



## AT FIRST BAPTIST

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**Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.**  
**Faith & Fellowship for All Ages: 11:00 a.m.**



### *Clarissa Spiller Ivan Hired as FBC Church Secretary*

Clarissa Ivan has been hired by the Board of Trustees as our new Church Secretary. Beginning Monday, July 13, you'll find her in the office Monday through Thursday from 9 am - 1 pm.

Clarissa is married to Laszlo Ivan and is Mom to Cruz and Clive. She has been attending FBC her entire life. She has a great love for her community and you'll find her to be friendly and approachable. She has been employed most recently at the Olean Chamber of Commerce.

Please stop in and introduce yourself to Clarissa and welcome her to the staff at OFBC!



VBS will be held August 7-9 using the VBS series "Around the World with Kate & Mack", featuring missionaries in various countries. The fun will

begin on Friday evening with the kick-off meal of chicken nuggets, fries and fruits and the program to follow. On Saturday there will be a morning lesson/program with lunch following and possibly a fun activity in the afternoon. On Sunday the third program will be done during the church hour, with the picnic to follow. All are welcome to attend and enjoy this fellowship time together. Registration to attend or volunteer and a donation list will be outside the Board of Education office in the weeks ahead.

### *A Musical Note*



### **Summer is a time for music!**

Music is always in season!! During the summer, our Sr. Choir and In One A-Chord Handbell Choir take a well-earned break. This provides an opportunity to hear a variety of wonderful vocal and instrumental special music selections during worship. As always, we encourage you to lift your voice in praise during congregational songs that will include many of the favorites that were submitted last month!

You can look forward to hearing music by our Sr. Choir, *Dave Taylor, Mike Schultz, Sharon Boser, Ed Douglas, Yvonne Perry Clark, Jeanette Butler, Ken Boser, Nicholas Saubern, Dave Deitz, Karen Goodwin, Jim Molyneaux, Pastor Jim, Alex Freer, Deb Stavish, Kate Eifert and others.*

*Sing'cerely, Sue Neely VanBrunt, Minister of Music*



# The Family of God



Congratulations to Dale and Anne Anderson on the birth of their grandson Dakota on May 19th, and to the happy parents Susan Anderson and Nick Reiller.



## JULY/AUGUST BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

**Monday, July 13 @ 5:00 pm**  
Board of CE @ Hobby House

**Tuesday, July 14 @ 6:30 pm**  
Trustees

**Tuesday, Aug. 11 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
Trustees

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please remove **John Heckman** from your directory. He has asked to not be contacted.

**Melinda Normandin:** 716-307-2288

The **Ladies Wednesday Bible Study** will be on pause during the months of July and August. The group will resume their studies at 9:30 am on Wednesday, September 16. Please join us then and in the meantime enjoy the beautiful world God created for us!

Rita Wymer

## CONGRATULATIONS to Molly DiCapua who



was featured in the Olean Times Herald in the June 20-21, 2026 issue. Molly was interviewed and photographed with a team of doll collectors from the Southwestern York Penn Doll Club, whose collections were being

displayed at the Fannie Bartlett House in June.



## OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day!!



*INFORMATION AND ARTICLES FOR THE SEPTEMBER EDITION OF AT FIRST BAPTIST ARE DUE NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, AUGUST 13*



The Scholarship Committee, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Olean First Baptist Church has awarded scholarship monies to Cheyenne Rust-returning to Houghton University, Jeremiah Moore-returning to Alfred State University and Katrina DeGross - returning to Jamestown Community College. These monies will be used for tuition, fees, board or books during the 2026-2027 school year. We extend congratulations and pray for God's richest blessings throughout this year of study. **“Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him & He will direct your path! Proverbs 3:5-6**

## SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS

**Olivia Taylor**, daughter of Drew Taylor, granddaughter of Dave and Nancy Taylor has been accepted into the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade National Honor Society @ Allegany Limestone Schools. She has been active in band, chorus for several years and achieved high honor roll placement for her academics throughout 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

**Laryssa Grace Webster**, Daughter of Paul & Lisa Webster of Bradford, granddaughter of Jeanne Gross graduated on Sunday, May 10, 2026, from St. Francis University, Loretto, PA with a double major in history and accounting.

**Nicholas Sauberan** was a Welding Fundamentals graduate of JCC on April 24th.

## Thinking ahead...

### Advent devotions due Sept. 1

The Advent season isn't as far away as it might seem and the Sept. 1, 2026 deadline to submit a devotion (or devotions) for our in-house 2026 Advent Devotional is creeping up quickly! (Might be called simply Advent Meditations, unless someone has a title to suggest. Our last one was Reflections.

While no devotions have yet been received, a few people in the AFB congregation have indicated they are working on one or more. Young people are encouraged to contribute as well. In the next couple of weeks, you will receive a form in your lobby mailbox with an outline showing the makeup of a devotion. Please do not think you have nothing to say! Devotions are brief personal stories of God in our lives, of what Jesus has done for us in ordinary day-to-day living, how the Holy Spirit has guided us; the faithfulness of our Heavenly Father. Such messages can be powerful and an inspiration to others. The theme will be Advent season related, however, a praise, inspiration or experience of any season may be acceptable. (Brief poems are welcome, too!) The flip side of the forms will include a sample devotion. Please consider contributing a brief experience of God's faithfulness in YOUR life! [Please put in Deb Wuethrich's lobby mailbox. If you'd like editing help, just ask!]

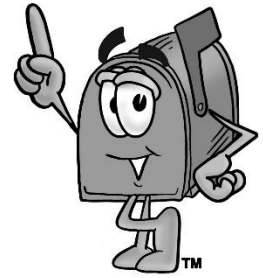


## THOSE LITTLE PINK ENVELOPES IN THE PEW RACKS...

### What are they for???

The funds collected through your donations using the pink envelopes are used to offer support to OFBC members with emergency needs. Perhaps the need is utility bills, a medical emergency, or groceries. We all experience unexpected financial needs from time to time. Your church family is here to help! Simply let a member of the Diaconate know if you need a helping hand. We'll do our best to be of assistance. So please take a moment, consider donating through the pink envelopes – it allows us to show the love of Christ to our members when they need it most!

*The Church Family Mailbox is located just outside the church office door. Be sure to check it out and find the slot with your name. You'll be able to find your copy of the At First Baptist there as well as other messages and mailings.*



*Your cooperation enables us to save money on postage expense during the year. **Please** do not use your slot to store personal items – it makes it difficult (or impossible) to insert necessary communications.*

*Also, remember that the **information tower** near the office window contains copies of recent board minutes from the monthly meetings of our church boards (Trustees, Diaconate, Christian Education, Christian Missions and Advisory Council) as well as forms for building use, scholarship applications, and more. 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 Clarissa's office mailbox, send a message to [ofbc133@gmail.com](mailto:ofbc133@gmail.com).*



## WORSHIP/STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

If you are looking for additional opportunities to engage in a Bible study or worship time beyond our Sunday morning service (9:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 11 a.m.), you might want to consider the following regular activities:

**9:30 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study**  
**5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Pause for Power**



Individual giving statements will be issued in early July so please check them for accuracy and talk with Pam Nutt if you find errors. If you are a bit behind in your pledge, please prayerfully consider catching up as you are able.



## The Good News in Four Words

As Christians we are commissioned by our Lord to share the Gospel with those around us (Matt. 28:19,20). This activity is commonly known as "Evangelism" and throughout church history Christians have used various tools and helps in order to simplify the activity of evangelism. We do this because, though simple, there are specific truths that need to be understood, believed and accepted before an unbeliever and be saved. So it is that various plans have been formulated which present the truths of the Gospel in a systematic way, along with the attending Scripture verses (for "faith comes by hearing and hearing by **the Word of God.**" Romans 10:17).

Some of the most familiar methods of sharing the faith are "Evangelism Explosion", "Two Ways to Live", the "Romans Road", the "Wordless Book", and "Share Jesus Without Fear." One can also use Gospel Literature (giving out tracts or testaments), invite unbelievers to hear the gospel preached at church or evangelistic campaigns, or invite others to a one-to-one Bible study. These are **all** helpful tools to keep in your "Evangelism Toolbox."

I wanted to share with you another plan I've made for sharing the Gospel. It's simple in that it's based on a framework of just four words - and so, easy to remember. Memorize only the 4 words and you could easily work your way through the truths of the Gospel. If you wanted to, you could take a couple of weeks to memorize the 4 words, the 4 paragraphs, and the Scriptures that go with each paragraph - giving you a ready tool to share Christ at a minute's notice. You could also just jot this all down on one of the end pages of your Bible and share your Faith, Bible in hand.

### **FOUR WORDS**

**CREATOR** - God is the loving and holy creator who made everything. Therefore, every single person owes Him honor, love, and obedience.

*Revelation 4:11 "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, honor & power; For you created all things, and by your will they exist."*

*Mark 12:30 "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment."*

**REBEL** - Every person rebels against God and sins by breaking His laws and not giving Him the honor, love, and obedience He deserves. Sin leads to death and judgment.

*Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*

*Romans 6:23a "For the wages of sin is death..."*

*Hebrews 9:27 "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment."*

**SAVIOR** - Jesus Christ, both Son of God and true man, never sinner, yet, because of love, He died as a substitute, taking the judgment sinners deserved. He rose after three days and is the exalted King and Lord.

*I Corinthians 15:3,4 "...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures"*

*Philippians 2:9-11 "Therefore God has also highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

**DISCIPLE** - Through faith alone in Jesus Christ one becomes His disciple and is made a child of God, forgiven, accepted by God and given the gift of eternal life.

*John 1:12 "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become the children of God, to those who believe in His name."*

*John 3:36 "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."*

*Romans 5:1 "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

May our Lord help us to share the Good news with those who desperately need to know, no matter what method we chose to use!

Pastor Jim



## THE ASST MODERATOR'S VIEW

This column almost didn't happen. In some respect, I've lost my sense of time over the last few weeks. It can't already be June! June can't already be heading to its conclusion. But it is.

We just had the longest day of the year, June 21. While it opens the doors to the calendar summer, I am always reminded the days get shorter for the year from here. That's not a good perspective, really. I'm a person who wants to see the glass as half full, not half empty. But sometimes I lose my place. There have been reasons for this. Anxieties were strong over whether I could make it to Michigan this year to award the Gordy Wuethrich Memorial Scholarship. God be praised, I made it and it was a wonderful stay with good friends, folks who KNEW my husband. We had some good reminiscences of him and our shared lives there. The young lady, Lacey Gerten, who received the scholarship, was very appreciative of the honor. She is already in training to be a vet tech. She told us in her essay, and reiterated in person, "Whether it's big moos or little mews, I just love animals and want to help them." Unfortunately, an infection surfaced the day of the scholarship and I had to drive home with it. So, 350 plus miles, 8-hours and 9 stops later, I made it home. I started treatment, not without its local hiccups involving lab tests, and finally, am feeling better. When my siblings and extended family brought a birthday picnic to my house on June 13 (because it was a special year, a "jubilee" year), my spirits were lifted, even as I recovered.

This past week, I connected through a Zoom app with my annual Write His Answer Writer's Conference. It is an intense four-day event, held from 9:30 a.m. to almost 10 p.m. over that period. You wouldn't think watching a screen all that time would be so exhausting, but it was. Especially with lessons and keynotes that leave you feeling fire-hosed! As I was processing all this, I received a call from Penny in North Carolina, asking if I had anything for the summer AFB. Uh oh, how did I forget that? (Jim got on the line, and they are doing well, sound happy, but still hoping for their Olean home to sell soon.) What I would like to share is a couple threads that ran throughout this conference. They apply to not just writers, but everyone. A well-known pastor and author named Michael Gantt always has a "good word" for people in his keynotes. The emphasis was something we, of course, know intellectually. But we

don't always practice it spiritually. His talk was titled, "The Power of the Presence." Rev. Gantt walked us through Bible encounters with God where people saw, heard, just KNEW the Presence of the Living God, and how life-changing that can be. He said we so often go to God for his "presents," the gifts and blessings He offers in answer to prayers. But how often do we go to Him just to BE with Him? To seek and enjoy his PRESENCE? I'm sure we all have at times, but this was a reminder to me that it can be a conscious decision to pray like that.

For the writers, part of the message was about our dreams. Many of us dream of writing a book (or the next one), of writing articles and devotions. But do we ever ask, "What is GOD'S dream and purpose for us?" It may be something a little different, even if we know He has planted those dreams. He may be taking us through other experiences before we get to the point of realizing them. Remember, He equips as well as calls and that may take time.

I believe this message is relevant for everyone. Sometimes, we might find a whole new perspective on prayer if we allow GOD to do the leading, and set aside time to just sit with Him in quiet relationship. We may find the peace we've been so desperately looking for.



## 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 donates thousands of dollars annually to International Ministries (IM). 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.

## OUTER BANKS MUSINGS

Warm (or should I say VERY warm) greetings from the Outer Banks. We've had several 90 degree days... or at least the "feels like" was in the 90s! Yep, it's kind of the opposite of what we have in Olean in the winter. In Olean, we had a temperature of 25 degrees but it "feels like" 15 because of the wind chill. Down here, we are regularly told it is 85 degrees but feels like 95 because of the humidity and warm breezes! Gardening on the Outer Banks is a MUCH bigger challenge than I thought it would be. Oh, the growing season is much longer... if any of the plants survive the heat and wind! I've also learned that what they call potting or garden soil is different from what we'd get up north. Their "garden" soil is more like fine mulch unless you invest in the much more expensive "premium" garden soil. Hmmmm... there might be a sermon in there!!

There has been some progress on our search for a new church home. About six weeks ago, we decided to try the Manteo Baptist Church. Manteo is a small town about 5 miles from our new home. It's a nice small town with lots of interesting shops, restaurants, an art gallery, and a museum related to the Roanoke Lost Colony. Anyway, when we entered the church, we were greeted by several folks who were quite interested when we told them we had moved into the area. The service was like Olean First Baptist, though the music was led by a small group (six folks whose ages ranged from the 40s to the 60s). They were accompanied by the music director on a piano or electronic keyboard. The songs were more contemporary, but they did lead some traditional hymns. The pastor's sermon was inspiring. So, we added that to our list of options but still had a few other churches to try.

Making a long story short, the next time we visited Manteo Baptist, one of the deacons invited us to attend his Sunday school class the following week. As of this writing, we've now been to that class and church service three weeks in a row. One of those services was their youth service, and the young man who gave the message had worked with the senior pastor at his previous church. We also had a two-on-one meeting with Pastor Glenn at the local Christian coffee shop. It was a two and a half hour session! Now contrary to what many of you are thinking, Pastor Glenn did a fair share of the talking!

After the most recent worship service, we met with the music director, Priscilla Weir, a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute. She was able to coax Penny into admitting that she (Penny) is a pianist and that we both sang in the choir at OFBC.

Manteo Baptist is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, and, yes, the key leadership positions are all held by men... the obvious exception being the music director. However, Pastor Glenn made it VERY clear that the women play a strong role in the church. They also do not use the King James version of the Bible. Pastor Glenn tends to use the New International Version or English Standard Version. So... Bottom Line: We are seriously considering joining Manteo Baptist Church. Please be in prayer for us as we make this important decision.

We are still struggling to sell our house in Olean. There has been little or no interest despite two price reductions. The realtor arranged an open house on June 24th in the hopes of spurring some activity. We are confident that God has a plan for our former home and that the sale will happen in His time. Still, we'd appreciate your prayers for us in that regard.

Our new home continues to take shape. My ground floor workshop is nearly finished, and all my tools are now out of storage. I've been able to build an additional workbench and put up numerous shelves. We're still waiting for our new emergency generator to be installed, so there's a portion of my workroom that I cannot finish until the circuit breaker box is updated for the generator. Unfortunately, we learned that the town of Nags Head environmental inspectors are not overly prompt doing their work. They need to approve the generator location. So, it's one of those "hurry up and wait" things!

Our contractor, Eric, could use some prayer support. He's having some issues with one of his sons (who appears to be car accident prone) and is struggling to keep up with his ever-increasing workload.

We continue to keep tabs on the happenings at Olean First Baptist Church and appreciate hearing from the handful of folks who stay in touch. You know who you are!! Blessings to all who read this and to those who don't as well.

-Jim Sorokes

## UPDATE FROM DAVE AND JOYCE REED

Dear Friends..... We will be on a 3-month Sabbath Rest from July 1 to September 30, 2026. During this time, we will not be responding to emails or text messages pertaining to our ministry with International Ministries. We will be focusing on rest and renewal, reconnecting with family, and dreaming about future projects.

This mission journal is about 3 recent workshops we helped organize for IM staff & global servants that had a significant impact on our community. Read below to find out what happened. Thank you for your prayers and steadfast love!

Joyce & David

### Holding Fast

David and Joyce, in addition to two other members of International Ministries' member care team, coordinated and hosted three workshops during May and June to address the long-term stress they are seeing among IM's home office staff and global servants on the field. Dr. Yvonne Martinez Thorne, a licensed therapist and American Baptist pastor, facilitated the theme "Holding Fast in These Uncertain Times."\*

### Today's Context

Dr. Thorne shared a powerful quote from a survey held by Global Trellis where Global Servants said: "We feel beloved, yet forgotten; supported, yet lonely; attached but disconnected; spiritual but parched."

She acknowledged that our present ministry contexts are overwhelming and overflowing with multiple stressors. Living today does not seem to be getting any easier. We talked about the following stressors:

- A diminished sense of agency, efficacy, and empowerment.
- Hypervigilance about one's personal safety, health, and future.
- Persistent exhaustion, weariness, pressure, and feeling overwhelmed.
- Living with environmental stressors such as food insecurity, economic instability, political instability, violence and aggression, a deeply divided and polarized country, ICE raids, natural disasters, and diminished relevance of the church.

And yet, we are not without hope, and we know our presence on this earth during this time is part of God's purpose.

### Steps Towards Resilience

Dr. Thorne discussed a variety of resilience steps to counteract these stressors, but we especially appreciated her focus on waiting expectantly. She said:

"We need to grow in our discernment of what God is communicating to us in these uncertain times and the opportunities they provide for us."

She invited us to . . .

- Slow down and pay attention without judgment
- Wait expectantly for Kairos moments: The Kingdom of God is coming and breaking through
- Wait in living hope and in authentic compassion for oneself
- Lean into hardship and find its purpose
- Be authentic and compassionate with others

Dr. Yvonne reminded us: "Just as it happens to you, it happens to others." We are not alone on this journey. As witnesses to each other's stories, we are "bearing one another's burdens in love." (Galatians 6:2)

Suffering is not an isolated event, and nothing is lost. It is a starting point not only for our personal journey, but also for our journey as a community. God is actively working in our lives even when we are in a dry or difficult season. God is continually doing a new thing! (Isaiah 43:19)

### Participation Reached a Tipping Point

30% of IM's personnel attended these workshops! Why is this so noteworthy? This percentage of attendees is a sufficient tipping point to create change within the culture of how we live and breathe as a community.

Based on research about Organizational Transformation, IM's 30% attendance means the potential impact of this event on the entire community is high. These workshops become a catalyst to influence the entire IM community to not only recognize our common stressors, but also to grow towards greater resilience together.

The workshops provide a collective experience and a common language to integrate the values of holistic health so that we care for one another more authentically during these uncertain times.

### **Cultivating a Culture of Health**

The Apostle Paul mentions being the recipient of community care in I Corinthians 16:15-18. He was in Ephesus during his final missionary journey. Paul says that the arrival of his friends “refreshed his spirit.”

The care that Paul received is what we desire for all IM personnel. A refreshment of body, mind, and heart so that people thrive in their service to God. When we cultivate intentional spaces for care that hold community with authenticity and integrity, then healthy transformation is possible!

Being a part of creating a culture of health has been our hope and vision since we began in our role as the Global Coordinators of Spiritual Care seven years ago. Thank you for faithfully encouraging us and supporting us in this endeavor.

### **Sources:**

\*The name of the workshop is the intellectual property of Dr. Yvonne Martinez Thorne and is used with permission. The title of this article is an abbreviated version of her workshop’s name.

Global Trellis, “What We Wish Senders Knew Survey.” [https://globaltrellis.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/infographic-1-short\\_revised.jpg](https://globaltrellis.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/infographic-1-short_revised.jpg) 2024 (retrieved 5/6/26)

Yvonne Martinez Thorne, “Holding Fast in These Uncertain Times,” Workshop Powerpoint Presentation on Zoom, for International Ministries, ABCUSA, May 15, 2026, June 5, 2026, & June 11, 2026.



## **2026 Give 716**

We are excited to announce the return of Give 716 for its 6th year in 2026," said event organizers Michelle Roberts (Buffalo Bills Foundation) and Rich Jureller (Buffalo Sabres Foundation). "As we celebrate the 6th anniversary of Give 716 this summer, we look forward to partnering with hundreds of the wonderful charities that make our community a great place to live and to create an exciting campaign that will entice Buffalonians far and wide to support these special organizations.

“Buffalo’s Give 716 will begin at 7:16 p.m. on July 15 and run until 11:59 p.m. on July 16. This is a great opportunity to support We Are His Hands. On a daily basis at the church, we receive calls or visits from local community members needing help with purchasing groceries or other essentials. The We Are His Hands fund provides an opportunity to assist with the needs of people particularly in the areas of food security and other basic human needs. Tell friends about our page and help to support our cause. To donate, go to [www.give716.org](http://www.give716.org) and click on “Find a Charity”.



### **GENESIS HOUSE PERPETUAL WISH LIST**

#### **Women/Men/Children**

Personal Care Items: Deodorant, Razors, Shampoo, Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Body Lotion  
Diapers  
Clean Winter Coats

#### **Household and Move-Out Items**

Cleaning Supplies, Paper Products, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, New Pillows, Bath Towels, Wash Cloths, Dish Towels, Brooms, Mops, Working Vacuums, Pots, Pans, Crockpots, Spices, Dishes, Silverware, Cooking Utensils, Blankets, Sheet Sets

**AND Volunteers to meet a variety of needs**



**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Aaron Ketchner  
Lynn Brown
- 2 Paul Horton
- 5 Kara Mascho
- 7 David Hornburg
- 10 Joseph Funden
- 13 Summer Gayton
- 15 Laurie MacNeill
- 16 Lorana Selph  
Judy Wightman
- 17 Jarred Martin  
Tim Selph
- 18 Tim Spiller
- 21 Huntson Franklin
- 22 Clarissa Spiller
- 28 Trevor Moore
- 29 Don Martin
- 30 Chad Ketchner



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Jamie Geise  
Valerie Kane
- 2 Brenda Brown
- 3 Jagger Pascucci
- 11 Gail Winship
- 12 Mitchell Martin
- 19 Isaac Anderson
- 23 Robert DeLong
- 24 James VanBrunt
- 25 Drew Taylor
- 31 Emily Schultz-Cone



**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Jerry & Cindy Nutt, Jr.  
Larry & Jill Selph
- 7 Jerry & Pam Nutt
- 10 Geoff & Cheri O'Dell
- 15 Albert & Pamela Putt
- 24 David & Beth Deitz
- 26 Dave and Sharyn Hornburg

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Jack & Louise Croft
- 4 John & Sue Keim
- 5 Eli & Marcie Rust
- 8 Dana & Cari Matejka Boser
- 11 Terry & Alli Armstrong Schnell
- 25 Matt & Casey Sage
- 27 Steve & Chris Rosel
- 28 Tim & Elizabeth Spiller

**Correction:** On page 2 of the June issue of At First Baptist there was a brief (and surprising) article on my induction into my high school sports Hall of Fame. For what it is worth, I wanted to make a couple corrections to the article: 1) my high school is in Wilton N. H. not Wilson .... 2) the "wall" I was added to was the Athletic Hall of Fame not the Sports Wall of Fame. Harvey Galloway