

# OBF Presence Newsletter



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All Scripture is God-breathed  
and is useful for teaching,  
rebuking, correcting and  
training in righteousness,  
so that the servant of God  
may be thoroughly equipped  
for every good work.  
**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

These two verses, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, are remarkable because they convey three facts concerning Scripture which give to the reader the reason to read the Scripture.

The first fact is that the Scriptures are the GIFT OF GOD and that they are "GOD-BREATHED."

The second remarkable idea is found in the expression "THE MAN OF GOD," which is the Hebrew idiom for the prophet, as being God's "SPOKESMAN." Thus the person speaking for God has the "GOD-BREATHED" words in which to communicate to the audience and not his own.

Third, the term "ADEQUATE" or "PERFECT" has the meaning of being fitted as a joint, being fitted into a socket. Notice that fitted is followed by the word equipped. Equipped has the meaning of having every thing necessary to complete the task. Therefore this teaches us that only the person of God who has the profitable GOD-BREATHED word is thus fitted-out, prepared and equipped for every opportunity as God's spokesman.

Back to Fact Number One, " GOD-BREATHED". The language of God "BREATHING OUT" is noteworthy. In creation nothing came into being until God spoke, breathed out. Read Genesis chapter one. How was Adam given life in chapter two? God breathed into him the breath of life. *Can you see a connection with 2 Timothy 3:16, 17?*

As all Scripture is God-breathed, similar to the creation of Genesis 1 and the creation of Adam in chapter 2, so we learn a great lesson.

The Bible's truthfulness and relevance does not depend upon man and his designs. God's word is bound to God himself. Thus, the problem between us and God's word has much more to do with us than it does with God's word.

If it makes us feel any better, this problem of hearing, understanding, believing and obeying God's word is not new. The disciples of Jesus in His earthly ministry, saw and experienced all that Jesus did. But one reads often the Lord Jesus saying to them, "You of little faith." When was this problem corrected - John 20:11 - when they received the Holy Spirit. How did this happen? Jesus "breathed" on them and they received the spirit and were fitted to be God's spokespersons.

What of believers today? We have the same spirit that the apostles were given so what is lacking that we might be spokespersons for God?      **ONLY ONE THING ... AN OPEN BIBLE.**

*From the Desk of Bro. Dan*



# August



Gladiolus - symbolizing strength and integrity

Poppy - symbolizing remembrance and peace

| SUNDAY                                                                   | MONDAY                                                         | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                                                                          | THURSDAY                                        | FRIDAY                                         | SATURDAY                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 26                                                                       | 27                                                             | 28      | 29<br><i>Noon Prayer</i><br>Every Wed. Noon                                        | 30                                              | 31                                             | 1                                 |
| <b>Breakfast @ 2</b><br><b>Grinds 8:30</b><br>10AM Study<br>11AM Worship | 3<br>"FOUNDATIONS"<br>Bible Study @ 7 PM                       | 4       | 5<br><b>Rachel Auberger</b><br>7PM Zoom Bible Study                                | 6<br>2 PM Zoom<br>Fellowship<br>Prayer & Study  | 7                                              | 8                                 |
| 9<br>10AM Study<br>11AM Worship                                          | 10                                                             | 11      | 12<br><b>Dan &amp; Susan -</b><br><b>Happy Anniversary</b><br>7PM Zoom Bible Study | 13                                              | 14<br><b>Kellie Rath</b><br><b>Kerry Haley</b> | 15<br>Salvation<br>Station 2-5 pm |
| 16<br>10AM Study<br>11AM Worship                                         | 17<br><b>Joel Haley</b><br>"FOUNDATIONS"<br>Bible Study @ 7 PM | 18      | 19<br>7PM Zoom Bible Study                                                         | 20<br>2 PM Zoom<br>Fellowship<br>Prayer & Study | 21                                             | 22                                |
| 23<br>10AM Study<br>11AM Worship                                         | 24                                                             | 25      | 26<br>7PM Zoom Bible Study                                                         | 27                                              | 28                                             | 29<br><b>Carl Karpenko</b>        |
| 30<br>10AM Study<br>11AM Worship                                         | 31<br>"FOUNDATIONS"<br>Bible Study @ 7 PM                      | 1       | 2                                                                                  | 3                                               | 4                                              | 5                                 |



# August



**"I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being."**

## **Respiratory:**

Ron Murphy - COPD

Seth Karpenko - Asthma

## **Diabetes:**

Joy Karpenko, Susan Haley,

## **Neurological :**

Migraines: Kendra Cooke, Joy Karpenko,

Dan Haley 3

Patsy Cliff

Chere Peters (crippling arthritis)

Susan Haley neuropathy

## **Mental Health:**

Jayden and Morgan Cooke

Seth Karpenko

Dean Manchester

## **Serious Illness**

Stephen Pratt: cancer with cont. treatments

Joanne Kraemer: cancer and she is stable

Darcy Haley: serious illness - pray also for her 2 young children

Gina (Carr) Stahl, wife of Charles Stahl: total paralysis on her left side. Waiting for Testing Results so treatment can improve. Pray fervently for those results to be realized.

Bryce Mott, 3 yrs. old. Cancer and undergoing treatments (Kellie Rath's great-nephew)

## **Special Health :**

Dan Haley 3 : Alport's Syndrome (hearing, kidneys, pancreas), spinal stenosis

Gordie McKinley: back to work! Thank You, Lord

Victoria Murphy: Sciatica along with other health concerns

Judy Hurst (Susan Haley's sister): memory care facility

Jodi Corona: Alzheimer's; toes removed from her foot and future surgeries possible

Mark Nicholson: Please continue to pray for strength through faithful exercise and mobility. He is wheelchair bound.

James Johnson: for more strength to return to his legs so that he can continue walking well.

Also he has been diagnosed with IBS so please pray for relief from this. Thankfully, nothing keeps him down. as he trusts the Lord.

Lisa Sperazza : heart problems

## **Loss of Loved Ones**

Jeff Payne: Jodi Corona and Christy Auberger's brother.

Ken Engemann: Gail Engemann's son

Check out this website! There is a list of suggested trips - but we recommend a Google search for the listings. (some of the links go to strange places.)

## 101 Day Trips from Rochester

On the BEYOND THE NEST website there are lots of day trips for the Rochester area. Check it out online and get the full scoop for the trip ideas. There are some great road trips on less than a tank of gas from Rochester, full of ideas for travel as an individual, a couple or a family. It is also America's online guide to everything for seasoned adults and for those whose kids have flown the coop. The places below are samples of what you'll find. Enjoy August!

<https://rochester.beyondthenest.com/content/101-day-trips-rochester>

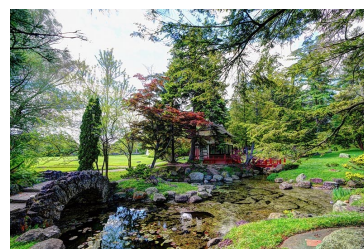
### Explore Gardens

Wickham Farms -  
Sunflower spectacular in August



Stokoe Farms -  
Sunflower Experience in August

### Sonnenberg Gardens in Canandaigua



<https://www.sonnenberg.org/>

### Explore these nearby towns all 1-2 hour drive

Canandaigua, **Skaneateles**, Naples, **Geneva**, East Aurora, Corning Cooperstown

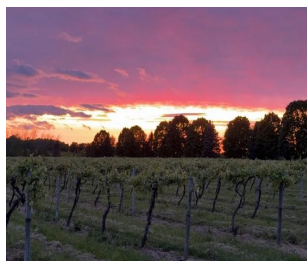
Plus Historical Museums, Art Museums, Transportation Museums including train museums and model railroads at Edgerton Community Center.

How about the Cornell  
Lab of Ornithology?



<https://www.birds.cornell.edu/home/>

Schulze Vineyard and Winery  
Burt, NY the Niagara Wine Trail.



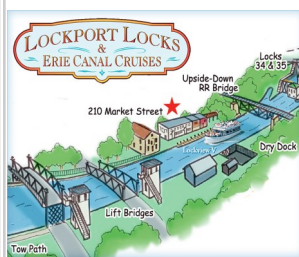
<https://www.schulzewines.com/>

Don't forget Rochester Area Boat Tours! We are surrounded by water. (See next page)

<https://daytrippingroc.com/boat-tours/>  
#surrounding-counties

Lockport Locks & Erie Canal Cruises.

[www.LockportLocks.com](http://www.LockportLocks.com)



The Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge,  
3395 US-20, Seneca Falls --  
Hunting; Fishing; Auto tour; Birding; Boating;  
Dog Walking; Hiking; Picnicking; Photography

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/montezuma/visit-us/activities>

# FAMILY FUN IN NEW YORK



[rochesterbywater.org/cruises/](http://rochesterbywater.org/cruises/)

**ROCHESTER  
BY WATER**

280 Exchange Blvd., Rochester, NY  
info@rochesterbywater.org;  
(585) 662-5748

**Arts and Culture Series** with guest speakers from the Erie Canal Museum presenting monthly talks aboard Riverie on subjects related to the Erie Canal and Genesee River.

**Kid's Cruises** are being introduced this season with 75-minute morning boat rides on Sam Patch, with activities specially designed for young passengers.

**Boxed lunches provided** by Neutral Ground Coffeehouse will be available for purchase on select afternoon cruises on both boats

**Riverie** is the first boat to offer cruises on the Genesee River in downtown Rochester since 2013. Online cruise booking is open now at Corn-HillNav.org. The 40-passenger Riverie, whose name incorporates River and Erie (Canal), offers a wide spectrum of entertainment options for families, businesses, and organizations, as well as on-the-water.

**Sam Patch** - Cruise aboard Sam Patch to experience the historic Erie Canal and travel through a canal lock. Check out this Kid's Cruise! During this 75-minute cruise, children will dive into the world of boats, navigation, and nautical traditions through interactive activities designed to spark curiosity and build new skills.

**Take the Helm:** Earn a Junior Captain's Badge by taking a supervised turn driving the boat, a memory they'll talk about all year.

**Nautical Knot-Tying:** Learn essential knots used by sailors and captains, with step-by-step guidance from our crew.

**Signal Flag Craft:** Create a colorful craft using international nautical flags and learn how mariners communicate across the water.

**Meet the Vessel:** Get to know Sam Patch, our replica 1800s packet boat, and discover how boats work on the historic Erie Canal.

During this 75-minute cruise, children will dive into the world of boats, navigation, and nautical traditions through interactive activities designed to spark curiosity and build new skills.



## Rabbit Hole Tavern

Casual American tavern with the best views in Rochester along the Genesee River. True Rochester foodie spot so after the Riverie enjoy some great food! We strive to deliver the best customer experience we can. Reviewers consistently praise this restaurant for its many unique and eclectic menu items, including the delicious "3 Ring Circus" pizza, "Roc Country Chicken" sandwich, and large fish fry. Guests also highlight the friendly staff, great service, and beautiful river views from the good outdoor patio.

284 Exchange Blvd; Rochester, NY 14608 (585) 270-8789

**Mt Tremper Express in the Catskills**

## RAIL EXPLORERS CATSKILLS GUIDE

What to know before you pedal the rails in Phoenicia, NY [www.railexplorers.net](http://www.railexplorers.net)

Looking for a Catskills activity that works for couples, families, and groups?

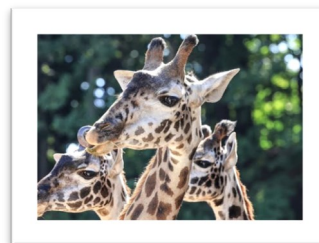
Rail Explorers lets you ride a pedal-powered railbike through the woods beside Esopus Creek.

Save this guide before choosing your tour.

All railbikes are fitted with an electric assist motor.

**NY Rail Explorers**

CLICK LINK IN BIO TO BOOK



**Seneca Park Zoo**

2222 St. Paul Street  
(585) 336.7200  
[senecaparkzoo.org](http://senecaparkzoo.org)

**RISE & SHINE**  
cart tours at Seneca Park Zoo

August 1st, 9th,  
16th, 22nd  
8 am to 9:30am  
Cart Tours

**Conservation Awareness Days**  
August 8th  
Pollinator Day  
All Day

**Conservation Awareness Days**  
August 15  
Panamanian Golden Frog Awareness Day  
10 am - 5 pm

**Conservation Awareness Days**  
August 23rd  
Beginner Birding Tour  
8 am - 9:30 am

*Be sure to call for booking and scheduling information. Some activities may require Zoo Membership.*



## "I'M A MOTHER AND A GRANDMOTHER AND A GREAT GRANDMOTHER ..."

THERE IS A FAMILY TEXT STREAM THAT HAS 12 PEOPLE OF WHICH I AM A PART.

The discussions on the stream include, sports, gardening, landscaping, home upgrades, cooking, vacations, pets, politics, children (babies and up), etc.

Recently, the discussion was on politics as this is an election year. Without a doubt, there are always disagreements on this subject. Some are positive and some negative and some can become extremely heated.

*Disagreeing is a very positive way to learn new things.* And so the title of this journal entry is **IDIC**, which stands for "INFINITE DIVERSITY in INFINITE COMBINATIONS." A life lacking variety is stagnating and boring!

We accept each other on a foundation of God's love. The differences are combined in acceptance and love. That's totally awesome! It's simply a matter of growing up in the Lord Jesus Christ.

So this journal entry began with, "I'm a Mother and a Grandmother." It is concluded with these words:

"It does my heart good to know that my family can discuss something, agreeing and disagreeing,  
without hating each other!!!!

Y'all are great and I love you."

*Mom, Nana Haley*

### Some examples of Diversity in the Scriptures from Genesis 1:

God spoke: "Earth, green up! Grow all varieties of seed-bearing plants,

Every sort of fruit-bearing tree." God saw that it was good. ..

God spoke: "Swarm, Ocean, with fish and all sea life! Birds, fly through the sky over Earth!"

God created the huge whales, all the swarm of life in the waters,

And every kind and species of flying birds. God saw that it was good. ..

God spoke: "Earth, generate life! Every sort and kind:

cattle and reptiles and wild animals—all kinds." God saw that it was good. ..

God created human beings; he created them godlike, Reflecting God's nature.

He created them male and female.

God looked over everything he had made; it was so good, so very good!

All different but all GOOD working together in each infinitely diverse sphere to bring  
Glory to their CREATOR GOD!

**Journaling for Spiritual Growth and God's Glory**



# August

The golden hour of summer -- filled with sunshine,  
s'mores, and spontaneous adventures.

That sweet spot between beach days and  
back - to - school vibes.

A gentle reminder to soak it all in before the  
leaves start to fall.

Synonymous with ICE CREAM, LATE SUNSETS,  
ROAD TRIPS, PORCH SWINGS.

May you experience a time of renewal,  
allowing God to strengthen and refresh your  
spirit as you soar on wings like eagles.

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## Salvation Station local Gospel ministry

Please take time to read the main article, check the calendar, realize the spiritual and physical needs of the brethren, read the Journal Page which is a beautiful testimony of one of the Lord's beloved in the OBFPresence ministry, a Saint from the past, or a Hymn Story.

*"Thank you Lord for all of the precious folks at OBF. "*

Susan Haley, Publisher/Editor; Bro. Dan Haley Jr, Writer; Bro. Dan Haley 3, Writer; those who share their testimony on the Journal Page;

Assistant Publisher and Editor: Christy Auberger    Editing Staff: Seth and Joy Karpenko

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Now, in this final month of summer, to the Saints who are filled with the love of the Spirit --  
We pray for you and ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,  
So that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects,  
Bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;  
Strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience;  
Joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.



Enjoy some rest and relaxation in the Lord and walk worthy.  
With the sincere love of God,  
Bro. Dan and Susan  
and Toby



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**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**  
10:00 AM also on ZOOM

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE & MESSAGE FROM THE SCRIPTURES**  
11:00 AM also on ZOOM

**MONDAY "FOUNDATIONS"**  
7 PM only on ZOOM

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION TIME**  
7:00 PM only on ZOOM

**THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP, STUDY & PRAYER**  
11:00 AM only on ZOOM, when announced

ZOOM LINKS are available on our website on the "Meetings" page  
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