



Temple Topics

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Baptist Temple Family –

Summer is coming to a close... can you remember back to that week before school started as a kid. Sad that play time was going to be shortened, study and boring classes would soon be the norm. There was the delight and anticipation to be back with friends. There were new clothes and school supplies. I was always going to be really organized this year... were you? The change from summer to fall has always been the most dramatic and traumatic season change for me. These feelings have remained the same in my adult life. While I was at GM, August and September were the model year transitions – this change always brought excitement, apprehension and exhaustion. Well, childhood is gone, GM is over, but my feelings are once again reinforced through Life at The Baptist Temple.

Pastor Arlen will leave us in the next few days. In the past months we have celebrated our accomplishments together. We have so much for which to be grateful. Our time together is over, we must enter a new season. We have been preparing for this season for the past seven years. We are a spiritually strong, dynamic, energetic, and talented Christian body. Pastor Arlen has helped us to focus our interests and to discern God's vision for The Baptist Temple. Now it is time to pursue Hands on Doing and Growing our Ministry.

Rally your thoughts, hearts, family, friends, energy and prayer. We will meet Sunday morning, September 12th to kick off the new church year. Join us at 10:00 AM for Worship followed by an all church Sunday School hour. Grab a bite to eat in Fellowship Hall as we work together to define our Fathers and Children Ministry, 11:15 AM to 12:15 PM. See you then.

Kandee Tabor
Moderator

Study the Bible
with us



Fall Adult Bible Study

In the fall, the Bible Study Group will be studying Amos and Hosea using a Kerygma guide. Several of the ladies of the church used this Kerygma study two summers ago and found it very interesting and informative. We will meet on 8 Thursdays starting Sept 30 to November 18 from 4:30 to 6. (We are trying Thursday instead of Wednesday, because two of the regulars have Wed. conflicts in the fall.) This study will be facilitated by Carol Kenyon. We would love to have others join us for what is always a stimulating and growth experience.

For those who are unfamiliar with Kerygma, it is a Pittsburgh-based Presbyterian organization with a long and good reputation. Its Bible studies are either theme or book based, and over the years several dozen have been studied at The Baptist Temple. There is a small (maybe 1 hour) homework assignment in preparation for each session that includes reading the Bible passages and the 5-7 page commentary for the coming week. The facilitator has a leaders guide with suggestions of ways to explore and discuss the material via 3-4 different exercises each week, so there is variety in each session.

If you would like to look at a sample, a copy will be in the office. If you would like to join or have questions, contact Carol at 385-1650 or drckroch@aol.com. The guides will be ordered September 13th, so please reserve your place before then.

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ABCUSA Trivia (or perhaps not so trivial)

Indicate whether you think each of the following statements are true or false about the American Baptist Convention and Baptist history. Answers on pg 3

- ___ 1. All Baptist bodies grew from a tradition of Lordship of Jesus, autonomous congregations free from government interference or hierarchical policy, believer's baptism, and the ability of all believers to interpret Scripture and communicate directly with God.
- ___ 2. While Baptist thought developed in 16th century England, the first churches were founded in Holland between 1609 & 1612.
- ___ 3. Roger Williams, founder of the first Baptist church in the new world, came to the colonies as a Church of England clergyman.
- ___ 4. Rhode Island was the first state to guarantee civic and religious freedom based on a charter from King Charles in 1663.
- ___ 5. John Leland, a Virginia pastor and representative to the Constitutional Congress, compromised with James Madison with the promise that religious freedom would be covered in the Bill of Rights.
- ___ 6. George Lisle, a freed slave and first ordained black, was the first Baptist missionary and planted churches in Jamaica in 1770.
- ___ 7. Massachusetts was the last state to stop providing tax funds to the official church, Congregational, in 1833.
- ___ 8. The first US missionaries were the Judsons, who went to India as Congregationalists in 1812.
- ___ 9. The General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States for Foreign Missions, founded in 1814, was the first unified missionary-sending effort in the US.
- ___ 10. In 1824, Luther Rice helped found the Baptist General Tract Society (BGTS), which was a predecessor of the American Baptist Conference education and publishing arm.
- ___ 11. 1845 was a pivotal year in Baptist history because the AB Foreign Mission Society determined that persons who held slaves could not serve as missionaries and the Southern Baptist Convention split from other Baptists.
- ___ 12. Northern Baptists continued to be organized as a group of societies until 1907 when the forerunner of ABC, the Northern Baptist Convention, was formed.
- ___ 13. NBC was renamed American Baptist Convention in 1950.
- ___ 14. Rochester/Genesee is the smallest ABC region with just 34 churches.
- ___ 15. National Ministries has returned to its roots with a name change to American Baptist Home Mission Societies.
- ___ 16. The American Baptist Churches Mission Center was built in Valley Forge, PA in 1962.



RAIHN news

SAVE THE DATE! The second annual Snazzy Jazzy

Sunday Afternoon will be held on October 17 at Temple Sinai from 3:30 to 5:30 P.M. Everyone who attended last year's successful event was so enthusiastic about the great variety of music and the delicious catered food that it is happening again! See Marilyn and Rod for details.

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Restorative Circle Training with Dominic Barter

September 11 & 12 - An Introduction to Restorative Systems

September 13, 14, 15 - Restorative Circle Facilitator Practice -The Baptist Temple

The restorative model is one in which the community's response to crime promotes repair, reconciliation, and restitution, while meeting the needs of victims and holding offenders accountable. Research has documented that restorative practices cost less and are more effective at reducing recidivism than traditional approaches to dealing with crime.

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Answers: All the statements are true. **2.** Holland was more tolerate of religion than England with its required membership in the Church of England, although the Dutch churches were English speaking. The first English Baptist congregation was formed in 1612. **3.** Williams, who was bothered by the interference of the Mass. Bay Colony in church life, became a Baptist, but moved to RI to escape religious persecution in Mass. **5.** Leland was not going to support the Constitution because it did not specify separation of church and state. **8.** The Judsons, who discerned that only baptism by immersion was scriptural, became Baptists while sailing to India. They were not accepted by the East India Company and became missionaries in Burma. **9.** To meet the need for collaboration and cooperation in the areas of missions and education, numerous Baptist societies were founded in the 19th century. Examples were the BGTS, American Baptist Home Mission Society (1832), Women's Baptist Home Mission Society (1877), and American Baptist Education Society (1888). The two mission societies merged in 1955 and became National Ministries (NM) in 1972. Education was absorbed by NM in 2003. **14.** There are 34 regions in ABCUSA. The largest is the West Virginia Region with over 500 congregations. **15.** Over the years, American Baptist Home Society established 27 institutions of higher education for freed people after the Civil war; sent an envoy to Washington D.C. to work for a treaty favorable to Native Americans; opened a Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago; ministered to Japanese-Americans in WWII interment camps; and lead the way in working with Church World Service in providing housing for refugees. **16.** The building is sometimes called the "holy donut" because of the shape.

For more information about Baptist history, go to [American Baptists: A brief History](http://www.abc-usa.org) at www.abc-usa.org. The Office of the General Secretary has a new publication titled [ABCUSA Connections](http://www.abc-usa.org). If you wish to subscribe or read, e-mail the editor at bridget.holmstrom@abc-usa.org.



September

17 Eleen Uttrup

29 Eleanor Vane

Rally Day

September 12th

All Church Sunday
School Hour at 11:15am

Grab a bite to eat as we work together to define our Fathers and Children Ministry, See you then!



The deadline for submitting materials for publication in the Temple Topics for October is **September 18th**. All articles must be turned into the office by this day !!



The Baptist Temple Leadership Team Minutes

Present: Kandee Tabor, Burt Vane, Rod Vane, Marilyn Vane, Carol Kenyon, Clare Kerber, Frank Creek, Brenda Nitsch, Bev Maville-Letter
Recording Secretary: Terry Nesbitt

Kandee opened with a homily about the flower garden with the ABC symbol.

Tree Work estimates are in – evaluate the cost for next year budget – no action taken
Snow Removal Plan for upcoming winter – need at least 3 estimates – Red Wagon, Romig, Larry
Terms, 3 inches, 6am start 6pm finish, and how much to salt?

Arlen’s 25th – Apple pies, Sam Nitsch Song, Bible Study Flowers, Hemlock, Invitation to All
Benefit packages – MMBB (retirement) and Benecare (insurance) to be called by Burt
Pulpit Coverage – arranged thru September by Bev
Employee Supervision – Terry can call Clare or Carol at anytime, Naldo and Kevin need to have their Job
Descriptions reviewed

New Fathers Ministry – next step – Ideas and Comments have been collected from members
Sept 12th discussion on the Shape and Form of this new ministry during Adult Forum
Sunday August 8th at Genesee Baptist – Brenda made calls to invite
Daycare meeting agenda – schedule meeting – talk about insurance - Frank
Sunday School and 2nd Hour programming is progressing - Marilyn

Boiler Maintenance – prior to heat season – still need help with the Control System
Building Issues – Keys for Communion Preparers – Terry
Fire Extinguishers inspected - Terry
Maintenance items are behind with Kandee’s family troubles of late.

Updated Minutes will be presented for vote at the next congregational meeting
Carol to update the wreaths on the front doors
For Picnics we will be using the regular dishes, being eco-friendly and saving money on paper products

Calendaring – Sept 2nd – Executive, Sept 13th Leadership Team
Monday September 13 to 15 – Partners in Restorative Initiatives is conferencing at BT 8am – 5pm (50-100)
Need people to be available during the day for any needs that they may have.
Kandee is the contact person for opening and closing
They will also be here the evening of 14th from 7-9 approx 150 people.

Music – talking about a production in December – Amahl and the Night Visitors
Need to pay for the rights, Rena Monti, some section leaders
Trying to schedule for December 12th, 2 performances

RAIHN is creating a cookbook. Need Recipes that serve 16-60 people

Closing Prayer by Kandee

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ANNUAL GATHERING - American Baptist Churches of the Rochester-Genesee Region

Lessons from the Past...Hope for the Future

Saturday, September 25, 2010 - HOST CHURCH: First Baptist Church of Rochester
Contact the Church Office if you are interested in attending.