

A monthly newsletter for members and friends of  
First Baptist Church of Painesville - May 2016

# CHURCH LINK



## **A Message from Pastor Ed Pickard**

My wife (Jerie Leigh) and I will be at First Baptist Church of Painesville for a relatively short time, but already we feel as if we have family here. And of course, we do! The Apostle Paul writes to the church at Ephesus, "God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure." Ephesians 1:5 In chapter 2 of Ephesians and verse 19, we read, ". . . You are members of God's family."

How do we get to be a part of this eternal family? John 3:16 gives us the answer, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life." And Romans 10:9-10 tells us, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved."

For well over 20 years, I have carried a half sheet of paper in my Bible that is a long quote from Larry Crabb's book, *Understanding People*. Part of that quote reads as follows: "Maturity will be most clearly visible in the way people relate to one another. . . . Just as we find out the deep meaning of life through interaction with other human beings, so the core of maturity is fundamentally visible in our relational patterns. God, a relational being within Himself [Father, Son, Holy Spirit], created a world in which separate identities are to function in harmony with one another. The clearest evidence that people are living as intended by God is that we relate in ways that promote harmony between ourselves and others who relate similarly."

On a smaller piece of paper that has also been in my Bible for years is a quote from a sermon I heard by Alistair Begg. It reads, "The church surely has few things of greater immediate relevance to offer the world than the secret of genuine human relationships."

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Sometimes we struggle to make relationships within the church to be genuine, but it is a wonderfully marvelous thing when we are able to sing what Gloria Gaither wrote,

"I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,  
I've been washed in the fountain,  
cleansed by His blood!  
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,  
For I'm part of the family,  
The Family of God."

**A BIG THANK YOU...**for all your donations of money and food for the pantry! In April, 2 families were helped through our food pantry ministry.

### May Birthdays

John McElravy	7
Estelle Miller	18
Russell Samples	18
Lillian Namestnik	19
David Barstow	21
Peggy Ryan	23
Brianna Reilly	25
Nita Parsons	31



### May Anniversaries

Ralph & Etta LaRue	1
Jeff & Michelle Sell	3
Bradley & Aprille Caton	16
David & Jeannine Barstow	17
Mike & Charity Katz	21
Mark & Kristina Fredebaugh	24
Bob & June Barnes	26

### Worship Service Scripture Readers

5/1	Bob Wolf
5/8	Bev Smith
5/15	Jacquie Wolf
5/22	Peggy Ryan
5/29	Bob Wolf



## Treasurer's Report

A monthly Treasurer's Report is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Brian Reilly, Treasurer

## Hospitality Volunteers

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Welcome Center</u>
5/1	Aprille Donohoe-Caton & Bradley Donohoe	Jacquie Wolf
5/8	Crystal, Tehya Mya Reed	Wendy Fredebaugh & Peggy Ryan
5/15	Dave & Jeannine Barstow	Jackie Dwyer & Lori Humphreys
5/22	P. & B. Bradbeer & Betty Swails	Jacquie Wolf & Mary Anne Kelly
5/29	Crystal, Tehya & Mya Reed	Traci Burrington & Jackie Dwyer

## Nursery Room (9:50 am)

5/1	Sandy Namestnik
5/8	Aprille Donohoe-Caton
5/15	Sandy Namestnik
5/22	Wendy Fredebaugh
5/29	Lori Humphreys



## Toddler Room (9:50a.m.)

5/1	Wendy Fredebaugh
5/8	Sandy Namestnik
5/15	Brandee Masterson
5/22	Lori Humphreys
5/29	Aprille Donohoe-Caton



## No Junior Church Until Further Notice

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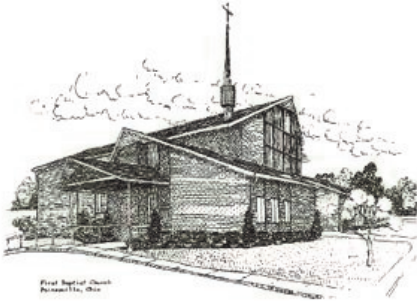
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Blast & ABF 10:00 a.m. Praise Practice 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion  7:00 p.m. Kensington Sunday (AA)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  6:30 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting	<b>5</b> 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 pm National Day of Prayer at Veteran's Park (Painesville Square)	<b>6</b>  7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA)	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  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)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  7:00 p.m. North Coast Historical Recovery	<b>11</b>  6:30 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA)	<b>14</b>
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Return Service Requested

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### Hannah's Home Baby Bottle Blessing Campaign



On Mother's Day, May 8, pick up a baby bottle in the foyer...take it home and fill it with coins, bills or a check to Hannah's Home...be a part in providing help, hope and housing to young, single pregnant women in our area. Bring the bottle back, filled with your contribution, on Father's Day, June 19. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!



### 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 Paper- Retriever recycling bin on the east side of the building.**

### National Day of Prayer "Wake Up America"

**May 5, 2016 at Veteran's Park (Painesville Square)**

- 11 am - 6:00 pm "Day of Prayer" Kick off (Area churches & prayer teams host one hour blocks of time to pray.
- 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm County Wide Rally. Dr. Daniel Henderson will lead in a time of Transforming Prayer.