

A monthly newsletter for members and friends of  
First Baptist Church of Painesville - January 2018

# CHURCH LINK



## FROM THE PASTORS DESK

### A MESSAGE OF THANKS

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. (Eph.1:2-3).

Great is the Lord and He is worthy to be praised! I would like to take a moment and praise God for His Grace and Mercy.

As I am writing this letter, the end of another year is upon us and 2018 is just over the horizon. With the New Year approaching, many of us long for a fresh start. There's something exciting about new beginnings, because they offer new opportunities and possibilities. However, before we jump forward, let's not forget all the many blessings that we received in 2017.

I will leave that up to you individually to consider. For me, first, I would like to thank my loving and supportive wife, Michelle, for her support, patience, and understanding. I realize that ministry is not easy and it takes a woman of resilience and excellence to share her husband with so many. You are truly a "rare gem" and I cherish and thank God for you.

Second, I want to thank all of you here at First Baptist who stood by my wife and I this past year as we pierced the darkness with the light of God's word. In our minds it has truly been a productive year. Thanks to all the Saints at First Baptist for all the hard work you put into the ministry. Thanks for your support, words of encouragement, prayers, and kindness you have

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shown us during this difficult transition period.

We love you and pray that God will prosper you in every endeavor.

Finally, Hebrews 6:10 says “for God is not unjust, He will not forget how hard you have worked for Him, and how you have shown your love to Him by caring for other believers, as you still do” (NLT).

Let’s get excited about what God has in mind for us in 2018. Remember, we walk by faith, not by sight. If we can believe it, then we can receive it!

Faithfully Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Edwards

### 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. *“We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties.”*  
— Oswald Chambers



### A big THANK YOU...



We are grateful for your food donations. In September we helped 6 families with food. Please check the expiration dates before bringing your donations to the church and give only items which have not expired, please. We cannot give out expired food. Thank you.

## Hosanna Circle

Twelve Circle Sisters met for the annual Christmas Potluck on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. A good variety of food was enjoyed, as well as fellowship with sisters in Christ.

Prayer is a big part of our monthly meetings. So, we again prayed for family and friends who need support, comfort, and the assurance we do care.

Sisters were thanked for the items already brought in for the tree (and around the tree) in the narthex. All of the things will be taken to Hope Chest. We also took up a collection to be given to Project Hope. Also, a generous money gift was given by an anonymous sister and put in our Hosanna Circle treasury. Thank you, thank you.

Each Sister shared a Christmas reading, which were especially inspirational this year. We Hosanna Sisters are blessed to have this friendship.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2018, at 7 p.m. at the church.

Evening, morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and He shall hear my voice. Psalm 55:1

Happy New Year.

Jacquie Wolf

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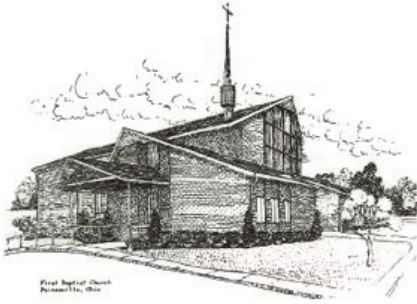


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <i>Happy New Year!</i> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>2</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>3</b> No Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA)	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Blast & ABF 10:00 a.m. Praise Practice 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion  7:00 p.m. Kensington Sunday (AA)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00 p.m. North Coast Historical Recovery	<b>10</b> 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting	<b>11</b> 10:00 a.m. Mary/Martha Prayer Circle	<b>12</b> 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA)	<b>13</b>
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<b>21</b> 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)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA)	<b>27</b>
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**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