

A monthly newsletter for members and friends of
First Baptist Church of Painesville - June 2019

CHURCH LINK



FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Building Christian Friendships

One of the draws of Facebook and other social networking sites is the possibility of reconnecting with old friends. Sometimes lost friendships can be rekindled, but often the reconnection fizzles after just a few short interactions. Once rehearsing the past has been exhausted, there's nothing left to say. Friendships cannot survive solely on past memories, but they thrive on the hope of future sharing, growth, play, and activity. Without a forward- looking hope, a friendship has no future.

The author of Ecclesiastes wrote "for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted" (3:1-2).

**“...we human beings are blessed with the gift of friendship
from God.”**

Between birth and death, we human beings are blessed with the gift of friendship from God. Throughout our years, friendships are birthed, and we glory in their blessings. What brings more bliss than the companionship of good friends who love us?

When our friends die, we rightfully mourn and are comforted. The memory of a good friend is balm for our souls. Like the heavens, good friendships declare the glory of God. Like God's law, godly friendships revive our souls, give joy to our hearts, and provide light to our eyes. The best friendships are more precious than gold and sweeter than honey. And whenever we share in a true friendship in this life---and in the world to come, there is great reward (Psalm 19:1-11).

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Building Christian friendships within the body of Christ is essential for us to grow spiritually. Our relationship to others ultimately reveals our relationship to our Lord. Churches can advance the cause of Christ by training people in the fundamental skills of friendship. The success of our spiritual journeys depends upon the quality of friendships we develop with others. This in turn will help promote the development and deepening of our friendship with God.

The depth and quality of your relationship with God will impact all your other friendships. Do your best to make sure your friendships promote the spiritual health of our Church and support our mission in this community and beyond.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Edwards



A big THANK YOU...



We are grateful for your food donations. In May, we were able to help 4 families with food. Please check the expiration dates before bringing your donations to the church and give only items which have not expired, as we cannot give out expired food. Thank you.

Hosanna Circle



Eleven Circle Sisters gathered for the May meeting at the church. Sing time reminded us of lessons songs teach. Scripture, thoughts, poems read by Sisters inspired us. Before prayer time, Isaiah 65:24 was shared: "It shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer, and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." The list was long of those family and friends needing prayer, comfort, and hope.

Wendy reported the continental breakfast was well attended and went well. We appreciated all the donations contributed and the volunteers' help. Wendy also reported \$213.50 was made from our Bake Sale. Again—we appreciated anyone who baked, bought, and helped. Thank you.

May 30 and August 29 are the next two times we are responsible for the Project Hope meals.

Devotions for the evening were a wonderful presentation by Judy about mothers, reflecting upon her own mother as Judy was growing up.

Our next meeting is the annual dinner out. We will be at Perkins on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. It's always an evening of good food and fellowship and devotions, until we next meet in the fall: October 7, 2019.

We wish you a happy, safe summer. Romans 15:13 says "May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in Him."

Jacquie Wolf

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One Great HOUR OF SHARING

THEME INTERPRETATION:

More Than We Can Imagine Ephesians 3:20

Imagination.

It may seem a weak word when compared with all the need that we see daily in the world. We hear the word "imagination" and we may think to ourselves "fantasy" ("Imagine you are on a beach somewhere") – an escape from the reality of the world as it is. We hear the word "imagination" and we wonder if it is truly helpful in a world where some would say that clear-eyed "realism" about the challenges we face is what is needed.

Imagination.

Yet far from being a light or weak thing, far from being a superfluous or escapist thing, far from being an un-real thing, imagination is actually one of the most powerful engines for change that human beings have! Long ago, the philosopher Aristotle said that "Thinking itself begins in wonder, begins in imagination," and he was right – imagination, particularly when it is fueled by a vision of God's hopes for all humankind, can keep us energized, keep us seeking to do the good that is possible, seeking to better the lives of those who have been battered by circumstance.

Imagination.

The theme for the 2019 One Great Hour of Sharing offering is "More than we can imagine." That theme, based on Ephesians 3:20, reminds us that we are not alone in our imagining a better world for all God's children, for it is God's imagination that fuels and empowers ours! You see, God imagines a world where:

- No one is left to face the ravages of natural disaster alone – neighbor helps neighbor, stranger helps stranger – for we are the church together!
- Even if things will never quite be the same after a disaster, God can work through all events to bring new life, new hope, and even more resilience;

- Clean and abundant water and ample sanitation facilities are available to every person;
- Work brings security from hunger and the land is treated with respect;
- Families displaced from their homes are able to build new lives;
- Women are no longer subject to discrimination and gender-based violence.

For you see, our imagination of what might be is founded and grounded in what God envisions and hopes for. And we can help – through our gifts of treasure and talent, prayer, and presence, we can make this world ever more like the way God would wish it, ever more the way that God would imagine it!

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ARISTOTLE

**OGHS will be collected
during the month of
June. Please give as you
are able.
Thank you.**

June Birthdays

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| Mary Anne Kelly | 2 |
| Lula Mae Masterson | 2 |
| Brianna Estep | 9 |
| Nathanial McCurdy | 11 |
| Denise Brewer | 11 |
| Sarah McCurdy | 14 |
| Larry Donohoe-Caton | 16 |
| Robert Wolf | 23 |
| Peter McCurdy | 27 |



June Anniversaries

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| Fred & Connie Sell | 4 |
| Lyle & Carol Pepin | 29 |

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)

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| 6/2 | Caregiver: Sandy Namestnik |
| 6/9 | Caregiver: Wendy Fredebaugh Helper: Jackie Dwyer |
| 6/16 | Caregiver: Amy Whipple Helper: Judy Whipple |
| 6/23 | Caregiver: Toni Walker Helper: Jenny Silbaugh |
| 6/30 | Caregiver: Sandy Namestnik |

Hospitality Volunteers

| | <u>Greeters</u> | <u>Welcome Center</u> |
|------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 6/2 | Hedy Takacs | Wendy Fredebaugh & Anna Samples |
| 6/9 | Judy Whipple | Jacquie Wolf |
| 6/16 | Cathy Benko | Peggy Ryan |
| 6/23 | Arlene Silbaugh | Lindy Leathers & Mary Anne Kelly |
| 6/30 | Jenny Silbaugh | Peggy Ryan |

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.*

Worship Service Scripture Readers

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| 6/2 | Ingrid Balstad |
| 6/9 | Peggy Ryan |
| 6/16 | Jacquie Wolf |
| 6/23 | Bob Wolf |
| 6/30 | Peggy Ryan |





June



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 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) | 3 6:30 p.m. Hosanna Circle Banquet at Perkins | 4 | 5 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting | 6 | 7 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA) | 8 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Mary Anne Kelly 90th Birthday Celebration. |
| 9 9:00 a.m. Bible Blast, ABF & Youth 10:00 a.m. Praise Practice 10:30 a.m. Worship 12:30 a.m. 1st Baptist Singers 7:00 p.m. Kensington Sunday (AA) | 10 | 11 7:00 p.m. North Coast Historical Recovery | 12 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting | 13 10:00 a.m. Mary/ Martha Prayer Circle | 14 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA) | 15 |
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Help First Baptist by Purchasing Giant Eagle Gift Cards



FIRST...buy Giant Eagle gift cards from First Baptist. We have \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200 gift cards. Purchase them during the week in the office.

NEXT...Spend them at Giant Eagle to purchase gift cards from your favorite retailers...or groceries...or you may purchase gasoline with them. When you buy gift cards or groceries you will earn fuel perks! (Don't forget to show the clerk your Giant Eagle Advantage card.) When you spend \$50 at Giant Eagle on items you are going to spend money on anyway, you get 10 cents a gallon off of your Giant Eagle gasoline purchase! This is a benefit to you but it also benefits First Baptist because we earn 5% of the total we sell! It is a win...win deal!

Don't forget to place your paper in the green and Yellow *PaperRetriever* recycling bin on the east side of the building.

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Direct Mail
- Office Paper
- Phone Books
- School Paper
- Shredded Paper in Clear Plastic Bags

**Items that are 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!



Vacation Bible School
DATE: July 29 - August 2
TIME: 6 - 8 p.m.
THEME: Giddyup Junction
AGES: 5 - 12



Sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer if you would like to help.

Ambassadors Soccer Camp



Once again this year, the Ambassadors Soccer Camp will be using FBCP building and field during the week of July 21. This event draws children and youth as students and leaders from all over the world. The children not only learn about the sport of soccer but are also taught about Christ. What an opportunity to be able to use our church building and property, with which God has blessed us, to share the Word of God!

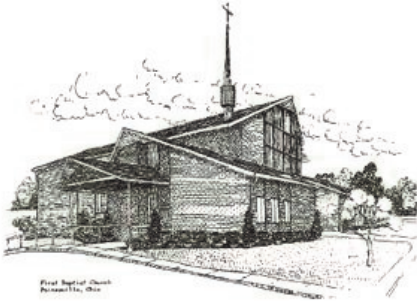


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Return Service Requested

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