

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

CHURCH LINK



From the Pastor's Desk

Rediscovering your Faith



Think about the first time you discovered Jesus for yourself and accepted Him into your life. What a joyous, refreshing, and freeing moment! Yet our faith, family and community have come under attack spiritually, socially, physically, and psychologically.

The chaotic and disruptive issues that plague our world today have us in destructive holding patterns internally and externally. The Covid-19 virus, the unemployment rate, the social unrest, and numerous other crisis have had—and continue to have an impact on our faith, our families, and the community at large.

These issues and more affect our worship of Christ and our ability to communicate with one another. Although the picture sometimes may look grim and hopeless, God has not left us without our faith, creativity, skills, passion, and tenacity to make changes.

We cannot let the current atmosphere of our nation distract us so that we become so busy or so burdened that we cannot take the time to rediscover our faith in Jesus Christ. Take a moment from all the chaos and reflect on how you have broadened and deepened your relationship with Christ. Revisit your walk of faith with Christ and you will discover that things are not as bad as they seem.

When we revive our relationship with Christ, we may have to shift our thinking from “business as usual” to more dynamic—and possible uncomfortable—ways of being like Christ. God has given us a great opportunity to make an impact during this season of uncertainty. Our faith and the role of the church are keys to the spiritual development of our families and communities.

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The shelter in place orders have made us have to spend more quality time with our families. Enhancing current family relationships are necessary to cultivate healthier and stronger units within our communities. People need to learn, worship, and serve God in unison.

As Joshua said, “**As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD**” (*Joshua 24:15*). As you find encouragement in rediscovering your faith, why not share that faith with your family and your extended family so that they may experience the peace and joy and hope that can only come from a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Edwards

Psalm 91: 5, 6, 9, 10, 11 NLT

⁵*Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night,
nor the arrow that flies in the day.*

⁶*Do not dread the disease that stalks in
darkness,
nor the disaster that strikes at midday.*

⁹*If you make the LORD your refuge,
if you make the Most High your shelter;*

¹⁰*no evil will conquer you;*

no plague will come near your home.

¹¹*For he will order his angels
to protect you wherever you go.*

“I ask our church family to address this health care crisis with a spirit of faith, courage, compassion, and hope, rather than giving in to fear and anxiety.”

Pastor Edwards

A big THANK YOU...

...for your food donations for our food pantry. During July, we served 2 families. Please remember to check the expiration dates on the items you donate.



August Birthdays

Glenn Silbaugh	5
Barbara Neil	8
Connie Sell	18
Sandy Namestnik	24

August Anniversaries

Bob & Jacque Wolf	2
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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.

Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

Come at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and join in with others who are seeking God's face, praising Him, and then interceding on behalf of others.

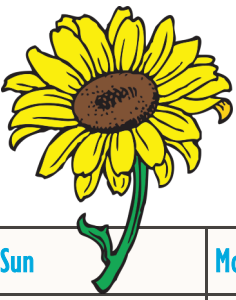
Cancellations and Changes Due to COVID-19

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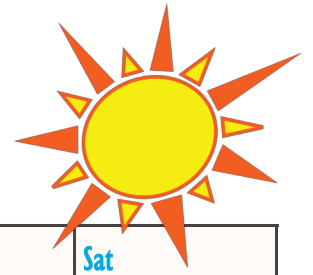
- Sunday School cancelled.
- Childcare during worship services. Children sit with their families.
- No Hospitality table volunteers or greeters. Bulletins available by the welcome sign.
- 1st Baptist Singers

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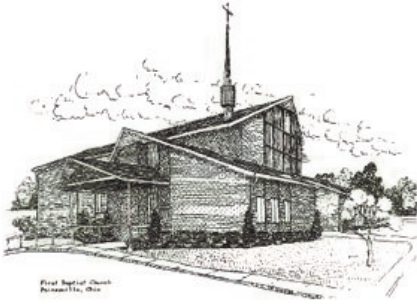
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Return Service Requested

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

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