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## State Rep's Itinerary

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- April**    2 - Youth Seminars Evaluation, Endicott  
               5 - Grace Baptist, Geneva  
               9 - Conference Committee, Bath  
              14 - Pastors & Wives, South Vestal  
              18 - Share Your Talents, Horseheads  
              19 - First Baptist, Eden  
             20-21 - Spring Conference, Yorkshire  
              25 - Evangel Baptist, Laurelton  
              26 - Calvary Baptist, Fulton
- May**        3 - Cornerstone Baptist, Geneseo  
               6-7 - Senior Saints Trip, Pioneer Valley (MA)  
              10 - West Genesee Hills Baptist, Camillus  
              12 - Pastors and Wives, West Endicott  
              14 - Shop Talk #30, Brooktondale  
              17 - Faith Baptist, Dundee  
             29-30 - Ladies' Advance, Cortland
- June**        7 - Berean Baptist, New Berlin  
              21 - Bethel Baptist, Jamestown  
             22-26 - GARBC Conference, Elyria, Ohio  
              28 - Faith Baptist, Cortland
- July**        11 - Connect, Breesport  
              12 - Bethel Baptist, Vestal  
              19 - Skyline Baptist, Rome  
             21-23 - Creation Museum Trip, Kentucky  
              26 - Calvary Baptist, Preble
- August**    2 - Harris Hill Baptist, Williamsville  
               9 - Hillside Baptist, Hornell  
              22 - The Gathering, Breesport  
              30 - First Baptist, Ticonderoga

## Spring Conference

April 20-21

Yorkshire



“Our **HOLY Service**” (personal purity) will be the theme of this year’s Spring Conference. Dr. Daniel Anderson, President of Appalachian Bible College (Bradley, West Virginia), will speak on “**The Call for Holy Service,**” “**The Culture for Holy Service,**” “**The Cause for Holy Service**” and “**The Confidence in Holy Service.**”

Steve and Becky Little, missionaries in Canastota, New York with Baptist Church Planters, will teach split sessions (men and women) I Timothy 5:22 “**Keep Yourself Pure.**” A panel of four - Laura Lindmark, Eric Lutz, John Congdon and Craig Brittingham - will answer questions on “**Protecting Your Purity.**” “*But, as he who hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of life*” (I Peter 1:15).

Central Baptist Church in Yorkshire, who hosted the 2005 Fall Conference, is once again delighted to be the host church. The twenty-four hour (3:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.) conference will include straightforward Bible teaching, uplifting music led by Mike Briggs, combined choirs of Marilla and Yorkshire, and a wonderful opportunity for interchurch fellowship. Living a pure life is not optional for Christians, but mandated by Christ. Serving God with holy lives must be our ambition. Our Spring Conference will help us to become more holy.

## Shop Talk #30

May 14

Brooktondale



Jim Vogel, As sociate National Representative of the GARBC, will be teaching “**Sharpening Your People Skills - Ten Leadership Principles That Can Make or Break Your Ministry.**” During the split sessions, Jim will be talking on “**Pastoral Ethics**” and Jeannie, his wife, will address the ladies on “**The High Wire Act of the Pastor’s Wife.**” The cost for both pastor and wife is \$10. The four-hour talk (8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. followed by lunch) will be hosted by Brooktondale Baptist Church.



**Share Your Talents**  
**April 18**  
**Horseheads**

Young people in grades 6-12 will come to First Baptist Church in Horseheads on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> (9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) to participate in a day of sharing God given talents. You are invited to cheer them on as well as be blessed by their ministry. Our youth deserve our support.

**Ladies' Advance**  
**May 29-30**  
**SUNY Cortland**



**Holly Stratton**, the President's wife of Clearwater Christian College in Florida, will speak three times on **"Sowing Seeds of Grace."** Holly was a big hit when she spoke in 2007. We admire her zeal and commitment in serving the Lord. It will be a blessing to hear from Holly again.

Each lady will also have the opportunity during the two-day Advance to attend three of these workshops: (1) **"Protecting Your Teenagers"** (Doug Forman, Breesport), (2) **"L.I.F.E. After Abuse"** (Linda Reff, Watertown), (3) **"Raising Your Kids"** (Joyce Phillips, Yorkshire), (4) **"Praying on Purpose"** (Brenda Krewson, Binghamton), (5) **"Treasures of Darkness"** (Melody McCann, DeRuyter), (6) **"100% Pure-Preservatives Added"** (Becky Little, Canastota), (7) **"A-maze-ing Motherhood"** (Debbie Brown, Elmira), (8) **"Modesty: The Naked Truth"** (Mark Ferry, Camillus), (9) **"Am I Growing or Stagnating?"** (Sue Semans, Dundee).

**Craft Corner** (sell your craft items, no charge, keep the profits, sales tax paid by ESF) is a great way to share your craft interests. We would love to have your crafts represented. You must sign up by May 15<sup>th</sup> to reserve a table.

The cost is \$30 which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. The Advance (begins on Friday at 6:30 p.m. and concludes on Saturday at 3:45 p.m.) will feature special music from the Clearwater music ministry team and the ladies of the Open Door Baptist Church in New Woodstock. The last Sunday to sign up on the official registration form at **YOUR CHURCH** is **May 10<sup>th</sup>**. The location is the same - SUNY Campus Cortland, but the dates are a week early - **May 29-30**. Talk it up in your church and get lots of ladies to come. You will be blessed.

**Breesport**  **Connect - July 11**  
**Baptist** **Summer** **Gathering - August 22**

The **Breesport Baptist Church** will once again serve as host for two summer programs. On Saturday, July 11 (11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) **Connect** will be held for young adults, ages 18-28. They will hear **Pastor Dave Whiting** (North Baptist, Rochester) speak twice on Worship. This year's Connect will also offer three "Connections" (1) **"Keeping on Track,"** (2) **"Giving Back - It's Not About Me,"** and (3) **"Essentials for Meeting the Right One."**

The relaxing day will include a cookout, outdoor games, videos, music and plenty of time to connect with others. Deadline to register is July 6<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$10. Come and have fun worshipping God and connecting with the power of His Word and His will for your life.

**"The Gathering"** (youth 6-12 grades and their leaders) will be Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> (11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.). **Ken Rudolph** (teens love Ken's funny stories, persuasive preaching) will preach twice on **"Growing a Great Faith for a Great God."** This end-of-the-summer state-wide youth event will have a cookout, exciting worship, thought-provoking videos, inspiring music and great challenges from God's Word to fire-up young people for Christian living. Participating churches pay one price determined by the estimated number they expect to attend: 1-5 people - \$25; 6-12 people - \$60; 13-20 people - \$100; 21 or more people - \$120. The more the merrier!



**Fall Conference**

October 19-20  
 First Baptist Church  
 Newark Valley, NY  
 Dr. Gary Anderson



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