

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

CHURCH LINK



From the Pastor's Desk

Why we're still Here
Mark 16:15



I believe every true Christian would agree that the gospel is the heart of Christianity, that we find it only in the Scriptures, and that it must be preached to the ends of the earth. I personally grew up not understanding that. My theological education affirmed it and my years of studying the Bible have sealed that affirmation.

The heart of the Christian faith is the gospel as found in the New Testament; whose foundations are in the Old Testament; and if it is going to save people, we must preach it throughout the world. That is essentially the Christian mission, which the church has traditionally affirmed.

Jesus said, *“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature”* (**Mark 16:15**). True Christians have always believed that if people do not hear the gospel, they can't be saved, and that they will consequently spend eternity in hell under the judgment of God. So, it's critical that the world not only hear the gospel of Jesus Christ, but that people understand it accurately and believe it absolutely.

Compelled by this clear biblical mandate, Christians through the centuries have taken the saving message of the gospel to the ends of the earth. **It's the only reason we're still here.** True Christians are already saved and sealed for eternity. There's no reason to leave us on earth, except for this responsibility of evangelism.

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Every Christian should be able to explain the gospel message in a clear and precise manner, to give a person an opportunity to make a conscious decision for Jesus Christ. It is as simple as “ABC”.

A—Acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Savior (**Romans 3:23; 6:23**)

B---Believe in your heart that He died for your sins (**Acts 16:31, Romans 10:9-11**)

C---Confess with your mouth (**Romans 10:9-10**)

Remember, we have all separated ourselves from God, but He still loves us. So, He has made a way for us to know Him. All you must do is believe and receive His gift. Remember, the greatest sin of all is failure to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Apart from Jesus Christ, you are separated from God, and cannot have eternal life.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Edwards

A big THANK YOU...

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

Cancellations and Changes Due to COVID-19

Following are in effect until further notice:

- Sunday School cancelled.
- Childcare during worship services. Children sit with their families.
- No Hospitality table volunteers or greeters. Bulletins available by the welcome sign.
- 1st Baptist Singers
- Hosanna Circle meetings and June banquet.

Please note: Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer Meetings will resume June 3 at 6:30 p.m. Join us!

Hosanna Circle

Sisters—



What beautiful days we are experiencing. We've enjoyed seeing the pileated woodpecker daily at our feeder, along with other regulars. We enjoy the song of the tiny sparrow everyday, too. Flowers bring enjoyment. And now, I'm thrilled the lily of the valley are just about ready to be picked. Yes, we've had rain, but God knows we need that also to freshen up tree, lawns, and encourage flower growth.

John Muir says it this way—*“These beautiful days most enrich all my life. They do not exist as ere pictures, maps hung upon walls of memory. But they saturate themselves into every part of the body and live always.”*

Life, these days, surely hasn't been normal. We've all missed each other and our activities. I'm sorry we will not have our annual June dinner. With all the restrictions, it just wouldn't be the same. We must all do our best to help this situation come to an end. We should think positive, knowing God's in control.

Philippians 4:2 *“Don't be weary in prayer, keep at it; watch for God's answers and remember to be thankful when they come.”*

God bless you dear Sisters.

Jacquie Wolf

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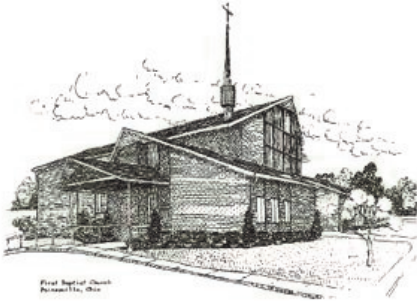
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 p.m. Hosanna Circle Banquet(?)	2	3 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting	4	5 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA) *	6
7 9:00 a.m. Bible Blast, ABF & Youth* 10:00 a.m.. Praise Practice 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion 7:00 p.m. Kensington Sunday (AA) *	8	9 7:00 p.m. North Coast Historical Recovery*	10 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting	11 10:00 a.m. Mary/ Martha Prayer Circle	12 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA) *	13
14 Flag Day  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) *	15	16	17 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting	18 “Link” Reports Due	19 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA) *	20  It's SUMMER!
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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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