

The Visitor



Reverend Debbie Kelsey accepts the call to become Tabernacle's next Pastor



The weekend of *September 22-23* was our candidating weekend for Rev. Debbie Kelsey. On Saturday, we had a meeting with Tabernacle's leadership and then everyone was invited to join in a fellowship supper on Saturday evening to get to know Debbie and her husband, Rev. Jim Kelsey.

On Sunday morning, Rev. Debbie Kelsey led our 10 a.m. worship service followed by a Congregational meeting. Following the meeting, a vote was held to call Rev. Debbie Kelsey as our next Pastor. The vote was positive and Rev. Debbie Kelsey then addressed the congregation, humbly accepting the call to serve at Tabernacle.

The Kelsey's will be moving to Utica to live in the parsonage, located in South Utica. They expect to move on October 13, and Rev. Kelsey will be in the pulpit as of October 14. We are excited to share our faith journey together with new friends and new beginnings.





Karen Pastor's Page



ယူကဟဲဒီးအစိအကမိဒီးကထာဖိုင်အသိတဖှ်

ယဂျါယာ၄၀:၁၀-၁၁.ကွာ်ကွာ်ယူကဟဲဒီးအစိအကမိဒီးအစုဒှ်ကဟတ်လၢအဂီၢ်ဒှ်ဝဲလီၤ.ကွာ်ကွာ်အဘူးအလဲအိၣ်ဒီးအီၤဒီးအဘူးအလဲအိၣ်ဝဲလၢအမဲၣ်ညါလီၤ.ကအံးကကွာ်အသိတဖှ်ပှ်ကွာ်သိတကအသိဒီးကထာဖိုင်သိဖိတဖှ်လၢအစုဒီးကစိာ်ထီၣ်အီၤလၢအသးနါပှ်အပူၤဒီးကဆုၤကယီၤကယီၤသိမိာ်ပှ်လၢအဒုးအိၣ်န့ၢ်တၢ်လီၤ.ဝဲယဂျါယာပာ်ဖျါထီၣ်လၢကစၢ်ယူကဟဲလီၤဆူဟီၣ်ခိၣ်ချၢကဟဲဒီးအစိအကမိဒီးကထာဖိုင်က့ၤအသိအသိတဖှ်ဒီးကစိာ်အီၤလၢအသးနါပှ်လီၤ.

မးသဲး ၂၀- ၂၃,ကွာ်ကွာ်ကစၢ်အကလူးတကလီၣ်ဖျါထီၣ်အသးလၢအီၤလၢတၢ်မိာ်အပူၤဒီးစံးဝဲဒှ်စီၤဖးဝဲအဖိခွါစီၤယံးသးစးနဟံးန့ၢ်နမါနီၢ်မၤရံၣ်န့ၢ်ပျံၤတၢ်တဂ့ၤအဂ့ၢ်ဒ်အံၤတၢ်လၢအအထီၣ်ဝဲလၢအပူၤန့ၢ်အိၣ်ထီၣ်ဝဲလၢသးစီၤဆံၣ်လီၤဒီးကဆံးစၢ်န့ၢ်အဖိခွါဒီးနဘၣ်ယုာ်အမံၤလၢယုာ်ဂျူးလီၤ.အဂ့ၢ်ဒ်အံၤအဝဲဒှ်ကအုၣ်က့ၤခိၣ်က့ၤအပူၤဂီၢ်မုာ်လၢတၢ်ဒီးဘးအပူၤလီၤ.ဒီးတၢ်အံၤခဲလၢာ်မၤအသးဒ်သိးကစၢ်အကလုာ်ကထါလၢဝဲတကန့ၢ်ကလၢထီၣ်ပျဲထီၣ်ဝဲလီၤ.စံးဝဲဒှ်ကွာ်ကွာ်ပမုာ်ကနီၤတကအဟုးအသးကအိၣ်ထီၣ်ဒီးကဆံးစၢ်န့ၢ်အဖိခွါဒီးတၢ်ကယုာ်အမံၤလၢစ့ၤမၤန့ၢ်အလးလီၤ.အဝဲန့ၢ်အခိၣ်ပညိမုာ်ယုာ်အိၣ်ဒီးပုၤလီၤ.ကစၢ်ယုာ်ဂျူးခရံၣ်မုာ်ယုာ်လၢအဟဲလီၤအိၣ်ဒီးပုၤလီၤန့ၢ်ပထံၣ်ဘၣ်လၢမုာ်ခိၣ်ကလးအတၢ်ကစီၣ်အံၤအပူၤလီၤ.

ယီၤဟၣ်၁၀:၁၁,ယဲဒှ်အံၤယမုာ်ပှ်ကွာ်သိလၢအဂ့ၤတကလီၤ.ပှ်ကွာ်သိလၢအဂ့ၤတကန့ၢ်ဟ်လီၤကွံာ်အသးသမုာ်လၢသိအဂီၢ်လီၤ.ပကစၢ်ယုာ်ဂျူးစံးဝဲဒှ်ယမုာ်ပှ်ကွာ်သိလၢအဂ့ၤတကလီၤ.

၂ကရံၣ်သူး၅:၁၉,ယုာ်အိၣ်လၢခရံၣ်အပူၤဒီးမၤဘၣ်လီၢ်က့ၤဟီၣ်ခိၣ်ဒီးအကစၢ်ဒှ်ဝဲဒီးတဟ်ဘၣ်တၢ်ကမၣ်လၢအလီၤဘၣ်ဒီးဟ့ၣ်လီၤတၢ်မၤဘၣ်လီၢ်က့ၤအကလုာ်ကထါလၢပုၤလီၤ.ဖဲလံာ်စီၤဆံၣ်တဆၢအံၤပာ်ဖျါထီၣ်ဝဲလၢယုာ်အိၣ်လၢယုာ်ဂျူးခရံၣ်အပူၤဒီးမၤဘၣ်လီၢ်က့ၤဟီၣ်ခိၣ်ဒီးအကစၢ်ဒှ်ဝဲလီၤ.

မိပကဖးဒီးယုာ်သ့ၣ်ညါယုာ်အတၢ်အဲၣ်ဒီးအတၢ်ကုာ်သ့တဖှ်လၢဟီၣ်ခိၣ်ဖိခဲလၢာ်အဂီၢ်န့ၢ်တက့ၢ်

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Dear Tabernacle Baptist Church,

I wanted to say thank you again for supporting my mission trip. As of August 16th, I have completed my mission with my group. It was an unforgettable month of conversations, experiences, spiritual growth, and more. This letter is a summary of some of the main accomplishments before, during, and after my mission.

First of all, I wanted to talk about fund raising. My goal was \$5,000 and thanks to God's generosity and grace, I raised the full amount! It felt like I was in a biblical story. 50% of my fundraising goal was from Tabernacle alone. I cannot thank this church enough.

Macquarie University Team and New Students



I also received donations from friends, family, co-workers, college students, other missionaries, friend of friends, and other churches. I have never received such support from such a diverse pool before and have never come even close to raising that amount of money. It was a humbling experience.

The fundraising was great but let's not forget about the mission itself! I flew across the world to Sydney, Australia, like many other Americans. We met up with a group called Power to Change. It is actually the same organization that I am apart of here at college, Campus Crusades for Christ or Cru for short. Our team composed of 12 American students, 6 American adults, 4 Aussie adults, and about 10

Aussie students. My team split up covering two different colleges. Sydney University and Macquarie University. My half and I were at Macquarie University. The campus is quite nice with an outdoorsy vibe. The students would often hangout at the outdoor food courts, against trees, or near the campus fountain and park. When we arrived at the campus, the students were just about to start classes. We continued to be there for the first two weeks of the semester. This is an ideal time because students are often trying to connect and are the most open to new ideas. My team started with an on-campus booth during a club fair. Keep in mind that these universities attract many international students, which happened to be our focus. We had a big world map that made it convenient for students to put where they are from, and then we had them fill out a quick survey so they could tell us more about themselves, their beliefs, and if they would want to learn more about our club. We would also invited the students to personal activities on campus, hosted by Power to Change. This would include throwing a frisbee, eating snacks, lunch, or dinner; playing laser tag, bowling, or singing at karaoke night. Through these activities, we were able to create a connections and friendships with the students. Once we had their friendship, trust, and permission, we would then go deeper and would share the gospel. This often meant that a student's transformation did not happen because of one person nor did it happen overnight. Often, it was a team effort that took 2-3 weeks and or still happening now even after the American missionaries have left. Through this, we were able to connect with over 30-40 international students on campus and over 100 students between the two universities.

Though I encountered numerous students and had handfuls of conversations, there was two main students I connected with. One named William, a rather casual believer from Australia, and Nancy, a non-believer from China.

William was sitting in a café when Sam and I approached him. Sam is a student from Colorado who I often did outreach with. One approach we would use was a questionnaire. We had these 7 questions we would ask students and they would answer with a rating from 1-5 and a reason why they felt that way about the question. For example, the first question was about how they liked Australia on a scale from 1 to 5. Then, it went a little more personal and asked about University life and stress. After that, it went deeper and asked about a relationship with God, and if it is personal. William said he was a believer but didn't

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think a relationship with God was personal. He didn't think we could really talk to God nor could God really answer prayers. At the end of the questionnaire, the final question asked him to give a rating of this conversation. He said he would give it a 5. He really enjoyed his time and I could tell he has been wanting to learn more about God. Sam and I unfortunately had to leave for a lunch meeting with another student. When we left, Sam's dad, Chuck, stepped in to follow up with William. Sam and I had no idea of this actually happened at the time. Chuck and William had a deep conversation about who God is and how he does want a personal relationship with everyone. The more they talked, the more interested William got. An hour later, the conversation was coming to a close, and Chuck asked William if he would like to rededicate his life to Christ, and William said yes. Ever since, William has been involved in Power to Change activities and looks very happy.

Another major spiritual conversation I had was with a Chinese girl named Nancy. Sam and I went through a pamphlet called Honor Restored. Nancy is currently taking English courses, so her English is decent, but could still use some work. On the first two pages, the pamphlet talks about honor and shame and the difference between the two. I would ask her very basic questions like "do you know what honor means." I would try to define it in my own words, then Sam would define it in his, and finally, she would translate it from



English to Chinese. Between the three resources, Nancy would get a good grasp of the big English words. The pamphlet simplifies how Christianity came about. It talks about how we originally felt honor, then shame as we sinned against God, but because Jesus died for our sins, our honor has been restored as long as we choose to accept God's grace and believe in him. This rather simple, but powerful pamphlet is only 8 pages long with only a couple sentences on each page. However, since Nancy's English isn't the best, Sam and I spent an hour and a half going through the whole thing. We would have her summarize the main concepts on each page before moving on. With some patients, she summarized the pages wonderfully. By the end of the conversation, we asked Nancy if she would like to accept Christ into her life. She was a little hesitant as she feared she would no longer be able to control her life. So we explained to her that God has given us the gift of free will. He does not control our actions. He often will only intervene if we ask him to through prayer. We also mentioned that wages of sin are death. After 2 hours of talking, she was very happy with the conversation and is eager to learn more. Nancy has been actively participating in the club ever since.



These are just two of many students we encountered with at the two universities. I've been informed, weeks after the

mission trip, that students are continuing to learn, grow, join bible studies, and join disciple groups. The team down there is doing a great job following up the students to help them along their spiritual journey.

Thank you for this opportunity to do a mission trip of a life time. It has helped me grow spiritually and has changed my global perspective of Christianity for the better. I have never seen so many Christians from so many different countries in the same room before. I used to think trying to persuade a Chinese or Indian student towards Christianity was impossible. Now, I have a new understanding on what is possible. After all, through him, all things are possible.

Sincerely,
Timothy Beal

AMERICAN BAPTIST YOUTH CONVENTION

SIGN UP NOW!

The annual ABY Convention is being held on **November 2-4, 2018 in Syracuse, New York**; and is open to all students in grades 7-12 and college students.

This year's theme is "THRIVE" - based on Ephesians 3:19 "... to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

The special Keynote Speaker this year will be Jillene Narraway, our ABY Program Director, and this year will feature a new Worship Band - "*Signs on Earth*" from Latham, New York.

The convention will begin with a Pizza Party on Friday evening and continue throughout the weekend with Large Group Worship sessions, small group sessions, and workshops. Also, featured this year are Late Night worship sessions for night owls!

The 2018 Mission Project is raising money for Disaster Relief in Puerto Rico. Look for more information on how to donate through Tabernacle - coming soon!

Cost of Registration is \$170.00 - but Tabernacle Youth can register for just \$60.00 each. Please see Karen Dunne or Say Wah Htoo for a registration forms.

New Sunday School Class for toddlers

NOW available!

Olive San has started teaching a new Sunday School class each week for ages 2-4. The new class is held on the right side of the Nursery area. Each week, they will learn songs and Olive will share a Bible lesson.



We are excited to have this new class that will learn about God's never-ending love. If you have any questions, please speak to Olive San or Karen Dunne.



Homecoming Service on Sunday September 9, 2018



Reciting the Litany



Children's sermon by Joanne Gould



Passing the Peace of Christ



Children's and Youth Choir Practice, led by Melody Gay



Say Wah Htoo and Olive San in Thorn Chapel

Worship Service on Sunday September 16, 2018



Children's sermon by our guest pastor, Rev. Joan McKenzie



Karen Dunne doing announcement at the pulpit



Tammy Daly expressed her appreciation to our ministry at Tabernacle



Karen Choir performed during offering service



Call to Worship led by Maria Htoo



First week of the Children's and Youth Choir

Services, Meetings, Special Events and Deadlines

OCTOBER



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| <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 Children's School</i> | <i>Saturdays, 1:00 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Karen Choir Practice</i> | <i>Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Adult and Youth Praise & Worship, Bible Study and Song Practice</i> | <i>Saturdays, 6:00 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Prayer Service</i> | <i>Sundays, 7:00 a.m.</i> |
| <i>Children's and Youth Choir Practice</i> | <i>Sundays, 9 a.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>Women's Worship Service</i> | <i>Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.</i> |
| | <i>Third Sunday of each month, 5:00 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Youth Worship Service</i> | <i>Last Sunday of each month, 4:00 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Communion Sunday</i> | <i>Sunday, October 7</i> |
| <i>Sunday School Teachers and Assistants Communion Service</i> | <i>Sunday, October 7, 9:15 a.m.</i> |
| <i>Worship and Witness Ministry Team Meeting</i> | <i>Sunday, October 7, 12:30 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Visitor Submission Deadline</i> | <i>Sunday, October 21</i> |



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Karmuela Nyunt | 1 |
| Anna San | 1 |
| Paw Tar Lar | 1 |
| Lewis Olivadese | 2 |
| Thar Wah | 2 |
| Hser Pwe Der Htoo | 2 |
| Moe Win Na | 2 |
| Douglas C, Hagues | 4 |
| Be Paw | 5 |
| Jeremiah Htoo | 6 |
| Jonathan Sheen | 6 |
| Ta Be Than | 6 |
| Mary Malowizki | 7 |
| Lah Ler Htoo | 7 |
| Jasmine Doe | 8 |
| Chit Nel Nel | 8 |
| Dah Hsi Thaw | 9 |
| Ka Yu Sha Do | 9 |
| Jason Doh | 9 |
| Hae Say | 10 |
| Eh Tha Yu Hser | 10 |
| Paw Be Thaw | 11 |



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| Ta Eh Tee Moo | 11 |
| Tae Tae Htoo | 12 |
| Than Naing Thaw | 13 |
| True Lay Paw | 15 |
| Gloria Heh | 16 |
| Paw Khi Wa | 19 |
| Nyo Nyo Than | 20 |
| Geraldine Walters | 21 |
| Blessing Htoo | 22 |
| Eh Plah Soe | 24 |
| Htary Paw | 24 |
| Mirian Shadow Mu | 26 |
| Carol Cataudella | 26 |
| The Ger So Wah | 27 |
| Eh Gay Ya | 27 |
| John Marvel | 28 |
| Ler Pwe Shee | 29 |
| New Doh Soe | 30 |
| Moe Eh Hser | 30 |
| Tamla Kyet | 30 |
| Jenjira May Htoo | 31 |



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**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

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TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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| Rev. Daniel Calvin San | Pastor |
| Rev. Dr. James V. Davison | Pastor Emeritus |
| Karen Dunne | Minister of Christian Ed. |
| Say Wah Htoo | Christian Ed. Associate |
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