

A monthly newsletter for members and friends of  
First Baptist Church of Painesville - November 2019

# CHURCH LINK



## From the Pastor's Desk

### Thanksgiving!

God is certainly worthy of praise and thanksgiving, and in Psalm 100 the writer gives us a wonderful glimpse into the world of a thankful spirit. It is an invitation to enter joyfully into God's presence. Verse one tells us to "*make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands*". Joyful noise is not unnecessary shouting but an excited and happy sound. Sometimes we are too quiet, to anemic in the service.

Verse two says "*serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing*". If our attitudes and motives are right about serving God, then we will find joy in serving Him. You may not be able to carry a tune, but you can lift up your voice with some kind of praise. Everyone should have a song in their heart!

Verse three says "*know ye that the Lord he is God: and it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture*". The Psalmist tells us to acknowledge that the Lord is God! We appreciate his status as our Creator, accept his authority in every detail of our lives. We are His people---chosen, forgiven and justified. We are His sheep---less than the shepherd, needing His guidance and feeding in His pasture.

Verse four tells us how to enter into the service to feel the presence of God, it says "*enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name*". God gives us an invitation into His presence. Do you willfully and joyfully come into God's presence, or are you just going through the motions, reluctantly going to church? Have you drawn closer to Him or do you find yourself fleeing from His presence? God alone is worthy of being worshipped!

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Verse five tells us why He is worthy to be praised. The Psalmist writes “*for the Lord is good: his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endures to all generations*”. He is good because that is His nature (*kindness, generous, patient, loving*). He is good because He saves. He is good because He keeps His mercy. His mercy, which is Him withholding from us what we deserve, extends to humanity, is evidenced in salvation and seen in our daily lives. Truth is an indispensable attribute of God. His Word is truth (unchanging fact), and it never ends and can always be counted on.

In a few days we will sit around a table full of good food and spend time with family. We will stuff ourselves silly and watch a football game or just talk and have a good time. What about sharing with someone this Thanksgiving about God and His goodness, mercy and truth.

Happy Thanksgiving,  
Pastor Edwards

### Giant Eagle Gift Cards



Giant Eagle gift cards are available for you to purchase from First Baptist. We have \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200 gift cards. Purchase them during the week in the office. This is a benefit to First Baptist because we earn 5% of the total we sell!



### Recycle Paper

Place your paper to be recycled in the green and yellow *PaperRetriever* bin on east side of the church building. Items accepted: **newspapers, magazines, catalogs, direct mail, office paper, phone books, school paper shredded paper in clear plastic bags.** Items not accepted: **cardboard, cereal boxes, kitchen/bathroom paper products, plastic, metals, garbage.** We can earn between \$5 and \$20 per ton of paper we collect and help the environment at the same time!

## Hosanna Circle



Eleven Circle Sisters met at the home of Jacquie Wolf on October 7, 2019. It was a time of joining our voices in song, followed by remembering family and friends in need of prayer.

Five Sisters volunteered to prepare the next meal to be taken to Project Hope for their Thursday, October 31st supper.

It's in the plans to prepare Thanksgiving baskets for any church family in need.

Sisters were encouraged to come on the second Thursday of the month to the Mary/Martha Prayer Circle at 10:00 a.m. Those present pray for family/friends in need of hope and encouragement. Notes are then written to each.

It's hoped that Sisters will bring macaroni and cheese, tuna helper, soups, or boxed potatoes to the next meeting to be placed in the food pantry.

After Wendy's thoughts on the 2019-2020 program theme, Jacquie elaborated on the study— "Empowering Women." Other Sisters will give additional thoughts during the year.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. This thought I leave with you:

Faith sees the invisible,  
Believes the incredible,  
And receives the impossible.

Jacquie Wolf

### A big THANK YOU...

...for your food donations. We are not allowed to give expired food so please check the expiration dates before bringing food items.

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## November Birthdays

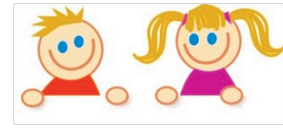
Hedy Takacs	22
Thomas Bishop	24
Paul Vadnal	24
Lindy Leathers	25



## November Anniversaries

Tom & Gwen Bishop	24
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If you are not included in our birthday and/or anniversary lists and would like to be, please call the office at 440-354-4454. Thank you!



## Nursery/Toddler Volunteers (9:50 am)

11/3	Caregiver: Sandy Namestnik
11/10	Caregiver: Jenny Silbaugh & Helper: Wendy Fredebaugh
11/17	Caregiver: Amy Whipple Helper: Judy Whipple
11/24	Caregiver: Toni Walker Helper: Jackie Dwyer

## Hospitality Volunteers

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Welcome Center</u>
11/3	Toni Walker	Peggy Ryan & Jackie Dwyer
11/10	Carla Reynolds	Lindy Leathers & Mary Anne Kelly
11/17	Arlene Silbaugh	Wendy Fredebaugh
11/24	Judy Whipple	Lindy Leathers

## Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

Come at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and join in with others who are seeking God's face, praising Him, and then interceding on behalf of others.

## Worship Service Scripture Readers

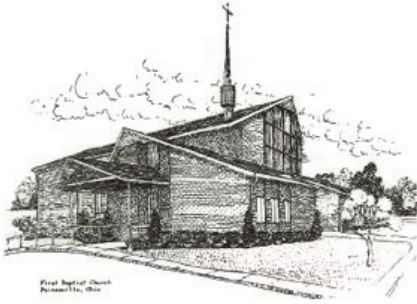
11/3	Peggy Ryan
11/10	Jacque Wolf
11/17	Bob Wolf
11/24	Bev Smith



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**Guest**



**Weekly & Monthly Events & Meetings**

**Bible Blast, Youth & ABF** - Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

**Praise Practice** - Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

**Worship** - Sundays, 10:30 a.m.

**Communion** - First Sunday of each month, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**1st Baptist Singers** - 3rd Sunday of each month, 12:30 p.m.

**Hosanna Circle** - First Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. (October, November, February, March, April and May); 6:30 p.m. - (December & June)

**Bible Study/Prayer Meeting** - Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

**Mary/Martha Prayer Circle** - 2nd Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

**“Link” Reports Due** - 18th of each month