

A monthly newsletter for members and friends of  
First Baptist Church of Painesville - April 2021

# CHURCH LINK



## From the Pastor's Desk

### He is Risen!

In the Gospel of Matthew chapter 28 verse 6, we find what might be the most comforting phrase that God could give us at a time like this. These seven words spoken by an angel announced the most life-changing moment ever recorded in the history of the world. The words "*He is risen, just as he said*" were exactly what Jesus had told his disciples would happen, even if they didn't understand it at the time. And then He did just what He said.

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**"God keeps promises...we can always trust Him."**

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We should be thankful that we have a God who keeps promises. We may not always understand, but we can always trust Him. I pray that we would hold tightly to that message this Easter season and beyond. I pray that you will join me in sharing it as well.

The last year has left many people asking big questions about what matters in life, what happens after death, whether there is a God and if so, whether He loves us. Easter is a perfect time to help others understand that "*He is risen, just as he said*".

Here are ten ways you can share Easter's Good News!

- 1) **Invite someone to Church**—your personal invitation may spur them on to visit again.
- 2) **Pray for one**—select one friend each week to focus on in your prayers. Ask God to work in this person's life and to open the door for you to share the Good News.

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- 3) **Start a conversation**—and be ready to give an answer to those who are curious about spiritual things.
- 4) **Share your story**—tell the story of how you came to know Jesus and invite others to do the same.
- 5) **Send an Easter card**—we often send Christmas cards, but rarely Resurrection Day cards.
- 6) **Ask a question**—many of us may not feel that we are good at evangelism, but you may find it easy if you ask meaningful questions (*did you go to church as a child? what do you think happens to you when you die?*).
- 7) **Share a Bible verse**—make it a practice to share God's word with others.
- 8) **Plant a seed**—Easter is time to celebrate life, especially the new life we have through Jesus.
- 9) **Make a new friend**—go out of your way this week to meet someone new. one of the best ways to introduce people to Jesus is by being a friend.
- 10) **Give a prayer**—when you have a conversation with someone, offer to pray for them. If possible, offer to do it right then. Most people will be surprised but feel blessed and encouraged by the gift of your prayer.

These are just some suggestions that can lead unsaved people to Christ. This month as we are focused on Resurrection Sunday and all that it means to us, let us recommit ourselves to sharing the gospel intentionally and frequently. We can be confident that even in the midst of our world's confusion, God is still leading the lost to us all the time.

Yours in Christ,  
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.*

## Hosanna Circle



Ten circle sisters met on March 1, 2021. After singing, we each took part in sharing a scripture, poem, or thought. We then went to prayer time for church members, family members, and friends.

We were very pleased with the good gathering of items for the Christmas tree, which was all taken to Hope Chest. A big “thank you” to all who helped.

A thank you note was read from Project Hope following the financial donation given to them at Christmas time from us.

Looking ahead, Thursday, April 29, 2021 is the next time we are to prepare the meal for Project Hope. Sisters volunteered right away, which we appreciate.

Our next meeting is to be April 5, 2021, 7:00 p.m. at the church. If you haven't joined us yet, we want you to know you are welcome to join us.

I leave you with this prayer:

*“Our Father, enable me to sow seeds that will not bring to me a harvest of regret, anguish, and sorrow. Teach me to sow seeds of love and mercy, so that I may reap an abundant harvest to the honor and glory of Thy Name; through Christ, the Savior of the world. Amen.”*

Jacquie Wolf

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 	<b>2 OFFICE CLOSED</b>  <b>good friday</b> 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service	<b>3</b>
<b>4 Happy Easter</b>  9:00 a.m. Bible Blast, ABF & Youth* 10:00 a.m.. Praise Practice 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion	<b>5</b> 7:00 p.m. Hosanna	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting	<b>8</b> 10:00 a.m. Mary/ Martha Prayer Circle	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Blast, ABF & Youth* 10:00 a.m.. Praise Practice 10:30 a.m. Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</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* "Link" Reports Due	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Blast, ABF & Youth* 10:00 a.m.. Praise Practice 10:30 a.m. Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

\*Cancelled until further notice.

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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

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