



Pastor's **Page**



I am enough. It sounds simple, doesn't it? I am enough. This is a hard concept to master in this world in which we are continually told we are not enough. If we could just sit with this simple phrase, "I am enough," maybe we could understand how God sees us.

In 1994, I was a senior at Niagara Falls High School and I failed the Chemistry regent's exam with a sixty-three. I passed the class with a sixty-five and was able to graduate with a local diploma from Niagara Falls City Schools.



That has been a sore spot for me and I still have nightmares about being in that exam room and not measuring up. Since then, I have achieved a Bachelor of Arts in Religion (Ashland University, Ashland, OH), a Master of Divinity degree, (Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Rochester, NY) and am now in a Doctor of Ministry program at my alma-matter with an anticipated graduation date of 2025. This is also the year that my daughter will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma.

I had that dream again last night. I arrive at the exam and begin to work. The clock ticks and I try to pace myself, but I am anxious and nervous. I fill in the scantron sheets with my No. 2 pencil and try my hardest to work the formulas'. I sweat and feel uncomfortable and then I am in my guidance counselor's office hearing the news that I failed the exam. I won't be receiving my regent's diploma. This scenario happened twenty-eight years ago and it still haunts me.

I decided to take the power out of this dream and I wrote a letter to the Chancellor of the New York State Board of Regents petitioning them to receive my Regent's diploma twenty-eight years later. I don't know if it will do any good, but I had to put it out there in the universe. If you don't ask, then you will never know what is possible.

We all live with dreams that are unfulfilled and sometimes it is for the best, however, when we realize that we are enough without the accolades and the pomp and circumstance of the applause of others is when we truly understand that we are enough.

Scripture is filled with prophets and prophetess' that never received a regent's diploma. Somehow God used them in the most powerful of ways. Habakkuk was one of those prophets. The book opens with Habakkuk complaining and griping to God about Israel's circumstances. God speaks to Habakkuk and tells him to:

"Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.
³ For still ^lthe vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, ^mwait for it;
ⁿit will surely come; it will not delay.

That is what I did when I sent the letter to the Chancellor of the New York State Board of Regents. I even put it out there that I would be willing to sit for the 1994 Chemistry regent's exam all over. I have no idea how he will respond. Perhaps my letter will end up in the circular file. Maybe just maybe it will be honored. Only God knows.

What I do know is this: God is using me with all my imperfections to be the pastor, scholar, and author that God needs me to be at this time in my life. I am enough, not because a diploma says so, but because God says, "YOU ARE ENOUGH!" That's all that should matter but, in my humanness, I can't get over missing those two points on that exam.

We don't get to do life over and fix the errors of our past. We do, however, get to chart a course for the future with what we have. I have dreams that I hope will be fulfilled in God's time. I want to be a traveling evangelist and teach bible at my alma-matter, Ashland University. I want to use every gift I have to lead people to Jesus. At this time my ministry is here at Faith Journey United Methodist Church, Clay, NY. I don't know where the direction of God will take me, but I do know that I don't need the approval of a Board of Regents to accomplish the work that God has set before me. "I am enough."

Jesus told his disciples over and over that they were enough. He gave them all the tools that they need to accomplish one of the greatest missions ever embarked on by the creator of the universe. It took them many times of affirmation and sometimes rebukes for them to understand the work that they were called to do.

What has God called you to do? What are you holding back from God?

You are enough and that is all you have to be in this world. Take heart dear friends and believe that God has called you from the time of your conception, birth, and baptism. You are enough, because God says so.

I put it out there in the universe and will wait for a response. I made it clear what I want and bathed the letter in prayer and supplication. I will wait for a response and in that time be content with what God has given me in this crazy world. Don't wonder if you are enough, believe that God says, "You are enough, because I formed you and shaped you into the person that you have become." Give thanks to God and let God lead you.

Habakkuk held no advanced degrees, but God used him. The disciples had no formal education, but God used them. God uses those who will put their hands to the plow and never look back. It's a strange world that we live in, but the best comes from God when we acknowledge that we are enough for the journey ahead.

Go with God and be blessed as you walk down the road of experience, faith, and tradition.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Daniel J. Bradley".

Rev. Daniel J. Bradley, NFHS Class of 1994

What's Happening

July:

June 25th - July 16th - Pastor Bradley on Vacation
July 3rd - Jake Melnyk Preaches
July 4th - Independence Day (Office Closed)
July 9th - Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru, 11am-sold out @ FJUMC
July 10th - Alan Kinney Preaches
July 28th - A Family Fun Night, Syracuse Mets Baseball Game @ NBT Bank Stadium, 6:35PM
July 28th - Ronald McDonald House "Christmas in July", 9am-5pm @ CNY Ronald McDonald House
July 29th - July 31st - Syracuse Arts & Crafts Festival, 10am-5pm @ Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception



Chicken BBQ
DRIVE-THRU

Saturday, July 9, 2022
11:00 am - SOLD OUT

\$7.00 - CHICKEN ONLY (1/2 CHICKEN)
 \$9.00 - CHICKEN DINNER (1/2 CHICKEN, SALT POTATOES, BAKED BEANS, and a ROLL WITH BUTTER)

Faith Journey UMC
 8396 Morgan Road
 Clay, NY 13041

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Festival Dates:

Friday, July 29: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday, July 30: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday, July 31: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

The 2021 presentation of the festival featured more than 130 artists and crafters representing at least 23 U.S. States and Canada. The event typically attracts more than 50,000 visitors to shop and browse the contemporary art and crafts exhibitors, and enjoy a variety of music, multicultural performances, summer refreshments and activities.

Getting Around the Festival:

The AmeriCU Syracuse Arts & Crafts Festival is headquartered along the intersections of East Onondaga, East Jefferson and Montgomery streets. The **Information Booth** is located in front of the *Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception*, (259 E Onondaga St, Syracuse, NY)

Do you want to sing or play an instrument?



We are welcoming anyone interested in singing or playing an instrument to join the worship team during 9:30 service. Practice is every Sunday morning at 9:00am in the sanctuary. Please contact Jake Melnyk at roadoutofhere@gmail.com for info.

MARY CIRCLE

Mary Circle is not going to be meeting for the month of July, stay tuned for future updates on Mary Circle Meetings



Cradle & Beyond 2.0

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Cicero, NY 13039
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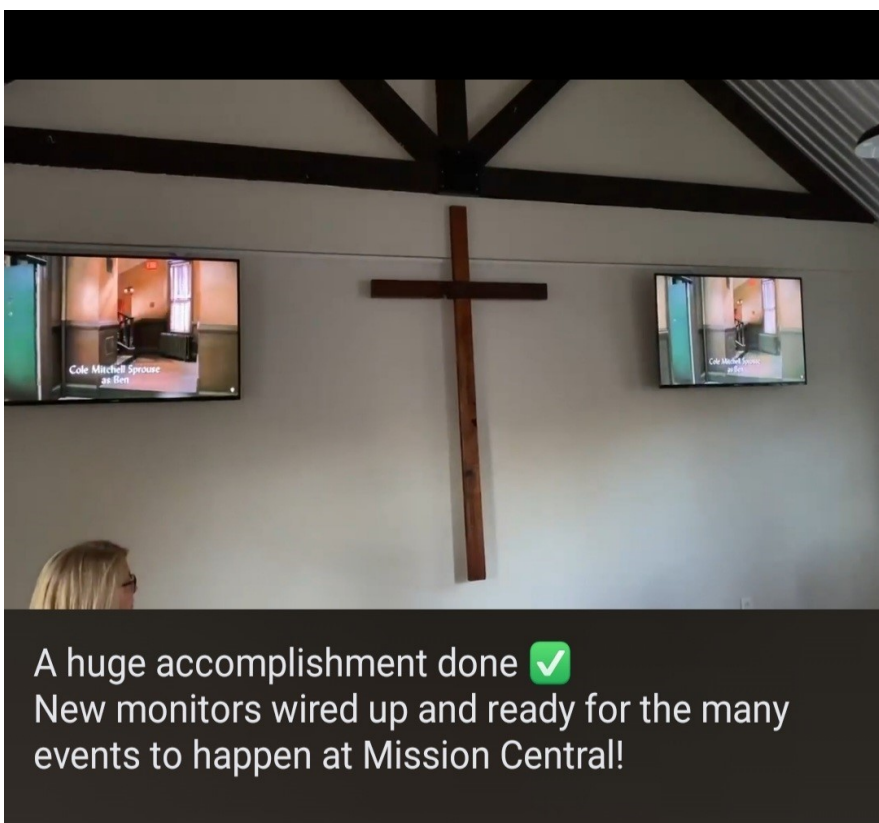
Tuesday	4 pm - 7 pm
Wednesday	10 am - 4 pm
Thursday	10 am - 4 pm
Saturday	10 am - 2 pm


Donation Drop-off :

Donations are accepted
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and any day/time the store is
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events to happen at Mission Central!



To our friends at Cradle & Beyond,

On behalf of Clear Path for Veterans, and the Veterans and family members we serve, thank you for your generous gift of \$197.63 which was received on May 31, 2022. We sincerely appreciate your commitment to helping Veterans, military members, and their families in Upstate New York.

As a non-profit 501(c)(3), our organization relies mainly on private contributions and we never take them for granted. Donations support the operation of our Veteran Resource Center and the unique programs and services only Clear Path can provide. Because of your financial support, we provide those that we serve with the support and assistance they want and deserve.

Once again, thank you for your generous donation and your continued support. Because of you, we can continue leading the community in support of our Veterans' journey home. Thank you for seeing value in our mission and our ability to meet the needs of our local service members and their families.

Sincerely,
Alexander J. Behm, Executive Director



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - JULY - "ALL PLAY A PART"

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. - Romans 12:4-6



July

As we all gather together with family and friends to celebrate the birth of American Independence this July 4th weekend, I hope that Americans can come together in peace, love and compassion for one another. It's been a rough start to the Summer with a lot of surprises and strife, but we must remember the commandments of Jesus to never judge and to love your neighbor as yourself. We must celebrate the freedoms we have been given and pray that everybody has the right to embark on their own personal journey of love, freedom and faith. I hope you enjoy the 4th of July weekend and be sure to check out all of the events happening in CNY this July and August, there's so much fun things to do this summer!



Join us for the 46th Anniversary Season
at The Sterling Renaissance Festival

July 2nd - August 14th, 2022

Saturdays & Sundays
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

RAIN OR SHINE!

Location: Sterling Renaissance Festival
15385 Farden Road
Sterling, NY 13156

Visit www.eventbrite.com to purchase tickets
(\$19.95) and find out more information



BIBLE TRIVIA

Offering to Idols

1. When Elijah challenged the priests of Baal, what were they sacrificing to their god?
2. What king of Israel offered sacrifices to the two golden calves he had made?
3. What idol, associated with Moses, was offered sacrifices by later generations?
4. What wicked king, a dabbler in sorcery, sacrificed his son in the fire?
5. What goddess did Jeremiah accuse the people of Judah of making sacrifices to?
6. What idol did the Israelites in the wilderness bring offerings to?
7. What people burnt their children as an offering to the gods Adramelech and Anammelech?
8. What king despaired in the face of battle and offered his oldest son, the heir to the throne, as a sacrifice?
9. What wicked king of Judah built a Syrian style altar and offered up his son as a sacrifice?
10. What was the name of the foreign god that many Israelites had sacrificed their children to?

A Gallery of Gods

1. Ezekiel saw a woman weeping for what god?
2. Who worshipped Succoth-benoth?
3. What gods did the Avites worship?
4. What was the god of Ekron, consulted by King Ahaziah?
5. What was Nehushtan?
6. What god did the Sepharites sacrifice their children to?
7. What nation was Milcom the god of?
8. While in the wilderness, what Moabite god did the Israelites begin the worship?
9. What god did Naaman the Syrian apologize to Elisha for worshipping?
10. What was the god of the men of Hamath?
11. What god did Amos say was symbolized by a star?
12. Who was King Sennacherib worshipping when his sons murdered him?
13. Whose ship had figures of the gods Castor and Pollux?
14. Who was the god of the men of Cuth?
15. What nation was Bel a god of?
16. What prophet mentions Nebo as one of the gods of Babylon?

⇒ *Answers are located on the bottom of **Page 10***



Fun for Seniors

5 Summer Activities for Seniors in Syracuse

Get out this summer and enjoy some of the fun activities Syracuse has to offer!

Take a Walk at Barry Park.* Visit the beautiful, 15-acre Barry Park this summer and enjoy a nice walk, bike ride or picnic outdoors. You can also spend time sitting by the pond and feeding the ducks that swim by. There are so many different ways to spend your day at the Park.

Visit Rosamond Gifford Zoo.* You can enjoy the sights of more than 700 animals and 275 species at the zoo with friends and family this summer. The Rosamond Gifford Zoo is one of 236 zoos in the nation proven to meet the highest standards of animal care and guest experience.

Enjoy a Pastry at The Scratch Bakehouse.* Start your summer mornings off right with a freshly made pastry from The Scratch Bakehouse. This bakery offers anything you could crave; from cinnamon rolls to croissants, you will be able to treat yourself with this delicious menu.

Have Dinner at Pastabilities.* At Pastabilities, you can enjoy homemade pastas, sauces, salads and breads. At this Italian restaurant, you and your friends can have deep conversations and make memories over some tasty pasta dishes.

Take a Class at Syracuse Yoga.* The Syracuse Yoga studio offers yoga classes fit for everybody, no matter if you're a beginner or a yoga pro. You can register for classes ranging from vinyasa flow, to yoga sculpt. These classes are available to take in person at the studio or online to take virtually.

JULY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

July

Scripture Writing Plan



Each of the scriptures below takes ten minutes or less to copy out. Commit to spending ten minutes each day listening to God's voice and Connect with the word!

Day 1 - 2 Samuel 22:2-3;17-20

Day 2 - 2 Samuel 22:31-37

Day 3 - Deuteronomy 33:26-27

Day 4 - Isaiah 4:6;25:4-5

Day 5 - Isaiah 32:1-2

Day 6 - John 10:25-30

Day 7 - Nahum 1:7-8

Day 8 - Proverbs 10:29;14:26

Day 9 - Proverbs 18:10;30:5

Day 10 - Psalm 2:10-12; Psalm 5:11-12

Day 11 - Psalm 7:1;Psalm 9:7-10

Day 12 - Psalm 18:1-3;30

Day 13 - Psalm 27:1-6

Day 14 - Psalm 27:7-14

Day 15 - Psalm 31:1-5

Day 16 - Psalm 31:19-24

Day 17 - Psalm 34:4-8; 22

Day 18 - Psalm 37:39-40

Day 19 - Psalm 46:1-7

Day 20 - Psalm 57:1-3

Day 21 - Psalm 59:16-17

Day 22 - Psalm 61:1-5

Day 23 - Psalm 62:5-8

Day 24 - Psalm 71:1-7

Day 25 - Psalm 91:1-6

Day 26 - Psalm 91:7-12

Day 27 - Psalm 91:13-16

Day 28 - Psalm 94:21-22

Day 29 - Psalm 118:5-9

Day 30 - Psalm 139:7-12

Day 31 - Psalm 141:8-10; Psalm 144:1-2

What are Scripture Writing Plans?

Scripture Writing plans are something you can do every day and it will help you in your journey with God. Get your bible out and write out the scripture for that day. It is a proven fact that when you write something down it resonates more fully than just reading it. So, write it out and speak those words into reality, this will also help with memorization of the word of God and your daily walk with Him.

THEME:

*God is
My Refuge*





Christmas in July

Thursday, July 28
CNY Ronald McDonald House



You can help support the CNY Ronald McDonald House by purchasing a Wish List item or by making a donation to our Christmas in July event.

Donations can be dropped off (no-contact drop-off) on Thursday, July 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the CNY Ronald McDonald House at 1100 E. Genesee St., Syracuse.

AMAZON

You can purchase items off of our Amazon Wish List and have your donation shipped directly to the CNY Ronald McDonald House. Don't forget to include a gift receipt so we know who made the donation!

FOOD & DRINKS

Pasta and sauce
Cereal
Canned goods
Bottled water
Sugar packets
K-Cup pods
Non-dairy creamer

TOYS & GAMES

Baby Dolls
Barbie Dolls
Lego Friends
Lego-type blocks (large)
Popular toy figures:
Disney/Pixar/Marvel
Tonka trucks and cars

GIFT CARDS

Instacart
Wegmans
TOPS
Price Chopper
Aldi
Target
Amazon
GrubHub
Local restaurants

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Food prep gloves
To Go coffee cups with lids
Tissues
8.5x11 printer paper

For more information, please contact Nicole Poplawski
at npoplawski@rmhcnyc.org or 315-476-1027

Visit <https://apps.rmhcnyc.org/upcoming-events> to donate, access the Amazon Wish List, volunteer opportunities and future upcoming events

All items, including food items, must be new to safeguard the health of the seriously ill children that we serve.

Thank you for thinking of the CNY Ronald McDonald House Families!



RecipeCorner

Do you have any recipes to share? I would love to feature your recipes in the monthly newsletter! Leave a recipe on my desk, in the offering plate or email the office at fjoffice@fjumc.org



MOM'S AMAZING BAKED BEANS

These **Amazing Baked Beans** are thick, hearty and perfectly balanced between sweet and savory! Just like your mother made them! They're the perfect side dish for summer pot-lucks and outdoor BBQs."

<https://lifeloveandsugar.com/moms-amazing-baked-beans/>

Recipe by: Lindsay



INGREDIENTS

- ♦ 3/4 lb ground beef, optional
- ♦ Two 16 oz cans baked beans
- ♦ 3/4 finely chopped yellow onion (1/2 small onion)
- ♦ 1/4 cup ketchup
- ♦ 1/4 cup yellow mustard
- ♦ 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- ♦ 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- ♦ 1 tbsp soy sauce
- ♦ 4-5 tbsp crumbled cooked bacon (6 to 8 slices bacon)
- ♦ Dash of hot sauce

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and have a 9x13 inch baking dish ready.
2. Add the ground beef to a large pan and cook until browned and cooked through. Drain the meat mixture.
3. Combine the beef with the baked beans, onion, ketchup, mustard, brown sugar and all other ingredients in your baking dish and spread evenly.
4. Cover the beans with aluminum foil and bake for 25-35 minutes, then remove the foil and cool for another 5-10 minutes. I prefer them thicker and chunkier, so I baked them on the longer side. If you prefer them a little less thick, cook them less. Keep in mind that they'll thicken as they cool. Serve warm and enjoy!

Prep: 15 mins

Cook: 45 mins

Total: 1 hr.

Yield: 8 servings

RECIPE



United Methodist Church

Sponsored: Crossroads District United Methodist Men



Thursday, July 28th, 6:35PM

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR ONCE AGAIN!

Our 42nd annual United Methodist Night at the Ballpark game, versus the Omaha, Nebraska Storm Chasers!

We will gather inside the NBT Bank Stadium, being cautious by not hosting a tailgate party in parking lot (sorry; sharing homemade and finger foods with "strangers" still sounds unsafe, even as we return to normality in other ways.)

To offset this, we again have selected a Syracuse Mets' "Dollar Thursday" food & drink promotion night! \$1 coke products, \$1 hot dog & coney sales are available in special food stands. Or, come early and have your own church group's tailgate party in the parking lot? We also will have 200-level assigned seats (not 300-level benches), AND, for the first time, our block of tickets are around the 3rd base line (so the setting sun will not be in your eyes, like 2021's game)!

Lastly, our own Bishop Mark Webb will through out the First Pitch about 6:20 (following the steps of Bishops Stith, Kim and Fisher!), followed by the singing of the National Anthem, from Home Plate (gather about 6:15 on the field to join us and help sing)! Order your ticket block early - please get ticket requests in by early July to Faith Journey so we can order our block!

NBT Bank Stadium - 1 Tex Simone Dr. Syracuse, NY 13208



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"...when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." Jesus (Matthew 25:40 CEB)

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you!

The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be - THANK YOU!

And through your financial support you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in the U.S. and in more than 60 countries in which UMCOR and partnering agencies engage in direct ministry to persons in need.

May we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and Peace,
Roland Fernandes, General Secretary

Bible Trivia Answers: 1. A bullock, 2. Jeroboam, 3. The brazen serpent, 4. Manasseh, 5. The queen of heaven, 6. The golden calf, 7. The Sepharvites, 8. The king of Moab, 9. Ahaz, 10. Molech, 11. Tammuz, 12. The Babylonians, 13. Nibhaz and Tartak, 14. Baal-zebub, 15. The brass serpent Moses had made, which the Israelites later worshipped as if it were a god, 16. Adrammelech, 17. Ammon, 18. Baal-peor, 19. Rimmon, 20. Ashima, 21. Rephen, 22. Nisroch, 23. Paul's, 24. Nergal, 25. Babylonia, 26. Isaiah



JULY 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
3 <i>Jake Melnyk Preaches</i>	4 <i>Independence Day (Office Closed)</i>	5	6 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctu- ary.	7 9AM-12PM - Workday @ New Build- ing	8	9 <i>Chicken BBQ, 11am-until sold out @ FJUMC</i> 9AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building
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31		<p align="center"><u>In-Person and Online Worship Service:</u> Join us in-person or watch us live every Sunday at 10 am on Facebook www.facebook.com/faithjourneyumcclaynorthsyracuse <u>Sermons also available on:</u> Faithjourneyumc.libsyn.com or https://www.vimeo.com/channels/fjumc</p>				



For the month of **JULY**, we will be collecting *school supplies* for **North Syracuse Christian Church**. Thank you for your support!



Supplies Include:

Folders and Composition Notebooks
Three-ring Binders
Loose Leaf Notebook Paper
Regular Pencils and Colored Pencils
Markers and Crayons
Pencil holders and erasers
Glue sticks and Scissors
Backpacks and calculators

Seek

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We seek God's presence in our lives, to help others in their relationship with God and to strive to see God's work through all people.

Serve

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We serve God through mission, encourage everyone on their spiritual journey and follow the teachings of Jesus Christ.

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We create opportunities for all to share their gifts and talents and demonstrate openness, acceptance and hospitality.

God With Others

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