



Latham Community Baptist Church

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George's jottings:

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During the last few months, I have given several sermons on the beliefs and behaviors of the early church based upon God's Word found in the Book of Acts. The early church faced many difficulties and an uncertain future, absent reliance on the leading and power of the Holy Spirit. As a community, they understood who they were, what they believed, the ministries they felt called to serve, and the missions they felt led to pursue. Secure in this knowledge, the early church exploded across the Mediterranean basin (all without the benefit of consultants, buildings, bulletins, websites, music, and all the other modern support services upon which modern churches depend).

While it is obvious that we do not share the same cultural setting as the early church, we do share a need to reflect upon who we are, what we believe, how do those beliefs translate to ministries and missions we feel led to support, and what direction do we believe God is calling us toward in the future. In 2010, the church engaged in some preliminary reflections of this nature. Much has happened since that time and we need to have a current vision.

Starting Sunday, September 27, 2015, following worship service, we will begin a conversation about our beliefs, ministries, mission, and vision. Please plan on attending and being a participant in the future of Christ's church here in Latham.

Please feel free to call me as needs arise at 371-2154 or you can email me Stefani.George@gmail.com.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor George

SCHEDULE OF MAJOR EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

	<p>Thursday, September 16-18 – Revival Services at Old Stone Baptist Church. Pastor George will provide the message on Thursday, September 17.</p>
	<p>Saturday, September 19 – Youth outing at the Great Escape</p>
	<p>Sunday, September 20 – Rally Day – Sunday School Resumes at 9:15 am and Worship Service at 10:30 am</p>
	<p>Wednesday, September 23 – We will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm</p>
	<p>Sunday, September 27 – Immediately following Worship Service we will begin a congregational conversation on the vision for the church</p>
	<p>Monday, September 28 – GriefShare support group will begin meeting at Clifton Park Center Baptist Church.</p>
	<p>Wednesday, September 30 – Small group Bible study of the Gospel of John begins at 7:00 pm at the home of Pastor George and Becky Stefani</p>
 <p>COMMUNITY DINNER</p>	<p>Monday, October 5 – We will serve our community meal to those in need at the Troy Area United Ministries facility.</p>

GRIEF SHARE



CABA is offering a new GriefShare session.

GriefShare is for people grieving the death of a family member or friend. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences.

GriefShare is a nondenominational group and features biblical teaching on grief and recovery. The group meets each week for 13 weeks. You are welcome to begin attending the GriefShare group at any session.

A new group will begin meeting:

Day/Date: Monday, September 28, 2015

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Clifton Park Center Baptist Church
713 Clifton Park Center Road
Clifton Park, NY 12065

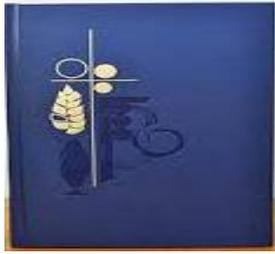
There is a \$15 registration fee. Scholarship funds are available. To join, call the church office at 371-6023 or email at office@cliftonparkcenterbaptist.org.

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CONVERSATION ON CHURCH VISION

Starting Sunday, September 27, 2015, following worship service, we will begin a conversation about our beliefs, ministries, mission, and vision. We expect to provide some ways for members to provide input prior to the meeting by answering a few questions and providing some questions to be asked. Additional details are being developed and will be shared through the weekly worship bulletins.

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**SUPPLEMENT
TO THE
HYMNAL**



*Rally Day
Sept. 20, 2015
10:30 a.m.*

We are looking for volunteers to work on the task of compiling some additional hymns and praise songs to supplement our current hymnal. We hope to get this work completed by mid-October. Please let Pastor George know if you are interested in work on this task.

We are looking forward to another year of learning about, praising and loving God in our Sunday School classes! Sunday school will start on Rally Day, September 20th at 9:15 am. Sunday school will run from 9:15-10:15 every Sunday. We have classes for all ages through adult, so feel free to stop by if you have never joined us. We would love to have you!

The children will once again be working out of the Faithweaver NOW curriculum from Group Publishing. All of their classes will be studying the same topics each week. Our adult class is currently searching for the perfect Bible study that will lead them in the life application of Jesus' instruction.

I would like to thank the teachers who have volunteered to teach our Sunday school classes this year. Without their dedication, our Sunday school program would not exist! David Hoag will be in charge of coordinating the adult class. Pastor George Stefani will once again be working with our Sr. High class. Carol Wilsey will be working with our Jr. High/Upper Elementary students and Carolyn Hoag will be working with our Younger/Intermediate Elementary children. We are still in need of someone to teach our preschool class! If you feel the calling to help us out, please contact Sue Lorey. Nor prior teaching experience is necessary!!

We are looking forward to seeing you in class on September 20th!

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER

- 9/2 Alex Haskins
- 9/5 Krystle (Sheldon) &
David Wilkerson
- 9/6 Karen Smith
- 9/7 Ken & Denise
Church
- 9/14 Kelsey Rosenthal
- 9/17 Marilyn Tucker
- 9/19 Amy Houghton Breen
- 9/20 Tania Durante
- 9/23 Dave & Chris
Houghton
- 9/26 Lisa Smith Ross
- 9/29 Marilyn Carlson

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Care Corner

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Please remember our youth as they return to school for this coming year. Each year we hear of more and more violence in the schools and we pray that our youth will be safe in their schools.

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The Women's Fellowship will meet on Monday, September 21, 2015, in the Fellowship Hall for their first meeting this fall.

Programming for the year will be scheduled.

Remember to bring with you your favorite Bible verse and why it has meant so much to you during your life.

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The following article was sent to me by a friend over the internet. How true it is that God shows us every day just how much other people endure. Makes one stand up and take notice of our own life.

Goes to show we can do anything we want to.....Believe!!

THE WORLD IS MINE - Author Unknown

Today, upon a bus, I saw a very beautiful woman
and wished I were as beautiful.
When suddenly she rose to leave,
I saw her hobble down the aisle.
She had one leg and used a crutch.
But as she passed, she passed a smile.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two legs; the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy.
The lad who sold it had such charm.
I talked with him, he seemed so glad.
If I were late, it'd do no harm.
And as I left, he said to me,
"I thank you, you've been so kind.
It's nice to talk with folks like you.
You see," he said, "I'm blind."
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two eyes; the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street,
I saw a child I knew.
He stood and watched the others play,

but he did not know what to do.
 I stopped a moment and then I said,
 Why don't you join them dear?"
 He looked ahead without a word.
 I forgot, he couldn't hear.
 Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
 I have two ears; the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go..
 With eyes to see the sunset's glow.
 With ears to hear what I'd know.
 Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
 I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.

Give the gift of love. It never comes back empty!



**A Hymn
 to
 Worship By**

Summer is almost over. However as I look out of the office window in the office the sun is shining brightly. This reminds me of a hymn that we sang in Sunday School many years ago and it is still sung today.

Henry Zelle, a Methodist pastor in southern New Jersey, served nineteen different churches in his forty-year ministry. He also found time to write about 1,500 poems, hymns, and gospel songs, including the only song that is sung today, "Heavenly Sunlight." Do you remember singing this song?

"Heavenly Sunlight" might have been forgotten too, had it not been for radio pioneer Charles E. Fuller, who changed the word from *sunlight* to *sunshine* and featured the song every Sunday on his *Old Fashioned Revival Hour* program. Aired nationally on the Mutual Broadcasting System, Fuller's program opened

with the singing of "Heavenly Sunshine." Thanks to his very popular radio program, Charles Fuller was said to have told the gospel story to more people than any other person in history up until the time of evangelist Billy Graham.

 Scriptures: Psalm 16:11, Romans 12:12 and Philippians 4:4

Themes: Joy, Thankfulness, Hope



"Heavenly Sunshine"

Walking in sunlight all of my journey;
 Over the mountains thro' the deep vale;
 Jesus has said "I'll never forsake thee."
 Promise divine that never can fall,

*Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight,
 Flooding my soul with glory divine.
 Hallelujah, I am rejoicing, Singing His praises,
 Jesus is mine.*

Shadows around me, shadows above me,
 Never conceal my Savior and Guide;
 There is the light, in Him is no darkness;
 Ever I'm walking close to His side.

In the bright sunlight, ever rejoicing,
 Pressing my way to mansions above;
 Singing His praises gladly I'm walking,
 Walking in sunlight, sunlight of love.





Puzzle Corner

Some Amazing Animals

Find the Book of the Bible where these questions are answered. Can you also find the verse it is found in?

- 1. What four creatures did God send as plagues upon the Egyptians?**
- 2. What venomous creature bit Paul on the hand but did not harm him?**
- 3. What did Jesus use to feed the five thousand?**
- 4. Where did Jesus send the legion of unclean spirits he had cast out of a man?**
- 5. What did Peter find with a coin in its mouth?**
- 6. What did God send to destroy the vine that shaded the sulking prophet Johan?**
- 7. When children laughed at Elisha for his baldness what appeared that mauled the children.**
- 8. What croaking birds fed Elijah in his solitude by the brook Cherith?**
- 9. What two animals owned by the Philistines carried the ark of the covenant back to Israel?**
- 10. What foreign prophet had a talking donkey to ride on?**