



***Celebrate New Life in Christ
“on Earth as in Heaven”***

(Matthew 6:10, NABRE)

Beginning Sunday, October 2!

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Discipleship is spreading through numerous house churches and cell groups of prayer.

A new generation of leaders is growing through faithful teaching at seminaries and lay training centers.

Responding to God’s Call Worldwide

And perhaps the best news of all is that Cuba’s spiritual awakening is only one of many thriving ministries run by IM partners and **more than 1,800 long- and short-term global workers in more than 70 countries around the world.**

International Ministries’ vision is **“on earth as in heaven,”** which reminds us of God’s invitation to participate in his work in the world.

And that’s just what International Ministries is doing – through our support of the World Mission Offering – by *praying, equipping, serving, proclaiming, teaching, inviting, healing and encouraging in the name of Jesus.*

Your gifts to the World Mission Offering (WMO) help to raise up, place and send new global servants and volunteers to reach and touch lives for Jesus around the world. They also help to fill gaps for those workers who haven’t yet reached their support goals, enabling crucial ministries to continue.

Your gifts help support more than 240 global partners who are actively sharing God’s message of hope, love and healing with a lost and hurting world.

Your gifts help recruit and train new global workers, open up new global mission fields, and respond to global disasters with relief and development funds.

Whether God is calling you to **GO** as a short- or long-term global servant or to **GIVE** financial support, let us join together to **touch as many lives as possible in more than 70 countries around the globe.**

Let us **give generously and expectantly** to the World Mission Offering! Together, we help people everywhere: **come** to Christ, **grow** in their relationship with Christ, and **change** their worlds through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Is God calling you to learn more about how you can volunteer with Baptist partners in Cuba?

Please contact mary.weaver@internationalministries.org for general information or

angela.sudermann@internationalministries.org for volunteer information.



Pastor's Page

I recently came across this short reflection that spoke to me. I hope it speaks to you as well.

Grace and Peace,

Mark

Do It Anyway

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered;
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will have some false friends and some true enemies;
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;
Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, there may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;
Give the world best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;
It was never between you and them anyway.

Meaningful Messages for Today



October 2
World Mission Sunday
Communion
Matthew 6:1-15
On Earth As In Heaven

October 9
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 17:11-19
The Thankful Ten Percent

October 16
Guest Preacher
Rev. Bill Englund, Pastor
First Baptist Church
St. Paul, MN

October 23
Stewardship I
Matthew 6:25-33
Following Jesus

October 30
Stewardship II
Mark 4:37-41
Facing the Truth

2016 Stewardship Program



Taking Hold of Life

We are to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way we will lay up treasure for ourselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

- 1 Timothy 6:18-19

The theme of our annual **Stewardship Emphasis** at Tabernacle this fall comes from the Apostle Paul's first letter to the young pastor, Timothy. Paul tells us that **it is through our generosity and giving that we take hold of true life**. God's gift of new and abundant life in Christ is not meant to be hoarded or kept just for ourselves. Instead, as we share the blessings we have received from God, our lives become richer, fuller, and more abundant.

We will kick-off our annual Stewardship Emphasis at Tabernacle on Sunday, October 23. Our theme this year is *Taking Hold of Life*. For four consecutive Sundays, we will learn how to take hold of the life abundant life God offers us in Jesus Christ as we become more generous givers. We will explore how we can take hold of life by:

- *Following Jesus* (Matthew 6:25-33)
- *Facing our Fears* (Mark 4:37-41)
- *Acting Together* (John 13:34-35)
- *Sharing our Blessings* (Philippians 4:10-20)

Each week we will focus on one of these concepts in creative and inviting ways during the **10:00 a.m. English language worship service. Plan now to join us each Sunday!**

On **Sunday, October 30**, following the Karen Language worship service, we gather in Thorn Chapel for light refreshments and our **Proposed 2017 Budget Presentation**. This is an opportunity for every friend and member of Tabernacle to learn about our church leaders' plans for our ministry in 2017. Pledge cards and summaries of our proposed budgets (Current Expense, Missions, and Restoration and Preservation) in English and Karen will be distributed.

Then, during the 10:00 a.m. English Language worship service on **Sunday, November 13** we will join together in **dedicating our pledge cards**. Your pledge card is your estimate of how much you plan to give in 2017 to support the ministry of our congregation.

We cannot out-give God! Instead, we discover that as we share what we receive from God -- the gifts of our love, our time, our talents, and our treasures --- God gives us even greater gifts. As give, we take hold of the abundant life God offers us in Jesus Christ.

150th Building Celebration

Thank you to everyone who made our 150th Building Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, September 25 such a great success! The ushers counted 671 people in worship! Thank you to everyone who brought food, helped in the kitchen and cleaned up after our fellowship lunch!



Thank you to Doe Tway for the beautiful pictures!

Thank you to our Youth!

A special thank you to our youth! The Youth group designed, made, and sold over \$5,000 worth of commemorative t-shirts for our 150th Building Anniversary celebration. They are generously donating 3/4 of the proceeds from their t-shirt sales to the Preservation and Restoration Fund! Thank you, young people for leading the way!



Homecoming Sunday 2016

We had a great Homecoming Sunday on September 18. We learned how the light of Christ can shine brightly in our hearts and lives and how we can share His light in our homes, neighborhoods, and world. We concluded our worship service at the Lord's Table.

After our service, we met in Thorn Chapel, where everyone received snacks, school supplies were given to elementary students, teens and adults received copies of the Gospel of John, there was Sunday School registration, and lots of fun for everybody!



Caring Corner

TBC had yet another successful Caring Corner on Saturday, September 24. Food, pillows, comforters, diapers, toiletries, etc...were distributed. We are so thankful to Bob and Dottie Hagues and all of the volunteers who work so hard to make each Caring Corner a success!



Congratulations Pawsansoe!

Congratulations to Jack Kent Cooke scholar, Pawsansoe Karen Bree who has completed her Master of Arts degree in International Relations at Webster University. She is currently in Morocco where she will work with the Peace Corps for the next two years.



Thank you, David White!



Tabernacle is saying, "goodbye" to our longtime Head Sexton, David White. Over the last several years, David and his sons have been winterizing their summer home in Cold Brook in anticipation of his retirement. That day has come. David and his wife, Karen have sold their home in New Hartford and are moving to the Tug Hill Plateau.

We are going to miss David at Tabernacle. He has demonstrated a great love for Tabernacle from his very first day on the job. He took great pride in keeping our church building clean, repaired, and looking its best. Due to his proactive nature, he has saved the church a great deal of money. David went beyond his job description and often worked additional hours so that Tabernacle is an attractive and safe place in which our friends and members can worship, learn, serve, and enjoy fellowship. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to David White for his commitment to our congregation. *We wish David and Karen White the very best and pray for God's richest blessings as they begin a new chapter in their life together.*

Thank you for the Birthday Wishes!

Nancy Knepka would like to say thank you to those who remembered her on her birthday with birthday wishes and cards which brought her much joy!



Church Calendar Updates



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. Directories can be located in Thorn Chapel and the Narthex.

Church Directory Address Corrections/Additions

Our new Tabernacle Baptist Church 2016 directory is complete. Copies are available in Thorn Chapel and the Narthex. If your information is incorrect, missing or needs to be updated, please contact Tammy, in the church office at 735-7534, so that we are able to keep our church database and church directory information up-to-date.

Please make the following corrections/additions to your Church Directory:

Donald and Joan Baum
463 Larchmont Ave.
Utica, NY 13502

Gerald and Judith Sullivan
22 Inverness Dr.,
New Hartford, NY 13413
794-3222



Dorothy Burlingame's email address: dmb5537@yahoo.com

Mohawk Valley Baptist Association Meeting

The Mohawk Valley Baptist Association Fall Meeting will be held on *Sunday, October 16, at 3:00 p.m.* at Bartlett Baptist Church, 5639 Bartlett Rd. Rome, NY 13440.



Are you interested in learning about business? Do you have a handicraft you'd like to sell? Interested in earning some extra money?

One Word Artisans is bringing business opportunities and training to resettled refugees in the Utica area who wish to create and sell handicrafts and make some extra money. Crafts can include weaving, jewelry making, painting, woodcarving, and others.

To learn more, contact: Jennifer Cieslewitz at jenniferl@mvrccr.org or stop by the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees.

Spring Festival of Song at New Hartford Presbyterian Church

All are invited to the Spring Festival of Song in the Welsh Tradition sponsored by St. David's Society of Utica. Known in Welsh as a *gymanfa ganu*, it will be held on *Saturday, October 2 at 3:00 p.m. at New Hartford Presbyterian Church, 45 Geneesee St., New Hartford.* Leading the singing will be conductor, Tristan Jones. He will be accompanied by Susan Bartholomew on the organ and Jeanne Jones on the piano. Special music will be provided by David Kolb. Following the singing, a "te bach" (afternoon tea) will be held in the social hall. All are welcome to attend.



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/>

American Baptist
Women's
MINISTRIES



ABWM of NYS
Mohawk~Oneida Association
Fall Missionary Meeting

Friday, October 7, 2016

9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church—Newport
7497 Main Street ~ Newport, NY 13416

Women within the M-O Association of churches are invited.....guests welcomed!

9:30 a.m. Arrival: Coffee/Tea with Registration

10:00 a.m. Business Meeting/Worship: Reports, General Offering, “Love Gift” Devotion and Offering, Music

11:00 a.m. Missionary Speaker: Ray Schellinger ministers to victims of domestic violence by strengthening the work of Deborah’s House of Tijuana, Mexico. This ministry includes counseling services for families in crises, as well as providing a shelter for women and children. Ray and his wife, Adalia, helped in the founding of this ministry; they currently are shepherding it through a transitional period toward self-sufficiency.

12:00 p.m. Potluck Lunch: Bring a dish to share and your place setting; beverages and dessert will be provided.

For more information and/or a ride, please contact Janet Barnes at 736-6235.

Tabernacle Women’s Ministries Meeting

TBC Women’s Ministries will be meeting on *Sunday, October 2 at 12:30 p.m. in the East Room.*

Circle 16



Tabernacle Women's Ministry

Circle 16 Bake Sales will be held on the first Sundays of each month, beginning Sunday, Oct. 2. The Circle 16 meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, October 25, 12:00 p.m. at Duayna Kapiel's home.



Congregations Growing Up Together in Christ
ABC/NYS Biennial Meeting
Friday November 4, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.
-to-
Sunday November 6, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.
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 American Baptist Youth 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.

ABC/NYS American Baptist Youth Convention 2016

Theme: "Never Alone"



For more information or to register: please see Karen Dunne!

What's Included:

- Main Sessions
- Entertainment Activities
- Small Groups
- Workshops
- Friday/Saturday Dinner
- Housing at the Hotel

All other meals not included.



When: November 4-6, 2016

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

Who: Youth grades 7-12
Young adults 18-22

Cost: \$150 per person by Oct. 5th
\$160 per person after Oct 5th

The Oneida County Health Department *presents a*

Health Fair

Sunday, October 23, 2016

1:00 - 4:00 pm

At Westminster Moriah/Olivet Presbyterian Church
714 Washington Street, Utica
(Entrance on Broadway across from Hanna Park)

Come, learn about and receive shots to prevent:

- Flu
- Pneumonia
- Whooping Cough

These vaccinations are safe, effective and recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and your local provider.

Shots are for adults only!

Shots will be given by nurses from the Oneida County Health Department. Please bring your shot record and insurance card. No one will be turned away if they don't have insurance.

Burmese, Karen & Nepali interpreters will be provided.

For more information, please call 798-5747.





October Services, Meetings, Special Events and Deadlines

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| <i>Piano Lessons</i> | <i>Saturdays, at 8:30 a.m., except October 8</i> |
| <i>Guitar Lessons</i> | <i>Saturdays, at 11:30 a.m.</i> |
| <i>Violin I Lessons</i> | <i>Saturdays, at 3:20 p.m., except October 8</i> |
| <i>Youth Meeting</i> | <i>Saturdays, at 6:00 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Violin II Lessons</i> | <i>Saturdays, at 6:00 p.m., except October 8</i> |
| <i>Prayer Service</i> | <i>Sundays, at 7:00 a.m.</i> |
| <i>Trumpet Practice</i> | <i>Sundays, at 11:30 a.m., except October 9</i> |
| <i>Karen Choir Practice</i> | <i>Saturdays, at 4:00 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Karen Language Class</i> | <i>Saturdays, at 4:00 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Circle 16 Bake Sales</i> | <i>First Sundays of each month, beginning October 2</i> |
| <i>Tabernacle Women's Ministries meeting in the East Room</i> | |
| | <i>Sunday, October 2, at 12:30 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Ministry Coordinating Council meeting</i> | <i>Sunday, October 2, at 12:30 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Piano Lessons</i> | <i>Mondays, at 3:00 p.m., except October 10</i> |
| <i>Fall Mission meeting of the Mohawk-Oneida Association of American Baptist Women's Ministries at First Baptist Church, Newport</i> | |
| | <i>Friday, Oct. 7, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Faith Nurturing meeting</i> | <i>Sunday, October 9, at 12:30 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Stewardship Ministry Team meeting</i> | <i>Sunday, October 9, at 6:00 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Office Closed for Columbus Day</i> | <i>Monday, October 10</i> |
| <i>November Visitor Submission Deadline</i> | <i>Sunday, October 16</i> |
| <i>Worship and Witness Ministry Team meeting</i> | <i>Sunday, October 23, 2016, at 12:30 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Circle 16 meeting at Duayna Kopiel's home</i> | <i>Tuesday, October 25</i> |



The Church Office
will be closed on
Columbus Day
Monday,



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| Anna San | 10/1 | Ta Eh Tee Moo | 10/11 |
| Karmuela Nyunt | 10/1 | Tae Tae Htoo | 10/12 |
| Paw Tar Lar | 10/1 | Than Naing Thaw | 10/13 |
| Thar Wah | 10/2 | True Lay Paw | 10/15 |
| Hser Pwe Der Htoo | 10/2 | Gloria Heh | 10/16 |
| Moe Win Na | 10/2 | Paw Khi Wa | 10/19 |
| Lewis Olivadese | 10/2 | Nyo Nyo Than | 10/20 |
| Douglas Hagues | 10/4 | Geraldine Walters | 10/21 |
| Be Paw | 10/5 | Blessing Htoo | 10/22 |
| Ta Be Than | 10/6 | Htary Paw | 10/24 |
| Jonathan Sheen | 10/6 | Eh Plah Soe | 10/24 |
| Jeremiah Htoo | 10/6 | Mirian Shadow Moo | 10/26 |
| Mary Malowicki | 10/7 | Carol Cataudella | 10/26 |
| Lah Ler Moo | 10/7 | The Ger So Wah | 10/27 |
| Jasmine Doe | 10/8 | Eh Gay Ya | 10/27 |
| Chit Nel Nel | 10/8 | John Marvel | 10/28 |
| Dah Hsi Thaw | 10/9 | Ler Pwe Shee | 10/29 |
| Ka Yu Sha Do | 10/9 | Shirley Watkins | 10/29 |
| Jason Doh | 10/9 | Ner Doh Soe | 10/30 |
| Eh Tha Yu Hser | 10/10 | Tamla Kyet | 10/30 |
| Hae Say | 10/10 | Moe Eh Hser | 10/30 |
| Paw Be Thaw | 10/11 | Jenjira May Htoo | 10/31 |





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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

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| 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 |
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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!*

The Visitor



***Celebrate New Life in Christ
"on Earth as in Heaven"***

(Matthew 6:10, NABRE)

Beginning Sunday, October 2!

A great and surprising spiritual awakening is happening in Baptist churches in Cuba right now!

Since 1990, the number of churches in Cuba has grown by 450%. The number of baptisms has risen by over 500%. And the number of prayer groups and total church memberships have climbed in equally high numbers.

After decades of harsh restrictions, "the church of God has risen from the ashes," says a retired Cuban church leader who witnessed the remarkable change firsthand. *"In God's time, the hearts of so many people have been opened up to the goodness of the gospel."*

The good news is that Tabernacle's support of the World Mission Offering (WMO) is helping to fuel the growth of the Eastern Cuba Baptist Convention through financial and global worker support and through American Baptist International Ministries (IM)-sponsored pastor conferences.

The better news is that there is a lot that we can learn from Cuba's spiritual revival. For example:

Youth ministry is thriving through camping and sports ministries, concerts and youth rallies in the streets of Cuba's cities and towns.

Spirit-filled outreach is yielding abundant fruit through evangelistic campaigns, undergirded with fervent prayer and fasting.

We will receive our World Mission Offering during the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, October 2 (and throughout October)

Tabernacle's 2016 WMO goal is \$2,500 — which is 40% above our 2015 World Mission Offering total. Please use the WMO Envelope in this newsletter for your offering



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