first Easter morning when Jesus rose from the dead to form the foundation of our hope in eternal life. Your heart will be challenged as you are reminded of your calling to be useful in building the kingdom – a kingdom built upon the Cornerstone, Jesus Christ. This message is told through musical favorites such as *Rock of Ages*, *Jesus Paid It Upon This Rock*, *Crown Him Many Crowns*, and the theme song *Cornerstone*. Additional special music, congregational songs, a Children's sermon and receiving palms will be part of this service. Please invite others to come with you. What a meaningful start to Holy Week!



told such All, with song

worship with a tenebrae service, communion and a time of concentrated silent prayer. Music will be presented by the Senior Choir and the In One A'Chord Bell Choir.

WALK THE WAY OF THE CROSS begins at noon on Friday, April 3, at the United Pentecostal Church on Homer St. From there, the walk will move on to Bethany Lutheran, Trinity United Methodist, Epic Church, St. Mary of the Angels, First Baptist, and end at St. Stephens Episcopal. Transportation is available for those who want to participate but are unable to walk the route.



Our **RESURRECTION CELEBRATION** begins at 9:30 a.m. on April 20 when Easter music will fill the sanctuary as the Senior Choir shares several Resurrection

Anthems, our In One A'Chord Handbell Choir rings, and the congregation lifts its voice to declare that "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"! The sanctuary will be blooming with spring flowers and Easter music will fill the sanctuary as our Senior Choir lifts their voices in Resurrection Anthems, the In One A'Chord Handbell Choir rings praises to the Risen King, and the congregation sings together "Up From the Grave He Arose!". Plan now to make your Easter morning a special time of reflection and celebration by joining us for our 9:30 worship and our annual Community Easter Dinner at 12:45 or volunteer your efforts to help with the dinner prepared and served at First Baptist.

NOTE: COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED AT THE MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE ON APRIL 2. COMMUNION WILL NOT BE PART OF THE EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION



"BACH'S LUNCH" CONCERT Beginning at 11:30 a.m. on the Tuesday, April 15, an ensemble from the Southern Tier Symphony presents a classical

instrumental program at St. Mary of the Angels church. There is no admission fee and all are welcome. A free will offering will be taken.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, Thursday, April 2, the day before Good Friday, we will gather at 7:00 pm to



The Board of Trustees has designated this year's Easter Offering to benefit The GOAC specifically to buy space heaters for those that need extra heat in the winter.

**8th ANNUAL FBC
COMMUNITY EASTER DINNER
APRIL 5, 2015
12:45 – 1:30 P.M.**

The First Baptist Church and the Olean Food Pantry are once again teaming together to offer a Community Easter Dinner to those in need. The dinner will be "free of charge" and will be served as "dine-in" at the First Baptist Church. Take outs will be available by reservation. Seating is limited and reservations will be required prior to March 31. This is a wonderful opportunity for First Baptist to work together with the Olean Food Pantry and assist those less fortunate or those that may be alone on this most joyous day!

Items Needed for Donations: fruit pies (no cream or custard). Cash donations and checks made to First Baptist Church (please note Easter Dinner on your check or envelope) are also appreciated to assist in defraying the cost of this event. Please make all donations to FBC by April 18. Call Penny or Pastor Dan at 372-5151 in the church office if you are able to donate, would like to make reservations, or need more information.

Volunteers – We need you! Volunteers are needed in the following areas: set-up and decorating of dining hall; cooking; serving; deliveries, and clean-up.

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR
TIME – TALENTS – AND MONETARY GIFTS!**



APRIL BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings for the month of April are as follows:

- Monday, April 6:**
6:00 Board of Christian Education
- Sunday, April 12**
Noon: Board of Christian Missions
- Tuesday, April 14:**
6:30 Diaconate
7:00 Board of Trustees



**RETIREES LUNCH
WITH PASTOR DAN
APRIL 13**

Pastor Dan is inviting any and all retirees of our church to lunch on **Monday, April 13**, at noon. He will offer some devotional thoughts as well as 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. Please sign up on the bulletin insert or call the church office by April 9 if you would like to attend.



“Introducing people to Jesus and equipping them to grow spiritually and minister to their world.”



It's time to start thinking about Summer Camps! Scholarships are available for both Camp Vick and Pathfinder Lodge.

Other discounts are available for families and first time campers. Stay tuned for more information!

**ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY
SATURDAY, MAY 2**

Start Time: 9:00AM

There will be further information announced from the pulpit and in the weekly bulletin as it becomes available!!



LET'S REMEMBER.....

We are again blessed to start a New Year with a lot of things and holidays to celebrate. Let's "Remember" to celebrate the people in our lives. Let's "Remember" to celebrate and thank the people that make it possible for us to be able to do that celebrating. Let's "Remember" to thank our military men and women and their families for their service to our country.

If anyone has an update of an address for our "Wall of Honor" friends, or would like to add someone to that Wall, please leave the information in the church office attention: Maunie Ketchner. We will be sending cards out soon and want to make sure that our "Wall of Honor" is up to date.

GENESIS HOUSE ANNUAL

GERANIUM SALE

The annual geranium sale is underway at Genesis House. This is the biggest fundraiser for our area's only homeless shelter. The top-quality geraniums are grown in 4 ½" post and are sold for \$7 each or three for \$16; available colors are red, white, pink, fuschia, or coral. Hanging baskets of impatiens are also available in the above colors for \$20 each. Sue Keim will be available to take your order at the receptionist desk on Sundays, April 12, 19, 26, and May 3. All orders and payments are due by May 11. The flowers will be delivered to FBC on Thursday, May 14.



THE TIE THAT BINDS.....Pastor Millard

"And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." (Col. 3:14)

Each month we sing "Blest be the tie that binds". It is here that Paul tells us of what that bond is that will bind us together. He says "Put on charity (AGAPE) which is the bond of perfectness".

Notice first the superlative attribute, "above all". In the two prior verses Paul speaks of Holiness, mercy, kindness, meekness and forgiveness. Then he says "above all" of that make sure that you have the God given love of the Spirit towards one another. For love is a fulfillment of the law (Rom. 13:8,10). Love is the evidence that one is truly born again. Both to ourselves, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." (I John 3:14). And to the world, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (Jn. 13:35)

Our duty or responsibility is to "put on" this gift of love. This is part of the fruit of the Spirit within our lives; therefore we must walk in the Spirit, choosing to reject the lusts of the flesh so that we may be a fruitful child of God.

Our text in the Amplified version reads: "And above all these put on love and unfold yourselves with the bond of perfectness – which binds everything together completely in ideal harmony."

I really like the thought of "unfold yourselves" To open up ourselves to others. For this is the true picture of the type of love that will bind us together. Only as

we are willing to open our hearts and lives to others and they to us will we have that binding love towards each other.

Nowhere in scripture are we taught to be a silent, solo, or secret Christian. We are bound together in one body. We sit together in heavenly places (Eph.2:6). We dwell together (Psm.133:1). We work together (I Cor 3:9). We suffer together (I Cor. 12:26). We strive together in prayer (Rom.15:30). So we can see how we need others and that they need us. We are like pieces of charcoal that grouped together will produce great heat but when a single coal is separated it will quickly go cold.

The third verse of "Blest be the tie that binds" says:

*We share our mutual woes
our mutual burdens bear
And often for each other
flows the sympathizing tear*

I truly hope you have this type of love, openness and care for one another. However if you see this as area that is lacking in your life, then make it a matter of prayer. Ask God to remove any obstacles that may be hindering the Spirit and to fill with love for all of His children.

~Pastor Millard



While praying one day, a woman asked: "Who are you, Lord?" The Lord answered: "I am."

"But who is I am?" she asked.

And He replied:

"I am Love."

"I am Peace."

"I am Grace."

"I am Joy."

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Light."

"I am the Comforter."

"I am Strength."

"I am Safety."

"I am Shelter."

"I am Power."

"I am the Creator."

"I am the Beginning and the End."

"I am the Most High."

The woman, now with tears in her eyes looked toward heaven and said: "Now I understand. But Lord, who am I?"

The God wiped the tears from her eyes and whispered: "You are mine."

-Timothy Merrill

MEET THE HOOTEN FAMILY!



Mike and Corinne Hooten began attending Olean First Baptist Church in January. They have four children: *Alexandra*, 20, is attending Grove City College in Pennsylvania, studying psychology. Last spring, she took on a personal mission experience in Ecuador as part of her quest to see where God might use her; *Joshua*, 18, is a student at University of Pittsburgh in Bradford. He serves as a drummer in a praise band and enjoys music. Joshua is also in the process of writing a novel; *Hannah*, 14, is an eighth grader in a home school program, and enjoys music, dance and art; *Faith*, soon 12, enjoys drama, knitting and crochet, making lots of creative crafts. “All our kids are creative,” said Corinne.

Mike grew up in New Jersey, and the family has lived there as well as in Texas and other places, relocating to Bradford about 10 years ago. He and Corinne met in college at Eastern College in Pennsylvania. Corinne holds a Master of Arts in Theological Studies degree with missions as a concentration. “I love cultures, so I put my interests together,” she said. While in high school, Corinne traveled to Europe, visiting seven countries. In college, she visited the Dominican Republic over Easter break and later spent a semester in Costa Rica with mission jaunts to Nicaragua and Guatemala. She draws on these experiences for a Vacation Bible School series that she is writing based on how God is working around the world. “It’s based on Jesus’ command to ‘go into all the world’,” she said.

Mike felt called to ministry as early as high school, but spent some time studying computer science at Purdue University, then psychology and Youth Ministry at Eastern. He has served in youth and music ministries at various churches across the country, including being musical director in Texas while he also held a position in the computer

industry. When the family returned to Bradford, Mike began working as a home improvement contractor while also serving as music director at a small Baptist Church there. “I again felt that call to ministry,” he said. In 2011 he entered Palmer Theological Seminary. He is engaged in a program where he periodically attends classes in West Virginia for intensive on-campus study for a week, then works independently. He will have a Master of Divinity degree when completed.

After a time of specific prayer following the retirement of Mike’s mentor/pastor in Bradford, he and Corinne found their way to Olean First Baptist with a recommendation that Mike might benefit from mentoring by a seasoned pastor such as Pastor Dan McDowell. He envisions himself potentially in an associate pastor position one day, but says his future is up to God. “I’m very attentive to where God wants me to go and I listen for that. He puts us where he wants us” said Mike. “We believe that our circumstances have been more than coincidence anytime God has called us anywhere,” said Corinne. “We’ve received some very specific direction.”

The couple said their family is finding their new church “friendly and inviting,” and they are glad to be here. Both Corinne and Mike have joined the choir, and are participating in the Southern Tier Christian Writer’s group recently formed at First Baptist. Mike said they also lead a youth Bible study in their home. “I have a passion for praise and worship and for discipleship,” he said.



GIVING TO INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

Would you like to give extra money to American Baptist International Ministries but feel money is too

tight right now? Here is an idea for you: Christian Community Credit Union issues an IM VISA Signature rewards card that donated \$23,000 to International Ministries (IM) in 2014. This is a regular credit card that earns rewards points for you for travel or merchandise. For each new card that is approved, IM receives \$50 plus additional donations every time the card is used. For more information call 1-800-347-2228 ext. 47777 or visit on line myuccu.com/IMcard and state that you are an American Baptist if asked.

The Family of God



We extend our Love and Sympathy to the family of Ruth Osgood, who passed away on February 22; to the family of June Hill who passed away on March

3; and to Glenn Lowe, Jamie and Paul Geise and family, and David and Nanette Torrey on the passing of Becky Torrey on March 13. Becky was Glenn's daughter and Jamie's sister as well as sister-in-law to Paul, Dave and Nan.

THANK YOU'S

Dear Friends at FBC – Thank you for allowing me to share what the Lord is doing in my area of China! It was SO good to see so many friends. I appreciate your warm welcome, gifts, prayers, and what you have instilled in my life.
Blessings, Roscoe Snell

Thank you for your monetary donation of \$346.00
The Olean Food Pantry



2015 GRADUATES

It's almost graduation time again! If you have a high school or college grad in your family this year, please let us know in the office so we can make sure to include them in our graduation recognitions. Green information forms are available in the rack outside the church office. Please submit your graduate's information by May 14 to be included in the June edition of At First Baptist.



FYI/REMINDER:

Minutes from the monthly meetings of our church boards (Trustees, Diaconate, Christian Education, and Christian Missions) are available on the rack near the front entrance. This is an important way to stay up-to-date on the happenings/workings of the church. Please help yourself to a copy. If you find that something is not available, please leave a note in Penny's office mailbox,

send a message to oleanfbc@verizon.net, or give her a call during office hours @ 372-5151.



YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH

Each month throughout the year, we will continue highlighting various children and youth as they share their musical talents with the congregation. The Young Musician of the Month for

March is Lorelei Kenyon, who sings and plays bells in the Junior Bll Choir and is a dancer. Lorelei is in 8th grade at Portville Central. When asked why she likes music she said ““It is fun and makes me feel happy.” Lorelei is the daughter of Summer and Vernon Gayton; her grandparents are Jamie and Paul Geise and great-grandfather is Glenn Lowe. Thanks Lorelei for giving your talents back to the Lord and sharing them with us!

MOTHER-DAUGHTER Banquet



A TRADITION RETURNS!!!

On Saturday, May 2, at 6 p.m. we'll hold a Mother/Daughter Par-Tea at Olean FBC! We'll enjoy a delicious ham dinner, ice-cream sundae bar, a few games, a skit provided by Pastor Dan and friends, music from a barbershop group, as well as a devotion and time of fellowship.

Whether you're a mother of daughters (or sons) or a woman who has a relationship mentoring girls or young ladies in your life, we hope you'll join us for this evening to celebrate motherhood...both literally and figuratively. Come and bring your mother, daughter(s), or girl(s) who are “like a daughter” in your life!

Call the church office or register on the church bulletin insert by Sunday, April 26.



A NIGHT WITH THE REEDS



About 30 members of the Olean First Baptist congregation had an opportunity on Sunday evening, March 8, to spend some time with missionaries David and Joyce Reed. The couple served 15 years in La Paz, Mexico, with the Regional Baptist Convention of Southern Baja California, working with pastors and church leaders in new church development. They also train leaders through formal and informal theological education. Members of OFBC have provided support to the Reed family for several years through mission giving.

The Reeds described La Paz as an area of the Baja Peninsula where many locals go to find work within the tourist industry as there are many hotels and cruise ship lines in the area, as well as American families who sail down the Pacific coast. The pristine Sea of Cortez also borders the area, attracting divers and naturalists.

David shared updates on the construction of a Theological School in La Paz, which is still in the works, but has recently been turned over to their Mexican partners in the program, including Pastor Hernando and Ana Gonzalez. “We stepped back as we passed this on to them,” said David. “We were able to train up leaders and pastors for the churches while we were there.” David said the area did not have a true youth ministry, but he taught classes on the topic and has seen progress. He shared how he mentored a young man named Gustavo, complimenting him during a drive from a youth event Gustavo had helped organize. “I asked him, do you have a call to youth ministry?” David said, adding that it was an informal conversation. He later learned that Gustavo had taken his comments to heart and may be returning as the first youth pastor they’ve ever had in Baja South. “That will be pioneering work, and it will change those churches for generations,” David said.

Joyce added that it is testimony that you never know when a conversation with someone may have far

reaching consequences for God. “An opportunity to encourage can be a pivotal moment in someone’s life,” she said. “When you feel that little nudge of the Spirit, follow up on it. You never know where God is going to take it.” Joyce also told how a church, Monte de Sion, in San Jose, was destroyed by Hurricane Odile. “But they put up a tarp and held services the next week. It was so humbled by what they do — no excuses. They came and praised God anyway.”



The people persevere even amidst problems with drugs, broken relationships, and other problems, pursuing Bible studies, a cancer ministry by making quilts, and other community engagement.

The Reeds said God is currently laying the groundwork for them to do something new. Currently living near Philadelphia and getting more training in Washington, DC, they have received an appointment from Regional Missionaries to Latin America in the area of spiritual renewal and spiritual formation. “We will be pastors to pastors. We will teach in theological schools on spiritual formation and there is a deep need for that in Latin America,” said Joyce. They will also mentor new leaders for ministry and missions. Their work may also take them to Bolivia and Chile as well as a return for La Paz. The Reeds also said work continues at El Camino Rancho in Mexico, although the Gatto family is currently back in the United States.

Pastor Dan said that he is in the process of organizing a potential missions trip to Mexico in the near future. Stay tuned for details!



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THE FAREWELL TOUR

FBC WOMEN PLAN TRAVEL TO PHILADELPHIA FOR WOMEN OF FAITH 2015: LOVED

On Friday morning, August 21, a group of women from the Olean area will be traveling by bus from First Baptist to the Wells Fargo Arena in Philadelphia, PA, to attend the Farewell tour for Women of Faith. The LOVED Conference will feature speakers and musicians that have appeared with Women of Faith over their 20- year ministry.

Our seats are on the floor of the arena and are available at a greatly discounted price of \$65 ea. We will be staying at a Hyatt hotel in King of Prussia on Friday night; breakfast is included on Saturday morning. Like last year, we'll enjoy a "progressive dinner" in our hotel rooms on Friday evening before the bus takes us to the arena for the evening event. The cost of ALL of this (including the bus) is just \$220.00.

Boxed lunches are available for Saturday at a cost of \$12; a group t-shirt will be offered again this year for \$10; and we will be stopping for dinner on our way home after the conference ends on Saturday. We should arrive back in Olean between midnight and 1:00 a.m.

Currently, we only have eleven (11) seats left for sale. If you've never attended a WOF conference or if you know of someone that you would like to invite to attend who hasn't attended before, we can offer an "outreach ticket" for just \$20. This brings the cost of the basic trip to just \$175.

Tickets are going FAST! If you are interested or if you need more information, please contact Penny Sorokes in the church office at 372-5151 or oleanfbc@verizon.net.



Book Review: "Cross Roads"

by Wm. Paul Young

Success of a book like "The Shack," which sold more than 18 million copies, would be difficult to duplicate. Wm Paul Young's 2012 novel, "Cross Roads," falls short of that stellar mark, but still provides a good read with some thought-provoking themes.

Main character Anthony (Tony) Spencer, a virtual loner when the story opens, is described as a self-involved, self-made businessman. He is successful, wealthy — and alone — after burning most of his relationship bridges. Early on, Tony suffers an aneurysm and falls into a coma. As he languishes in ICU in a Portland, Oregon hospital, some strange things begin to happen.

"Cross Roads" takes some fanciful turns that I would classify as "imaginings." In fiction, readers are often asked to suspend their belief for a time and imagine "what if this were to happen." In this story, that premise is what if a man in a coma found himself inside the head of another person, able to see the world through their eyes, and even be able to communicate with the host body?

Tony first finds himself sharing space with "Cabby," a 16-year-old with Down Syndrome. The experience gives him a unique outlook on life as well as an introduction to Cabby's sister, Lindsay, who has cancer. He later inhabits the youths' mother, Molly, for a brief time, and then her best friend, an African American nurse named Maggie. When Tony isn't embroiled in some insightful activity through one of these people, such as encountering Maggie's comical reaction to realizing his presence at Maranatha Holy Ghost Church of God in Christ in front of Elder Clarence, whom she is smitten with, he finds himself in a strange but somehow serene place. Tony describes these encounters as "a dream within a dream," as he is also aware he is really lying in a bed in ICU. During these excursions, he meets Jesus, who asks penetrating questions about Tony's views on life and relationships. He also meets other characters who are somehow tied to his past and present.

One of the book's themes is that individuals were created for community and relationship, with God and others. The story offers food for thought as Tony progresses through experiences that challenge his views. He also learns during one "trip" to the in-between place that he can return and save one other person, though Jesus will really do the saving. As Tony sets aim to heal himself, readers get to share his journey and growth as who he has been is revealed to him, along with his connection and impact on others.

While some incidents of seeing life from inside another's head seemed a bit corny and too easily accepted by the host body who hears Tony's voice, overall, the book is a good read with an entertaining story and some things to think about and reflect on.

— Reviewed by Deb Wuethrich



FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

We have been tremendously blessed so far this Spring. The snow really piled up this past winter – to the point that as I was shoveling it, I was having a difficult time (especially when the snow was wet and heavy) throwing it on top of the pile that had built up next to the sidewalk and driveway. In some places that pile was about 5 feet tall!

I think we all would have loved to have one of those late winter or early spring anomalies where the temperature suddenly soars into the 80's. After the month of February where the temperature here never pushed above freezing (it was warmer in Alaska this past February!) it would have been wonderful to feel the warmth of the sun again and walk around in short sleeves, even if just for a day.

But had that happened it would have been a disaster. With all of the snow piled up around us, such a sudden thaw would have created a deluge that our sewers, rivers and creeks could not absorb. It would have felt good for a day but would create untold damage that might take years to clear up.

So the best thing that could happen is what we have experienced so far; gradual warming with sporadic cooler days and nights that have kept our spring thaw under control. We have truly been blessed (especially if the trend continues and we find ourselves snow free by early April).

Perhaps this speaks to us about seasons in the life of the church as well. I was reminded recently that we celebrated our 175th anniversary as a congregation 10 years ago. A lot happened during those 175 years (as we see in the history book that we published in celebration of that anniversary “The Ever Widening Way”). But a lot has also happened in the last 10 years!

We have seen staff changes. Alex Freer and Joy Doerr and their families left us, Rob and Tammy Grimes and their family came and went and the Laverty's came on board. Sandy retired and Penny joined the staff. Millard accepted the call to ministry here. We have seen some “pillars of the church” go to their eternal reward and we have welcomed numerous new individuals and families into our fellowship. Some have stayed, some haven't. We have seen our praise team ministry go through several transitions and we have seen the successful launch and vitality of our bell choir take place. Our boards have downsized and several of our

committees have begun to function differently than they had before.

This is a time of change in the life of every church. Denominations are all frantically working out ways to adapt to a current environment where the things we used to take for granted no longer take place. For years now I have served on the Board of Mission (essentially the Board of Directors) for the American Baptist Churches of New York State. Churches are constantly turning to the region for advice and assistance during times of crisis. Several times a year we are joined by new churches, usually made up of refugees who recently immigrated to the U.S. Meanwhile other congregations with long histories in our region find themselves in crisis; some are no longer able to continue their ministries.

Rarely do those situations arise overnight. Quite often we tend to keep doing what we've always done in the hope that the problem will simply go away. “Perhaps something miraculous will happen and a new pastor or some new program will draw a flood of new people.” The thing is – new people usually mean new ideas and different opinions on how things ought to be in the church. Those ideas and opinions are not always comfortable or welcome in a church with 185 years of history. Not to mention floods of new people all at once are rare occurrences – especially in a community our size (unless another church is encountering major problems).

A church that has served God and this community for 185 years is bound to have many memories, rituals and traditions. These are things that remind us of important people and happenings in our past; things that formed us and helped us to become the people we are today. The same was true in ancient Israel as recorded in the Old Testament. There were festivals and holidays held to celebrate those events and inspire worshipful observations.

But the New Testament also gives us caution to open our hearts and minds to new movements of the spirit and new possibilities. Cultural and artistic shifts, the influence of technology and other factors may cause us to re-evaluate things in worship, the way we do youth ministry and even how we communicate with one another (through email and social media as well as by phone and in person). A healthy church adjusts to its environment – as quickly as possible.

~Pastor Dan



Terri and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers and gifts since Terri's surgical procedure on March 10. You have truly blessed us!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Yvonne Perry Clark
- 6 Madison Geise
- 9 Shaylea Anderson
- 12 Jack Croft
Geoff O'Dell
- 17 Ethel Hopkins
- 18 Melody Halsaver
- 19 Nathan Collins
Nancy Lennon
- 20 Carleigh Spiller
- 21 Janell Martin
- 23 Jim Rockey
- 24 Bruce Laverty



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