

A monthly newsletter for members and friends of
First Baptist Church of Painesville - January 2017

CHURCH LINK



FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Love is the Greatest

It is with humble gratitude that I am writing this, acknowledging the opportunity that God has given me to serve at First Baptist Church of Painesville. Today, I am simply writing to say thank you for the wonderful surprise reception prepared for my wife and me. You are such an amazing congregation and I have been continually blown away by your compassion, generosity, and willingness to serve. I will never forget how welcoming everyone was the first Sunday that I came to serve as your Interim Pastor. I can only hope that our time spent together will be as inspiring for you as it has been for us.

The month of December has come and gone. This time of year, always creates a festive atmosphere. Christmas carols, gift giving, spending time with family and friends. Love is in the air. Unfortunately, this same love is not as prevalent as it is during the Christmas season as it should be throughout the entire year. My brothers and sisters, I encourage you to continue to demonstrate brotherly love. Love should characterize every believer. The Apostle Paul stated in Romans 12:10, "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another." (KJV). But, I prefer the New Living Translation, which states, "Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other." I encourage you to take the time to show love to your neighbors, co-workers, and anyone who is in your sphere of influence. After all, Jesus said in John 13:34-35, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. "Love is the greatest thing that this world needs today, and they need to see it come from the Christian community.

Lovingly,
Pastor Edwards

January Birthdays

Ken Rakes	4
Mike Samples	6
Larry Hicks	6
Florence New	7
Samuel McCurdy	8
Cory Samples	9
John Beach	11
Jane Moore	16



January Anniversaries

Rev. & Mrs. Peter McCurdy	18
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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. Thank you!

Hosanna Circle

Fourteen sisters met at the church Dec. 5, 2016 for the annual Christmas Pot Luck. Delicious food was shared in the decorated Fellowship Hall.

Because prayer is an important part of our Circle meetings, we prayed for our families and friends needing support and comfort.

A collection was taken to be given to Lake County Community Network.

Lovely Christmas readings were shared, as we paused to include Christmas songs after some.

Thanks was given for the evening's food contribution; monetary donation; hostesses for set-up and decorating; for those who helped with the sanctuary and narthex decoration; and for items to decorate the tree. Most of all, thanks to God that we have each other for support, prayers, and friendship. We are blessed.

Our next regular meeting is Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the church.

Jacquie Wolf

Nursery/Toddler Volunteers (9:50 am)

1/1	Caregiver: Sandy Namestnik
1/8	Caregiver: Jackie Dwyer Helper: Sandy Namestnik
1/15	Caregiver: Wendy Fredebaugh Helper: Sandy Namestnik
1/22	Caregiver: Sandy Namestnik Helper: Lori Humphreys
1/29	Caregiver: Jackie Dwyer Helper: Sandy Namestnik



A BIG THANK YOU...



for all of your donations of money and food for the food pantry! Please continue to support this ministry.

Hospitality Volunteers

Greeters

1/1	Lori Humphreys & Brandee Masterson
1/8	Cherise & Sophia Minello
1/15	Pete & Belinda Bradbeer
1/22	Crystal Reed & Anna Samples
1/29	Betty Swails & Hedy Takacs

Welcome Center

Jacquie Wolf & Jackie Dwyer
Mary Anne Kelly & Wendy Fredebaugh
Janet Neil & Lindy Leathers
Peggy Ryan & Traci Burrington
Jackie Dwyer & Jacquie Wolf

Worship Service Scripture Readers

1/1	Bob Wolf
1/8	Bev Smith
1/15	Jacquie Wolf
1/22	Peggy Ryan
1/29	Tom Bishop



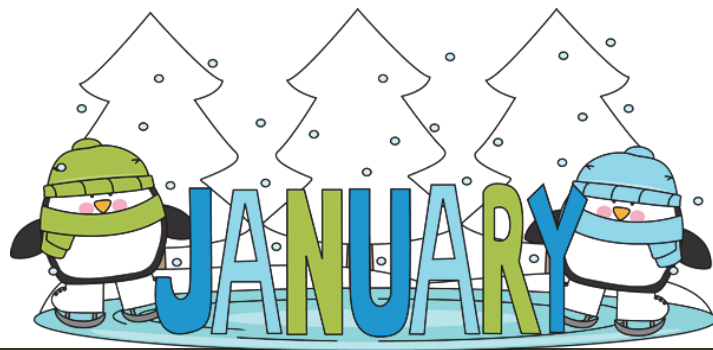
Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

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.



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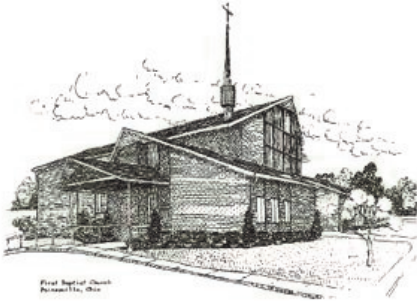


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year 9:00 a.m. Bible Blast & ABF 10:00 a.m. Praise Practice 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion 7:00 p.m. Kensington Sunday (AA)	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3	4 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting	5	6 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA)	7
8 9:00 a.m. Bible Blast & ABF 10:00 a.m. Praise Practice 10:30 a.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Kensington Sunday (AA)	9	10 7:00 p.m. North Coast Historical Recovery	11 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting	12 10:00 a.m. Mary/Martha Prayer Circle	13 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA)	14
15 9:00 a.m. Bible Blast & ABF 10:00 a.m. Praise Practice 10:30 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. 1st Baptist Singers 7:00 p.m. Kensington Sunday (AA)	16  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18 "Link" Reports Due 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting	19	20 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA)	21
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10801 Johnnycake Ridge
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Return Service Requested

Guest



Weekly & Monthly Events & Meetings

Bible Blast & 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