

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

CHURCH LINK



FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Why Study the Bible?

I am sure that this question has crossed the mind of every person who has ever attended a Church. Why study the Bible when I can just listen to the Pastor speak on Sundays and take his word on what the Scriptures are saying. Well for one who is a casual visitor to Church, that might be sufficient. However, for one who has truly confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and has believed in their heart the God raised Him from the dead that is not an option. In *2nd Timothy 2:15* we as believers are commanded by God's Word to "**study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth**".

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place in their lives.**

Too many of God's children today have become satisfied with the no nutritious substitutes of religion, human philosophy, and other man-made ideologies at the expense of the powerful, transforming truth of Scripture. The Bible may be at home on their coffee tables, or on their desks, but the truth is that it occupies a very insignificant and unproductive place in their lives. How else can we explain the lack of power, victory, peace, testimony, and impact of God's people today despite an unprecedented flood of Christian music, Bible studies, books, programs, and conferences?

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There is a massive disconnect between the power of God's inerrant Word and the powerlessness of God's people. The Bible has been reduced to nothing more than a great work of spiritual inspiration instead of the authoritative Word of God. One writer has said that increasingly, professing Christians are responding to opinion polls, popular human philosophies, concepts, and gimmicks to address the needs in their lives, demonstrating a lack of confidence in the sufficiency and authority of Scripture.

I am writing this to call us back from the spiritual famine now engulfing us---a famine of the Word of God (**Amos 8:11**). Because we are not feeding on the Word, our malnutrition is obvious to the watching world, if not to ourselves.

It is my prayer that by the time you have completed reading this letter, your love for and desire to know the Bible will be rekindled, and you will have made a commitment to study the Bible.

Come and join us for Sunday School and on Wednesday night Bible Study!!

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.

Ephesians 6:18... *praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,*



Hosanna Circle

Hosanna Circle met April 2, 2018 with eight sisters in attendance. We sang, shared scripture, poems, thoughts. Before prayer time for family and friends, Colossians 4:2 was read: *"Don't be weary in prayer, keep at it; watch for God's answers and remember to be thankful when they come."*

Looking ahead to our next Project Hope meal we supply, sisters volunteered to be ready for May 31.

Mary Anne and Wendy announced any church member is welcome to bake for our Bake Sale on Sunday, May 6. Items may be purchased before and after service on that morning.

Wendy noted this year's VBS will be June 25-29, 6-8 p.m. It's entitled "Camp Moose on the Loose." Volunteers to help out are welcome.

Plans will be finalized in May for our annual June place to dine and fellowship.

Wendy used props very effectively to further our knowledge of "Feel."

Refreshments were enjoyed. Our next meeting is May 7, 2018 at the church at 7 p.m. We hope to see you.

Jacquie Wolf

A big THANK YOU...



We are grateful for your food donations. In April we helped 2 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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COMING SOON...
Vacation Bible School
June 25 - 29, 6-8 p.m.
Ages 4 - 12

**Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer if
fyou would like to help in any way.**



Sunday, May 6

Hosted by Hosanna Circle but inviting anyone in the congregation to bake. Sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer if you wish to bring a baked good. Proceeds will be used to help fund Hosanna Circle.



**Help First Baptist by Purchasing
Giant Eagle Gift Cards**

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

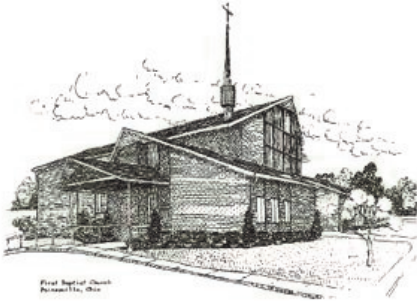


**Also...please remember to place your paper
in the green and yellow
PaperRetriever
recycling bin on the east side of the building.**

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Guest



Upcoming Meetings and Events

Bake Sale - Sunday, May 6

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