

# Baptiscope



# November Edition 2017

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

#### From Your Interim Pastor

Almost every year that I pastored the Dorset Baptist Church, Jerie Leigh and I wrote a Christmas letter that went to each person or family in the congregation. In the letter, we included two lists; one was titled, "Good News at Dorset Baptist." The other was titled "Projects Accomplished." The Good News section covered baptisms, new members, Bible studies, VBS, etc. The Projects Accomplished included everything that had been done to improve our building and our property.

The C, R, & R Excellence article below (and in last month's newsletter) made me think of our lists at Dorset—except that we never made a "Pre-project" list. I think that list is a great idea! And isn't it satisfying to look at the lists below and read, "FINISHED" on a number of them? As Roger Beckwith said at our very good Town Hall meeting last week, "You people, the congregation, have stepped up." That is true! You have let the love, joy, and peace of Jesus show in your lives—and you have helped write FINISHED on many of the projects listed below.

As we start the last two months of another year, it is great to see how God has moved in our midst in 2017 with **both** "Good News" and "Projects Finished." Let's make the Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas seasons a strong exclamation point for this year of our Lord, 2017!!!

### First Baptist Church C, R, & R Excellence

As an ongoing commitment to caring for our church facility, we could use your help in <u>Cleaning</u>, <u>Repairing</u> or <u>Replacing</u> many items: Numerous items have been identified below that would benefit from the giving of your time and/or financial support; together we can accomplish much. Listed below are some of the areas of concern. If you would like to volunteer or need more information, just talk to John Dyrcz or Larry Browning. Prayerfully consider the area you would like to support now and in the coming months.

## **Smaller projects:**

Janitors closet: cleanup. FINISHED

Weeding: outside.

Cleanup & polish restrooms plumbing. FINISHED

Ceiling dust under sanctuary balcony's.

Missing floor tile at NW kitchen doorway.

Patch holes in asphalt driveway

Remove fellowship hall tape from floor: FINISHED

Then clean and wax.

Clean up all door entrance's, thresholds: FINISHED

Janitors entrance door closure broken. FINISHED

Fall cleanup of leaves.

Tables in garage needs repaired.

Winter time: Open up church, turn up heat and clear snow around doors and sidewalks. New door entrance mats.

#### Major projects:

Sanctuary carpet needs stretched.

Fellowship NW entrance mat needs replaced.

**FINISHED** 

All NW windows in class rooms need to be replaced Fellowship Hall exit signs broken.

Foyer East entrance doors hard to open:

Require door alignment, closure and handle adjustment.—FINISHED

Pastor's office needs new office chair.

NE corner sidewalk needs replaced.

Repair or replace wall fan in Buenos Amigoes room. FINISHED

Rent a power lift to clean parsonage gutters plus trim over hanging trees. FINISHED



#### **Lunch Bunch:**

Tuesday, November 21 at 12:00.

#### As the weather starts to change:

During the inclement weather, the church office may not be open during regular hours. Please call the office prior to coming in.

#### **November**

#### Happy Birthday!

Duane Tanner 5
Bailey Boomhower 6
Rod Butcher 7
Valerie Burlingame 21
Ellie Beaver 25
Naomi Oeffner 30

#### **Happy Anniversary!**

Rod & Linda Butcher 7

#### Attention All Men of the Church!

Please join us on November 11 & 25 at 8:00 a.m. for men's breakfast. We will have a great breakfast and enjoy a time of fellowship and prayer.

On the 25th we will be setting up all of the Christmas trees for decorating. Hope to see you there!

#### **Martha Circle**

Thursday, November 16 at 11 a.m.

#### **Mary Elizabeth Circle**

Tuesday, November 21 at 7 p.m.



#### **Hymn Sing**

November 9 at 2:30 p.m. Jefferson Healthcare.

#### **Current Fund**

**Current Fund for September** 

Income	Expenditures	Balance as of September 30		
\$9246.13	\$5183.56	\$31301.52		



Thank you to everyone that had any part in the Family Fun Night, Sunday Oct. 22. Everyone had a terrific time. We had about 78-80 people present to celebrate God's harvest, 26 or 27 were children. You know how hard it is to count moving bodies! Games, pumpkin decorating, and fantastic science experiments were enjoyed by all. Thank you to Sara,

Kay, and Leo for once again becoming the "mad scientists" from Bible School. Also, thank you to Garth for being a great MC. Thank you to each person who manned a game, served food, set up tables, did publicity, invited someone, made phone calls, furnished cupcakes, hot dogs, chips, etc., and prayed for the outreach.

Please reach out to any of these people if you see them outside of church (or inside we hope). We hope some of them will come back again to worship with us. We are hoping to have another family night on November 19 and Breakfast in Bethlehem on December 16. More information will be coming. Pray that God's will, will be done during this holiday season.

#### Dear Friends,

We would like to thank you for your continued prayers for our son, Jeffrey, he is a miracle gift to us from God. He works very hard to get use back of his arms & leg. His speech seems to be the thing that causes him to be frustrated. It's very hard to see your child struggle, but the Lord Jesus brings peace & hope. It's been a long struggle but with the prayers of God's people, we gain strength. Thank you

Jeremiah 29:11-13

In Jesus Love,

Dick & Sharon Wilcox "Willie's family"

#### **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:**

Continue to pray for those affected by the recent hurricanes, earthquakes & wild fires. Continue to pray for the victims & families of the shootings in Las Vegas. Ashtabula First Baptist, Shawn Mullins, Harry Prine (needs a pacemaker)

On Going Concerns: The life and direction of First Baptist Church, Diane Gregg (healing of her eye), Larry Fisher, Glenda Graham, David & Kathryn Neige, Jeffrey Wilcox, Eleanor Herrmann, Gary Webster - ALS, Becky Adame, Jayne Stepp, Tim Prine, Susan Smith, Don Sarna, Duane Tanner, Carol Sprinkle, John Shaffer (Ellie's friend-cancer & salvation). Debbie Leech - softening of brother's heart & a place to live, Dorset Church, Doris Kuncz, Sheryl Shoenberger, Nancy Hopes, Charlene Wise, Sherry Comp, , Ed Pickard (hearing)

**College students:** Joanne Beckwith, Valarie Burlingame, Steven Butcher, Abby Kovacs, Brenden Legg (Kilcauley House, Rm #619, 117 University Plaza, Youngstown, Oh 44502-1708), Naomi Oeffner, William Oeffner.

**Service People:** Dan and Samantha Au, Patrick Bisigni, Alex Cash, Jennifer Dyrcz, Natasha Shreve (home senior year), Andrey Kamler.

Senior Members & Friends: Nursing Home Seniors: Ruth Gran, Anne Pinney (Ethel's sister).

**Shut-ins and Homebound:** Jean Friedrich, Bea Grassi.

# Missionaries of the Month Heart Reach Neighborhood Ministries

This month, we are back to Heart Reach Neighborhood Ministries. It was great having Mark Samuel, the Executive Director, with us for a morning worship service back in April. In a recent newsletter, Mark wrote, "The American Baptist Women of Ohio recently raised \$10,000 to replace an aging van. They also loaded a van with donations that will be passed on to our children and families. Thank you, Ladies!! Making Kids Count, a local nonprofit, has been providing us with large loads of diapers to be distributed at our three community centers." Our church will be sending \$600 this month in addition to any money designated for HRNM.



# Collection Sunday is November 12! Please bring filled shoeboxes To church by this date. Thank You!

# A.B.W.M. Care & Share for November Is Homesafe

Homesafe Inc. is a private, non-profit community agency, committed to breaking the cycle of violence in Ashtabula County and it's surrounding areas through the provision of emergency and non-emergency services. Their mission is to assure greater awareness of the problems of domestic violence and abuse through the education and empowerment of individuals, families, and the community.

A woman is beaten every 9 seconds in this county. Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women. One of two women will be abused during their lifetime and over 53% of male abusers also beat their children.

For a full list please see the bulletin board in the foyer or call the office to have one mailed to you.

Cleaning supplies: Lysol/Clorox cleaning sprays and wipes, toilet bowl cleaner, window cleaner, food floor cleaner, dusting supplies (Swiffer/Pledge), scouring pads, Magic eraser, brooms, mops, dustpans, Mr. Clean, 91-percent rubbing alcohol (for cleaning) and foaming bathroom cleaner.

**Over the counter medicines:** All types for children and adults, First Aid supplies.

New clothing items (adults & children's sizes): Socks; pajamas/slippers-all sizes; underwear— women's sizes 5/6, children's sizes 2/4/6, girls' sizes 12/14/16 and male adult sizes for teen boys and male clients.

**Children's welcome pack supplies:** Flash cards, playing cards, children's card games, travel-size games, journals, small puzzles, word search books (all ages), sketch pads, colored pencils and teen-related items.

**Equipment:** Towels/washcloths; six kitchen trash cans (13 gallon); twin size sheets sets; six box fans.

Gift Cards: Food & Gas for the residents.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
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9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	6 Office Closed 1:00 pm Women's Day of Prayer	7 Office 9 –1 10:30 AM Book Club 6:30 Leadership Team Meeting	8 Office 9-1 6:30 Worship Practice 7:00 Town Hall meeting	9 Office 9-1 2:30 Hymn Sing	10 Office 9-1	8:00 Men's Breakfast		
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#### ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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Sunday Services: 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Morning Worship

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