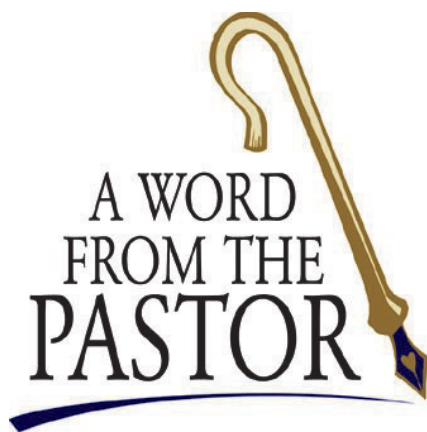


A monthly newsletter for members and friends of
First Baptist Church of Painesville - April 2020

Church Link



From the Pastor's Desk It's Time to Believe!



Two thousand years ago, while human beings were at their lowest point, God put into motion his plan to save us. Jesus, seated at the right hand of God, gave up all his power in heaven and exploded into human history. *“he himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been saved”*(1Peter 2:24, **ESV**).

The Lord not only sent his Son to die in our place, he gave us the Holy Spirit and a plan to make disciples by building his church. The early Christians that he raised up were a dynamic body of active, praying believers. During the church's most pivotal moments, God did miracles for his people. When a crisis arose in the world, the early Christians did the only thing they had the power to do: They prayed.

Fear and anxiety have once again gripped not only our nation, but the whole world. The spread of the coronavirus---a respiratory disease that could kill more than 3 percent of patients it infects---can seem terrifying. The disease affects every aspect of life. History will recount the way in which the church responded to yet another crisis.

Someone has said that we gain strength, and courage, and confidence by each experience in which we really stop to look fear in the face...we must do that which we think we cannot. We must believe that God is in control! The greater your knowledge of the goodness and grace of God in your life, the more likely you are to praise Him in the storms of life.

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The prophet Isaiah by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit penned these words in **chapter 41:10**

“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand(NLT).”

Sometimes the darkest hours in history can become opportunities for believers to exhibit the confidence and belief that we have in our Lord. The Church today has the same power available that was present in the early Church, and that is the power of prayer. It is in times like this when our faith will be tested. Do we believe God and His Word?

2ND Chronicles 7:14*if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land”.*
It’s time to believe!

God’s power is revealed when we pray in faith!!

Prayerfully yours,
Pastor Edwards

Cancellations and Changes Due to COVID -19

Following are in effect until further notice:

No Wednesday night Bible Study/Prayer Meeting.

No Sunday School

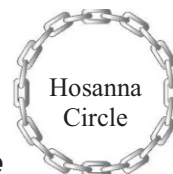
No childcare volunteers during worship services. Children sit with their families.

No Hospitality table volunteers or greeters. Bulletins available by the welcome sign.

Easter Breakfast and egg hunt are on hold for now.

April 6th Hosanna Circle Cancelled.

Sorry for the inconvenience. These cancellations and changes are for the safety of everyone. Thank you.



Hosanna Circle

Our last meeting, March 2, 2020, had 12 in attendance. We turned our cares into prayers for a long list of family and friends who need our concern for them.

Due to the health concerns, the April meeting for Hosanna has been cancelled. As far as we know at this time, the April 30 dinner will be expected at Project Hope. Volunteers to provide food would be appreciated. Please let Jacquie Wolf know. project Hope on Thursday, April 30.

The annual dinner plan decision for June was moved to May. Mary Anne Kelly is working on this event.

Janet’s program presentation on the Morrow Indian Children’s Home and its affect on children was very informational.

In closing, Song of Solomon 2:12:

“The flowers are springing up and the time of singing birds has come.”

Yes, spring is here.

Jacquie Wolf

A big THANK YOU ...

...for your food donations for our food pantry.

We were able to help 6 families during the month of March. Please remember to check the expiration dates on the items you donate.

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Noah's Ark Encounter Trip

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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 (14– 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) 546-195, or Wendy Fredebaugh at (440) 348-390.*



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

⁵ Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night,
nor the arrow that flies in the day.

⁶ Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness,
nor the disaster that strikes at midday.

⁹ If you make the LORD your refuge,
if you make the Most High your shelter,

¹⁰ no evil will conquer you;
no plague will come near your home.

¹¹ 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 into fear and anxiety."

Pastor Edwards



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting	2	3 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA) (Cancelled until further notice)	4
5  Palm Sunday 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)	6 7:00 p.m. Hosanna Circle at the church (Cancelled)	7	8 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting	9 10:00 a.m. Marry/ Martha Prayer Circle	10 Good Friday  Office Closed 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service	11
12  Easter 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast 10:00 a.m.. Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship 7:00 p.m. Kensington Sunday (AA)	13	14 7:00 p.m. North Coast Historical Recovery (Cancelled until further notice)	15 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting	16	17 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA) (Cancelled until further notice)	18 "Link" Reports Due
19 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)	20	21	22 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting	23	24 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA) (Cancelled until further notice)	25
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PLEASE NOTE: SEE "CANCELLATIONS AND CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19" IN THIS NEWSLETTER

April Birthdays

Jeannine Barstow 17
 Jim Benko 17

April Anniversaries

Jim and Cathy Benko 8

If you are not included in our birthday and/or anniversary lists and would like to be, please call the office at 440-54-4454. Thank you!



Nursery/Toddler Volunteers (9:50 am)

(When resumes)

- 4/5 Caregiver: Sandy Namestnik
- 4/12 Easter Worship - No Volunteers
- 4/19 Caregiver: Amy Whipple
Helper: Judy Whipple
- 4/26 Caregiver: Toni Walker
Helper: Wendy Fredebaugh

Hospitality Volunteers

(When resumes)

Greeters

Welcome Center

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| 4/5 | Toni Walker | Jacquie Wolf |
| 4/12 | Judy Whipple | Lindy Leathers |
| 4/19 | Arlene Silbaugh | Wendy Fredebaugh
& Carla Reynolds |
| 4/26 | Jenny Silbaugh | Jacquie 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 paper, phone books, school paper shredded paper, 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!



Scripture Readers

(When resumes)

- 4/5 Bob Wolf
- 4/12 Bev Smith
- 4/19 Ingrid Balstad
- 4/26 Peggy Ryan



The Sermon of the Lilies



In the beauty of the lilies we can see the love of God.
They without a conscious effort rise — supreme above the sod —
Clothed in tints of radiant glory fed by springs and from above,
Each a message of Creation, each a symbol of his love.

—Charles L. H. Wagner

Song of Easter

Easter lilies! Can you hear what they whisper, low and clear?
In dewy fragrance they unfold their splendor sweet, their snow and gold.
Every beauty-breathing bell, news of heaven has to tell.
Listen to their mystic voice, Hear, O mortal, and rejoice!
Hark, their soft and heavenly chime! Christ is risen for all time!

—Celia Thaxter

Easter

- E** Emancipation from sin's power.
- A** Affirmation that Jesus' claims are true.
- S** Strength from Jesus, a conquering force.
- T** Trust. Because of Easter, we know Jesus is Lord and that we can trust him.
- E** Energy, Easter energized our mission.
- R** Resurrection hope for us too.



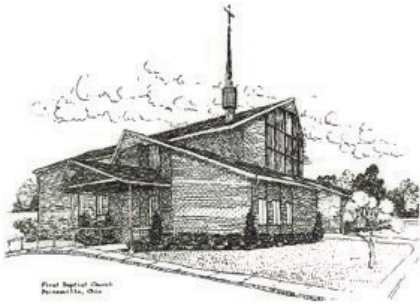
—Brent Bill

Happy Easter!

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Return Service Requested

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