

The Visitor



Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, September 11

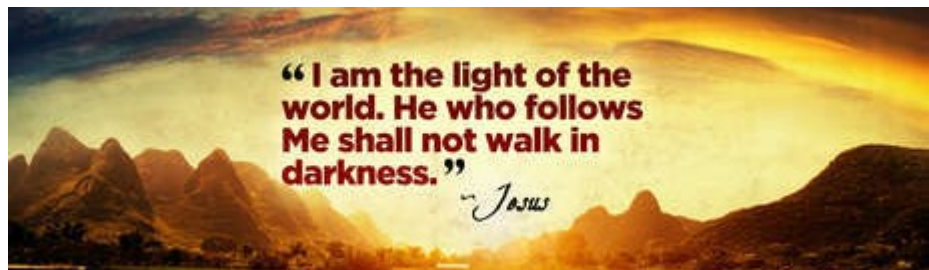
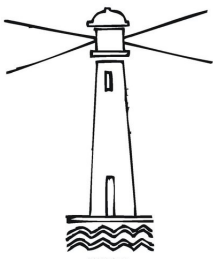
Theme: *Letting our Light Shine!*

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.
– John 8:12

During our 10:00 a.m. English Language Service we will learn how the light of Christ can shine brightly in our hearts and lives and how we share his light in our homes, neighborhoods, and world. There will be a very special children's sermon, that you will want your children to participate in. We will conclude our worship service as celebrate the Lord's Supper.

- After the 10:00 a.m. service, we will gather in Thorn Chapel.
- Everyone will receive a copy of The Book of Life - the Gospel of John in modern English.
- Children will receive a "goodie bag" with fun items and back-to-school supplies.
- Parents and grandparents can register children for Sunday School.

John 8:12



Meaningful Messages for Today

Holy Bible

September 4
16th Sunday of Pentecost
John 14:25-27, Philippians 4:6-9
Where do you Find Your Peace?
Karen Dunne

September 11
Homecoming Sunday
Communion
John 8:12-19
Letting Our Light Shine

September 18
18th Sunday of Pentecost
Luke 15:1-7
One In a Hundred

September 25
150th Building Celebration
TBA
Rev. Dr. James Kelsey
Executive Minister, ABC/NYS



The Church Office
will be closed on
Labor Day,
Monday,
September 5.

Pastor's Page

Winning Over Worry

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4:6-7 (NRSV)



In those moments when I am feeling particularly stressed-out, stretched too thin, or overwhelmed I recite these verses that I first memorized long ago as a Sunday School student. The Apostle Paul was someone who knew a thing or two about the stresses of life. At this point in his life, Paul was old and ill, sitting in jail, only able to write letters of encouragement to the churches he had planted and nurtured. The Philippian church was one such church. Like Paul himself, it was a church going through hard times.

The Apostle gives us a three-part prescription to winning over worry, restoring our balance, and renewing our spiritual health. First, ***Do not be worried about anything.*** Another translation says, *Be anxious for nothing.*

There are so many things to be anxious about in our daily lives. What makes you anxious? Is it your children's welfare, your teenager's social life, your finances, your job, your health, or your future? There are many situations in life that we feel we have little control over. For many of us, when we lose a sense of control our anxiety and stress levels climb!

Let me share a secret with you. If we allow those things in life which trigger our anxiety – the uncontrollable factors in our lives – to control us, we become incapable of receiving God's love and love of those around us. So, the Apostle Paul admonishes us, ***Be anxious for nothing.*** Let go of your fears and anxieties! Trust God! God IS in control. God holds you securely in God's hand. God will be God: today, tomorrow, and always.

The second secret for winning over worry is to be ***Prayerful in everything.*** The reason we can be anxious for nothing, is the God is always powerfully present to us in prayer. So, the Apostle says, *in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

Do want live a less stressful life? Talk to God in prayer. God wants all of your prayers. God wants to hear from you when you are happy and joyful, as well as when you are defeated and depressed. God wants to hear about your fears and concerns, as well as your hopes and dreams. God wants to be vitally present in your life. God wants us to be prayerful in everything.

The final secret for winning over worry is to be ***Thankful in everything.*** Notice the preposition Paul uses. He doesn't say, "**For** everything with thanksgiving." He is not saying that we should be thankful for everything that happens in life. Sometimes there are awful, horrible, brutal, evil events in our lives, in the lives of those we love, and in our world. Paul does not instruct us to be thankful for those things. Instead, he says, **in** whatever circumstance you may find yourself, be thankful. Be thankful **in** anything.

Being thankful in anything means that we trust God to be present in all the events of life – even life's most painful and destructive circumstances. We can always count on the love of God. God will always be by our side, no matter what we face. That is the reason we can be thankful in anything. It is based on our confidence that whatever may come our way, the risen Christ stands by our side.

If we live our lives this way: Anxious in nothing – Prayerful in everything – Thankful in anything. What is the result? PEACE! *And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

Grace and peace,

Mark

Renewed for a New Day

*“Those who wait for the Lord will renew their strength,
they will mount up with wings like eagles.”*

- Isaiah 40:31



**150th Anniversary Celebration of
Tabernacle’s Sanctuary Building
Sunday, September 25, 10:00 a.m.**

Join us for a special Sunday worship service as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our historic Sanctuary Building.

Our celebration will include:

- A special worship service
- Great music
- Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. James Kelsey – ABC/NYS Executive Minister
- Commemorative T-Shirts produced by our youth
- Fellowship Lunch – Please bring a dish to share! The church will provide beverages, plates, silverware, and cups.

Tabernacle Baptist Church 150th Anniversary T-shirt Order Form

Proceeds will benefit the TBC Restoration and Preservation Fund and TBC Youth Group

Name-_____ Phone _____

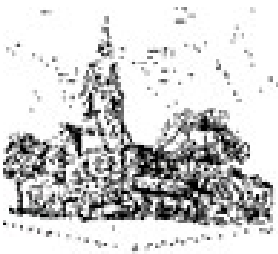
Purple heavy weight cotton t-shirt with TBC 150th Anniversary design.

Make checks payable to: Tabernacle Baptist Church Memo: 150th Anniversary t-shirts

*Please return completed order form to the church office with a check,
or funds, for the total owed by Sunday, September 11.*

Adult \$20	Qty	Youth \$15	Qty	Toddler \$15	Qty
Small		X Small		2T	
Medium		Small		3T	
Large		Medium		4T	
X Large		Large		5/6	
XX Large		X Large		7	

Restoration and Preservation Fund Update



In May, bids went out for our project. We included all the work we hoped to do. Unfortunately, we only got one authentic bidder but fortunately, that bidder was our preferred contractor. However, the bid was for quite a bit more money than we anticipated. With permission and approval of our grantors, we have worked with the contractor and architects to reduce the scope of our first project to buttresses and the Davison Tower. We have undergone exploratory testing (asbestos and wood rot) and hope to purchase the required stone soon.

We are in need of a volunteer or two to help us make a sign that we must post on our property (28"x20") signifying our Restoration Project has been the recipient of a grant from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. Please call David Tomidy if you are interested.

With the reduction of scope, we should have enough funds to apply for additional grant funding in 2017. You are welcome to call Dave Tomidy, at 796-8693, if you have any thoughts or comments on this project.

Are You Registered to Vote?

One of the rights our nation offers its citizens is the ability to choose those who serve us in government. All Tabernacle's friends and members are encouraged to exercise their voting rights this fall. As a congregation we do not endorse candidates or political parties. (Our unity is found in our identity as Christ's disciples, not in a political affiliation.) We trust that Tabernacle's friends and members will thoughtfully and prayerfully cast their votes for those they believe are best able to lead our communities and nation.



If you have not yet registered to vote, **voter registration forms** are available on the literature table in Thorn Chapel. To vote, you must:

- be a United States citizen;
- you must be 18 years old by the date of the election in which you want to vote
- live at your present address at least 30 days before an election;
- not be in prison or on parole for a felony conviction and;
- not claim the right to vote elsewhere.

If you need help completing the voter registration form, please speak with Pastor Mark or the church office. Applications must be postmarked no later than October 14th to vote in the General Election on Tuesday, November 8. For more information about voting in New York State, visit the following site online: <http://www.elections.ny.gov/>

Church Library

We are in the process of re-organizing the Church Library – We would like to request that anyone who currently has any books that were borrowed from the Church Library returns them as soon as possible! This will allow us to be able to assure we have an up to date listing of all the materials that are currently available.

If you have any questions, please speak to Karen Dunne. Please help us make our Library functional and accessible to everyone!



Pastor Mark is Away



Pastor Mark is away until Wednesday, September 7. Should you need pastoral care during this times, please call Associate Pastor Rev. Daniel Calvin San. You may also call the church office (735-7534) or Gwen Deragon (736-6037) who will put you in touch with a neighboring pastor who will be on-call.

TBC Youth Fundraising Food Sale and Car Wash

Please plan to join us on *Saturday, September 10, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.* to enjoy some great food and have the Youth Group teens wash your car! This is a fundraiser for our youth, so we hope to see you come out and support them! For more information, or to donate supplies please speak with Eh Doe Soe Victor, Say Wah Htoo, Mike or Karen Dunne. *Please see Karen Dunne or Olive Sans, after today's service, to purchase tickets. Food tickets are \$3.00 and Car Wash tickets are \$5.00.*



Thank you from Tabernacle Women's Ministries!

Tabernacle Women's Ministries is happy to report the response to our spring letter requesting funds to support our mission to the wider ABW Ministries family. We are happy to report that \$1187.00 was received to date toward our goal of \$1500.00. Although we didn't quite make it, we are deeply grateful to all who contributed so generously. Tabernacle women can always be counted on! Thank you.

Circle 16

The next Circle 16 meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, at 12:00 p.m. Please bring a "salad" dish to share. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

Mary Martha

Mary Martha will meet on *September 19 at 7:00 p.m.* at the home of Janet Barnes. We will be looking at Chapter 3 in our book "The Parables of Paul".

Church Forms

The following forms for routine requests are available in the church office. These forms can be located in the mailbox just outside of the office door and in the mailbox inside the office. Please place completed forms on the church secretary's desk or in the mailbox labeled: Tammy.



- Check request from General Fund
- Check request from Fellowship Fund
- Building maintenance request
- Member building-use request
- Change of address

Church Calendar Updates

As we approach the fall, our building use increases. *Please inform the church office of all upcoming meetings, events, announcements, changes and cancellations.* This will help to keep our church calendar up-to-date, insure events are not scheduled for the same time and place, and allow the secretary to share accurate information with the congregation.

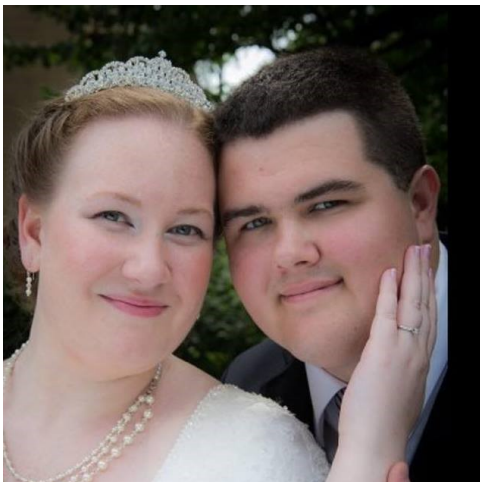



You may email Tammy at office@tbcutica.org or call her at 735-7534 during office hours..

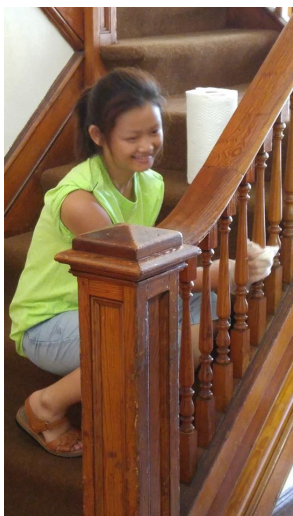


Congratulations to our Young Men's Volleyball Team who took first place at the Utica Karen Wesleyan Church's volleyball tournament. Eh Doh Soe Victor is pictured holding the first place trophy.

On July 23, after a fellowship dinner, Olive San presented her experience as a short-term missionary with AMOS in Nicaragua. Olive is a wonderful role model and trailblazer for our youth. We pray that many will be inspired to follow Olive and serve as the hands and feet of Christ in Nicaragua and around the globe.




Congratulations
Bradley and Melissa
Dunne-Scanlon
and
George and Lanetta
Soe-Edison!



A big, "Thank you!" to the 45 youth and adults who joined us for our Church Cleanup Day on Saturday, August 13. The sanctuary, kitchen, nursery, library, and Sunday School rooms were dusted and cleaned. Thanks to everyone who helped to make our church building a clean, attractive, and safe place in which we worship, learn, and serve!





Congregations Growing Up Together in Christ
ABC/NYS Biennial Meeting
November 4 - 6, 2016

Holiday Inn - Liverpool/Syracuse
441 Electronic Parkway, Liverpool, NY

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.- Ephesians 4:16 NIV

Special Guests:

- **Rev. Dr. Debora Jackson** - Executive Director of the ABC/USA Ministers Council
- **Dr. George Bullard** - President of the Columbia Partnership, a Christian ministry that helps congregations function with greater vitality and vibrancy.
- **Rev. Roben Awi** - Pastor of the Syracuse Chin Christian Church

Workshops:

- **Transforming You to Respond to Conflict** - Rev. Dr. Stephanie Sauve - Dean, CRCDS
- **Spiritual Practices for Leaders** - Rev. Dr. Debora Jackson
- **Discussion on Race** - Regional Leaders

The Biennial Meeting will be happening at the same time and in the same location as the ABC/NYS ABY Convention on Saturday, at 10:00 a.m. There will be a joint worship service with the American Baptist Youth.

- **Registration Fee - \$40.00/person** (includes Saturday lunch, refreshments, ice cream social)
- **Lodging - \$110 per room per night** at the Holiday Inn (up to 4 people)

For more information, schedule, and registration forms, please speak to Pastor Mark or contact the church office.

September Services, Meetings, Special Events and Deadlines

<i>Guitar Lessons</i>	<i>Saturdays, at 11:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Violin I Lessons resume</i>	<i>Saturday, September 10 at 3:20 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Choir Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, at 4:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Youth Meeting</i>	<i>Saturdays, at 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Violin II Lessons resume</i>	<i>Saturday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Prayer Service</i>	<i>Sundays, at 7:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Chancel Choir resumes</i>	<i>Sunday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Trumpet Practice resumes</i>	<i>Sunday, September 18 at 11:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Piano Lessons</i>	<i>Saturdays, at 8:30 a.m. except September 3</i>
<i>Piano Lessons</i>	<i>Mondays, at 3:00 p.m., except September 5</i>
<i>Communion during English Worship Service</i>	<i>Sunday, September 4, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Office Closed for Labor Day</i>	<i>Monday, September 5</i>
<i>Youth Food Sale and Car Wash</i>	<i>Saturday, September 10, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Homecoming Sunday</i>	<i>Sunday, September 11</i>
<i>October Visitor Submission Deadline</i>	<i>Sunday, September 18</i>
<i>Worship and Witness Ministry Team Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, September 15, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Mary Martha Meeting at Janet Barnes' home</i>	<i>Monday, September 19</i>
<i>Sanctuary Building 150th Anniversary Celebration</i>	<i>Sunday, September 25</i>
<i>Circle 16 Meeting at Gwen Deragon's home</i>	<i>Tuesday, September 27</i>



The Secret Place Daily Devotional

The *fall* issue of the Secret Place Daily Devotional is available in Thorn Chapel on the table by the church office. Each daily devotion includes a Scripture passage, an original meditation, and a brief prayer. Written by Christian writers from across the nation, these meditations share comfort and inspiration found in life's everyday details. This combination of Scriptural and personal insight provides both a timeless and timely perspective for contemplative meditation that draws you closer to God in your daily walk as a Christian.



*Caring
Corner*

*will be open
Saturday,
September 24.*



**BACK TO
SCHOOL**

Dear God,
 Help me spend today 
 with a *Smile* on my face,
Love  in my heart,
 *Joy* in His grace, 
 and my *thinking cap* on all day.
 Amen



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Robert Ban	9/1	Kwe Doh Taw	9/16
Eh Doh So Victor	9/1	Hser Moo Paw	9/17
Marian Htoo	9/1	Paw Heh Thaw Win	
Nancy Knepka	9/1		9/19
Michael Dunne	9/2	Esther Williams	9/20
Vincent Olivadese	9/3	Tah Eh Kue	9/21
Carol Bennett	9/5	Paw Blu Taw	9/21
Eh Htee Kaw	9/5	Eh Blut Sho	9/22
Say Eh Moo	9/5	Naw Lu Lu Say	9/23
Doe Soe Mu	9/5	Paw Nay Tha Yu Wah	
Moe Aung Na	9/6		9/23
Victor Lawrence	9/8	Sher Na Blu Ah	9/26
Aye Aye Myint	9/9	Jessalyn Soe	9/26
Hae Htoo	9/9	Eh Blur Paw Win	9/26
Precilla Sein	9/9	Lea Luthe	9/27
Ehner Nay Paw	9/10	Phoebe Htoo	9/28
Jefferson Marvel	9/10	Pah Do Nyunt	9/28
Moses Shan	9/11	Moo Lay Shee	9/28
Rosemary Walters	9/11	Jasmine Soe	9/28
Eh Htoo Chey	9/11	Serr Thayoumoo Win	
Tamara Beal	9/12		9/28
Jully Aung	9/13	Joseph Bennett	9/29
Kimberly Dunne-Gattie		Therblu Pawayejaw	9/29
	9/13	Mu Lah Pway	9/29
Thu Saw	9/14	Stuart Brooks	9/30
Ne Izo Htoo	9/14	Violet Black	9/30
John Bates	9/15	Dollar Nyunt	9/30
Say Ka Paw Wah	9/15		





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**Tabernacle Baptist Church
Sunday Worship**

7:00 a.m. Karen Prayer Service
10:00 a.m. English Service
11:15 a.m. Karen Worship

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Closed on Fridays

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Mark S. Caruana	Pastor
Rev. Daniel Calvin San	Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. James V. Davison	Pastor Emeritus
Karen Dunne	Minister of Christian Ed.
Michael W. Moore	Minister of Music
Say Wah Htoo	Christian Ed. Associate
Tammy Daly	Administrative Secretary
David White	Sexton
Michael Dunne	Assistant Sexton
Lewis Olivadese	Assistant Sexton

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**The Pastor is just
a phone call away**

Pastor Mark can be reached by calling him at the church office (735-7534) or at his home (733-4112). Answering machines are at both numbers to take your message when he is unable to personally answer. Please call him when you, or a family member, are anticipating hospitalization, in times of crisis, when you need someone with whom to talk and pray, when a wedding is being planned, or when there is a celebration to be shared. He will also be happy to arrange a convenient time for you to visit with him in his office or in your home. *Remember, the Pastor welcomes your call!*