



Network news

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NORTHEAST FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Greetings NF Friends,

Have you noticed how quickly time seems to pass as we get older? I was reminded of this as we were preparing this issue of the Newsletter – our last one as your Network Executive Director and wife. We arrived back here in NY in early 2012 to assume this role among you (after over 20 years in the mid-west... having served here in pastoral ministry previously at First Baptist in Johnson City in the late 70's and 80's). It's been 8½ years—and 44 issues of the Newsletter—already!!

As you know (also see the Leadership Transition paragraph on reverse side), Brian and Judy King will be assuming overall leadership of the NF on 1 September 2020 after 2 years as Associate Director and wife. We then move to a part-time role focusing primarily on consulting and training ministries. Thus, Jeannie and I will remain involved... serving at the behest of Brian and the NLT.

Thanks so much for your trust in us as your Exec. Director through these years and for your continual encouragement and kindness as we have served among you. We love our Fellowship and are looking forward to continued ministry among you!

Jim and Jeannie Vogel

Kings' Latest Itinerary

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| Aug 2 – First Baptist, Dunkirk | Aug 23 – Harvest Baptist, Bath |
| Aug 3-8 – Bethany Camp Family Week | Aug 30 – First Baptist, Hamburg |
| Aug 9 – First Baptist, Attica | Sep 13 – Victory Baptist, Albion |
| Aug 11 – Annual Summer NF Trustee Meeting (NLT) - Ministry Center, Big Flats | Sep 20 – Cornerstone Baptist, Ames |
| Aug 16 – People's Regular Baptist, Maybrook | Sep 26 – Virtual Women's Renew Conference |

Vogels' Latest Itinerary

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| Aug 2 – First Baptist, Belfast | Aug 27 – Organizational Reset Practicum - Session 3 - Ministry Center, Big Flats |
| Aug 9 – First Baptist, Horseheads | Aug 30 – Cornerstone Baptist, Geneseo |
| Aug 11 – Annual Summer NF Trustee Meeting (NLT) - Ministry Center, Big Flats | Sep 16-17 – Council on Dispensational Hermeneutics Meeting – Claymont DE |
| Aug 16 – Dresserville Bible Baptist, Moravia | Sep 20 – Bethel Baptist, Jamestown |
| Aug 18 – NF Bus Trip to Sight and Sound Theatres | Sep 22 – Preaching Practicum - Session 4 - Harvest Baptist, Bath |
| Aug 20 – Preaching Practicum - Session 3 Harvest Baptist, Bath | Sep 24 – Organizational Reset Practicum - Session 4 – Ministry Center, Big Flats |
| Aug 23 – First Baptist, Horseheads | Sep 26 – Virtual Women's Renew Conference |

Upcoming Events

2020

- **August, September, October**
Pastoral Practicum resume for Preaching and Organizational Leadership classes at the Ministry Center and the Harvest Baptist Church in Bath location
- **August 18**
NF Bus Trip to the Lancaster PA Sight and Sound presentation of The Life of Esther. Departs from Endicott for a one day trip.
- **September 26**
VIRTUAL Women's Renew Conference (formerly Ladies Advance) Speakers: Doris Hurlbut and Ingrid Semans
- **October 19 -20**
NF Fall Bible Conference. At First Baptist Church in Memphis. Our theme, NF NEXT is related to our transition in leadership... which we will highlight and celebrate at this event.
- **December 28-29**
Marriage Refresh at the Harbor Hotel in Watkins Glen

Website: <http://nfbfc.org>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com>
(Northeast Fellowship of Independent Baptist Churches)

Renew
Women's Virtual Conference



CHOOSE *Joy*
JAMES 1:2-3

Special Online Format!

September 26, 2020

*Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and
 NFIBC.org/Renew for upcoming details!*

We are still planning to meet in person with appropriate adjustments!

NF NEXT

**Leadership Transition...
 Continuing Mission**

Fall Bible Conference
October 19-20, 2020

First Baptist Church in Memphis, NY

NO COST— expenses covered by offerings

Check our website for details/guidelines in September

Perhaps you heard of our intention to start a new pastoral training school – The Northeast School of Theology and Ministry – using an innovative approach: weekend modular classes, local church teaching campuses, pastors as faculty, college level academics, very affordable, etc. Pray as Drs Vogel and Kliever work toward a launch in 2021. More info coming...



Our Leadership Transition

Many have asked about the specifics regarding the NF Succession Plan that we have been working on for the last three years. Brian King joined Jim Vogel as NF Associate Director in September 2018, and they have been working together since that time – sharing the leadership of our events and ministries. However, at the end of August, they will switch roles. Brian will become the new Executive Director, and Jim the Associate Director in accordance with the vote of the churches at our business meeting last October (Jim will move to a more part-time role leading the consulting and training ministries and SERVE BOLDLY). More details on this will be shared at our NF NEXT Conference in October. These are exciting days for the NF, and we look forward to Brian and Judy's leadership going forward.

We have received several more donated (slightly used) VBS programs here at the Ministry Center to distribute free to any churches that want them. Contact Jim or Brian to learn more.



- ### Prayer and Praise
1. Pray for our nation – both our leaders and people – who are challenged with the crisis we are facing with the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the protests and unrest across the country. For wisdom for national and local leaders in prescribing actions that need to be taken to protect our health and safety. And for our efforts to help foster unity and healing in our communities in the midst of racial strife.
 2. Pray for our pastors and church families across our region – as we all adjust to the new reality of reopening... with modified schedules, ongoing tech challenges, ever changing CDC guidelines, etc.
 3. Pray for the Kings and Vogels as they begin to get back into our churches for Sunday ministry. For their safety in travel and effectiveness in communication.
 4. Pray for the final preparations for the completion of our 3 year "Executive Director Transition Plan" in September – between Jim and Jeannie and Brian and Judy... and for the success of the Kings in their new role.
 5. Pray for opportunities to effectively serve one another and the people in our communities during these uncertain days – and for the ministry of the Gospel in the lives of many who are open to hear of our hope in the Lord



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