

A monthly newsletter for members and friends of
First Baptist Church of Painesville - July 2017

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FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Perseverance of the Saints

This year, God in his providential and perfect will has decided to call from labor to reward three remarkable warrior saints here at First Baptist. I don't use the word warrior as hyperbole, because Jim Richner, Lynn Whipple and Betty Swails were truly just that. Between the three of them there was well over 150 years of faithful service to our Lord. Can you imagine all that they have experienced and encountered throughout those years here at First Baptist? Yet all of them remained on the battlefield fighting the good fight of faith for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Some people come to church, profess Christ, and even get baptized. Yet when trouble comes into their lives, they're gone. And they may never come back. Maybe they encountered a broken relationship, the death of a loved one, or some other struggle, and the circumstances seemed so overpowering to them that they blamed God and walked away, convinced that Christianity doesn't work.

Persevering through trials is proof of living faith. The book of James says "blessed is the man who perseveres or endures under trials; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him" (James 1:12). James later reiterates the same thought "we count those blessed who endured" (James 5:11). People who successfully endure trials are truly happy. One of the main reasons is the sense of assurance that endurance or perseverance brings to the faithful.

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Endurance is patiently and triumphantly persevering through difficulty. It connotes passive or even painful survival, and focuses on the outcome of being victorious. The person who goes through trials and comes out a winner never gives up his or her faith or abandons God. That person is revealed to be genuine, and all genuine Christians will receive the crown of life. If you truly love God and his people, you will stick with them through thick and thin. Others will do as John points out in 1st John 2:19. He says, “they went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us”.

The Apostle Paul reminds us in 1st Corinthians 15:58 “therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain”.

Faithfully yours,
Pastor Edwards

Praise Team



Do you have the gift of song and would like to be part of the praise team? Please contact a member of the Leadership Team.

In Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the family of Nan Niven. Nan went to be with the Lord on May 5, 2017.

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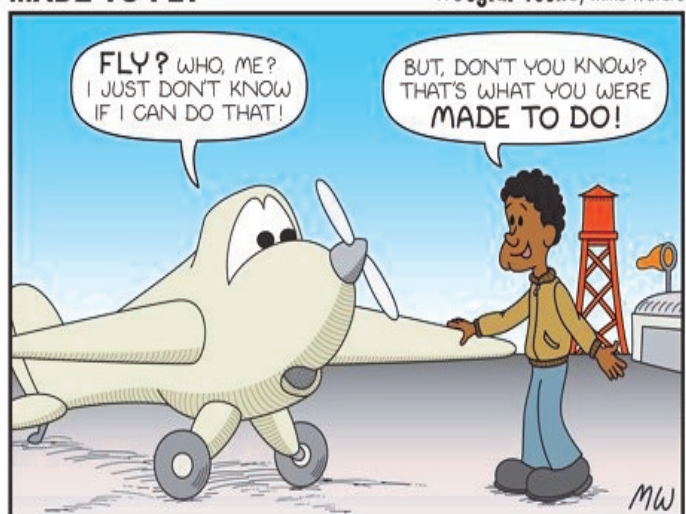
Thanks to Brian Hockett (See Jonah 1-4)

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THE FIRST TIME JONAH DISOBEYED

MADE TO FLY

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

— EPHESIANS 2:10 NIV


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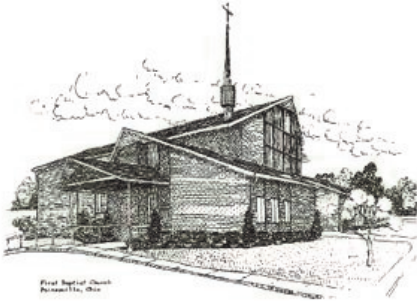


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| 2 9:00 a.m. BB (Combined Sunday School K-5), youth & ABF 10:00 a.m.. Praise Practice 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion 7:00 p.m. Kensington Sunday (AA) | 3 | 4 OFFICE CLOSED  | 5 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting | 6 | 7 7:00 p.m. Painesville Friday (AA) | 8 |
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10801 Johnnycake Ridge
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Return Service Requested

Guest



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