



Pastor's Pen



fb@a *Stay Connected*

Hey Church –

I trust that you had a great Christmas break! As we attempt to have a soft re-opening this weekend, we are carefully evaluating all sorts of things, including a high infection rate in Wyoming County and especially in our NW quadrant. We are desperately attempting to keep our church building as a safe space for gathering. We believe that our faith in Christ, our comprehension of the gospel, and our compassion for the hurting make us a perfect place for people to gather during these dark days!

We absolutely want to make FBC@A a safe place, a secure location, and a haven of rest. But how will we engage with those around us enough to invite them to hear the message of hope that we have? This will, of course, require a rethinking about outreach and community involvement. We need to listen to those in our neighborhoods. What are they most concerned about? What is weighing them down?

The post-Christmas season is already a dangerous zone for those who struggle with depression and anxiety. With the amplifying effects of the COVID isolations and disappointments, our care for our neighbors mental and emotional health is as important as their physical health. The church, especially our church must lead the charge in ministry to those under mental strain. Words mixed with acts of compassion and assistance offered with caring interaction will indeed nourish their hearts. We must also give them truth and Godly counsel to feed their spirits.

Our neighbors are no longer disengaged with the pandemic conversation. They can no longer sit idly by and declare this flu a convenient political hoax. For many, people that they interact with everyday have succumbed to the illness. Many have lost loved ones from their own extended families. This is no longer someone else's problem. COVID has affected our neighborhoods and workplaces. But has it affected us?

The rising incidences and increased death rates ought to be a wake-up call for us. We need to "rescue the perishing and care for the dying". There must be a renewed sense of the closeness of death to our village. We must realize that there are friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors who could pass into eternity within the next two weeks. That sobering thought ought to make us more eager to share our confidence and comfort with them.

The Christmas break we just enjoyed may become the post-Christmas outbreak. Will you begin to pray daily for opportunities to minister to those in your own mission field? Ask God to give you interactions with people that He is drawing to Himself. Build bridges through simple acts of kindness and then deliver the gospel over those bridges. Make it a point to rehearse the message of the gospel to yourself each day so that it becomes a regular part of your thinking and vocabulary. Read Biblical passages and gospel saturated Christian works to kindle your love for the work of God. And then lift up your eyes to the harvest fields!

God has no intention of us wasting our pandemic. He desires that we seek the lost. May Attica see revival in the midst of this crisis through the ministry FBC@A. I am praying for you, for me, and for us!

Blessings,

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**Sledding Party!**  
January 16<sup>th</sup> 3pm  
@ Pastor Bell's House

**Bring a sled!**  
We will be having Pizza,  
Cookies and Cocoa

Due to restrictions Snow Camp has been changed to a one day format.

We plan to go on February 13th from 9am-7:30pm \$40 Per student covers 2 meals, 5 training and group building activities and a service project to give us the opportunity to "Give Back"

Money is due to reserve your spot by January 14th. This will be a great opportunity for you students to experience Snow camp in a different way!!

## Mission Moment

By Emily Weber [emcclellan09@yahoo.com](mailto:emcclellan09@yahoo.com)

**Matt and Alyssa Harris** share that on December 17th Matt began the trip back to Papua and would be back for Christmas after all. He will face a 14 day quarantine when he returns having come from overseas. They ask for prayer regarding an upcoming short furlough March-May 2021. They are working on finalizing details and fitting in medical appointments for Alyssa.

We received a newsletter from **Don and Karen Stauffer**. A praise they shared is receiving a full refund minus a small processing fee on airline tickets from their cancelled ministry trip to Uganda. The funds are available and the inventory is in place-they are in the process of discussing possible dates for late 2021. Don and Karen share that they have been working on reaching out to their neighbors in meaningful ways by placing tokens of encouragement in mailboxes. They also share that they purchased a carefully used RV that they look forward to using in ministry around Canada and the US.

We have received Christmas cards from the following missionaries:

**Kaarina Ham**

**Don & Karen Stauffer**

**Chris & Barbara Deemer**

**Jim & Karen Szymanski**

**Daniel & Kerry Morrisett**

Please check them out on the missionary displays.



## Angel Tree Project

A Note from the family:

*"Dear FBC@A, I just cant seem to find the correct words that I feel are good enough to express my appreciation for all of you who helped my family this Christmas. Saying thank you just doesn't seem good enough for me. I know I am forever grateful and appreciative to each and every person involved in positively the best Christmas ever for my family and grandchildren. The smiles on their little faces meant the world to me. Thank you all so very much! My family was truly blessed!"*

# Auntie Shell's Krafty Kids Korner



## Chocolate Snowball Cookies

### Ingredients

1 cup unsalted butter softened  
1/2 cup powdered sugar  
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 cups all-purpose flour measured correctly (spoon and level, do not pack)  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
3/4 cup mini chocolate chips or chopped nuts  
Additional powdered sugar for rolling (about 1 – 1 1/2 cups)



### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper. Mix butter, 1/2 cup powdered sugar, cocoa, and vanilla with an electric mixer until fluffy. Add flour and salt and mix until the dough comes together. Stir in the chocolate chips. If dough is too soft, chill it until you can work it easily with your hands. Scoop 1 tablespoon balls of dough and place on prepared cookie sheet. Bake cookies for 7-10 minutes until bottoms are just slightly brown and the tops are no longer glossy. Remove from oven and cool for 5-10 minutes, until you can handle them. Fill a small bowl with 1 cup powdered sugar and roll each cookie in the sugar until coated. Place on a rack to cool.



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

## The Trinity Snowman

When you see a snowman  
Three snowballs round,  
He is reminding you  
That in God Three in One are found.

The bottom reminds us of God the Father,  
Our strong rock and foundation  
The Creator of all living things,  
People, tribes and nations.

The middle shows us God the Son  
With His arms spread open wide.  
Who died on the cross for each of us  
Our sins Jesus' blood did hide.

The head reminds us of God the Holy Spirit  
Who is our counselor and friend,  
He speaks to our hearts and minds  
Transforming us in the likeness of Him.

So when you see a snowman  
In the midst of all the wintertime fun,  
Listen carefully and he'll tell you,  
"Remember, God is Three in One."

# MEN'S COFFEE HOUR



Every Saturday 8 to 9 AM for Men 18 + years old and Up

WE ♥  
Teachers



FREE  
COFFEE &  
PASTRY

Monday @ 7am

Our next Teacher Appreciation Coffee Hour will be **Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** from 7-8am. If you are able to help please let Shell know!!

## Check out our Church App!

Access sermons, online giving, prayer requests, events, and more!



1. Download Church by MinistryOne in App store



2. Search for Our Church



3. Select & Explore!



# HAPPY

# birthday

January 1 – Denise McVay

January 4 – Mike Gallo

January 8 – Darren George

January 15 – Stephen Griffith

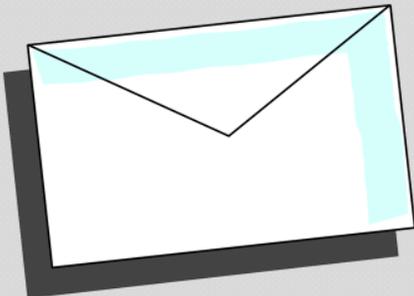
January 16 – Holly Santoro

January 22 – Nick Lugo

January 22 – Trina George

January 23 – Cody Arnold

## 2021 Offering Envelopes



Are available in the prayer meeting room

# Happy Anniversary!

Dick & Sue Borycki - January 21

## Need Help Shoveling??

Please let Pastor Mike know if you are in need of help cleaning out your driveway or shoveling your sidewalks!

**We will Help!!**

If you are willing to help with this project please let Pastor Mike know!!



Small Groups are postponed for now we will let you know soon when we will begin in 2021. If you have any questions please contact Dan Dolph



# Prayer Request & Praise Corner

If you have a request or praise to share please contact Michelle Bell  
(585)813-5970 or email [fbcatticany@gmail.com](mailto:fbcatticany@gmail.com)

**Unspoken Request** for one of our teens.

**Rachel** (Cindy D's Friend) Expecting April 1<sup>st</sup> with a few complications

**Mike Gallo** Pray for him as he takes care of his mom whose health is declining.

**Hudson** Pat Keene's grandson (newborn) and his soft spot is closing too quickly and may need surgery.

**COVID Cases** increasing in our area

**Tom Stroud** Had Covid & pneumonia home recovering now with visiting nurse checking on him

**Jenna Burroughs** sees neurologist Jan 7<sup>th</sup>. Ruled out muscular disease.

Looking into other vascular or autoimmune possibilities

**Teacher Coffee** February 1<sup>st</sup>

**Julian** Tests show no AVM's in his brain but does have a lesion that requires more testing.

**Anna** (Julian's Mom) had double mastectomy started chemo and hormone therapy.

**Steve Breckenridge** (friend of Hall's) Fell at home broke 3 ribs

## Great Expectations

Katie Gaudy due in June

**Norm** (Dawn Shaws cousin) had throat stretched but Dr feels he should go to Cleveland clinic to be evaluated for removing trache

**Stacey** (Dawn S cousin) breast cancer had a double mastectomy no cancer in lymph nodes waiting for next step

**Shirley Midkiff** had surgery at Buff Gen. for a blood clot. May be going to rehab.

**Vince Foster's Father** Has Covid was taken to Buff. VA with trouble breathing

**Rob E Griffith** 2 tumors need to be removed it is lymphoma They will be doing a PET Scan and then 4 days of in-hospital chemo treatments.

**Jean Lyons** Passed away early this morning Please pray for the family

## First Baptist Church @ Attica

## Important Information

### Service Information

In-person service this week. Please wear a mask and stay physically distant from others. We will NOT have worship music this week, jr. church, nursery or a video livefeed to the fellowship hall. Please wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.

If you are in need of assistance with getting groceries or have another need please call one of our Church Leaders.

**Daily Bread** Dec/Jan/Feb are available at church or contact Shell and she will get one to you!

**Newsletter Submissions** can be sent to Michelle at the church email address, please send all submissions by Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Please share greetings, pictures or encouraging notes for others in our congregation. The next issue is January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Please feel free to mail your offering to:**

First Baptist Church of Attica  
3 Prospect St.  
Attica, NY 14011

### Church Website!

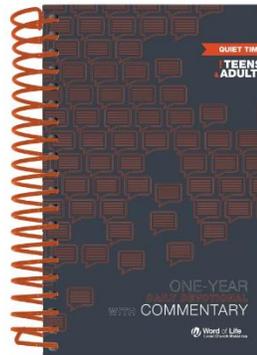
[WWW.FBCATTICA.ORG](http://WWW.FBCATTICA.ORG)

### Word of Life Quiet Time Schedule

**Week 18** – January 3-9  
Luke 11-12

**Week 19** – January 10-16  
Luke 12-13, Proverbs 10

**Week 20** – January 17-23  
Colossians 1-2



### Prayer Chain Text Updates

Send a text to  
**81010**

Text this message  
**@fattic**

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