



# First Baptist Church *of* Black River

Pastor Jack Young

## Month of August News:

First things first: “...Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.” (Luke 14:23). Since our arrival in June, we have been out in our community knocking doors, sharing the gospel, and hanging door hangers. We have distributed a minimum of 1000 pieces of literature per week. Every Thursday evening and Saturday morning, an average of five people participate in our visitation program.

In response to our efforts, we have had many visitors in church. On Sunday the 16th, we had our highest attendance yet, 38! We rejoice that many of these visitors have been coming back on a regular basis, are excited about what the Lord is doing, and are participating in Christ’s work!

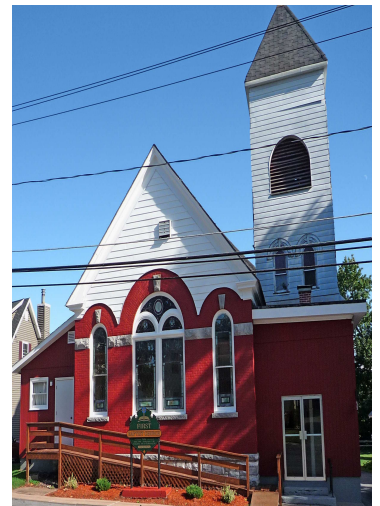
## Repairing the House of the Lord:

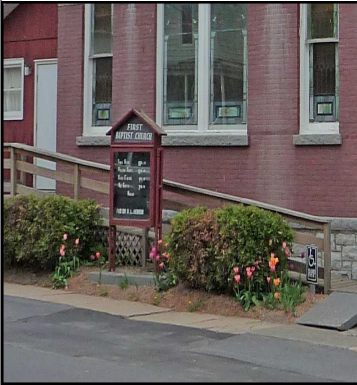
After many hours and with many helpers, the front of our church has been freshly painted and is looking very presentable to visitors and every day traffic.

Our scheduled work day this month accomplished much. We installed new light fixtures in a Sunday School classroom, cleaned out the old kitchen (very scary!), cleaned out old storage rooms, laid asphalt, and organized our cleaning and maintenance closets. All this cleaning produced one and a quarter tons of debris for the trash removal service. This effort will help make our basement a useable area for classrooms, activities, etc..



Jack, Julie, and daughter  
Audrianna





## New Song Leader

It has been a blessing to welcome into our membership a faithful family, who were just transplanted to Fort Drum by the military. Our new song leader and his family are from the church in Oklahoma where I was baptized. It is remarkable to see how God is working and providing.



## New Signs Arrive

On state route 283 at the end of our street, we replaced an old, broken-down sign. The new sign is passed by hundreds of motorists every single day, providing a wonderful advertisement for our church.

Also, in front of our church, we tore the old sign out and replaced it with a fresh sign, clearly displaying our church's name and information.

*Our Fresh New Look*



To help pay for these signs, we had a church wide yard-sale. Our church people worked sacrificially giving up their time and many of their personal goods to make our sale a success.

## Plans For September

Our prayer is that, with summer winding down, vacations ending, and people getting back into the "swing of things," they will give attention to their spiritual needs. We trust that the Lord will bless our efforts as we continue going door to door with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pray with us as we face the huge costs of heating our building for services during the upcoming winter months.



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