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#### Dear friends,

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It's the most wonderful time of the year! Not because of the glistening snow, Christmas music, cookies and treats but because it's a time when the world stops to celebrate Jesus' birth. It also provides unique opportunities to share the gospel message of why He came. Our prayer is that during this season of the year and into the next you will have many opportunities to share this wonderful message with friends and family. We are thankful for another blessed year for our expanding Northeast Fellowship family and are excited about what lies ahead in 2020!

**Merry Christmas!** 

Brian and Fudy Fim and Feannie

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Dec 8 – Tabernacle Baptist, Ithaca Dec 15 – Imperfect Church, Camillus Dec 22 – First Baptist, Belfast Dec 27-28 – Marriage Refresh, Harbor Hotel, Watkins Glen Dec 29 – Glen Baptist, Watkins Glen Jan 5 – Park Avenue Baptist, Binghamton Jan 12 – Adrian Baptist Jan 19 – Grace Baptist, Guilderland

Dec 8 – First Baptist, Holland
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Dec 13 – Area Pastors Christmas Dinner, Memphis
Dec 15 – First Baptist, West Danby
Dec 27-28 – Marriage Refresh, Watkins Glen
Dec 29 – First Baptist, Belfast
Jan 31-Feb 1 – NLT Annual Leadership Summit at the Ministry Center in Big Flats
Feb 2 – First Baptist, Belfast

## Kings' Latest Itinerary

Jan 26 – First Baptist, Belfast Jan 31-Feb 1: Annual Leadership Summit at the

- Ministry Center
- Feb 9 First Baptist, Newark Valley
- Feb 16 Fellowship Bible, Troy, PA
- Feb 21-22 Men's Adventure, Central Baptist, Binghamton
- Feb 23 First Baptist, Belfast

#### Vogels' Latest Itinerary

Feb 9 – First Baptist, Marilla
Feb 13 – Board Meetings – Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry – Bellmawr, NJ
Feb 15-16 – Fellowship Bible Church, Troy PA
Feb 21-22 – Men's Adventure – Central Baptist, Binghamton
Feb 23 – First Baptist, Dunkirk
Feb 27 – Organizational Reset Practicum (Session 7 - from 2019) – Calvary

Baptist, Preble

## **Upcoming Events**

#### 2019

Dec 27-28 Marriage Refresh Harbor Hotel, Watkins Glen

#### 2020

- Feb 21-22
   Men's Adventure Central Baptist, Binghamton
   Speaker: LD Maxson
- March 20-21
   Recharge (Youth Seminars)
   5 locations: W Windsor,
   Horseheads, New Woodstock,
   Marilla, Poughkeepsie
- March 31
   Sight & Sound Bus Trip Esther
- April 25
   SERVE BOLDLY: Volunteer
   Training Conference
   Breesport Baptist
- May 16, June 13
   Deacon Forums levels 1,2
  - Sep 25-26 Women's Renew Conference (formerly Ladies Advance) at Johnson City Speakers: Doris Hurlbut and Ingrid Semans

Website: http://nfibc.org Facebook: http://www.facebook.com (Northeast Fellowship of Independent Baptist Churches)



Ongoing Education Opportunities for Pastors in 2020

DRGANIZATIONAL RESE Sharpening Administrative Leadership in 14 Key Areas!

Cost: \$90/person (includes lunches & materials) Schedule: 7 sessions, starts in March

# 2020 Preaching Practicum

Cost: \$50/person (includes lunches & materials) Schedule: 5 sessions, starting in March

> See our web site for more specifics. Contact Jim if you would like to participate.



# April 25, 2020 - Breesport Baptist Church

A workshop-driven conference for local church volunteer workers. Over 25 workshops offered in various areas of church ministry!

### **Pastoral Changes**

- Doug Evans has completed his ministry at First Baptist in Wyoming and Ben Campbell is the new lead Pastor there.
- Andy Cook and Joel Hart begin their pastoral ministry at Panama Baptist shortly after the new year begins.
- Paul Sand is the new lead pastor at Tabernacle Baptist in Poughkeepsie
- Nate Edwards is the new lead pastor at West Windsor Baptist Church

### **Prayer and Praise**

- We voted unanimously at our October Fall Bible Conference to invite Brian and Judy King to become our next NF Executive Director and wife effective mid-2020. Pray for the successful implementation of a 6-8 month transition strategy... as the Vogels move to part time ministry and continue to serve among us.
- As we move into a new year in less than a month our ministry ramps up with 3 conferences in a row: for Men (Men's Adventure)in February; for Teens (ReCharge) in March; and for volunteer workers (SERVE BOLDLY) in April – see the info in this newsletter and pray for effective times of fellowship, learning, training and spiritual challenge in each one!
- There's also good news regarding our Pastor-less churches. Several of the churches we have helped and prayed for have now called pastors and our overall number of churches without lead pastors is now closer to 20. Progress is being made. Thanks for your prayers for these churches.
- 4. Pray regarding the newer ministries of our Network related to helping churches with health and growth (our OUTWARD, FORWARD AND UPWARD Training events)... and for our ongoing financial needs as a Fellowship. We are grateful for Gods provision and do not take the faithful gifts of our churches and individuals for granted.
- 5. Pray for the Vogels and Kings in their travel and ministry in the churches. We put many miles on our vehicles as we visit pastors and wives – consult churches in health and growth, report of the ministries of the Network - and preach the Word of God!