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AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE IN JUNE

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected at Olean First Baptist during the month of June. Some of the ways this offering is used are:

- Giving aid to people and churches after a natural disaster
- Helping churches rebuild and re-equip victims after floods, fires or other disasters
- Feeding hungry people at times of need all over the world
- Sending medical aid to places of epidemic disease
- Digging wells for clean water in many places.

Please share with people in need because Jesus said "Whatever you do for others, you do for me." Donation envelopes will be in the pew racks and on the Mission cabinet in the lobby for your convenience in giving.



We are accepting pictures for our Military Wall of Honor. If someone in your family or circle of friends is currently serving in a branch of the US Military, please bring a picture (up to 5x7) and address for the bulletin board in the lobby so that we can put a name with a face to offer a more personal prayer for safety and send a card or note of thanks to them. It is important that we don't forget those who are allowing us the freedoms that we enjoy every day.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

"Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding."

Proverbs 4:1

June 18 will be a special day at First Baptist as we celebrate our fathers and those who have been like fathers to us. Pastor Millard will bring a message based on Proverbs 4: 1-14, Ayden Walker will provide the Children's Sermon, and our children will do a salute to fathers and pass out gifts. A special fellowship time will also be offered by our Fellowship Committee.



**JUNE 26-
JUNE 28**

Mark your calendars now and spread the word!

Vacation

Bible Camp will run Monday through Wednesday from 8 am – 5 pm with the theme **WHO I WANNA BE!** Plan to join our leadership team and bring your kids, grandkids and neighbors for this exciting outreach!

The Family of God



We extend our LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Bob and Sheila Faulds on the passing of Bob's father, Robert Faulds Sr., on April 23; to Alli Armstrong and Terry

Schnell on the loss of Alli's mother, Lorraine Armstrong; and to Paul and Jamie Geise on the passing of Jamie's aunt, Jeanne Lowe.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Sandy Schultz

Email: Schultz2356@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Heather Torrey Kaiser, daughter of David and Nanette Torrey, recently graduated from Northcentral University with a EdD. in Education w/E-Learning Emphasis. Dr. Kaiser plans to continue teaching in Fayetteville, NC and work with educators throughout the US to improve the integration of educational technology. Heather's favorite quotes are "Every good thing comes from above" and "Let go and Let God." She says



"Divine intervention is real. Yes my efforts are important but remaining open to God's will for my life has led to incredible opportunities that I will never take for granted."

Jared Michael Kaiser, son of Richard and Heather Kaiser and grandson of David and Nanette Torrey, graduated from UNC Pembroke with a B.A. in Secondary Education-History. Jared plans to teach high school history and begin working on his Master's Degree. His goal is to serve his community, friends and family. Words that explain his life goal are "The purpose of life is to contribute in some way to making things better." John F. Kennedy



JUNE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 11 @ Noon

Board of Christian Missions

Monday, June 12 @ 5:30 pm- Board of Christian Education

Tuesday, June 13 @ 6:30 pm – Diaconate @ 7 pm – Trustees

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY thru THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. – Noon

Or by Appointment

Morning Devotions approximately 9:00 – 9:30

(Note: There is no secretarial staff on Monday. The pastoral staff's schedule can sometimes be unpredictable due to visitations, emergencies, etc.

If you stop by on Monday and find "nobody home", we ask for your patience and understanding.

We will do our best to be here during posted office hours.)

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 11:00 a.m.

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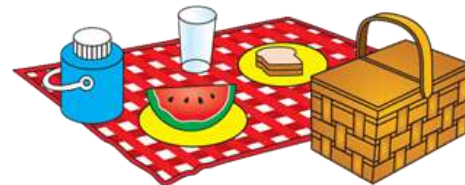
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JUNE RETIREES LUNCHEON

Pastor Millard invites all retirees from FBC to lunch on **Monday, June 5, 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. Sign up on the bulletin insert or call the church office by Thursday, June 1, if you would like to attend.....

Come and bring a friend!!



FBC WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Music Sunday, July 9 - "Music for All Seasons"

During worship on Sunday July 9, we'll lift our praises to our Savior through singing and instrumental selections. Our musical groups and the congregation will reflect on the music that means so much to us during every season of the year. If you have a song that speaks to you and are willing to share your thoughts about it with us, please let Sue know so we can add it in!

Following worship at 11:00, you'll want to plan to stay as we will enjoy a mini-concert by the **Enchanted Mountain Chorus** – better known as the Olean Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. They will bring their special blend of sacred, spiritual, patriotic and secular tunes.

At 11:30, we'll enjoy a delicious chicken bbq provided as a fundraiser for our Women's Ministry here at FBC. The

proceeds will help to cover the costs of the upcoming conference trip in August and other ministry events.



WOMEN OF JOY 2017

**AUGUST 11 & 12, 2017 Bankers Life Fieldhouse
Indianapolis, IN**



Angela
Thomas Pharr
Fri. pm

Natalie Grant
Concert
Fri. pm

Lisa Harper
Sat. am

Kirk &

Chelsea Cameron - Sat. am
Christine Caine - Sat. am
Charles Billingsley - Worship Leader

A group of 16 women from Olean FBC will be traveling to this conference in August. Tickets (including conference hotel, transportation, and meals) are \$200.00 ea. A down-payment of \$45 is due to reserve your spot; the balance will be due by July 15. Contact Penny in the church office to reserve your spot today!!

EYEGLASSES FOR HAITI

One of the most appreciated services at the Cap Haitien Eye Center is the provision of eyeglasses at a very nominal cost. For every person needing surgery, there are literally hundreds more who need eyeglasses. Patients include children and young people in school, as well as their mothers and fathers who have to hold reading material at arm's length or have difficulty threading a needle. Almost all of the seniors need some reading assistance or visual aid.

All of the eyeglasses are used, recycled eyeglasses provided by friends, churches, women's groups and organizations. Any eyeglasses (single or bifocal) that are UNBROKEN and in good enough condition to be used as they are can be donated. Sunglasses, half-glasses or lenses without frames are not needed. Glasses are cleaned, the prescription is read by a computer, and the glasses are catalogued until they are ready to be used. After a patient is examined and glasses are prescribed, an effort is made to match up their prescription with one of the ones on hand. With a large collection and with new ones added monthly, a large percentage of the patients are supplied with eyeglasses. They may not get their choice of frames, but they do see much better.

A donation box is available on the mission cabinet in the church lobby. Your donations are appreciate

BOX TOPS & CANCELLED STAMPS PROVIDE SCHOOL SUPPLIES



We are still collecting the Betty Crocker coupons to be exchanged for school supplies.

We are also still collecting cancelled stamps cut ¼" around the stamps. These are then sold to pay for printing Sunday School materials in the language of the Central American countries. Cut the Box Tops out on the dotted line and put them and the cancelled postage stamps in the collection box on the entrance table in the lobby.

We will no longer collect Campbell Company bar codes because the Campbell Company has discontinued the program. They no longer exchange items for the bar codes. Many thanks to all of you who have been a part of this program for years!!

The Board of Christian Mission



Saturday, March 25, 2017

G2 Gymnastics - Jamestown Results

Recently, G2 Gymnastics of Shinglehouse traveled to Jamestown, NY for the Lucky Stars Gymnastics Invitational hosted by Stroup's Gymnastics. Almost 600 gymnasts represented USA Gymnastics Clubs from PA, NY, and Canada. Thirty-Four members represented G2 Gymnastics at the competition. G2 had a strong showing as the Level 3s brought home 3rd Place and Level 6s brought home 4th Place in the Team division. Despite very tough competition, G2 received over 100 individual awards.

Full Meet Results:

LEVEL 2

Emily Schultz-Cone: vault-8.65, bars-7.40, beam-8.80, floor-8.0, AA-32.85-24th

(Emily is the granddaughter of Mike and Sandy Schultz. She is in the back row, second in from the right)



PASTOR MILLARD'S DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS:

- In Christ there is nothing I can do that will make you love me more and nothing I have done that will make you love me less.
- Your presence and approval are all I need for everlasting joy.
- As you have been to me, so I will be to others.
- As I pray, I'll measure your compassion by the cross and your power by the resurrection.

THANK YOU'S.....

Thank you for your generous gift of 6 bags of food and Easter dinner.

Linore Lounsbury, Genesis House

I want to thank my church family for all the love expressed to me on so many special occasions. The many cards, flowers, food and visits are so appreciate and make me realize daily that you truly are family – a loving and caring one. God bless all of you.

Mary Anne Kirkpatrick

I'd like to thank you for the lovely and beautiful Easter flower you gave to Jim. It was kind of you to think of him, and to keep him and me in your prayers. Jim loves flowers and it meant a great deal to him to receive your gift. All of you continue to be a blessing to us. In His Holy Name!

Jim and Yvonne Clark

*To the Congregation and Staff at First Baptist:
Thank you so much for all the prayers and flowers sent to the funeral home. We know that we are truly Blessed. Sincerely, Bob and Sheila Faulds*

FBC Friends,

Thank you for the recognition, reception, cards, flowers and radio broadcast given in honor of my 40 years in ministry at Olean First Baptist. It has been a blessing and a pleasure to serve the Lord and this congregation! Thank you for your love and continued kindness!

Sue Neely VanBrunt



SOME TESTS FOR RIGHT AND WRONG

“Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend” (I Cor. 8:13)

In the text Paul gives voice to a principle that is relevant for much that concerns us in the modern day even though few of us will be bothered concerning the eating of meat that has been offered on a pagan altar. Paul was referring to a local problem of great significance to new disciples in Corinth. They were recent converts from paganism, and it had been their custom to offer meat sacrifices on the altar of their pagan gods. They looked upon this eating of meat as being an expression of worship. The more mature Christians recognized that these pagan idols were actually “nothings”. They did not believe that the eating of this meat was harmful or sinful as far as they personally were concerned.

Paul urged upon them that love and concern for the weaker brother should be the guiding principle that controlled their behavior. He declared that he would abstain from eating meat rather than be the cause of weaker brother falling into sin because of his doing so. He gave voice to a principle rather than to a rigid law.

The principle is applicable as we face the continuing necessity of making moral decisions concerning proper conduct in our day. He who looks for a special prohibition against every form of evil-doing will find himself in great difficulty. We must seek to discover principles and then with the help of the Holy Spirit apply them to the complexities of the modern world. I will list several tests that we can use to help us make decisions concerning right and wrong. It would be beneficial for all of us to observe these tests, and it would be most helpful to young people to memorize them.

1. THE SPIRITUAL TEST

Is this action or attitude expressly forbidden in the Word of God? Am I aware of what the Bible teaches concerning this issue? Am I willing to let the teaching of the Bible be authoritative and determine my conduct?

2. THE PRAYER TEST

Is this something concerning that which I can ask for both the approval and the blessings of God? Can I count on God to smile upon it and to bless it?

3. THE PERSONAL TEST

Will doing this particular thing make of me a better Christian? Will it aid my spiritual growth? Will it cause me to become more Christ-like?

4. THE SOCIAL TEST

Will my doing this particular thing influence others to be better Christians or will it provide a stumbling block before their feet?

5. THE PRACTICAL TEST

What will the results be if I do this particular thing? Will they be desirable or undesirable? Will they produce happiness or unhappiness for me or for others?

6. THE STEWARDSHIP TEST

Will I be fulfilling God's purpose for my life, or will I be wasting that which God has entrusted in my care?

7. THE UNIVERSAL TEST

What would happen if everyone did this? Would the community be better or worse?

8. THE PUBLICITY TEST

Is this something that I would be willing for everyone to know about? Will it stand the gaze of the public without causing me to blush?

9. THE MISSIONARY TEST

Will it help or hinder the progress of the Kingdom of God around the world?

10. THE EVANGELISTIC TEST

Will this cause others to want to know my Savior? Or will it cause them to lose confidence in him whom I claim as my Savior?

As we each face the question “Is it right or wrong?” we will find that the Holy Spirit can guide us in moments when decisions need to be made if we will apply these tests to the issues under consideration.

~Pastor Millard



GOD'S GENEROSITY REVEALED IN GIVING US CHOICES

By Deb Wuethrich

Have you ever written something down only to find it later and wonder, "What in the world did I mean by this?" Better yet, can you even read some of the scratchings you left on a page so you'd remember something later?

I've done both. As an inveterate writer and list maker, my cryptic notes to self are often found on those little colored stickies, at the top of a newspaper and even inside a random page of a one-subject notebook. I get them when they're 17 cents at back to school sales and once had so many, I gave some to my niece. Her mom later brought me some pages with my notes or a few paragraphs of thoughts she'd found inside.

I also keep a pen and notebook by my bedside. Now these can be like hieroglyphics because sometimes I don't turn on the light when a thought pops in my head and I race to get it down.

I just found an undated sheet with two big grease stains on them, undoubtedly from essential oils I rub on aches at night. I can actually read this one, and I noted it was a "conversation with God while abed." It was titled, "Choices." I vaguely recall that night, because the page is full of thoughts that came one after the other during one of those times I just felt God was providing answers to something I'd been pondering or praying about.

I've prayed a lot about, "How do we know God's will?" I remember this particular night, I felt like there was a pretty clear answer that often, He gives us opportunities for choice. It's up to us to discern the direction to take. Amazingly, I've found, God blesses us in our choices, even sometimes when they aren't the clearest or best path. We often have to pick a direction and try it out, knowing He is with us.

Many choices, however, can be easier to discern, often having biblical-based authority behind them. So what follows is what I hurriedly wrote down that night and some current reflection. I hope my list blesses you as it is blessing me again right now.

We get to choose:

Loss—or Gain. Not that we can choose losing loved ones or anything like that. But we can choose to learn from our losses, or gain wisdom through the experience. We can weep, and I know God is with us in this. But we also have the chance to allow Him to strengthen us in our sorrow.

Apathy—or Love. We can become so complacent, but there are so many opportunities to love other

people. And didn't Jesus remind us to love God—and one another?

Mark time—or forward movement. Related to complacency. We can tell ourselves something is "good enough," and then not take any other steps. Or we can step out, even take risks, and make progress on goals, in relationships and in spiritual growth. Also related in my notes: Sit and Wait—Choose to Move.

Shrivel up—or Truly Live. This one reminded me of times I've wanted to curl up in a fetal position and shut out the world but did something anyway, only to realize God wants us to take chances and get out there and be with other people and have new experiences.

Ignore—or Care. Pass up opportunities to better a circumstance—or Help. There are people in need everywhere we look. Let's choose to do something, even if it is a small act of kindness or word of encouragement.

Problems—or Opportunities. I think everyone may have heard by now of a character in the Chinese language that represents both. Sometimes what we see as one is really a chance to experience the other.

Closed minded—or open minded. With what's going today, wherever we turn, we are, sadly, seeing backsliding in prejudice, tolerance and attempts at living in unity. But we can choose the open-minded approach and try to understand where others are coming from. In my devotional time the other day, I was led to Leviticus 19:33-34—"When an alien lives with you in your land, do not mistreat him. The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the Lord your God." Good reminder for the present.

These choices I encounter often: Judgment—or Mercy. Fear—or Trust. All we need do is think of Jesus and what He did to make these choices.

Finally, Stagnate—or Create. Sometimes I get too comfortable watching TV, taking naps or doodling in my adult coloring book. These are leisure pursuits and they can feel good. But I know I was made for more. To get busy and write takes a little effort, but after completing a piece, I know part of God's purpose for my life is to encourage others. It also helps when He whispers in my ear at night and I obey by writing down a few notes to share later!





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