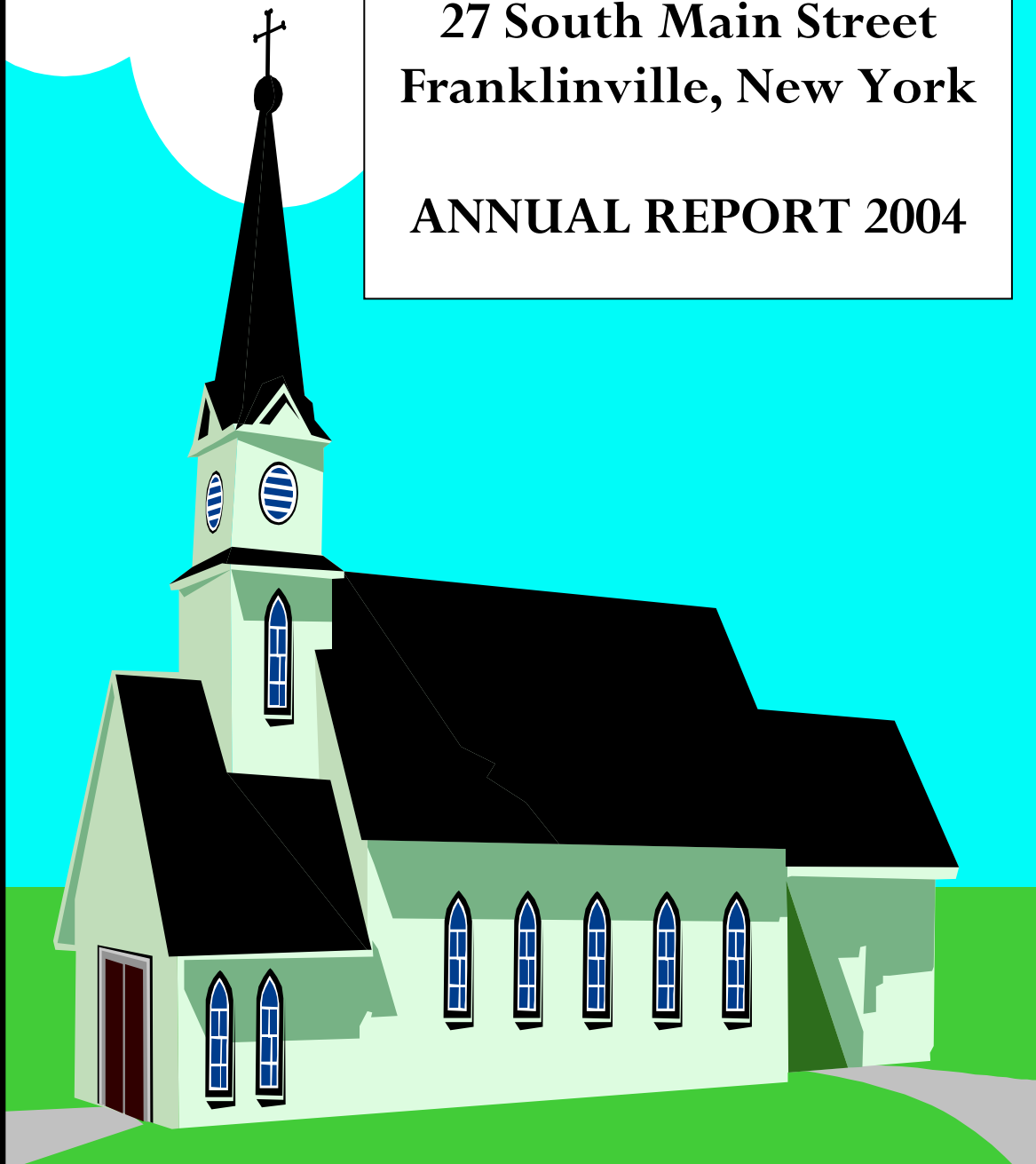


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27 South Main Street
Franklinville, New York**

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ELDER'S REPORT

2004 saw the Elders learning more about their responsibilities in that role. We devoted much time to prayer over the triumphs and tragedies of our family and discussing the needs and trying to meet as many of them as we could, of those who call First Baptist home. We had the awesome privilege of anointing some of our brothers and sisters with oil as they faithfully leaned upon God's word. We feel that our family has become more comfortable with us and while the trust you have had in us has never been in question, we believe you have been more willing to lean on us to share your burdens and we thank you for that honor.

The Elders have continued to function in the position of a Deacon's board in that board's absence. We have prayerfully distributed monies for the Deacon's Fund to those family members who have been in need and hope that God will continue to bless us with the funds to help others should a need arise.

With the affirmation of the congregation we were able to split the Youth Coordinator and Administrative Assistant positions and believe we have been remarkably blessed by God to have been able to find two outstanding people to fill those positions.

The Elders covet your prayers as we enter a new year working together to glorify God and bring His kingdom ever closer to you and others. We thank you for the opportunity to serve God and you in this capacity.

In His Name,

Thomas K. Kopp
Chairman of the Elders

Board of Christian Education Report 2004

Members: Shelly Broadwell, Dorothy Brown, Amy Burton, Ellen Hatch, Laura Kopp and Janine Thompson. Co-Chairman: Dorothy Brown and Shelley Broadwell. Elder liaison: Peter Spear (attends meetings).

A Men's Discipleship class was held on Sunday mornings at 7:30. This group concluded in the Spring. Sunday school classes were held weekly for all ages: toddlers through adults. This year one class for children was added. How Wonderful! An opening for toddlers through grade 4 was held each Sunday. The children sang, recited memory verses, prayed and birthdays were celebrated. During the Sunday School months, Children's Church was held during part of Worship. This year, there were 2 sections, one for 4 years olds - grade 1 and a section for grades 2, 3, and 4.

Sue Hughes taught Women's Bible Study in the spring. Marjie Hicks taught Women's Bible Study in the fall. Allan Fish taught a Bible Study on Wednesday nights for adults.

Janine Thompson directed Rainbow Club, a group for Kindergarten, first, second and third graders. Pauline Guckert directed Seekers in sneakers a group for grades 4, 5 and 6. Matthew Berryman was our Youth Director.

In April, a puppet show was held during Sunday school time. Children and Adults enjoyed the puppet show. This group also did a beautiful routine, using special sticks, during Worship. In June, A Fathers' Day Breakfast was held for The Church Family and was well attended. Graduating students, both high school and college, were recognized and given a gift. Vacation Bible School was directed by Carol Farrand. It was well attended.

In September: Peter recognized all our teachers and leaders and commissioned them, a fellowship time was held on the first Sunday after Labor Day and then classes met, third graders were presented with Bibles, and our Children's furniture, purchased with a monetary gift from Georgia Hansen, was dedicated. A plaque acknowledging this gift will be placed in the Kelsey Wing. Children's Spring Mission Project was purchasing suitcases for needy foster children. Fall Mission Project was purchasing Christian books for Christmas Spirit, a community outreach to those in need.

Amy Burton and Carol Farrand directed the Christmas Program. After the program, A Happy Birthday Jesus party was held in Fellowship Hall.

Submitted by Dorothy J. Brown, CE Board Chairman

Board of Christian Education Tentative 2005 Budget

(Pending approval of general budget at Annual Meeting in January.)

	2002	2003	2004	2005
Sunday School Materials	900	800	800	900
VBS	500	500	500	500
Bibles	50	100	100	100
Bible Study Groups	50	50	50	50
Resource Room Supplies	200	150	150	150
Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group	500	500	500	500
Seekers in Sneakers	200	250	250	250
Rainbow Club	200	250	250	250
Graduation Gifts	100	100	100	100
Special Programs	200	200	200	200
Junior Church	100	100	100	100
Christmas Program	250	250	250	250
Miscellaneous	250	250	300	300
TOTAL*	3500	3500	3550	3650

*Line items subject to discretion of C.E. Board, staying within the 3,650 total.

MISSION BOARD REPORT

The mission board of FBC consists of Joyce Dickens, Ida Gardner, Janice Dominessy, Diane Keller, Pauline Guckert and Judy Forward. We praise the Lord for the help He has given us through the year to meet some of the needs that have come before this board. It was a hard decision as there were so many requests for assistance. The following is the budget expenditures for 2004:

TEAM.....	\$ 840.00
CAMP scholarships.....	900.00
HAP (Hands across PAC.)....	1200.00
Wycliffe Bible Inst. (Manns)...	1200.00
Bradford Preg. Center.....	300.00
Ministerium (Food Pantry).....	300.00
Food Pantry.....	600.00
Rainbow Acres.....	560.00
HCJB (Paul & Erica Simone)...	900.00
SEND (Edwards).....	2400.00
Overseas Mission Trip.....	1400.00
Discretionary Fund.....	<u>2200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$12,800.00

Disbursement of Overseas Mission Fund: Pete Spear for trip to Cambodia \$1400.00

Discretionary Funds: Christmas Shoe Box.....	\$ 325.00
Angel Tree.....	500.00
Family Life Network.....	300.00
F. Graham (Hurricane victims).....	200.00
Medical Ambassador Inter'l.....	100.00
Bibles for Children.....	70.00
HAP (women from Canada, help With plane ticket to Cambodia)	400.00
Mission trip for Elizabeth Hatch.....	<u>345.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2240.00**

* Money was taken out of mission holding funds to make up difference and will be replaced when funds become available.

**Anyone interested in making a short-term mission trip, please notify the Board as soon as possible. But, individuals making these trips are requested to raise as much as possible of the cost themselves.

Respectfully submitted in Christ's Service,

Judy Forward, Chairman

Clothes Closet Report for First Baptist Church 2004

Once again we have given away a great variety of clothing. We are open 10:00am -12:00 noon, the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.

I would like to thank all of the church family who has graciously donated clothing, as it has been a great blessing for all who come.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Dickens

Food Pantry Report -2004

I've had a hard time writing this report this year because I want to tell you about the Ministry of the Food Pantry. It is very hard for me to put my feelings into words. I'm not a writer. I'm a doer who believes in doing what my Heavenly Father tells me to do.

Nine and a half years ago God called me to serve with the Food Pantry. Bob Brant and I worked together for one hour on a Saturday morning, Packing bags and giving food to those who came in need. We didn't have much variety and our shelves were quite bare. There were others who helped and we took turns so we didn't have to be there every week. Daphne Gena, Sally Blotner, Jenny Reynolds and Elis Warner are a few I can remember. The job was enjoyable, not hard but, sometimes slow because no one would show up to ask for food. (not like present).

In November of that year, 1995, I received a telephone call from West Valley Nuclear Service Co. asking if we were ready to receive food from their food drive and would I get help to unload the trucks. Very Surprised - because I had heard nothing of this happening I asked, "why are you calling me?" The reply was "Steve Brehem gave me your name and telephone number as the contact person." Steve was our former Pastor who had recently left out church. He had charge of the Food Pantry while he was here.

Knowing our shelves were nearly empty and never saying no when someone wants to donate food or money, I told the person on the telephone "Bring it on - we can sure use it."

The Lord works in mysterious ways. This was the beginning of a great Ministry that has grown tremendously over the next nine years.

We received 15 turkeys that year and my husband and I had to find 15 families who were low income and needed help for a Thanksgiving dinner. With the help of our Church family and friends, we found 15 families - packed 15 boxes of food, took the 15 turkeys and delivered them. What a Blessing we received seeing their surprised and smiling faces.

This year, 2004, has been our busiest yet. More new families have joined us.

In November 70 families received their usual allotment of food plus - a Thanksgiving Box and Turkey. In December 75 families received their usual allotment of food plus a Christmas Box and Turkey. All the turkeys and food was donated by the West Valley Nuclear Service Co.

I was told by their representative, Sue Welling, next November, 2005, there may not be a Food Drive. This may hurt our Pantry tremendously. We must pray for the West Valley Employees, their work situation and for our Food Pantry. I'm confident God will supply our needs.

Other ways the ministry is growing in through the clients themselves. They are becoming friendlier, more helpful to one another, helping to carry bags of food for the elderly and handicap. Some have offered to donate their time to help us with the Pantry. We are in the process of training some now.

A group of clients got together to raise some money by collecting pop bottles and cans to buy turkeys for their friends for Thanksgiving. They asked for anyone who needed a turkey to sign up for it. No one did - so - on November 17th during our regular food pantry day, Debra Kilton, who started this bottle and can collection, handed me a check for \$107.00 because they wanted to give something back to the pantry for doing so much for everyone. There were many smiles and hugs that day. The line was long with clients waiting for their food when this took place, but everyone was happy and love flowed through the room. I could feel the presence of Our Lord.

I have many other stories to tell but not today. I hope you see the difference in the nine and a half years how the pantry has grown. God has provided us with food, people and love.

Thank you everyone for your loyal support and prayers. Many thanks to my hard working crew. Bob, Sally, Toad, Rick, Mit, Pete and all the folks who help sort food after a food drive.

God Bless You All.

2004 - Donations Received	\$4,016.16
Expenditures	\$2265.30

Submitted by,

Nellie Sweet

First Baptist Church Library Budget 2004
(Annual Report)

The Budget Allowed:

New Books:

21 Adult Books
2 Children's Books

New Videos/CD's/DVD's:

1 Adult Video
7 Children's Videos
1 CD
1 DVD

Memorials:

3 Memorial

Donations:

5 New Adult books
10 New Adult Videos
4 New Children's Videos
Other adult books and videos (used)
Other children's books and videos (used)

We would like to thank everyone who was a part of making it another great year. This is His Library and we are all happy to be able to Serve Him in such a very small way.

Memorials and donations are also welcomed.

Our staff this year consisted of Sally Blotner, Tate Ulmer, Dot Songster, and Myself.

Submitted by,

Pat Wright
Church Librarian

SEEKERS IN SNEAKERS REPORT 2004

With the Lord at the center of our group we continue to meet after school on Wed. from 2:45-4:45p.m.

From January to June we saw 38 different faces, with 8 to 15 attending weekly. It was challenging with a smaller attendance due to many after school functions.

Our Bible lessons and activities are centered around a month long theme. We learn how to relate the Bible to present day situations. We learn through lessons, games, videos, other activities or a special guest. "Super snack" time teaches God's provisions.

Our ongoing pop can/bottle collection is very successful for generating extra funds.

Our prayer warriors have a tremendous impact on this ministry. We couldn't go forth without them behind us.

Some highlights: throughout the year made cards and gifts for the shut-ins; made Easter baskets for families of Olean's Genesis House; held a bowling party; closed out June with our Annual Pizza Party/Fireworks at camp; many Seekers attended camp JYC in July.

In September we resumed meeting with a "Kick off cookout". So far we have seen 36 different faces, with a weekly attendance from 12-22.

In October we teamed up with Rainbow Club to host a "Harvest Happening"; we again participated in "Operation Christmas Child" and we assembled 72 Shoeboxes (6 from Seekers); made Christmas gifts and cards for shut-ins.

Kristen Tascone still faithfully serves as our assistant. This year we have 7th grade helpers: Cody Laahs and Nathan Woodin.

The goal for Seekers is for each "Seeker" to come to a personal relationship with Jesus. Then for God to change their lives and for them to develop into the person God would have them be and to learn to serve Him. So far this year we have seen 1 child receive Jesus and another child rededicate back to Jesus! For me, that's the most exciting part of this group.

Heading this group is a challenge, but it's a tremendous joy and blessing. I enjoy watching God work in and through this ministry.

I thank Jesus for His wonderful outpouring of love upon this ministry.

It's a great honor and it's fun to serve you Lord. May all we do at Seekers bring honor and glory to You!

In His Service With You,

Pauline Guckert

Rainbow Club Annual Report for 2004

Rainbow Club meets Thursday 7-9 pm in upstairs Sunday School Room. Between Jan. 2004 & Dec. 2004, 17 different children attended with 4 different youth and one adult assisting at times.

Average attendance between 9 & 12 children. We open in prayer, have a brief lesson with a follow up craft and/or game. We end with snack.

Special highlights were:

- Trip to exotic animal farm
- Planting flowers behind church
- Year end party
- Happy Harvest Happenings with Seekers in Sneakers

I enjoy working with the children and find God's blessing in their smiling faces.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janine Thompson

MNFW Monday Night Women's Fellowship

On the first and third Monday of the month, women of various ages and backgrounds gather together. The group meets in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. The typical routine is fellowship and snacks, a lesson and prayer time. We end between 8:30-9:00 pm. This year, January-June, the group studied a book on forgiveness, Embracing Forgiveness-A Women of Faith book. Molly Spear led the group. In the fall, we did a book on Hope, by Jack Kuhatschek. The group alternated leaders.

Our group made care packages for Freshmen, away at college. We included Youth who were connected to our church, by attendance or participation in church events.

Our group may have an activity to have fellowship or fun, like eating out. In the late summer Janine Thompson hosted a picnic to welcome back Laraine Mann. She attended our group last year. She is active on the mission field and we had the opportunity to ask questions and enjoy her company.

ALL women of the church are welcome to attend. We support each other in love and prayer and provide special needs to each other.

Respectfully,

Dottie Jo Brown

VBS REPORT

The theme of this year's Vacation Bible School was Lava Lava Island "Where Jesus' Love Flows". We decorated the sanctuary with a volcano and other island decorations.

VBS was held August 2-6th from 6-8:30p.m. It was for children ages 3 through 6th grade. Older youth were encouraged to attend and work as island crew helpers.

In total, Fifty-five children registered. There were 25 workers.

Daily attendance registered for the children is as follows:

Monday-45

Tuesday-53

Wednesday-55

Thursday-50

Friday-53

Our evening started off with Lava Lava Song time where we met Sid, a gentlemen who was stranded on the island, each day. He helped us learn our Bible Point of the day. Our mission was to send personal bibles to children in Spanish Speaking Countries. We were able to raise \$25.00 to pay the postage and handling. The children were able to pick from the prize box each day for bringing a friend or saying their verse. The Bible stories were quite active with props and a great teacher. Music and Bible verses filled the sanctuary along with the smiling faces of happy children. The crafts were really neat. The games were fun and it was a great week. The snacks were enjoyed. Mr. Hatch and Mr. Farrands deserts and time they shared with us.

Approximate cost was \$362 for start up kit and Bible Adventure Books (this was charged to Christian Ed.). I was told to plan for 50 children so I ordered accordingly. Another \$240 was spent on supplies and Snacks. Many supplies for activities and snacks were donated as well. Total cost (donations not included) came to approximately \$600

The kit containing materials used and registration information for VBS was left in CE Office.

Thank you for allowing me to direct VBS. Everything went very well. Everyone that volunteered did a great job. The children loved it and it received a great response from the parents and community also.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Farrand

Nominating Committee Report for 2005

Camp Ministry Team (Camp treasurer and assist are members of team)

Amy Burton 2005	Beulah Gasper 2006	Pat Wright 2007	Joey Farrand 2007
Stu Burton 2005	Sandy Burton 2006	Rick Hatch 2007	Mary Malinowski 2007
Denise Cornell 2005	Rich Hobson 2006		

Camp Treasurer and Assistant - Agnes Cornell & Connie Bentley

Christian Education

Amy Burton 2005	Janine Thompson 2006	Laura Kopp 2006	Dottie Jo Brown 2007
Ellen Hatch 2007	Shelley Broadwell 2007		

Church Treasurer and Assistant - Janice Snyder & Eleanor Gorecki

Deaconesses

Dot Songster	Janice Snyder
Pat Wright	Beulah Gasper

Elders

Russ Hatch	Jim Higgins	Rick Hughes
Tom Kopp	Toad Songster	Pete Spear

Finance Committee (a representative from each board and committee)

Camp; Christian Ed; Deacons; Deaconesses; Elders; Missions; Trustees

Financial Secretary & Assistant - Sue Hughes & Betty Bentley

Flower Committee - Diana Keller

Librarian

Pat Wright

Nominating Committee

Elders

Pastoral Relations

Chairpersons of Elders

Missions

Janice Dominessy 2005	Joyce Dickens 2006	Judy Forward 2007
Pauline Guckert 2005	Ida Gardner 2006	Diana Keller 2007

Trustees

Fred Plummer	Nellie Sweet	Bob Brant	Cory Higgins	Tom Songster
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Head Usher and Assistants

Nate Cornell	Randy Hatch
Beulah Gasper	Allan Fish