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The Stamford Baptist Church Abundant Life

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly” Jesus



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Upcoming Open House Cookout



On August 25th at Noon we will kick off our first Open House Cookout. We want our community to know a little more about our church as well as have a good time. It is a time for us to make friends and encourage others to “Meet the Neighbors”.

We will, of course, provide food in the form of grilled meats, breads, salads and desserts. We will also have the Moonwalk and other game equipment for the kids. The building will be open for inspection. Even though we still have lots of projects yet to do we really want to show off what we have gotten done. Invite your friends. We want everyone to know what God has been doing in our lives and our fellowship. We also want our community to know what we project for the future.

We will go door-to-door in the community to personally invite everyone to come out and, if they are not home, we have a doorknob hanger to leave behind.

Pray that this event will be well attended by our people as well as our guests.

Sunday School

We have been busy in Sunday School. Meeting every Sunday of the year at 9:45 AM, we begin with an assembly at which we share announcements and recognize landmarks in the lives of those who are present.

The classes have gone through promotion time and are now in the process of teaching the word of God to a growing number of students. Each class uses age-appropriate teaching materials for Bible Study.

Pastor Bray teaches the adults in the auditorium and is currently teaching a series on the Bible and Cults to encourage understanding of Christian teaching as well as the teachings and practices of various cults.

Aree Bray teaches the youth aged 12 and up. One area we need to consider is dividing this class into older and younger groups.

Chad and Renee Dykes teach the 9-11 year olds and are doing a great job.

Steve and Ellie Curless teach the 6-8 year olds and have new furniture and paint to make the room more pleasant.

Gail Pritchard and Christine Wood teach the 3-5 year olds making each child feel special.

Cherlyn Bray and Wilma Amatuccio teach the birth - 2 year olds and enjoy going outdoors every nice day.

Food Pantry

God has blessed our church with the privilege of hosting a community food pantry. We have available nonperishable food items as well as funds for the perishable items.

If you have items to donate please bring them in on Sunday when you come to Bible Study and worship.

If you know individuals or families in need have them call Anne Marie Lauharn at 652-9355 or Pastor Bray at 652-7978

Honor our Flag

Monday, Sept 3, — Labor Day — at 7 AM and 7 PM our church is responsible for putting out and taking in the flags along Main Street in the Village.

Volunteers are needed. We need two vehicles and three people per vehicle to drive through the Village and each team do one side of the highway.

This is an opportunity to do a service for our community and show our appreciation for the gift of living in a free country.



James Mission Offering

Our church goal for the Baptist Convention of New York annual offering honoring Paul and Ava James is \$250.

Pray about your gift to this important fund.

The projects for 2008 include:

The Harbor Church - Geneva, NY
Calvary Christian Church - Buffalo, NY
Kaisertown Community Church - Buffalo, NY
Traveling VBS Mission Team
Faith Baptist Church - Springville, NY
Immanuel Baptist Church - East Greenbush, NY
Central New York Bosnian Church Plant
And:

Inside Out — An intentional summer missions outreach program in Syracuse.

Welcome!

We expect to put up "Welcome Enter Here" signs beside each door used to enter the church building. We have commissioned Dragonfly Signs and Designs to prepare some nice decorative wooden signs to be delivered before our Open House.

Improvement Projects

We are currently working on several improvement projects they include:

New Playground equipment
More Handicapped parking as well as designated Guest Parking (begun)
Signage on the building to indicate entrances
Complete wainscoting
Driveway across the front of the building and an extension of the roofline over that
Reroof building
Landscaping around the crosses
Projector on ceiling
Sound/light booth above entrance of sanctuary
Steeple on building roof
New signage inside the building
Greeting/information booth in entry
Restripe parking spaces
Water fountain remounted
Additional parking
Signs at the village borders
Fix stairs at parking lot entrance (done – and painted)

Pray about your part in these projects. You can adopt one and enlist help to get it done. You can finance a project - or help pay for it. You certainly should pray and share your ideas.

Upcoming Church related events: 2007, May — June

(There will be additions and those listed are subject to change.)

Normally the following will occur on a regular date but may move due to conflicts:

Sunday Morning Bible Study for all ages – 9:45 AM
Morning Worship – Each Sunday at 11:00 AM
Home Bible Study — Every Thursday 7:00 PM.
Communion — First Sunday of each month.
Church Council — first Monday of each month 7:30 PM.
Church Conference — second Sunday of every other month following morning worship
Sunday Morning Bible Study Workers meeting — Fourth Sunday each month after worship.
Robinson Terrace Worship – several Sundays each year at 2:00 PM.
Red Cross Blood drives four times each year
Saturday's Kitchen – Jan 13 - March 31 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

September: James Missions Offering — BCNY

Sept 2: Robinson Terrace Worship 2:00 PM

Sept 3: Labor Day (church put in and take out flags in Village)

Sept 23-25: BCNY Annual Conference

Oct 8: Senior Citizen's Luncheon

Oct 15: Blood Drive — 1-6 PM

Oct 20: Annual Meeting of CNYBA

Oct 21: Begin preparation for Thanksgiving Basket and time change (fall back)

Nov 4: Time Change (Fall Back)

Nov 11: Robinson Terrace Worship 2:00 PM

Nov 21: Thanksgiving Eve Worship – 7:30 PM

Nov 22: Thanksgiving Day

December: International Missions Offering

Dec 7: CNYBA Pastor and wife Christmas Dinner

Dec 7, 8, 9: Celebrate the Child

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec 25: Christmas Day

Preparation for Open House

There are extra housekeeping chores to be done before August 25th. We need all the windows washed inside and out. The chandelier needs to be dusted and globes washed. Furniture and baseboards need to be cleaned.

Invitations need to be delivered to everyone in the area. Someone needs to prayerwalk every street in the village. The most important thing we can do is to lovingly pray for our friends and neighbors.

If you can help with these projects please contact Pastor Bray.

We were redeemed for the purpose of reaching out to all the world to share the good news of Salvation with everyone.