

The Visitor



Thank you, Pastor Richard

*"Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love,
and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ... ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:3*

Thank you

We are so thankful for Pastor Richard Burke, who was called into ministry with us as our Interim Pastor. His encouraging sermons and warm visits inspired us. Thank you, Pastor Richard, for all you have taught us. You have listened to us, celebrated with us, mourned our losses and have been present in so many ways during our spiritual journey this past year. We have also enjoyed your uplifting personality and sense of humor. As our time with you comes to a close, we pray that our Lord pours His blessings upon you in all of your future endeavors.

DEDICATION OF THE DAVISON TOWER OF REFUGE

SUNDAY- APRIL 22 at 10:00 a.m.

On Sunday, April 22 we will dedicate the beautifully restored Davison Tower of Refuge at the 10:00 a.m., Worship Service. We are looking forward to this special event with much anticipation.

We are grateful for the generous individual contributions as well as a special grant from The New York Landmarks Conservancy, "Sacred Sites" program. We are also thankful to report that the balance of the restoration of the tower has been completely paid and that no monies had to be taken out of the regular church funds to do so. In addition to this special service being an opportunity to give thanks for the generous contributions, it will be a service of praise to God for His provisions.

We are also excited that Rev Jim and Mrs. (Edith) Davison, their son, Scott and daughter, Nancy Brind will be here for the dedication of the Tower Restoration. The Tower was dedicated to Rev. and Mrs. Davisons in 2015. The Davisons have a special place in the hearts of our Tabernacle church family. Rev. Davison served with distinction as Tabernacle's pastor from 1972 to 1984. In retirement, the Davisons returned to Utica in 1993 and served as a "ministry team" until 2009. In their 28 years of ministry at Tabernacle Baptist Church, by their words, deeds, and example, they inspired the church to open its doors and heart to hundreds of Karen refugees.

On April 22, we will have an opportunity to give thanks for the completion of the Tower and also honor Rev. and Mrs. Davison. We will combine the English and Karen service which will be at 10:00 a.m. At the conclusion of the service we will go outside for the dedication of the Davison Tower of Refuge. Following the dedication, we will have a church luncheon in the Thorn Chapel. The Church Archive Committee also plans to have a display of church historical items and pictures ready for this special day.





Pastor's Page

A Special Easter Tradition

One of my favorite stories is the story of a small rural church near Knoxville, Tennessee. It was the Easter tradition at the church to have a baptismal service at a nearby river on Easter evening at sundown. Following the baptism, the congregation would gather around a bonfire on the shore, singing and cooking supper.

Once all were gathered, there was a ritual that followed. One of the men would introduce the new church members, give their names, where they lived and their work. Then the rest of the members would form a circle around them while they stayed warm by the fire. Each person in the circle then gave his or her name and said this "My name is.... And if you ever need to do washing and ironing....." "My name is.... If you ever need

anybody to chop wood...." "My name isif you ever need any sewing done...." "My name is....if you ever need a car to go to town...." And around the circle they shared. Then they ate and had a square dance and then, at a certain time, one man, with his thumbs in his overalls, would stand up and say "It's time to go." And everybody left. He lingered behind and with his big shoe, kicked sand over the dying fire. One time the pastor said he went up behind him, "When he saw me," he said, "You know, folks don't ever get closer than this."

The story ends by saying "In that little community, they have a name for what that gathering meant. They call it "Church."

As I read the story, I thought of this church. Oh, the setting is different, the tradition is different and the people are different but "Church" is the same. There is a wonderful connectedness of our members here at Tabernacle. This is seen in the relationship between our

Karen and non-Karen members, between our youth and older members, serving together with love and concern. It is seen in the caring and compassion shown for each other in times of special need and in helping with everyday challenges.

I believe that special relationship comes because we are bound together with a love that comes from the living hope that we have through Christ's resurrection.

On Easter morning, we will greet each other with the ancient greeting, "Christ is Risen!" Through the centuries those words have brought a living hope that has bound people together and today, causes us to serve together and care for each other with love. I look forward to seeing you at Easter worship. If you cannot be here, I hope you will include our church in your prayers.

With Easter Joy,
Pastor Richard

Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 1, 10:00 a.m.

During the English language service we will hear the story of the resurrection from Mark 16. We will celebrate the resurrection with special music and some of our favorite Easter hymns. During the Children's Sermon there will be a special Easter surprise for our young ones. Pastor Richard's Sermon is entitled, "An Unexpected Encounter." The sermon will invite us to see Jesus' encounter with Mary Magdalene following His resurrection, His command to her and its message to us.



Pastoral Changes at Tabernacle

As Rev. Richard Burke has announced his retiring and will be completing his ministry here at Tabernacle Baptist church effective April 22, 2018, the search for a new permanent Pastor for Tabernacle continues. We have requested that Transition Ministries of the American Baptist Churches, USA provide us with another Interim Pastor to serve alongside Pastor Daniel until such time a new Co-Pastor arrives.



We are anxious to welcome Rev. Adriana Chaney who currently lives in Lexington, Kentucky. Rev. Chaney has a long history serving with American Baptist Churches, most recently serving as the Associate Executive Minister for the Central Region of American Baptist Churches USA in Topeka, Kansas. She brings with her a lot of experience and knowledge including experiences with many diverse ethnic populations.

Rev. Chaney classifies herself as a continual learner, a team builder and enjoys working with others to help them discover ways for more effective ministry. She enjoys playing golf, traveling and spending time with her family and friends.

We will be having a welcome reception on *Sunday, May 6th* following the English language service to welcome Rev. Chaney to Tabernacle. Please plan to join us for this time of fellowship.



Spring Youth Retreat *"Weathering the Storm"*

PLACE: PATHFINDER LODGE, Cooperstown, NY
DATES: May 18-20, 2018
TIMES: Registration begins @ 5pm on Friday
First session begins @ 7pm on Friday
Ends @ 12:00 noon on Sunday
SPEAKER: Leta Williams
MUSIC: Tabernacle Baptist Church - Praise Band



Senior Luncheon at Red Lobster

The Sr. Luncheon will be held on *May 27 at Red Lobster, 12:00 p.m.* please call your reservation to either Gwen Deragon at 317-736-6037 or Tammy in the office of Tabernacle Baptist Church at 315-735-7534 *by May 20, 2018.*

Exciting Changes Ahead!

During our Annual Meeting in January 2018 it was agreed that surplus funds from 2017 would be put towards the purchase of a new projection system for the Sanctuary. This system will allow us to show Mission videos/presentations from ABC/USA as well as presentations from special guests. It will also enable us to display Biblical texts, hymns, announcements and other information on the screen, in dual languages (English and Karen) for easier interpretation.

Our Media Team has been hard at work exploring possible solutions. We are pleased to announce that at the most recent Stewardship Ministry team meeting a final quote was received and approved for the purchase of a digital screen system that will meet our needs!

The order is being custom built for our church - so it will take approximately 8-10 weeks for arrival and installation. We are so pleased that we will be able to have this equipment to enhance our worship experience.

We would like to thank the Stewardship Ministry Team for their hard work and vision which has made this exciting change possible.

Kwe Bah, Doe Doe Keh, Thaw Htoo, and Karen Dunne
Media Team



Church Directory

The final copy of the Tabernacle Church Directory has been completed and ordered - the expected arrival time will be 6-8 weeks. Each family who had their pictures taken are able to take one (1) directory for their family. We will announce when they arrive.

Tabernacle Historical Display

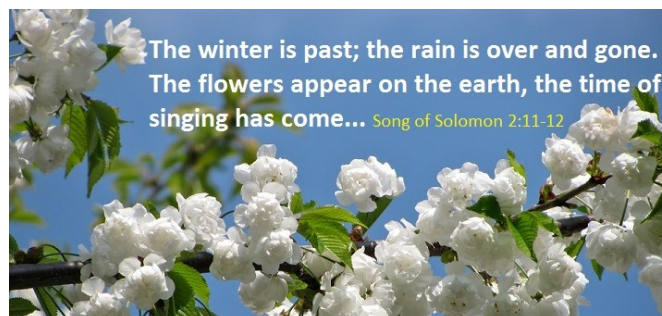
The Church History Committee is busy sorting through old church programs, bulletins, newsletters, and pictures *and is in the process of preparing a historical display of Tabernacle*. If you have any old pictures or programs that you would like to contribute, please contact Ardelle Tuckerman, Joan Baum or Tammy, in the church office. It is hoped that a display will be ready for the Davison Tower celebration.

Women's Prayer Meeting on Wednesdays:

Every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. women from our church have a prayer meeting. All the women of our church are invited to attend. For more information, please see Carol Bennett.



The Deadline to submit an article for the May Visitor is Sunday, April 15.



The winter is past; the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come... Song of Solomon 2:11-12

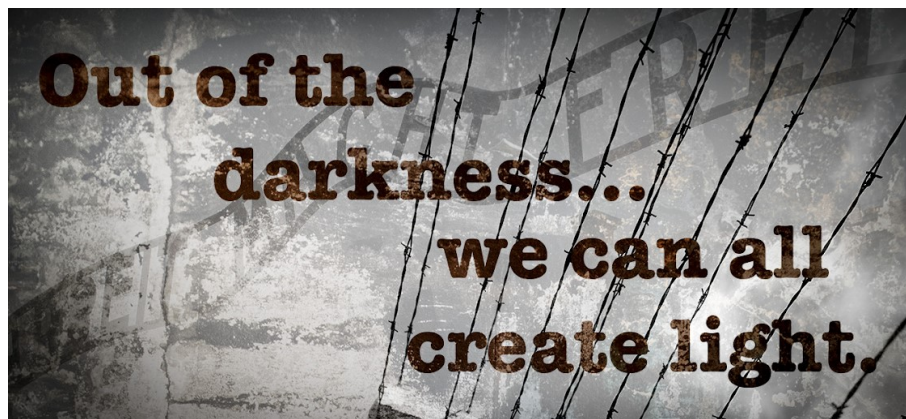


We gather together as a community of faith, of responsibility
and of hope for a service to commemorate:

YOM HASHOAH HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

"Some are guilty, all are responsible."

**Resource Center for Independent Living
1607 Genesee Street
Wednesday, April 11, 2018
7:30 p.m.**



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Services, Meetings, Special Events and Deadlines



April 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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29	30					

<i>Women's Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>Wednesdays, at 5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Praise and Worship Band Rehearsal</i>	<i>Fridays, at 3:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Christian School</i>	<i>Saturdays, 3:00-6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Language Classes and Children's Music Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, 3:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Choir Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Youth Praise & Worship, Bible Study and Song Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>English Worship Service and Sunday School</i>	<i>Sundays, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Karen Worship Service</i>	<i>Sundays, 11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Adult Bible Study</i>	<i>Sundays, 11:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Easter Sunday Services</i>	<i>April 1, 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Baptism Class</i>	<i>Sundays April 1 and 8, 11:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Sunday School Teachers' and Assistants' Communion Service</i>	<i>Sunday, April 8, 9:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Communion Sunday</i>	<i>Sunday, April 8, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Worship and Witness Ministry Team Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, April 8, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Baptisms</i>	<i>Sunday, April 15, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>May Visitor Article Submission Deadline</i>	<i>Sunday, April 15</i>
<i>Women's Worship Service</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Each Month, 5:00 p.m. (April 15)</i>
<i>Davison Tower of Refuge Dedication followed by Fellowship Luncheon</i>	<i>Sunday, April 22, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Youth Worship Service</i>	<i>Last Sunday of Each Month, 6:00 p.m. (April 29)</i>

The Caring Corner

The Caring Corner will not be accepting clothing donations until further notice. We appreciate all the clothing donations that have come in but until we have a Saturday "Caring Corner" distribution of the clothing we have, we cannot accept any more items. We will soon announce when the next Caring Corner Clothing Distribution will take place.

april birthdays



Pa Koo Day	1	Paw Eh Klay	15
Sirr Htoo Hae Thi	1	Moo Lay Paw	16
Eh Wah	2	Gwen Deragon	17
Jewel Isaac	3	Sei Sei	18
Kaw Ku Htoo	4	Eh Tha Su Moo Mu	20
Kho Kwa	5	April Say	23
Maung Aung Mya	5	Junior R. Baw	23
Marina Eh Win	5	Lori Ann Forbes	25
Journey Gyi	6	John Nyunt	25
Nan Kyi Na	6	Sebastian Cataudella	26
Be Me	7	Angelina Wah Htoo	27
Angel Jilline Wah Win	7	Shining Shore	28
Anne Tomidy	11	Ku Moo Soe	29
Saw Titu	11	Susan Scholl	29
Ah Mu	11	Stephen Green	29
Do Taw	14	Ku Thayou Htoo	29
Tha Su	15	Lovisa Lay	30



If you would like yours or a family member's birthday announced in our Visitor, please contact Tammy in the Church office at 315-735-7534 or churchoffice@tbcutica.org



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APRIL



Tabernacle Baptist Church Sunday Worship

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

**In case of
emergency,
please contact:**

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315-864-8438
954-933-1834

Pastor Daniel
315-790-4449

Church Office
315-735-7534

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Richard D. Burke	Interim Pastor
Rev. Daniel Calvin San	Pastor
Rev. Dr. James V. Davison	Pastor Emeritus
Karen Dunne	Minister of Christian Ed.
Say Wah Htoo	Christian Ed. Associate
Tammy Daly	Administrative Secretary
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Michael Dunne	Sexton

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