



**Jefferson**

## **First Baptist Church**

*Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."*

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## **Joining the Southern Baptist Convention is an option**

For over a year now since our church withdrew from the American Baptist Convention, we have been operating as an independent Baptist Church. During this time, the leadership of our church has been considering the benefits of joining the Southern Baptist Convention.

Before coming to Ohio, I was part of a Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) church plant in Madison, Wisconsin, called Red Village Church. This church plant was funded by the SBC in an effort to reach new people for Christ. As I became more involved in the church, I was able to see firsthand the great resources and coaching that the SBC provides to churches and the wisdom of being part of a support structure. Eventually this fledgling church plant got on its own two feet and eventually became a contributor to the SBC. As I learned more about the SBC, I felt as though it was a good fit for me not only because of the support they provide but also because it is a good theological fit.

The SBC believes in the inerrancy of Scripture. This important belief has been abandoned by many denominations that are now reaping the poison of liberalism. If you would like a copy of what the Southern Baptist Convention believes, you can pick up a copy of the SBC Faith and Message 2000 from me, or you can obtain a copy from the SBC website.

During my first year here in Ohio, I have checked in with my SBC spiritual "coach" in Wisconsin, receiving valuable input and wisdom in seeking to be an effective pastor here in Jefferson during my first year. My perspective of the Southern Baptist Convention has been positive to the extent that it has motivated me to attend the flagship Southern Baptist Theological Seminary located in Louisville, Kentucky. Since living in Ohio, I have had the opportunity to meet Gary Frost, the Southern Baptist area representative, over this region (Steel Valley), and I've been greatly encouraged. Gary had previously planted a successful church in Youngstown (Rising Star Church), later served as an SBC missionary in New York City, and has now returned to Youngstown to help revitalize this region (the area of Youngstown extending north to Lake Erie).

The Southern Baptist Convention has over 45,000 churches in the United States. A large majority of the churches are just like ours, with attendance under 100 people. Yet the SBC sees churches like ours as the key to denominational health. The Southern Baptist Convention not only plants new churches but seeks to revitalize existing churches and help them reach the community around them. There are two missionary arms of the SBC: the domestic mission board called the North American Mission Board (NAMB), and the International Mission Board (IMB) that sends fully funded missionaries overseas.

I believe that aligning with the Southern Baptist Convention is an important move for the future of our church. It will help place us on strong footing far into the future. On June 19 at 7 pm, Gary Frost and some members of the SBC will be at our church to answer questions and give you a chance to meet them. If you have any questions beforehand, feel free to ask me or any of the elders.

Thanks,

Pastor Kevin

## Salt and Flight (disc golf) begins Monday, May 6

We gave you a heads-up last month so you could get ready for disc golf starting in May. The time is NOW, and our first weekly outing will be at 6:15 p.m. at the upper level of Lake Shore Park.

The first hole starts just across the road from the refreshment stand, but we park by the circle at the top of the hill near the administration building.

Again, even if you have never tried disc golf before, come on out. It is fun, we have wonderful fellowship, and it is great exercise going up and down the hills of Lake Shore Park. We circle the whole east end of the park.



Garth Cornell is ready for another season of disc golf.

## Almost There! Koinonia

In the April newsletter, we wrote about our goal of raising \$2645 for scholarships to send 13 children to camp this summer at Koinonia.

As of Easter Sunday, we are more than two thirds of the way there with \$1794.30 raised. That leaves just \$830.70 to go by our target date of May 12.

Thank you for caring, and remember that this giving should be above your normal church offering. Please mark on your envelopes, "scholarships for camp."

## Nursery workers needed

The new sign-up sheet for May, June, and July is on the nursery door. We have had five faithful ladies covering the Sundays the past three months.

It would be nice to have more volunteers so helpers miss only one worship service every two months.

If God is speaking to you, please volunteer.

## May

### Happy Birthday!

Isabella Woodruff	5
Frank Snyder	7
Alexander Woodruff	9
Larry Browning	10
Nancy Dyrz	14
Jim Oeffner	17
Jennifer Dyrz	18
Garry Headley	23
Alex Sarna	25

### Happy Anniversary!

Frank & Autumn Snyder 10

If you are not included in our birthday and/or anniversary lists and would like to be, please call Ed at 576-0390. Thank you!

## B.W.M Care & Share for May & June is Koinonia

B.W.M. are supporting Koinonia Camp & Conference Center this month. Through the use of the outdoor environment and with dedicated leadership, Koinonia is committed to provide a safe and friendly place for the spiritual, physical and mental development of youth and adults. Please consider donating!

**Kitchen/housekeeping:** dish soap, unscented bleach, laundry detergent, toilet paper, scotch brite pads, paper towels, large sip-loc bags, kitchen matches, napkins, Styrofoam plates, plastic silverware, shaving cream, Giant Eagle gift cards, GFS gift certificates.

**Office Supplies:** post-it notes, carbonless duplicate phone message books, pens, scotch tape, copier paper, legal note pads, Office Max gift cards.

**Programming:** rubber kick balls, footballs, ping-pong balls, basketballs, canoe paddles, frisbees, Horse stuff: brushes, hoof picks, blankets, feeding pans, halters -used is fine in regards to horse supplies.

**Maintenance:** electrical tape, duct tape, 9" roller pads, paint brushes, drop cloths & tarps, bar oil, chainsaw oil, reciprocating saw blades, fiberglass step or extension ladders, Lowe's or Home Depot gift cards.

**First Aid:** band-aids, ace bandages, instant ice packs, peroxide, children's Bena-dryl, children's Tylenol, betadine solution.

## Mother-Daughter Luncheon to be held on Saturday, May 11

The annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 11 at noon at the church. The theme this year will be "God's Word." Brenda Phillips will present the devotional program.

Please bring a dish to share for the luncheon. All ladies and girls are invited to attend.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through our first quarter of 2019, the income to the Current Fund was \$25,635. That is just over \$1,000 short of the \$26,688 needed to meet our budget.

Our expenses for the quarter were \$31,379. That amount is high because of paying insurance, paying 50% of budgeted heating expense and a repair of the fellowship hall boiler.

Thank you for your faithful giving.

## Heart Reach Neighborhood Ministries Mission of the Month

This month, Heart Reach Neighborhood Ministries in Youngstown, OH, is our mission outreach.

Jefferson First Baptist has been supporting Neighborhood Ministries for several years.

Our church will be sending \$600 this month in addition to any money designated for HRNM. Be sure to mark your envelopes.

### Graduates honored on May 19

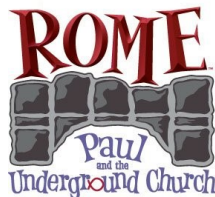
On May 19 our church potluck luncheon will honor our graduates, Emma Kovach and Georgia Woodworth. Please plan to attend and celebrate this major milestone with the girls. A cake will be provided for dessert.

#### Emma Kovacs Open House

All are invited to Emma Kovacs' Open House on May 25 from 4-7 p.m. in the fellowship hall at Jefferson First Baptist

### Start thinking VBS

VBS will be here before we know it. It is scheduled for July 22 - 26 in the evenings. Our program this year is "ROME – Paul and the Underground Church."



We will be transported back to the beginning of the early church. Check your schedules and set aside time to help. We need everyone!! More information to come.

### Manna Pantry needs help in May

Each month the Manna Pantry provide food for our community families that need a helping hand. During the month of May in addition to the regular needs, the pantry is asking for help making up picnic bags to give each family. Needed are cans of baked beans, Suddenly Salad, catsup, mustard, relish. These may be left on the shelves in the Manna box.

Person	In honor or memory
Dan & Doris Havens	Doug Havens – Howard & Dorothy Havens – The Mullin Family
Doris Kuncz	John Kuncz
David Diehl	Valorie Diehl
Dave & Ellen Cline	For parents & grandparents
Linda Herrmann	Milford & Selma; Lynn; Robert & Katherine Herrmann – Leland & Delores Hanna Elmer & Ida; Neil & Ella Mae; Roger Herman Walter; Bob & Rose; Raymond Hedrick
Art & Barb Smith	Roy & Lena Smith – Noble Smith
Barb Greene	James & Mildred Haines Jim & Virginia Greene Sheryl Shoenberger
Garry & Brenda Headley	Mit & Arlene Johnson Gerald Headley Doris & Lois Johnson Aunt Gladys Hill
Debra Lynch	Donald Lynch Tina Anderson
Dawn Skerness & Erin Sweeney	Charles & Shirley Sweeney Mary Sweeney
Jerry & Kristel Turchik	Don & Mary Leitch Mike & Margret Turchik
Ellie Beaver	Memory of father, James Laird & honor of mom - Lillian Laird Wallace & Mary Laird James & Olga Pozum Friend - Savannah
Garth & Sherry Cornell	Martin & Flavia Cole Robert & Donna Cornell

### Thank you, Priscilla Oeffner

If you have noticed some changes in our website and our Facebook page, tell Priscilla Oeffner, "Thank you." Both sites were set up and designed by Brandon Boomhower, and Priscilla has volunteered to help keep the web sites current. Way to go, Priscilla! [www.jeffersonfbc.com](http://www.jeffersonfbc.com)



# Thank you to all who helped with the Easter Celebration

This church does such a fantastic job of working together. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way, from filling eggs, creating baskets, decorating, inviting someone, cooking, cleaning, or praying, to make our April 6 Easter Celebration a success.

Between 185-200 folks enjoyed the story of Jesus's resurrection. About 78 children hunted for eggs and picked a basket! Continue to pray for each family that attended. There were about 15 baskets left that were donated to the Beatitude House for the children there.

As you shop or garage sale in the coming year, please keep your eyes out for more plastic eggs, grass, and baskets for next year.





# MAY 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Worship Practice 7:00 Prayer Mtg. and Bible Study	2 6:30 p.m. National Day of Prayer Service	3 7 a.m. Ashtabula Co. Concerts of Prayer 6:30 p.m. Family Night	4
5 Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	6 6:15 Salt & Flight (disc golf) at Lake Shore Park	7 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study	8 6:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Worship Practice 7:00 Prayer Mtg. and Bible Study	9 2:30 Hymn Sing 	10 6:00 to 8:00 Family Night Big Dog House	11 Noon Mother-Daughter Luncheon
12 MOTHER'S DAY 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	13 6:15 Salt & Flight at Lake Shore Park	14 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Elders Meeting	15 6:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Worship Practice 7:00 Prayer Mtg. and Bible Study	16 11:00 Martha Circle	17 6:30 Family Night	18 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 
19 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Honor Graduates —potluck	20 6:15 Salt & Flight at Lake Shore Park	21 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Mary Elizabeth Circle	22 6:30 Worship Practice 7:00 Prayer Mtg. and Bible Study	23	24 6:30 Family Night	25 Emma Kovacs Open House 4 - 7 p.m.
26 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	27 MEMORIAL DAY 6:15 Salt & Flight at Lake Shore Park	28 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Elders Meeting	29 6:30 Worship Practice 7:00 Prayer Mtg. and Bible Study	30	31 6:30 Family Night	
		Deadline for the June Newsletter is May 26. Please email or give the information to Ed Pickard epickard@embarqmail.com				

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**Pastor Kevin Phillips**

**Sunday Services:**

**9:30 a.m. Sunday School**

**10:45 a.m. Morning Worship**

**Nursery Care Provided**

**7:00 p.m. Wednesday**

**Prayer Meeting & Bible Study**

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