

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

# CHURCH LINK



## FROM THE PASTORS DESK

### Who I am in Christ

All praises to God for the new life that we as believers have in Jesus Christ. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:17 tells us that **“If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things are become new”**. This word for man is translated mankind so that this will include women as well.

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**“Christians are brand-new people inside...we are new creations, living in vital union with Christ” Colossians 2:6,7**

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Christians are brand-new people on the inside. The Holy Spirit gives them new life, and they are not the same anymore. We are not reformed, rehabilitated, or reeducated—we are all re-created (**new creations**), living in vital union with Christ (**Colossians 2:6,7**). At conversion we do not merely turn over a new leaf, we begin a new life under a new Master. While this newness is true individually, not only are believers changed from within, but they are positionally placed into the family of God.

First Baptist recently had the privilege of baptizing five new believers into the family of God. We thank God for adding to the Church such as those that need to be saved (**Acts 2:47**). Congratulations to the Benko family, Jim, Cathy, Shelby, Lindsey and also to Alexis Richner who upon the confession of their faith in Jesus Christ and their belief that God raised Him from the dead were baptized into the new life in Christ.

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The new life in Christ means that you have been justified, redeemed and forgiven of all your sins. You are a member of the body of Christ and you are His friend. You are free from condemnation and cannot be separated from the love of God. You are a citizen of heaven and have been established, anointed and sealed by God forever. Who you are in Christ means that you have been accepted, you are secure and that you are significant in God's eye.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone who has come to Christ in faith believing in His death, burial and resurrection for your salvation, that God has promised according to **Philippians 1:6** to complete the work that He has started in all of our lives. Yes, all praises to God, for great things He has done!!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Edwards

## Hosanna Circle

Hosanna Circle Sisters numbered twelve on May 7, 2018. Singing sharing thoughts, scripture, poems and prayer time opened our meeting. Matthew 21:22 preceded prayers by Sisters: *"And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive if you have faith."*

The dinner for Project Hope will be delivered on Thursday, May 31.

We were happy to realize \$171.50 was received when we had our Bake Sale. Thanks to all who helped in any way.

Wendy announced VBS preparations are progressing.

Judy honored mothers with her program presentation.

Our next gathering is planned for Monday, June 4 at 6:30 at Perkins. This is a good time of eating and fellowship and devotions, until we next meet in the fall: October 1, 2018. (We will have the responsibility of preparing another Project Hope meal for Thursday, August 30.)

We wish everyone a happy, healthy, safe summer. See you in church.

Jacquie Wolf

### 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,*



### 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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# Vacation Bible School

## June 25 - 29, 6-8 p.m.

### Ages 4 - 12



Register your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends. Registration forms are located on the table with the VBS display, or call Wendy at (440)343-1890.



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

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

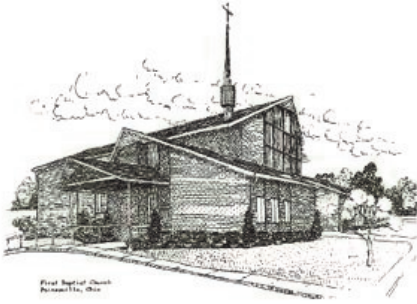


**Also...please remember to place your paper  
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*PaperRetriever*  
recycling bin on the east side of the building.**

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**Guest**



## **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

Vacation Bible School - 6/25 - 6/29, 6-8 p.m.

## **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