

Our July Missions Project:



July mission donations will be sent to Care-A-Van ministries. In December 1999, Paul and Bridget Ohlson, along with their two daughters did something radical...they brought Christmas to the people. As they were blessing the people in the streets, they realized that they received a blessing as well.

As they ministered, they saw the great need that these families had for groceries. In May of 2000, they began to park on the corner of State Street in the city of Batavia and started to pass out free groceries. Later, they began to rotate to different neighborhoods every Saturday.

From that initial decision, Care-A-Van Ministries has not missed a single Saturday morning in fourteen years.



Reg & Gretchen Dunneman, musicians, will lead us in worship Sunday, July 10, at 10:30 am. A Freewill Offering to support their ministry will be received. Their CD's will be available for purchase.

Happenings In & Around Machias:



Cattaraugus County Stone House Museum, 9824 Route 16 Summer at the Stone House - Free Programs at 7pm every 2nd & 4th Thurs:
July 14: Linda Hunter, *100 Years of Redwork*
July 28: Amanda Limpert, *Haunted WNY, Vol. II*
August 11: Allen Hopkins, *Outlaws and Rebels*
August 25: Jeanette Sheliga, *Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Genealogy*



King Memorial Library

9538 Route 16, PO Box 509
Machias, NY 14101
(716) 353-9915

Preschool Summer Story Times happen on Tuesdays at 10:30 am, July 5, 12, 19 & 26. **Children's Summer Story Times** happen on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm in the Town Park: July 12, 19, 26 & Aug 2. Make a "No Sew Pillow" Mon, July 23rd, or a library book bag on Sat, July 23. Visit the Library on Thurs, July 21st for a "Reptile & Amphibian Encounter! For more info or to register for a program, call 716-353-9915.



Kids & Teens can apply for a scholarship, up to \$250, to go to the Christian/Bible Summer Camp of their choice. Submit a copy of your child's application or registration form to a trustee at least one week prior to need.

"First Christian Chatter!"

July 2022



Seeking to Know Jesus and Make Him Known

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**Encouragement from
Pastor Ross**

If you love our country, perhaps you have wondered if there is any hope of returning it to the greatness it once demonstrated. The answer is "Yes".

Two things we can each do to help America be great again: **Invest our lives in being Godly like Jesus.** The Bible says: "Godliness makes a nation great, but sin is a disgrace to any people." **Proverbs 14.34**

What makes a nation great? Answer: living by God's great standards as shown in the Bible. In general, as a nation we have chosen to live the opposite of how God wants us to live. As a nation we have called God's definition of good, evil. And we have called what God calls evil, good. That's the path to judgment, not blessing.

What is Godliness? Jesus said the core of it is loving God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. And loving our neighbor as ourself. This includes believing in Christ and living for Him.

Just as a family is the sum total of its members, so a nation is the sum total of its citizens. We can't make people Godly who don't want to be, but we can be Godly ourselves. That's the number one way to help our nation achieve greatness. As we stand for life rather than abortion, for marriage of one man to one woman rather than two men or two women marrying, and for kindness and gentleness to others regardless of their skin color or how they differ from us then God will bless us.

The second way- Invest our lips in blessing others. Here's the wisdom of the Lord and Solomon: **Proverbs 11.11-12** "By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor, But a man of understanding holds his peace."
Let's speak blessing over our neighbors and our nation. Let's use our lips to bless and pray for people to love Jesus.
Have a prayer concern? Drop a note in the prayer box at church or send Pastor Ross a text or email.



**Meet Josiah Andrews,
by Pete Andrews, Sr.**

If you stop by First Christian Church, you may notice a young father who often has his five-year-old son with him. Meet Josiah Andrews and his son Drexel. How will you know Josiah? Look for the fellow who looks like an MMA fighter, since that wawa once hos sport of choice. Josiah's testimony of salvation? One day when he was very young, he and his dad were driving to see Grandma. Dad was talking about salvation. When asked if he would like to ask Jesus into his heart, "Si" agreed. So, they pulled over under some trees and Josiah asked Jesus to be his Lord and Savior. Josiah attends FCCM by way of and in honor of his late Grandma Andrews. He considers her as his prime spiritual mentor. They shared a special bond. Josiah is currently in internship training to become an Elder. His life verse is Galatians 2:20. Things he especially likes about FCCM are the solid Biblical preaching and teaching, and the atmosphere of love and acceptance, which is better than ever. Josiah will be working with the electronic and technical parts of the ministry. He is an accomplished videographer and coordinates with the worship team. Recently Josiah had the joy of leading his son to the Lord in the very same way his Dad led him to Jesus. Stop by First Christian and say, "Hi!" to Josiah.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:15 A.M. for adults in the Fellowship Hall & Youth in the Prayer Room.
Worship Service every Sunday at 10:30 A.M.
Children's Church & Nursery available during worship. Children's Church is available for children 4 years old - 6th grade, who are dismissed after the singing time to learn about Jesus through appropriate age-level activities. Our nursery is adjacent to the sanctuary. It is available during the Sunday service for ages 0-3; it is staffed by at least 1 adult and 1 helper.

Free Food Give-Away every Sunday, 12-1:30 pm
No financial qualification needed

July Dates: 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31.

Prayer Gatherings: I Thes. 5:17 "Pray without ceasing." Please join us for Prayer
Sundays - 8:00 A.M.; Tuesdays - 3:00 P.M.
Thursdays - 6:30 P.M.

Midweek Bible Study - Tuesday at 6:30 P.M.

Youth Group - Meets Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.

Women's Fellowship - Wed, July 13, 1:00 P.M.

Fellowship Sunday, Coffee & Donuts!
July 31, 9:15 A.M. in Fellowship Hall

Free Community Dinner: Sun, July 31 at 5:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Food provided. You may bring a dish to pass if you desire.

Movie Night: Sun, July 31, 6:00 pm Title to be determined. Free popcorn!

Save the Date! Sun, Aug 14, 2022 Church-in-the-Park Meeting at the Pavilion at 10:30 A.M. Picnic Lunch will follow worship. Hot dogs and rolls provided.

Odosagih Bible Conference Center 2022 Summer Schedule

Saturday Concerts at 6:30 p.m.:

July 2 , Final Harvest, www.finalharvest.us

July 9 , The Needhams, www.theneedhams.com

July 16, The Bontrager Family,
www.bontragerfamilysingers.com

July 23, Bob & Darleen Puffer, www.thepuffers.com

July 30, The Creguns, www.thecreguns.com

Aug. 6, Sherry Anne, www.sherryanne.com

Aug. 13, Barry Ward, www.barrywardmusic.com

Aug. 20, Niah & Allisha Merrill, www.hiahallisha.com

Aug. 27, "In Jest" – Nels Ross, www.injest.com

Oct. 8, The Hyssongs, www.thehyssongs.com

Speakers & Musicians:

July 3-8, Rev. Marc Chamberlain, Pastor of Genesis Bible Church in Scio, NY; Greta Brokaw, from Marion, NY

July 10-15; TBA, Musician: Rev. Harold Burrell, Millerton, PA

July 17-22, Rev. Steve Hammond, Freedom Baptist Church; Mark & Cindy Maynard

July 24-29, Rev. Mike Sanders, Chambersburg, PA; Kim Kiekel

Aug 7-12, Rev. Michael Herdzik, Kennedy, NY; Price Harris

Aug 14-19, Rev. Davis Heme, Bolivar, NY; Rick Strickland

Aug. 21-26, Dr. Larry Maxwell, Niah & Allisha Merrill

Oct. 7-10, Dell Hyssong; The Hyssongs

Services: Sunday morning: 10:30 a.m.; evening: 6:30 p.m.

Mon, Wed, Fri Morning Service: 9:30 a.m.

Tues & Thurs Prayer Meeting: 9:30 a.m.

Mon – Fri evening service: 6:30 p.m.

Meals: Sat Supper, 4:45 p.m.; Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.; Lunch & Sunday dinner, 12 noon; Supper, 5 p.m.

Meals by reservation only, pre-paid. Please call 716-353-8555 to make reservations & payment by noon the day before.



Thinking about sending your young person to camp?

Here are some camps in the WNY Area:

Camp Asbury, Perry, NY: Residential or day camp
info: <https://asburyuny.org/program/asbury-express/>
or Reach Out - Community Mission Experience:
<https://asburyuny.org/program/reach-out/>

Bliss Summit Bible Camp, Bliss, NY: Summer camp
programs info and applications:
<https://www.blisssummit.com/summer/>

Circle C Ranch, Delevan, NY: Summer Camp program
info & camper application portal:
<https://circlecranch.org/summer-camp/>

Camp JYC, Franklinville, NY: Summer Camp info &
Camper application Portal: <https://www.campjyc.org/>

Camp Longview, Arcade, NY: Summer Camp program
info & registration link:
<https://www.longviewcamp.org/youth-camps>