

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

CHURCH LINK



From the Pastor's Desk

Waiting on God



We hate to wait. It's just part of living in a quick fix, real time culture. With computers, internet, smart phones, and twitter, we're always informed and living in the now. People who visit our country, especially major cities, are amazed by our super-fast lifestyles. But one of the downsides of living a fast-paced life is that we get very frustrated and aggravated when we must wait.

Many times, we bring this same attitude into our relationship with God by expecting Him to be as instantaneous as our culture. When we bring our needs before Him in prayer, we want an immediate answer. If He does not come through for us on our timetable, we begin to doubt the power of prayer, or worse, that God does not ever care. Eventually, our disappointment could spill over into anger toward the Lord.

At times like these, we need to remember God's faithfulness and realize that if He delays, it's for a particularly good reason. When we patiently wait for the Lord, trusting in His wisdom, we'll discover that the saying, "Good things come to those who wait," is really true.

With all that is going on in our world today it is becoming increasingly more difficult to wait for a change to come amid the current chaotic climate that exists today.

**"...God has given us a word in the Bible
that should encourage us..."**

I want to recall to our memory as we embark on this series of messages revolving around the power that we as believers possess in our prayer life, both corporately and individually, how God has given us a word in the bible that should encourage us as we face the days that lie ahead.

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In the book of Isaiah chapter 40 the Lord instructed the prophet to speak words of comfort to the people of Jerusalem. They were facing a situation that is like what we are encountering today. God promised that “ *every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; the crooked places shall be made straight, and the rough places smooth; the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken*”. (vs. 4-5).

God promised to give power to the weak and to increase the strength of those who have no might. He is saying I know you are growing weary with the conditions of your world, and I know many are wondering when a change for the good will come. But He encourages us in verse 31 of chapter 40 when He says “ **but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint**”. GOD is still in control; you just wait and see!

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.
Please remember to check the expiration dates on the items you donate.



September Birthdays

Bev Smith	12
Sherry Toney	13
George Namestnik	14
Thelma Keener	20
Lindsey Benko	30
Shelby Benko	30

September Anniversaries

George & Sandy Namestnik	1
Don & Middy Crellin	28
Glenn & Arlene Silbaugh	30

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

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

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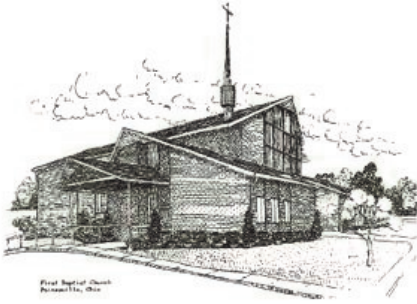
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6 9:00 a.m. Bible Blast, ABF & Youth* 10:00 a.m.. Praise Practice 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion 7:00 p.m. Kensington Sunday (AA) *	7 LABOR DAY	8 Office Closed 7:00 p.m. North Coast Historical *	9 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting	10 10:00 a.m. Mary/ Martha Prayer Circle	11 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA) *	12
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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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