



TOWER TOPICS

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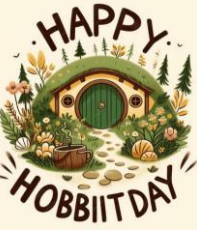
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September

2026

Luke 10:2

He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 	2	3	4	5 NATIONAL HUMMINGBIRD DAY 
6 10 am Coffee Hour 10:45 Music 11 am Service w/ Communion	7 	8	9 	10	11 	12 – NOON Basket Auction 
13 10 am Coffee & Bible Study 10:45 Music 11 am Service 12:15 Diaconate & Trustees HAPPY Grandparents DAY	14	15 	16 Happy National Stepfamily Day	17	18	19 
20 10 am Coffee & Bible Study 10:45 Music 11 am Service 12:15 Stone Soup	21 National Chai Day 	22 HAPPY HOBBIT DAY 	23	24 ! ? ; , : Punctuation Day	25 National Daughter Day 	26
27 10 am Coffee & Bible Study 10:45 Music 11 am Service	28 	29	30 	This is the <i>Day</i> that the Lord has made, let us <i>Rejoice</i> and be glad it in it. Psalm 118:24 		

Celebrating September Birthdays!



September 2nd: Shahzad Robin

September 12th: Hetti-Marie Jacobs

September 22nd: Cory Rozewicz

September 29th: Alisa Boeskin Salas

Make sure to contact us with your birthday and the birthdays of your loved ones!

Prayer Corner

The family of Vinnie Piaskowski

Tim Baxter

Monique Burgess

Aisha Cochran

Jordan Denney

Mark Hagar

Mick Kineke

Rev. Donald Lawrence

Samantha

Sandy

Lee S

Becky Swindlehurst

Marguerite Blakely

Cindy Clark

Bill Cody

Doug Garis

Janet Keebler

D'Ondrea King

Heather Matthewson

Sandra

Tawanda Payne

Kay & John Skowronek

Victor Torres



Let us know if you have changes for our prayer list.

A Word from Pastor Kath ... Learning (and a fundraiser!)



Basket Auction To Benefit the Outreach of First Baptist Church

Held at Veteran's Memorial Park,
Calvin K Richards Senior / Youth Activity Ctr
7000 Joe Rotella Way, Town of Niagara

Saturday, September 12, 2026
12 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Drawings begin 3:30 p.m.
Great Baskets & a 50 / 50 Drawing

School starts this month. Parents, grandparents and students, too, have a lot on their minds. The kids are thinking about their classes. How hard will they be? Will they get good grades? Will their friends be with them this year? Will they like their teachers? Families are hoping the kids do well, that they will make good decisions, that their minds will soak up everything they can. So, we all pray for our students, their teachers, the bus drivers, the cafeteria staff, the maintenance crew, the administrators.

School has always been this amazing opportunity to learn great things, to go on adventures, to become more than we ever dreamed possible, to make lifelong friends, to create our futures by absorbing everything that we can possibly absorb! Our school memories are filled with happiness, and laughter, and fear over tests.

Proverbs 1:1-5 says, *For learning about wisdom and instruction, for understanding words of insight, for gaining instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice, and equity; to teach shrewdness to the simple, knowledge and prudence to the young – let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill ...*

And so we keep learning. When we're done with pre-school, we don't look to our parents and say, "Well, that's that." Same goes with kindergarten, middle school and high school. Some of us continued to college or went on to learn a trade. But did we stop learning? No, we keep learning our whole lives through.

As you probably know, I love to study the Bible ... not just read it, but take it apart to see what the scripture says to me, says to the Church, says to our world. I want to know what God intends us to learn from His Word. I want to become the best "me" that I can be and I want to make a difference in this world, with the Holy Spirit's guidance. Philippians 4:9 – *Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in men, and the God of peace will be with you.*

Proverbs 9:9 - *Give instruction to the wise, and they will become wiser still; teach the righteous and they will gain in learning.* We are all to continue in our studies! No matter our age, no matter what's going on in our lives, we are to continue to learn.

Proverbs 22:6 – *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.* We are to take what we learn and share it with our children. A friend who has since passed, used to worry about her children, but she would always quote this passage, knowing that what they had been taught about Jesus Christ by both her and the church would stay with them. It was something that she continued to embrace, praying for her children daily.

Psalms 32:8 – *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.* If every decision we make, every word that is uttered from our mouths, comes from what Scripture directs us to do and say, we will grow closer to God and become more like Jesus Christ every day.

Romans 15:4 - *For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we have hope.*

Open your Bible and go on an adventure. Become more than you ever dreamed possible. Make the most amazing life-long friend in Jesus Christ. Create your tomorrows by absorbing every word from Scripture. Be filled with happiness, laughter and joy as you realize that when Jesus Christ is your Savior, there is nothing to fear.

And pray for students and school staff as they begin another school year.

As of this writing, no one found the "Easter Egg" last month ... it was a bee on the Around Town page. September's



Easter Egg is this cutie: There'll be a drawing for those who find it (not this one here, on another page). Tell me where you found it via text (716-213-7374) or email (KathOrdway@yahoo.com or FirstBaptistofNF@gmail.com or).

Wisdom from Deatrea Doss ...

With the recent loss of a beloved family member I'll never forget her greatest love for all she knew and met. First her home was always open and she'd feed anyone who'd come and say they were hungry to include stray dogs and cats. Secondly, I never understood her passion to go to the market, the dairy and the grocery store every single weekend to ensure her house was well stocked. Thirdly, her house was always full of relatives and friends trying to either get on their feet, relocate to have a better chance or children of parents who weren't able to raise them.

Remembering these things about her reminded me of her hospitality to all without expecting anything in return.

We all know what hospitality is and what it means in the Bible. It indicates to actively love, and be welcoming of strangers, travelers and the needy. Hospitality is presented as a responsibility as well as a reflection of God's grace.

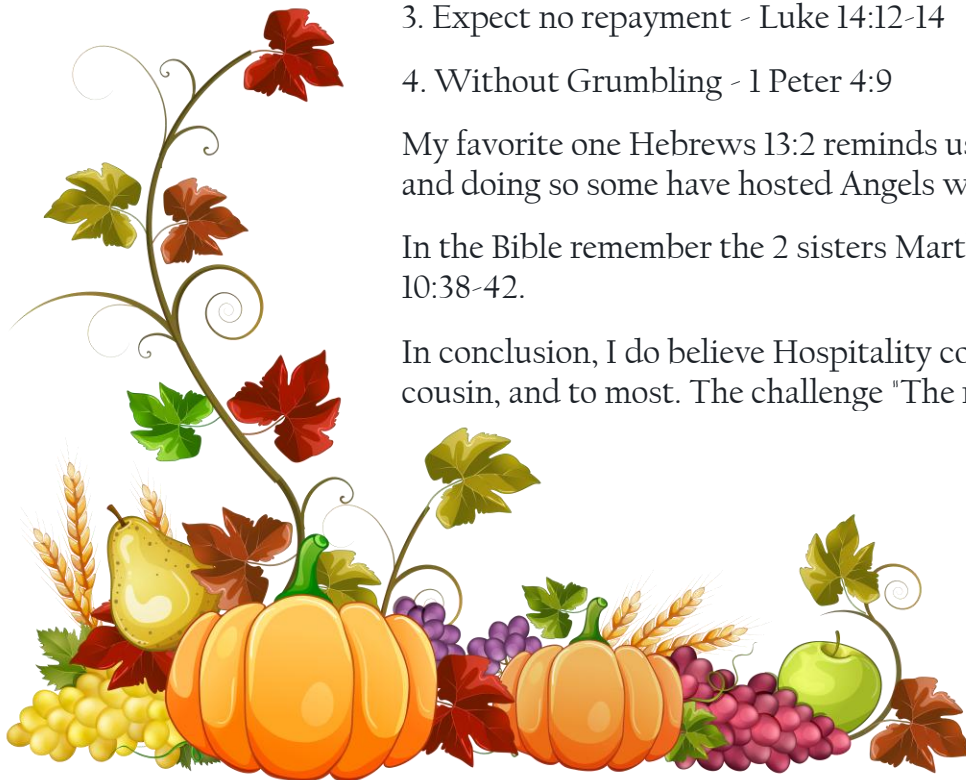
We strive to be able to do what God calls us to as individuals and as a church. Food for thought: Some verses pertaining to hospitality;

1. Love The Stranger - Leviticus 19:33-34
2. Serving Christ – Matthew 25:35-40
3. Expect no repayment - Luke 14:12-14
4. Without Grumbling - 1 Peter 4:9

My favorite one Hebrews 13:2 reminds us to not forget to entertain strangers, and doing so some have hosted Angels without realizing it.

In the Bible remember the 2 sisters Martha and Mary? If not read, Luke 10:38-42.

In conclusion, I do believe Hospitality comes naturally as it did for my cousin, and to most. The challenge "The result after one leaves!"



A Word from Peter Green, our Music Worship Leader

Fall and New Beginnings

A new school year is always the sign of a new beginning for so many things! Fall is the season of heading to sleep for winter. It's my personal favorite season to get out and enjoy the world!

Here at First Baptist, I am so thrilled every Sunday. First, Nancy and I (and Angel) are part of a loving and affirming family in our Church. Secondly, being part of the music team is such a blessing and it's an honor to be here!

Thank you to Chase for being our "Cantor" this summer. A Cantor is described as: "One who directs church choir singing, manages sacred music, or leads responsive chants." Chase has been wonderful about adding his talents and voice to our corporate music experience.

Moving forward, we are going to introduce more opportunities for corporate worship through music - songs that our congregation can join in and be part of, rather than simply presenting "special music." We will still have music that is presented, by Chase or myself, from time-to-time, but our goal is for all of us to be part of singing Praise and Thanks to God.

As always, we are listening. We love suggestions and ideas and welcome anything you may suggest.

In Christ,
Peter



Thoughts from our Moderator, Kathy Noakes:

Just a Quick Thought this month ...

From the book "Inward" by Yung Pueblo

~~thank you for making me happy~~

thank you for supporting my happiness

yung pueblo

For the Kiddos ... and all the Young-at-Heart

September Mini Crossword







ACROSS

1. Trees that lose their leaves

5. Autumnal -----

8. To gather crops

9. Fruit grove

10. Tool for moving leaves

11. Holds school supplies

DOWN

2. Popular apple coating

3. Party in stadium parking lot

4. Fall college sport

6. Softly woven, brushed fabric

7. School exercises done at home



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Name: _____ Date: _____

September Word Search




September's here, and so is a word search packed with seasonal fun! Can you find all the hidden words scattered in every direction—forward, backward, up, down, and diagonal? Circle each word as you find it and cross it off the list.

K J L L A B T O O F S E Q U I N O X
S X G H A Y R I D E D R F R Q D P M
P E Q S C H O O L S N I K P M U P V
T L P G L X F P B J R F G W C T Q M
K E S T C A P L T A O W O R P M I Q
M A D D E A B N T L C R K S W G L S
K V R R R M L O I K C K I M R W J Q
S E A C E F B A R E N R P A Z N B U
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ACORN
APPLES
AUTUMN
BACKPACK
BONFIRE
BREEZY
CIDER
COOLER
CORN
CRISP
EQUINOX
FALLING
FARMERS
FOLIAGE
FOOTBALL
GOURDS
GRAPES
HARVEST
HAYRIDE
LABOR DAY
LEAVES
MIGRATION




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Around Town

When we get involved and support our neighbors, our community becomes stronger.



"Meat Me at The Raffle!"

Saturday, September 26th

Sikora Post 1322

950 Payne Avenue

North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and First

Spin is at 7:00 p.m.



Meat! Meat! Meat! Come on out to support Community Missions of Niagara Frontier's Meat Raffle!

Doors open at 6:00 PM, and the first spin kicks off at 7:00 PM. Your ticket includes complimentary beer and soda all night long. Don't forget to bring your own snacks & coolers!

There will be a variety of meat, including vegan options! Attendees will enjoy multiple rounds, spin-the-wheel games, 50/50 split, mystery baskets, gift cards & basket raffles!

Plus, big surprise prizes are up for grabs!

Single Ticket - \$15

Table of Eight - \$100



JOIN US FOR PRAYER

Prayer

AS ONE COMMUNITY

FOR A SAFE & SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026
@ 6:00 PM

NIAGARA FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
4455 Porter Rd, Niagara Falls, NY

MEET AT THE CIRCLE

For more information contact
Rev. Makeeda Brooks (716) 285-6432

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ROSWELL PARK COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

"WE HAVE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH"

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD 6:30 PM

TRUE BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
2820 MICHIGAN AVE NIAGARA FALLS, NY

Interesting Fact: September's name is inaccurate these days. It was originally the seventh month of the ancient Roman calendar, and was named Septem, which translates into "the seventh month." It wasn't until 451 BC that the months of January and February were added to the calendar, making September the ninth month. September also used to only have 29 days. Thanks to Julius Caesar's reform of the Roman calendar in 46 BC the month now has an additional day!