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Pastor calls for prayerful evangelism

It is my pleasure to write my third message for *The Link*, and I want to share with you my prayer that you join me in sharing the Gospel - good news about Jesus - clearly, openly and honestly. Through the Great Commission, we as Christians have been called to evangelize to every nation, tribe, and tongue (Matt. 28:19). Our job as members of Christ's Church is to look for opportunities to share our faith. The main assumption behind my message is that God can use each one of us to reach more people with a clear message of the Gospel. I have no specific method in mind for how you should share your faith, but I will have some suggestions for you. Your message, essentially, should be about how God reveals Himself to you in your day-to-day life situations; how He loves you and hears your prayers; and how we all can build a relationship with Him.

Sharing of the Gospel becomes easier and more exciting when we are familiar with scriptures. "The Gospel will not be spread where it is not appropriately communicated" (Caleb Crider in Tradecraft). We fail to clearly communicate the Gospel when we make the false assumption that we already know the Gospel and have stopped making it a serious topic of study for our own heart. Several Sundays ago I preached on "Growing in the knowledge of Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18). Peter is talking about growing in a full and personal knowledge of Jesus Christ, which comes by developing the "Christ-like" attributes. The more we grow in the knowledge, the more

we really "know" Jesus (for He is the perfect personification of these qualities).

Evangelism is goal-directed and so you and I must intentionally plan evangelism into our lives. Let's plan to set apart some time on a daily basis for the following:

- Pray for unchurched people in our community.
- Pray for the unchurched members of our family.
- Pray that God will use you to befriend an unchurched co-worker and/or neighbor and lead that person to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- Pray that new people/families will begin to attend our church and eventually trust Jesus as Lord of their lives.

I tell you, if we all heed my request, the church will be mobilized by our unified desires and purpose. I am excited about what we can accomplish through simply finding the courage to share our faith in "simple conversations."

Calling all Fishers of Men/Women for duty! Calling all our Foot Soldiers for duty! Calling all Prayer Warriors for duty!

We are entrusted with the treasures of the Gospel-Good news! "He who wins souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:30). Finally, I ask for your daily prayers.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion, Pastor

RSVP now for installation

Rev. Dr. Peter Grinion will be installed as pastor of West Henrietta Baptist Church at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18 at the church. Rev. Dr. Vera Miller, pastor of Genesee Baptist Church, will preach. Dinner at the Radisson Hotel on Jefferson Road will follow.

Please RSVP immediately to allow for seating and dinner arrangements

Save the Date!

The annual church retreat will be held Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Mercy Prayer Center on Highland Avenue. The theme will be "Finding our spiritual gifts."

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Sunday Servants

September 4

Invocation: Clara White
Scripture: Patricia Floyd
Offering: Valerie Bandemer
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Chris Statts
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Leanna Shirley

September 11

Invocation: Connie Necaster
Scripture: Mike Shirley
Offering: Leanna Shirley
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Chris Statts
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Valerie Bandemer

September 18

Invocation: Leanna Shirley
Scripture: Sharon Scurlock
Offering: Clara White
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Chris Statts
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Pending

September 25

Invocation: Valerie Bandemer
Scripture: Don Peoples
Offering: Kathy Gosnell
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Chris Statts
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Bonnie Healy



Living Music

The living Words God wrote for us
 Send music to our hearts,
 His rules protect the steps we take.
 And harmony imparts.

Just listen to the notes that flow
 Through nature's winds and rains;
 When powered thunder pounds its sounds,
 We hear high volume strains.

The lilting sounds of happy birds
 When dawn lights radiate.
 Uplift our spirits to a praise
 As new day plans await

God planted music in our world
 To soothe and cheer and bless;
 Some tunes are whispered through the trees
 As twigs and leaves caress.

The rhythms that our footsteps make
 Will show we walk by light;
 With Heaven's Lamp, our faith stays sure,
 Surpassing human sight.

Our father blessed us with His song
 To share with those we meet:
 That saving Love which Jesus gives
 Refrains forever sweet.

By Evelyn M. Shoots

"The Lord shall be thine everlasting light."

Isaiah 60:20



Men's Breakfast
 7 a.m. Tuesdays at
 Peppermints

Prayer Meeting
 9 a.m. Saturdays

Pastoral Search Cttee.
 6:30 p.m. Thursdays

**Roger Cross House
 Dedication**
 11 a.m. Sept. 1

Deacons' Meetings
 9 a.m. Sept. 2 and 23

Advisory Council
 7 p.m. Sept. 12

Installation
 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18

**ABCRRG
 Annual Gathering**
 Sept. 23-24

Happy Birthday

Sept. 5: Clara White

Sept. 8: Zachary DuBois

Sept. 17: Connie Harper

Sept. 19: Erick Pires

Sept. 22: Laurel Heisig

Sept. 27: Dustin Pires

Sept. 28: Chuck Bixby and
 Don Yost

WAG tells tale of good times

The West Henrietta Baptist Church Activities Group (WAG) enjoyed a kayaking adventure on Canandaigua Lake on Saturday, Aug. 20. Brave participants, pictured at right with their L.L. Bean instructor, include Jo Wilbert, WAG chairperson, Marti Spaker, Connie Necaster, Leanna Shirley, Mike Shirley, Valerie Bandemer, Clara White, and Joyce Shutts.

More activities will be planned. In July, WAG sponsored a trip to an outdoor concert at The Legacy. Share your ideas with Jo, Marti, Mike, or Joyce.



Roger's House to be dedicated



57 Ries Street

Flower City Habitat for Humanity will dedicate the Roger Cross Memorial House at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 1. The house at 57 Ries Street was made possible by Harvest Home Coalition. It is one of 220 homes built since Roger Cross, a longtime member of WHBC, brought Habitat for Humanity to Rochester.

Anyone wishing to attend the dedication should join Mike Shirley, our representative to Harvest Home Coalition, in the parking lot at 10 a.m. Sept. 1 to carpool and caravan together. Mike will have directions. Following the dedication, a hard hat will be planted in Roger's memory at Gateway Garden, Broad and Jay streets..

ABCRGR annual gathering set for Sept. 23-24

Charles Jones, of International Ministries, will be the keynote speaker Saturday, Sept. 24, during the culmination of the two-day annual gathering. His topic will be "Responding to the Call." Cost of individual registration, including lunch, is \$32. The event from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. will be held at the Baptist Temple, 1101 Clover Street.

Glynis LaBarre, of American Baptist Home Mission Societies, will present from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23 on "Consider the Call...to Developing Missional Communities. Her presentation will be at Greece Baptist Church.

At 6 p.m. Friday, Leslie Lee and Steve Gretz will provide special entertainment at the clergy recognition dinner at Fairport Baptist Home. A registration form is on the next page.



2016 Annual Gathering

American Baptist Churches
Of the Rochester-Genesee Region

Saturday, September 24, 2016

HOST CHURCH:
The Baptist Temple
1101 Clover Street, Rochester, NY 14610

Registration

Name(s) _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Church _____

Please check all that apply.

Special Dietary Needs Accommodated Upon Request.

	Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> I will attend the Minister's Retreat on Friday, September 23, 2016.	\$35
<input type="checkbox"/> I will attend the Recognition Dinner on Friday, September 23, 2016.	\$22
<input type="checkbox"/> I will attend the Annual Gathering on Saturday, September 24, 2016	see below

Annual Gathering Registration (Check One)	Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual (includes lunch)	\$32
<input type="checkbox"/> Seminarian (includes lunch)	\$12
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Half Day (no meal)	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/> Family (includes lunch)	\$55

Please Note: NO CHILDCARE provided

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2016 BEFORE 5PM. REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER DEADLINE, WILL NOT INCLUDE MEALS.

If you have any questions, please contact the Region Office at (585) 473-3200.

Checks made payable and mailed to:
American Baptist Churches/RGR, 1101 Clover Street, Rochester NY 14610
Or register online at www.abcrgr.org

PLEASE LIST DIETARY RESTRICTIONS BELOW.