

A monthly newsletter for members and friends of
First Baptist Church of Painesville - May 2019

CHURCH LINK



FROM THE PASTORS DESK

“The Great Exchange”

When I recently read about how in 1623 Peter Minuit bought Manhattan Island from the local Indians for a load of cloth, beads, hatchets and trinkets worth about seventy-two dollars in today’s currency I was astonished. That same real estate is worth forty-seven billion dollars today.

As amazing as that deal sounds, there’s an even greater one which happened two thousand years ago. In fact, it is the most amazing transaction in all history, and every year we celebrate it on Good Friday and Easter. What transpired on the cross and subsequently in the tomb is what Martin Luther called “The Great Exchange”. And what makes it even more amazing is that what we have to offer God isn’t something He wants or accepts, yet He is still willing to give us something we desperately need.

Jesus offers His sinlessness. “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us “(2 Cor.5:21). Jesus was perfect in His Godhood and His humanity. He was never contaminated with sin. in contrast, all of us are sinners. Paul described our condition this way: “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned” (Rom.5:12).

When Adam sinned, the seeds of sin and death were planted in the human race. Therefore, every human being has sinned and deserves to die (Rom.3:23). As the only sinless human being who has ever lived, Jesus did not deserve to die. Yet He was mistreated, unfairly judged, and brutalized, and nailed to the cross in order to accomplish “The Great Exchange”.

We offer our sinfulness. This is the only thing we can bring to the table in order to take part in the divine transaction which took place on the cross. Jesus died because of our sins and took our place on

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the cross. In other words, He became our substitute. As God the Father saw His Son on the cross, He treated Him as if He had committed our sins, pouring out the punishment we deserved on Jesus. The only thing we offer in this Great Exchange is our sin, which is destroying us, whereas Jesus gives us the one thing we truly need.

God gives us His Salvation. in order to enter into the presence of God, we must be perfectly righteous, but this is something we can never achieve on our own. That's why God made Him who knew no sin to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God (2Cor.5:21). Theologians call this exchange "imputation", which is a banking term. In essence, our sin was credited to Christ's account, and His righteousness was credited to our account.

Jesus' resurrection is proof that God accepted Him as our substitute and was satisfied with His payment for our sins. Now all those who repent of sin and trust in Christ's sacrifice on their behalf are declared "Not Guilty". We become beloved and righteous children of God. The only question that remains is have you taken advantage of this beautiful exchange? It's not only the best deal on earth but one that will guarantee benefits in eternity. You have everything to gain and only your sin to lose.

Prayerfully yours,
Pastor Edwards

A big THANK YOU...



We are grateful for your food donations. 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



Eight circle sisters met at the church on Monday, April 1, 2019. Sing time was inspiring, scriptures, poems, and thoughts brought to life the wonder of the coming of Easter. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 reminds us "Be unceasing in prayer." As directed, we remembered family members and friends in need of watchful care.

Neighboring ministry and our State Project were remembered by our financial agreement of giving.

Wendy reminded us of our coming Bake Sale Sunday, May 5. Easter Sunday we're planning a continental breakfast for all at 9 a.m. Also, on May 30 it's our turn to provide the evening meal at Project Hope. Volunteers are lined up to see that this is done.

It was voted by those present that we return to Perkins Restaurant for our annual June dinner out. The date is Monday, June 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Wendy shared the topic of abuse—detailed, an eye opener of the need to be aware of and the fact that we must appreciate our own situations. Delicious refreshments followed.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2019 at the church. Hope to see YOU there.

In closing:

Friends are amazing—cherish them,
Friends are blessings—acknowledge them,
Friends are important—value them.

Jacque Wolf

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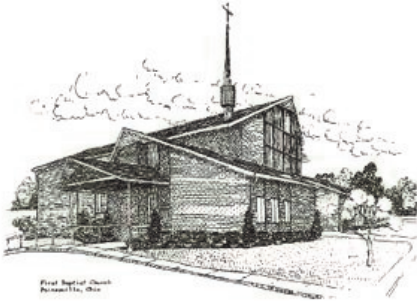


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5 9:00 a.m. Bible Blast, ABF & Youth 10:00 a.m. Praise Practice 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion Hosanna Circle Bake Sale 7:00 p.m. Kensington Sunday (AA)	6 7:00 p.m. Hosanna Circle	7	8 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting	9 10:00 a.m. Mary/ Martha Prayer Circle	10 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA)	11
12 MOTHER'S DAY 9:00 a.m. Bible Blast, ABF & Youth 10:00 a.m. Praise Practice 10:30 a.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Kensington Sunday (AA)	13	14 7:00 p.m. North Coast Historical Recovery	15 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting	16	17 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA)	18 "Link" Reports Due
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Return Service Requested

Guest



Weekly & Monthly Events & Meetings

Bible Blast, Youth & 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