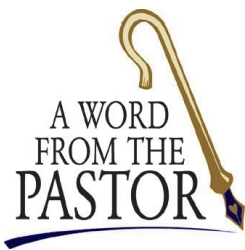


A monthly newsletter for members and friends of  
First Baptist Church of Painesville - November 2020

# CHURCH LINK



## From the Pastor's Desk God's word is Truth!



Many people today want a God who supports them regardless of how they live but have no tolerance for a God who has unchanging standards of right and wrong and punishes people for wrong beliefs or behavior. Sadly, this is true in some churches. Studies have shown that 80% of people who were asked about their beliefs said that *“an individual should arrive at his or her own religious beliefs independent of a church or synagogue”*. In other words, moral or religious truth is whatever someone believes it to be.

John chapter 8 contains a conversation Jesus had with some people who really needed to hear the truth. It's a long passage, but in just two verses, Jesus tells us three things we must always do with truth. **First**, *we must affirm the truth*—to the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, *“if you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples, then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”* (**John 8:31-32**).

Jesus did not say to simply know *“a truth”* but *“the truth”*. He was speaking about eternal truth, which is for everyone everywhere, always applies, and is not subject to social constructs or changing philosophies. This truth is found in one place. **John 17:17** which has been our theme here for 2020 is based on Jesus asking the Father to *“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth”*. Since ultimate truth comes from Him, it cannot be changed because He never changes, nor can it be wrong since He is always right.

**Second**, *we must accept the truth*—Jesus said, *“then you will know the truth”* (**John 8:32**). To know does not merely mean mental understanding but full acceptance with both the mind and heart. The buzz word in our culture today is tolerance. We are being asked to tolerate the actions, attitudes, and assertions of others even if they are wrong. Now, do not get me wrong, with people we should always be patient and gracious, but in the realm of truth we need principled convictions to replace political correctness.

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Whether the subject is salvation or sexuality, marriage or morality, disparity, or poverty, or right and wrong, the correct response is to hold firmly to the truth of God’s word. Everyone is entitled to their own beliefs but not their own truths. Beliefs never validate truth, but truth authenticates beliefs.

**Third**, *we must apply the truth*—Jesus said to those who believed in Him, “*if you hold to my teachings, you are really my disciples*”. Holding to the truth means living it out in a way which dominates our entire being. With the mind we learn the truth, with the heart we love it, and with the will we live it. There are those who would deny the truth, doubt it, debate it, degrade it, and even try to dilute it, but Jesus is the truth. I want to encourage you today to discover the truth while you are still alive, and knowing Jesus as your Savior is the only way you can know the “**truth**”.

Prayerfully yours,  
Pastor Edwards



**There are always extra monthly newsletters located on a table in the foyer. Please feel free to take some to share with your neighbors or friends.**

Psalm 91: 5, 6, 9, 10, 11 NLT

<sup>5</sup>*Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies in the day.*

<sup>6</sup>*Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness,  
nor the disaster that strikes at midday.*

<sup>9</sup>*If you make the LORD your refuge,  
if you make the Most High your shelter,*

<sup>10</sup>*no evil will conquer you;*

*no plague will come near your home.*

<sup>11</sup>*For he will order his angels*

*to protect you wherever you go.*

“I ask our church family to address this health care crisis with a spirit of faith, courage, compassion, and hope, rather than giving in to fear and anxiety.”

Pastor Edwards

## Hosanna Circle



Twelve Sisters enjoyed an evening meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 6:30, after being apart since early spring due to the virus. We were spaced properly at the tables in the Fellowship Hall, and wore masks.

A main discussion was the fact that we’re to serve 40 dinners on Thursday, October 29 at Project Hope. It wasn’t long before several sisters offered to take on the task this month.

We plan to bring items for the pantry in November along with a Thanksgiving poem or inspirational reading to share. Also, if there’s a need, Thanksgiving basket(s) will be prepared.

Different ideas were discussed for our December meeting, but nothing was finalized. The main desire is to have a safe time.

Our prayer time addressed members and friends with our concerns.

Our next meeting is Monday, November 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

In closing, words of David Posers:

*“Seize the day! Begin Now! Each day is a new life. Seize it, live it. For in today, already walks tomorrow.”*

Jacquie Wolf

## 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.

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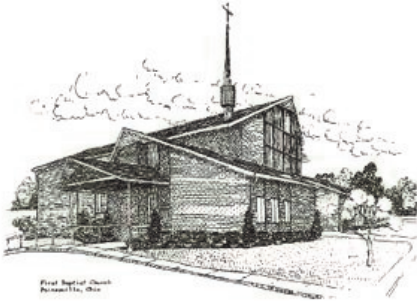
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Blast, ABF & Youth* 10:00 a.m.. Praise Practice 10:30 a..m. Worship, Communion 7:00 p.m. Kensington Sunday (AA) *	<b>2</b> 7:00 p.m. Hosanna Circle at the Church	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:30 p..m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA) *	<b>7</b>
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<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Blast, ABF & Youth* 10:00 a.m.. Praise Practice 10:30 a..m. Worship 12:30 p.m. 1st Baptist Singers* 7:00 p.m. Kensington Sunday (AA) *	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> "Link" Reports Due 6:30 p..m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA)*	<b>21</b>
<b>22 Food Collection</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Blast, ABF & Youth* 10:00 a.m.. Praise Practice 10:30 a..m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Kensington Sunday (AA)*	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25 OFFICE CLOSED</b> 6:30 p..m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting	<b>26</b>  <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>27 OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA)*	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  <b>1st Sunday in Advent</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Blast, ABF & Youth* 10:00 a.m.. Praise Practice 10:30 a..m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Kensington Sunday (AA)*	<b>30</b>					

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### **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

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