

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

# CHURCH LINK



## From the Pastor's Desk

### The Bible is Unique



We have chosen as our theme for 2020 a passage of Scripture found in the gospel of John in chapter 17 verse 17. This chapter is the High Priestly Prayer spoken by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In this chapter Jesus has accomplished the work which the father had given Him to do.

He had manifested the father's name to the men that had been given Him out of the world and they had come to believe that Jesus came forth from the Father, and that everything that they had seen and heard was from God himself.

Jesus prays that the Father would make them one even as He and the Father are one. He prayed that they would be protected from the evil one in this world. Jesus knew that His hour was coming, and He would no longer be in this world. He prayed that they would have the same joy found in Jesus, and that joy would be found in the Word of God.

He asked God the Father to sanctify the disciples in the truth, which is the Word of God. The disciples would be in this world but not of this world. They would be guided and led by the truth of God's word.

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Our focus this year will be on the transforming power of the Word of God. My prayer is that we all would begin to understand the uniqueness of the Bible. The Bible gives unmistakable evidence that its thoughts come from God and not man.

A book that is unique in its origin should also be unique in its content and what it teaches. The Bible qualifies on this point because it teaches what no other book does. The Bible claims to teach the whole truth and nothing but the truth about God, man, creation, sin, salvation, and any other subject it touches on.

My Prayer is that you would come and join us this year as we consider some of the Bible's unique truths in Sunday School, Morning Worship Service and Wednesday Night Bible Study!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Edwards

## Hosanna Circle



Ten circle sisters gathered February 3, 2020 for the regular meeting, which started with a sing time and sharing scripture, poem, or thought. Our prayer list was quite long as we lifted those up needing comfort, healing, hope.

A lengthy discussion was had on the status of the curtains in the Fellowship Hall. Blinds are being considered at this point, but nothing definite was finalized at this time.

Jacque suggested to all, that if possible, please sign up on the Ash Wednesday prayer page which goes all day. This can be done at home or at the church.

Peggy gave an enlightening presentation on the Empowerment of Women.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2020 at the church, at 7 p.m.

Sisters - new comers - we look forward to seeing you.

In closing, I'll quote 1 Corinthians 15:58. *"Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord."*

Jacque Wolf

### 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 *Paper Retriever* bin on east side of the church building. Items accepted: **newspapers, magazines, catalogs, direct mail, office 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!

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# America for CHRIST OFFERING 2020

“You shall  
**LOVE** your  
**NEIGHBOR**  
as **YOURSELF.**”  
MATTHEW 22:39



Jesus teaches us to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:39). The church follows the teaching of Jesus by reaching out to the community and providing for our neighbor’s needs - physical and spiritual alike.

Our church’s efforts are supported by American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), which provides resources for cultivating leaders, equipping disciples, and healing and transforming communities. Through ABHMS, we serve neighbors across the United States and Puerto Rico in long-term recovery after natural disasters. Indeed, ABHMS provides many ways to help our church love our many neighbors, near and far!

Our generous gifts to the America for Christ (AFC) offering support this work. Each dollar given increases the ministry and impact of ABHMS to serve neighbors with ministries incarnating Christ’s love, justice and compassion. Further, a portion of this offering (28%) will be shared for strengthening local church leaders through programming, pastoral search support and other efforts to help our local church thrive. This is especially helpful in these times when North America is its own challenging mission field!

In 2019, our churches gave more than \$300,000 to AFC gifts supporting the following ministries:

- “Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico” — rebuilding the island one church and one building at a time;
  - Scholarships and Emerging Leaders — providing scholarships to students to help ease the debilitating effects of excessive student-loan debt;
  - Immigration and Refugee Resettlement — partnering with organizations that have resettled more than 100,000 displaced persons from across the world;
  - Rizpah’s Children — partnering with agencies that provide support to children living in poverty.
- Additional supported ministries included Disaster Response, Volunteer Mobilization, Prisoner Re-Entry and Community Outreach Ministries.

AFC 2020 empowers our local and national efforts to “love our neighbor.” I ask you to join me in giving generously to this year’s AFC offering and help us reach our goal, as we partner with ABHMS to love our neighbors and share the gospel!

FBCP will receive this offering throughout the month of March.  
Please give as your are able.

# Noah's Ark Encounter Trip

First Baptist Church of Painesville

10801 Johnnycake Ridge Rd, Painesville, OH 44077  
(440) 354-4454



## **Thursday – Friday, July 30 – 31, 2020**

*Deluxe Barons Bus Lines Coach departing at 5:00AM on Thursday, July 30th*

*Arriving at Noah's Ark Encounter at approximately 12N*

*Noah's Ark 12N – 6:00PM*

*Departing Noah's Ark to Hotel at approximately 6:30PM*

*Dinner on your own*

*Hotel: Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham Dry Ridge, KY*

*1 Queen \$104.22 (including tax)*

*2 Queens \$114.64 (including tax)*

*1 Queen Suite \$114.64 (including tax)*

*Departing Hotel Friday, July 31st at approximately 12N*

*Cost: \$60.00 for roundtrip transportation*

*Park tickets: \$40.00 Seniors*

*\$50.00 Adults*

*\$25.00 Youth (11 – 17 years)*

*Free – children age 10 years and younger*

*A deposit of \$50.00 is required to book your reservation no later than Sunday, March 29, 2020. Payment in full is due by Sunday, June 14, 2020*

*For more information and to book your reservation call FBCP at (440) 354-4454 or Michelle Edwards at (216) 548-6195, or Wendy Fredebaugh at (440) 343-1890.*

# Koinonia Camp 2020

Register online at: [www.christiancampohio.org](http://www.christiancampohio.org)

**Tentative!**

**Summer!**

**Schedule!**

Special Person's Camp	June 4 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm - 1:00pm	\$290.00
Senior High Camp	June 7 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm - 5:30pm	\$355.00
Primary Camp	June 14 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm - 5:30pm	\$255.00
Advanced Horsemanship Camp	June 14 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm - 5:30pm	\$455.00
Elementary Camp	June 21 <sup>st</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm - 5:30pm	\$355.00
First Timers Camp	June 26 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm - 3:30pm	\$ 90.00
Junior High Camp	June 28 <sup>th</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30pm - 5:30pm	\$355.00
Horsemanship Camp	June 28 <sup>th</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30pm - 5:30pm	\$455.00
Youth Bible N' Saddle Camp	July 5 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm - 5:30pm	\$455.00
Paintball Camp	July 5 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm - 5:30pm	\$455.00
Elementary Bible N' Saddle Camp	July 12 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm - 5:30pm	\$455.00
Youth Special Person's Horse Camp	August 9 <sup>nd</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm - 1:30pm	\$390.00
Adult Special Person's Horse Camp	August 12 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm - 1:30pm	\$390.00

## NEW FOR SUMMER 2020!

**Days of Wonder Day Camp! July 12<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00am - 3:00pm Daily \$150.00**

A day camp for 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> graders, based around the beautiful creation Christ has given us! You will experience bee keeping, pumpkin, hay, and other crop growing, maple syrup distilling and more! You will study and talk about environmental issues, birds, mammals, and environmental technology! Come and join an amazing group of people who want to learn and grow God's beautiful handiwork!

**Off!**

**Season!**

**Events!**

Camp Reunion Duck Race	April 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am - 3:00pm	\$ FREE
Senior High Fall Retreat	September 18 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm - 5:30pm	\$ 30.00
Koinonia Carnival	October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00am - 3:00pm	\$ FREE
Women's Day	November 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am - 6:00pm	\$ 45.00
Wilderness Weekend	October 9 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm - 2:30pm	\$125.00
Special Person's Day	December 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am - 3:00pm	\$ 25.00
Winter Bash	January 24 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> 2020	5:30pm - 1:00pm	\$ 85.00
Snow N' Glow	January 31 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2020	5:30pm - 1:00pm	\$ 85.00

# MARCH

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>
<b>8</b> Daylight Savings <b>Time begins</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Blast, ABF & Youth 10:00 a.m.. Praise Practice 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Jackie Dwyer Birthday Cake reception 7:00 p.m. Kensington Sunday (AA)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00 p.m. North Coast Historical Recovery	<b>11</b> 6:30 p..m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting	<b>12</b> 10:00 a.m. Marry/ Martha Prayer Circle	<b>13</b> 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA)	<b>14</b>
<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</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</b> 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA)	<b>28</b>
<b>29</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>	<b>31</b>				

## March Birthdays

Gwen Bishop	1
Etta LaRue	3
Janet Neil	6
Maxine Austen	9
Mary Ann Richner	9
Jackie Dwyer	12
Meghan Sell	20
Morgan Sell	24
Todd Smth	29



**No Mar saries**

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)

3/1	Caregiver: Sandy Namestnik Helper: Jackie Dwyer
3/8	Caregiver: Toni Walker Helper: Judy Whipple
3/15	Caregiver: Wendy Fredebaugh Helper: Jenny Silbaugh
3/22	Caregiver: Amy Whipple Helper: Judy Whipple
3/29	Caregiver: Sandy Namestnik Helper: Jackie Dwyer

## Hospitality Volunteers

### Greeters

3/1	Carla Reynolds
3/8	Arlene Silbaugh
3/15	Judy Whipple
3/22	Barb Papandrea
3/29	Jenny Silbaugh

### Welcome Center

Wendy Fredebaugh
Lindy Leathers & Mary Anne Kelly
Jacquie Wolf
Peggy Ryan
Wendy Fredebaugh

## Scripture Readers

3/1	Bob Wolf
3/8	Bev Smith
3/15	Ingrid Balstad
3/22	Peggy Ryan
3/29	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.

## A big THANK YOU...

...for your food donations for our food pantry. Please remember to check the expiration dates on the items you donate.

## Daylight Savings Time Begins on March 8.

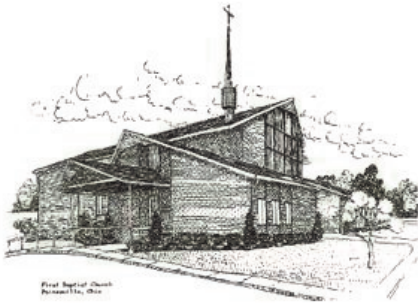


Don't forget to set your clocks ahead before you go to bed on Saturday, March 7!

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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