

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

CHURCH LINK



FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Let`s Keep Hope Alive!

During the weeks leading up to and including the first Sunday in April, Christians all over the world will be celebrating the passion of Christ and the events leading up to His death, burial, and miraculous resurrection.

Sadly, after those couple of weeks are over, we of the evangelical community tend to lose sight of the significance and the hope that it gives to all believers. Without the resurrection there is no hope for a world that has been declared guilty before God. (**Romans 3:23**). If Christ be not raised from the dead then our faith is in vain and we are yet in our sins. (**1 Corinthians 15:17**).

The central theme of our preaching and teaching throughout the year should always focus on the hope that we have in the resurrection. There will always be people who say that Jesus didn't rise from the dead. Most Churches contain people who do not yet believe. Some are moving in the direction of belief, and others are simply pretending.

Jesus himself said that imposters are not to be removed (see **Matthew 13:28-30**), for that is the Lord's work alone. Our task is to proclaim the good news about Jesus Christ and His ability to save anyone who would believe in Him and faithfully follow Him.

The fact that He rose from the dead and gained victory over the grave is the hope that keeps us going in a world that is unpredictable and chaotic. We as believers should be concerned about the casual, inadvertent and seemingly thoughtless way in which a belief of such far-reaching importance has been abandoned by so many Churches in our day.

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Jesus Christ is the only hope for this world. The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 1:16 ***“for I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes.*** Perhaps it sounds as though I am pushing a point or being picky; and perhaps I am, but for a very good reason. You see today, Ministers are so concerned about their Churches being filled that they will preach whatever the people want to hear and not what they need to hear. They don't want to challenge people to trust in a perfect sacrifice made by God's Son and thereby having their lives radically changed. No, they would rather intoxicate them with systems and programs to keep them preoccupied and thereby condemning them forever.

The Apostle Paul told the believers at Corinth in **1Corinthians 2:1-2** ***“when I came to you, I came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to preach anything among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified”.***

Jesus is Lord!!
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.

“In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.”

— John Bunyan

Hosanna Circle

On March 5, 2018, Hosanna Circle had 9 sisters in attendance. Singing, sharing thoughts, poems, scripture, and prayer time for our family and church members were included during our meeting. A gentleman once said: “The tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer but unoffered prayer.”

On March 29, three of our sisters will prepare food for Project Hope.

Wendy explained the background on the white wooden crosses we received for our yards—if desired.

Details on the continental breakfast were noted.

A reminder was given to all of us to attend the March 24, 3:00 p.m. movie, “Risen” at our church.

At our April meeting, more details will be finalized for the May bake sale.

Janet presented a reading by Billy Graham, who had just passed away.

Our next meeting is April 2 (the day after Easter) at the church at 7:00 p.m. We hope you will be able to join us.

Jacquie Wolf

A big THANK YOU...

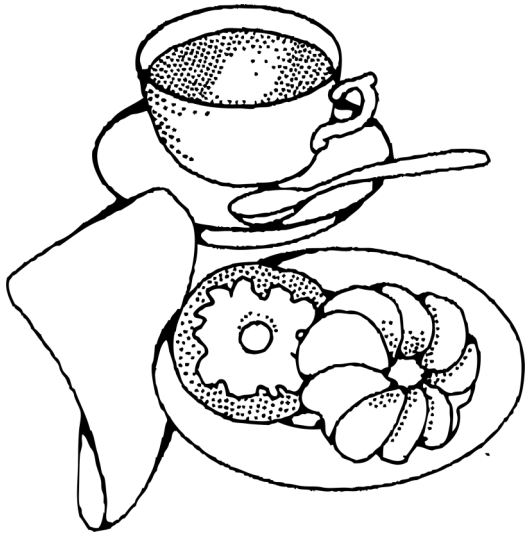


We are grateful for your food donations. In March we helped 3 families with food. Please check the expiration dates before bringing your donations to the church and give only items which have not expired, please. We cannot give out expired food. Thank you.

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Continental Easter Breakfast Easter Sunday Morning at 9 – 10 a.m.



The continental breakfast will consist of sweet rolls, bagels, donuts, cereal and beverage. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer if you are planning to attend. If you would like to donate a food item, please ALSO sign up on the food donation sheet. Please note that there will be no Sunday School classes on Easter.

Easter Egg Hunt

**Easter Sunday
following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.**



Help First Baptist by Purchasing Giant Eagle Gift Cards

See Sandy in the office during the week
if you are interested.

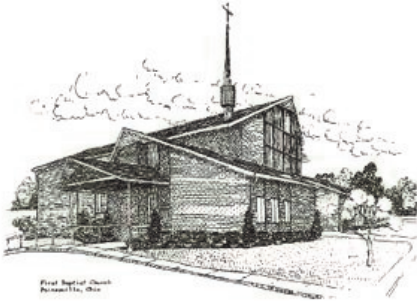


**Also...please remember to place your paper
in the green and yellow
PaperRetriever
recycling bin on the east side of the building.**

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Return Service Requested

Guest



Upcoming Meetings and Events

Continental Easter Breakfast - 4/1, 9:00 a.m. (No Sunday School)
Easter Worship Service - 4/1, 10:30 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt - 4/1, following worship Service

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