

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

CHURCH LINK



From the Pastors Desk

A Community of Believers!



The most common term used today to describe followers of Jesus is “Christian.” But did you know that Jesus never used that word? In fact, it’s only used three times in the New Testament (*Acts 26:28, 1Peter 4:16 and Acts 11:26*). The primary term used in the Bible for believers in Christ is disciples. This word describes not only who the church is but what it is to do. We are disciples of Christ who are called to make disciples and teach them to live as He desires (*Matthew 28:19-20*).

You are a disciple of Christ if at some point in your life you realized you were a sinner, believed that Jesus died on the cross for you, and surrendered your life to Him as your Savior and Lord. At that moment, you became a part of the body of Christ. Although you become a believer individually, you are not meant to live the Christian life alone. Every Christian should be a part of a local body of believers for the purpose of fellowship, encouragement, and **spiritual growth**.

Relationships were essential in the early church, but our culture has redefined them. Verbal face-to-face conversations have been replaced by tweeting, texting, and posting. Instead of being knit together in a loving community, many Christians have opted for becoming spectators in a church worship service for one hour a week. However, being a Lone Ranger Christian is not what is modeled in the New Testament.

The early church became a loving community with intimate relationships with one another. How could they do this? The answer is simple “Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts” (*Acts 2:46*).

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They didn't have church buildings like we have today, the custom was to meet in homes. Today we would equate this with small groups. Whether you gather in Bible studies, Sunday school classes, informal gatherings, or organized small groups, the goal is to build close relationships with one another.

These early believers were committed to Jesus through the study of His Word, prayer, and the Lord's supper, but they were also committed to each other. They fellowshiped with each other by eating together, praying, sharing their struggles, encouraging one another, and growing together in their faith.

Can you imagine what could happen in a church and to a community if we would link arms with our spiritual brothers and sisters in a local church and walk together through life with our Savior!! It saddens my spirit to see believers not taking advantage of this great community that Jesus left heaven and came to earth to die on a cross to make us a part of His family and walk with us each day.

Prayerfully yours,
Pastor Edwards

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 only items which have not expired, as we cannot give out expired food. Thank you.



Hosanna Circle



Fifteen Hosanna Circle Sisters enjoyed their June 3rd meal at Perkins Restaurant. This is an annual dinner before we recess until our October meeting. It's a good evening of fellowship.

The devotion centered on the beauty of flowers. This is one of the poems included:

In the tiny petals of a tiny flower
That grew from a tiny pod
Is the miracle and the mystery
Of all creation and God.

Isaiah 40:8 was stressed:

"Flowers fade but the Word of God shall stand forever."

Each sister received a stem of red carnations.

We wish each of you a safe, happy summer, as you see and appreciate all God provides.

Jacquie Wolf



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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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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Monday, July 29 - August 2 from 6 - 8 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Painesville

10801 Johnnycake Ridge Rd.

Painesville, OH 44077

Kids come join us for VBS! This year is a western theme: Giddy Up Junction. Children grades Kindergarten through 5th are welcome to join the fun. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! Contact Carla at 440-346-1369 for more information and to register.

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!

July Birthdays

Jeff Wolf	1
Sarah Ross	2
Violet Namestnik	9
Elianna McCurdy	15
Lori Humphreys	28
Fred Sell	30
Michelle Sell	30



July Anniversaries

Sean & Brandee Masterson	25
Terry & Denise Brewer	28

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)

7/7	Caregiver: Sandy Namestnik
7/14	Caregiver: Wendy Fredebaugh Helper: Jackie Dwyer
7/21	Caregiver: Amy Whipple Helper: Judy Whipple
7/28	Caregiver: Jenny Silbaugh Helper: Toni Walker

Hospitality Volunteers

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Welcome Center</u>
7/7	Arlene Silbaugh	Jacquie Wolf
7/14	Anna Samples	Peggy Ryan
7/21	Lori Humphreys	Lindy Leathers & Jackie Dwyer
7/28	Cathy Benko	Wendy Fredebaugh & Mary Anne Kelly

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

7/7	Bev Smith
7/14	Ingrid Balstad
7/21	Peggy Ryan
7/28	Jacquie Wolf





July

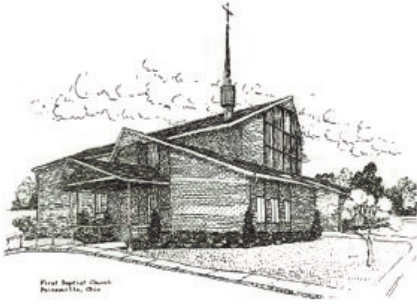


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 5:00 p.m. VBS Meeting 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting	4 OFFICE CLOSED 	5 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA)	6
7 9:00 a.m. Bible Blast, ABF & Youth 10:00 a.m. Praise Practice 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion 7:00 p.m. Kensington Sunday (AA)	8	9 7:00 p.m. North Coast Historical Recovery	10 5:00 p.m. VBS Meeting 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
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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