



Baptiscope



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First Baptist Church 85 W. Jefferson St., Jefferson, Ohio 44047

“The Best Key to Personal and Church Revival!”

Each of the first five columns I have written have either been about prayer or at least touched on prayer. I guess I am just stuck on the importance of prayer. Since being back at Jefferson First Baptist, I have been reading books on church renewal and revival. In all of the books, the need for PRAYER has been at the top of the list. Here are two examples.

The first is from an eBook (digital book) that I downloaded in the PDF format, *Healthy Church Growth* by Tobin Perry.

“If you can reach your goals on your own strength, you’re aiming too low.... You’re not smart enough. You’re not capable enough. Your church doesn’t have the resources. You need Jesus.

“Growing your church isn’t the same as growing a business. You can grow a business through human ingenuity and great timing. You grow a church when God does what only God can do: bring lost people to Himself and help them grow into lifelong disciples. Of course, God uses humans to do this. But God always does the heavy lifting. Only He can change a heart.

“So pray desperately—as if your entire ministry depends upon it (because it does). Pray as if entire destinies hang in the balance (because they do). Pray as if history will be changed by what God decides to do (because it will). Pray for the Lord to draw people to Himself. Pray that hearts will be softened to the gospel. Pray that your congregation will re-awaken to its mission of reaching a lost world. Pray together. Pray often.

Pray desperately.”

The second example is from an excellent book on church renewal, *Revitalize* by Andrew Davis. One of the chapters is titled, “Saturate the Church in Prayer.” Davis tells the story about the demon-possessed boy in Mark chapter 9. After the disciples could not drive out the demon, Jesus told them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.” Then Davis writes, “The convicting insight came as I realized the significance of what Jesus said. *These men had not prayed!* The apostles’ prayerlessness displayed a root of pride and self-sufficiency. Just as no demon comes out except by prayer, **NO CHURCH CAN BE REVITALIZED EXCEPT BY PRAYER.**”

In the book I am using for part of my morning devotional time, *Immeasurably More, A Year of Devotions from the Writings of Ray Stedman*, Ray writes extensively about prayer; and each chapter ends with a prayer. In one of the daily entries titled, “THE DIFFERENCE PRAYER MAKES,” Ray writes about Acts 12:5. The verse reads, “So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.” Ray’s conclusion is, “The basic motive for prayer is a sense of dependence. If we think that God alone can change a situation, we pray.” Amen to that! If we think that God alone can revive our church, we pray. Here is the closing prayer for that day’s devotional.

*Father, teach me how to pray. I don’t always need to know what to pray for, but I do desperately need to pray. I need to pray for others, to pray about the dangers that beset us as a nation and as a world. Help me to open my heart and to be honest before you. I know that in the mystery of prayer, a mystery that I cannot fathom, **something allows your Spirit to work in ways that otherwise would never happen.**”*

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More Internet Presence for First Baptist

Last month, we told you about a new Facebook page for Jefferson First Baptist.

This month, Brandon Boomhower, has created another First Baptist internet site. This site will be more of a static informational repository. Already a link has been created for the most current newsletters including this one.

Last Sunday (July 23), we had two couples attend Sunday morning worship who were camping in the area at two different campgrounds. Each couple was at our church because of what they found on the Internet.

Remember, talk to Brandon and ask for his email address if you have ideas for material you think should be posted on the either of our church pages.

The web addresses are as follows:

facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchJeffersonOH/
Jeffersonfbc.com



August

Happy Birthday!

Cathy Gillespie	13 th
Shawn Mullins	18 th
Barbara Greene	19 th
Kay Havens	20 th
Willie Prine	22 nd
Rick Havens	23 rd
David Neige	24 th
Charlene Wise	26 th

Happy Anniversary!

Garry & Brenda Headley
 12th
 Rick & Kay Havens
 18th

The Hymn Sing at Jefferson Healthcare will not be held this month. It will resume in September.

**Thank you for sending us to camp.
 We had a great time!**

Isabella & Alex

Thank You!

Attention All Men of the Church!

Please join us on August 12 at 8:00 a.m. for men's breakfast. We will have a great breakfast and enjoy a time of fellowship and prayer. Hope to see you there!

Martha Circle

Thursday, August 10 at 11 a.m.

Mary Elizabeth Circle



Prayer Concerns

If you have a concern you would like on the prayer list for Sunday, contact the church office or Brenda Headley @ (440-624-4225 or blouheadley@gmail.com). If you have an emergency request for the prayer chain, call Donna Browning (994-4451). If you cannot reach her, call either the church office (576-1631) or Sara Hinkle (576-9583). Give requests for cards to be sent to Carolyn Hansford.

New Concerns:

Barb Smith- home, will be having therapy.

Mary Hicks- has been sick with low potassium (children attended VBS).

Prayer for Debbie Leech, that her brother's heart will be softened against her and she will find a place to live.

On Going Concerns:

Becky Adame, Diane Gregg (healing of her eye), Charlene Wise, Larry Fisher, The life and direction of First Baptist Church, Glenda Graham, David & Kathryn Neige, Jeffrey Wilcox, Eleanor Herrmann, Gary Webster - ALS, Jayne Stepp, Tim Prine, Josie Pinckney, Susan Smith, Don Sarna, Duane Tanner, Carol Sprinkle, Anne Pinney (Ethel's sister), John Shaffer (Ellie's friend-cancer).

College students: Leo Beaver, Joanne Beckwith, Valarie Burlingame, Steven Butcher, Abby Kovacs, Seth Woodworth-Walts.

Service People: Dan and Samantha Au, Patrick Bisigni, Alex Cash, Jennifer Dyrzcz, Natasha Shreve (boot camp).

Senior Members & Friends: Nursing Home Seniors: Dorothy Havens, Ruth Gran.

Shut-ins and Homebound:

Jean Friedrich, Bea Grassi.

The Peacock Quilt

The Dictionary describes peacocks as large birds with beautiful bright colored feathers. Tail feathers with spots of eyes and can spread out like a fan. To strut like a peacock From World Book Encyclopedia: real name is Peafowl. "Proud as a Peacock" extremely proud. Male called peacock, female a peahen. Indian Peacock is National bird for India.

In ancient times they were carried to all parts of the world as a great treasure. During the reign of Solomon, once every 3 years came the Navy of Tarshish, bringing gold, silver, ivory & apes & peacocks. (1 Kings 10:22)

2 Chronicles 9:21; King Solomon had a fleet of trading ships manned by sailors sent by Hiram. Once every 3 yrs. the ships returned; loaded with gold, silver, ivory, apes & peacocks. Power and divine protection of the throne.

The quilt hanging in the foyer was made and hand quilted by Barbara Smith.

P – Prince of Peace

E – Everlasting Father

A – Awesome God

C – Creator of the Universe

O – One and only God

C – Crown Him King

K – King of all Kings



Leadership Team

The Leadership Team held an informational town hall meeting on Tuesday, July 25. The team members shared how they have been implementing the recommendations that our church voted on back in the February 29 congregational meeting. The team has started work on writing the church profile that will be used by the upcoming search for a new pastor. Earlier this summer, the team met with Crystal Latimer, chairperson of the Ashtabula First Baptist Church search committee. Work on a new constitution will begin soon.

Current Fund for June 2017	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance as of June 30</u>
	\$8443.20	\$3995.63	\$14494.08
Current Fund for Jan.-June 30	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	
	\$51867.46	\$45601.47	

A.B.W.M Care & Share for August

The A.B.W.M. is supporting Heart Reach Neighborhood Ministries for the month of August! **Is my support still needed?** If you are asking this question, let us assure you that the answer is an empathetic YES. More than ever we need your prayer. Our short term goal is to maintain and grow the programs we currently have. But we have been asked to expand, to grow into more communities in the Youngstown area. The last census showed that Youngstown was one of six cities in the country with a poverty rate over 40%. And of the children living in Youngstown, 66% live in poverty! Please consider donating to this noble organization!

Items needed include paper products, school supplies, healthy & beauty, linens (both new & used), baby items and miscellaneous. For a full & detailed list please see the bulletin board in the foyer or you may call or email the church office and a copy will be sent to you. Thank you in advance for your support!

Mission Outreach

The Mission Team at the Jefferson First Baptist Church have redesigned the Mission outreach. We will be supporting the same Missions and Missionaries but in a different manner.

These changes will give us better knowledge of the work God has given them to do and a stronger way to help each individual.

Those missions that were given a % (percentage) monthly will now be given a specific amount during their month. The amount will be depending on the tithing coming into the Current Fund. This will be repeated twice a year. We have prayed about this change and we feel we can "better" our service for the Lord.

Mark 16:15 "Go into all the world & preach the Good News to everyone."

For the current time: July – Peter McCurdy family in Costa Rica

August – CAMS in Haiti (Steve & Judy Revis)

Sept. - Camp Koinonia & Conf. Center

Oct. - Matt & Bridget Lynch family in Hungary

Nov. - Neighborhood Ministries in Youngstown

Dec. - ABC Retired Ministers & Missionaries





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Office 9 –1 6:30 Leadership Team meeting	2 Office 9 –1	3 Office 9 –1	4 Office 9 –1	5 A.B.W.M board meeting 10:30
6 Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	7 Office Closed	8 Office 9 –1	9 Office 9-1 6:30 Worship Practice 7:00 Prayer Mtg. and Bible Study	10 Office 9-1 Martha Circle 11am	11 Office 9-1	12 Men's Breakfast 8 am 
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



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10:45 am Morning Worship

9:30 am Sunday School

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