

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Birthday of the Church

Church anniversary's are unique in that we can all gather together and celebrate the faithfulness and goodness of our Lord. As we celebrate this community and this building, we cannot help but think about all the changes that have taken place in the lifetime of this ministry.

This church was established in 1836 and we are celebrating 183 years of faithful service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Can you imagine all the changes that have taken place over that many years? There have been countless advances in technology and healthcare. Our society has undergone drastic transformations in clothing styles, ethics, morals, laws and so many other things.

Through all of this passage of time, there is one thing that has not changed and it has stood the test of time; that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Gospel, the Bible, the Word of GOD is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. **Malachi 3:6 states "I am the Lord, I do not change".**

While we are mindful today of the history of this church, I think we should go back a little further in time and witness the beginning of THE CHURCH.

The events described in the 2nd chapter of the book of Acts occur 50 days following the Jewish Passover when Jesus was crucified on a Friday. The 11 disciples were on an emotional roller coaster. In under two months' time, they had seen Jesus enter Jerusalem triumphantly during the Palm Sunday parade. Then they witnessed the trial and death of Jesus and many of them left town disappointed, thinking they had believed in a false hope.

Now they were back in Jerusalem, scared for their lives, hiding together in most likely the same room that the Last Supper was taken. And suddenly there came from Heaven a sound like a mighty rushing

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The Apostle Peter then preached a magnificent sermon and made it known that there is salvation in no other name than that of Jesus Christ. Men and women were asked then, and are still being asked today, to repent and believe the Gospel. (Acts 2:22-24, 38). This was to become the beginning of the New Testament Church and God added three thousand souls on that day.

> Praise God, Pastor Edwards

Hosanna Circle



Monday, March 4, 2019 was the last meeting of Hosanna Circle. There were nine sisters present. This evening began with our presentation by Janet, speaking on Abigail and the part she

played in the Bible.

We then had our sing time, readings of poems and scripture. James 5:16 tells us to "pray one for another." we remembered several family members and friends in prayer.

Easter is April 21 and we are hopeful we can have a continental breakfast before the service. More information on this soon.

Wendy restated the bake sale date for Sunday, May 5—after the morning service. We encourage any church member to join us with baked goods for this sale.

Mark your calendars sisters and any interested lady who would like to join us. Our next meeting is Monday, April 1, 2019, 7 p.m. at the church.

Romans 12:12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer."

Jacquie Wolf



A big THANK YOU...

We are grateful for your food donations. Please check the expiration dates before bringing your donations to the church and give <u>only</u> items which have not expired, please. We cannot give out expired food. Thank you.

Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

Come at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday and join in with others who are seeking God's face, praising Him, and then interceding on behalf of others. We are currently studying the book of Romans.

1 John 5:14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jun	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7:00 p.m. Hosanna Circle at the church		6:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meet- ing		7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA)	
7 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)	8	9 7:00 p.m. North Coast Historical Recovery	6:30 pm. Bible Study/ Prayer Meet- ing	10:00 a.m. Mary/ Martha Prayer Circle	12 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA)	13
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9:00 a.m. Easter Conti- nental Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship 11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt 7:00 p.m. Kensington Sunday (AA)	22	23	24 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meet- ing	25	26 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA)	27
28 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)	29	30			7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA)	

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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