

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

CHURCH LINK



From the Pastor's Desk

Parenting 101

As we prepare to have our annual vacation Bible school for our young people, I thought about what was the hardest job that I ever had. I once worked in the steel mill and it was the most strenuous work that I had ever done. I worked what was then called the swing shift. One week you worked the day shift and the next week the afternoon shift and then after that week you worked the night shift. This cycle was repeated over and over again in an atmosphere where it was always hot and dirty and dangerous.

Although that may have been the most strenuous work I ever did, it wasn't the hardest job. By far and away, the most difficult job I have ever had is being a dad. As difficult as it is, there is no more important job in the world than being a parent because the future of our society, nation, and the world lies in the hands of our children. Every parent should aspire to bring up children who are generally good and moral, respectful, courteous, and submissive to the law.

As Christians, we have a higher spiritual calling to raise godly children who know and love the Lord. Thankfully, we have a heavenly Father who gives us wise guidance in His Word; and some of His greatest fatherly advice is summed up nicely in one single verse; **"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them, rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord"** (Ephesians 6:4 NLT).

Although this verse is addressed to fathers, this truth applies to all parents. *First, give your children tender affection.* The relationships in the home are to be guarded and guided by selfless love. Sometimes that love has to be tough love and our children need to be properly disciplined in a way not to harm them but to help them.

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Second, give your children wise direction. Although children need guidance at every age, it's especially important to start early when they are young and impressionable. As parents, we have the responsibility to teach them right and wrong in accordance with God's Word.

Third, give your children encouraging correction. Correction is a necessary part of parenting when children do what's wrong, but we must always remember that the purpose of discipline is not so much to punish as it is to encourage them to do right.

Fourth, give your children godly protection. The last three words of this verse are the key to wise parenting: "bring them up in the training and instruction **of the Lord**". This is what separates Christian parents from all others. Our supreme task, number one goal, and greatest ambition should be to introduce our children to Jesus Christ so they can know and believe in Him as their Lord and Savior.

This is not a job we can shift to the church or a Christian school. The greatest influence in a child's life is his or her parents. However, in order to raise godly children, we must be godly parents. We cannot pass on to them what we ourselves do not possess.

God Bless,
Pastor Edwards

A big THANK YOU...



food. 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

Vacation Bible School



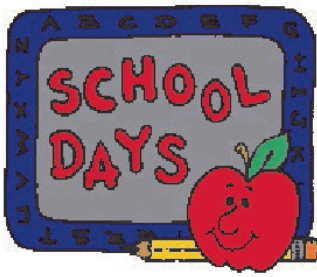
**Monday, July 29 - August 2 from 6
- 8 p.m.**

**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.

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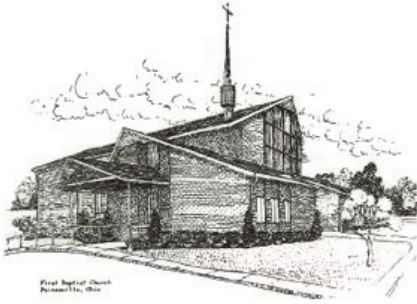


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Return Service Requested

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