

Baptiscope

April Edition 2017

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

Trusting in the Promises of God

The days, weeks, and months ahead could be monumental in the life of Jefferson First Baptist Church--maybe more important than any other time in the past 100 years or more. We have voted to suspend the constitution on a temporary basis and elect a five member Leadership Team. That team is committed to carrying out the recommendations the congregation voted to accept on February 26.

Although some people might think this is the time to start worrying, that is not what the Bible teaches. In a verse that is great to memorize, Paul wrote to the church at Philippi, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6) As I have shared with you on a Sunday morning recently, my devotions this year are coming from Ray Stedman's book, *Immeasurably More*. His devotions for March are based on the book of Philippians. He writes about the above passage, "There is nothing more prevalent in the age in which we live than the increasing problem of worry." Further on, he writes, "The entire Word of God is a constant exhortation to believers to stop worrying." So, Philippians 4:6 basically tells us to quit worrying and keep praying.

We have been doing that as a congregation by praying nine Prayerful Commitments suggested by Thom Rainer. I believe that if we are praying those prayers (and not just reading them), we should come to the conclusion Paul gives us in verse 7, "The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Another Bible verse that should bring peace and not worry to our hearts is in Matthew 16, verse 18, where Jesus promised Peter, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The invisible church of God will always exist on this earth until Jesus comes back to claim his own people. Instead of worrying, let's be believing and praying and working so that Jefferson First Baptist continues to be a church that stands up against the gates of hell.

Whatever takes place in the days, weeks, and months ahead, we can trust the promises of God. We must hold fast to them and not worry.

Pastor Ed Pickard

Neighborhood Ministries is the April Mission Outreach

April is the month we support America for Christ and this year is no different, but we will be designating the support to the Neighborhood Ministries with a goal of \$1000!

Neighborhood Ministries is located in the Youngstown area and they share the gospel daily in low-income, high need communities. They are volunteer based and are in need of significant donations of food, clothing, household items, etc., to address the basic needs for all who walk through their doors. They share the Gospel in a way that is personal and life changing.

Their Mission Statement: "Neighborhood Ministries share Christ's love by partnering with others to build relationships that create safe, supportive, and empowered communities one person at a time."

Please help God's work to continue through this wonderful service of ministry. Envelopes have been included for your convenience. Thank you in advance.

- Mission Team

All men of First Baptist Church are invited to join us on Saturday morning, April 8, at 8:00 a.m. for the Men's Breakfast.

Hymn Sing is April 13 at 2:30 at Jefferson Health Care. Please note that future hymn sings will be held on the second Thursday of each month. We look forward to worshipping in song with you. Please join us!



Martha Circle
Thursday April 20 at 11 a.m.

Mary Elizabeth Circle
Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m.



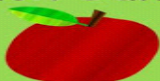
Office Hours:

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9-1
Wednesday: 1-5
Thursday: 9-1
Friday: 9-1



If you have something you need printed, please call the office in advance so that it can be ready for you when you arrive. Thank you!

**You're invited to
Lunch Bunch!**



Lunch Bunch is April 18 at noon!
Hope you'll join us!

Women's Society Meeting, 7 p.m., Monday, April 10

There will be a Women's Society Meeting Monday April 10, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Jefferson First Baptist Church. We have invited a speaker from the Beatitude House Transitional Housing in Ashtabula to meet with us. This is a faith-based residence that takes in homeless women and their children and trains them in life skills on their paths to independent living. If you would like to contribute to help meet their needs, the following is a list of needed items. Please bring the items with you when you attend. Please come and welcome our guest speaker. Thank you!

Gift Cards: Giant Eagle, BP, Speedway, Sheetz, Aldi, Save-A-Lot, Wal-Mart, CVS, Rite Aid, Walgreens.

Cleaning Products: dish soap, all-purpose cleaner, bleach, liquid laundry detergent, glass cleaner, toilet cleaner and brushes.

Office Supplies: stamps, highlighters, copier paper, staples, hanging files, pens, card stock, index cards.

Household & Paper Products: trash bags (13 & 30 gal), sponge mops & buckets, plastic food containers, rechargeable batteries, tissues paper towels, light bulbs, gas cans, tool kits, brooms & dust pans, baggies (sandwich, quart & gallon size).

Personal care: liquid hand soap, body wash & soap, feminine products, band-aids, diapers (larger size), baby wipes, children's socks & underwear, deodorant, toothpaste.

Apartment Items: kitchen utensils, cutting boards, kitchen wall clocks, dishes, pots & pans,

dish drying racks, can openers & colanders, coffee makers, hand mixers & bowls, pot holders, laundry baskets, bag-less vacuums, towels (bath & kitchen), alarm clock radios, bed pillows, bath mats, plastic shower curtains & rings, twin sheet sets, throw rugs & doormats, trash cans (large & small).



Please join us at the Community Easter Egg Hunt April 1 at 11 a.m. We hope you will join us for a wonderful morning of fellowship and outreach. There will be games, lunch, stories and an egg hunt! Come and help show God's love to our community!



Time to plan for Easter Flowers!

I will be ordering Easter flowers (tulips, daffodils, and lilies) very soon. Order forms are now available. If you'd like an order form mailed or dropped off to you. Please call the office to make arrangements. The cost this year is \$8.00. Thank you for your help in this ministry!

Brenda Headley

Please make sure when using the church building.....

- 1. Restrooms are left in order**
- 2. All lights are off, including restrooms**
- 3. The fire doors are closed (VERY IMPORTANT!)**
- 4. All doors are locked**



A big "THANK YOU" to the church family for the response in donations of food, supplies and money for the goodie boxes and bags. We had 6 ladies packing the boxes and bags. We filled 3 bags for ladies in the nursing home and 5 for our shut-ins. We packed 7 boxes for service and college persons. We filled 3 bags for Baptist young people attending college locally. These were sent thru the post office. We also sent greetings to 3 missionaries and 1 service person.

Without your help, this project could not be done. This is a great demonstration of our Christian love for the people who receive them and those near them. Thank you!

Caroline Woodworth

A.B.W.M.

Thank You!

Attention all women and girls– Save the date of May 13 for the Mother Daughter Banquet at First Baptist Church. We're having a potluck luncheon at noon, so feel free to invite sister, aunts, nieces, neighbors, friends, as well as your mother or daughter. We have Rev. Lonnie Turner from the "Three Sisters Tea Room" in Ashtabula as our featured speaker. The theme this year is "God's Family Photos". A fun time has been planned by Barbara, Caroline, Willie and other women of the W.M.S. including door prizes and favors. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer on May 1. Please plan to come!

Happy Anniversary

Larry & Donna Browning

April 13th

Happy Birthday

Ruth Tanner 9th

Ed Pickard 18th

Cindy Fisher 29th

A.B.W. Ministries are supporting Birthcare of Ashtabula in March and April. Birthcare has helped thousands of women, girls, fathers, and families from diverse backgrounds and with a variety of needs. They are married, divorced, single, and often very alone. Housewives, teenagers, college students and career women have all visited Birthcare's offices. Many races, income levels, and religions are represented. Each person receives the same compassionate personal care. The doors remain open by the generosity of our outside supporters and it is an all volunteer organization. There is a box in the fellowship hall to receive donations. Please donate as you feel led.

A list of needed items are: Diapers sizes 3, 4, and 5 (most needed), Receiving blankets, Any sleepers and onesies (for ages up to 2), Used clothing up to age 3 (clean and folded please), Sippy cups. Car seats, Cribs, Bassinets, and Highchairs.

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 bloutheadley@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 sending cards to Carol Hansford.



PRAYER

changes things

New Concerns:

The life and direction of First Baptist Church.

Tim Prine had surgery this morning at Erie's VA Hospital.

On Going Concerns:

Duane Tanner, Larry Fisher, Glenda Graham, Don Leech,
Mary Leech, David & Kathryn Neige, Tim Prine, Jeffrey Wilcox.

Eleanor Herrmann, Becky Adame, Gary Webster - ALS, Jim Reuschling, David Cline, Marsha Stiver, Don Sarna, Jayne Stepp, Steve, (friend of Dan Headley).

College students:

Leo Beaver, Joanne Beckwith, Valerie Burlingame,
Steven Butcher, Abby Kovacs, Naomi Oeffner,
Seth Woodworth-Walts.

Service People:

Dan and Samantha Au, Patrick Bisigni, Alex Cash, Jennifer Dyrz.

Senior Members & Friends: Nursing Home Seniors:

Veronica Maxse, Dorothy Havens.

Shut-ins and Homebound:

Jean Friedrich, Ruth Gran, Bea Grassi.



April

HAPPY EASTER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Easter Egg Hunt 11am 
2 Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	3 Office Closed	4 Office 9-1	5 Office 1-5 Worship Practice 6:30 Prayer Mtg. 7pm	6 Office 9-1	7 Office 9-1	8 Men's Breakfast 8am
9 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	10 Office Closed Women's Society Meeting 7:00 pm	11 Office 9-1	12 Office 1-5 Worship Practice 6:30 Prayer Mtg. 7pm	13 Office 9-1 Hymn Sing 2:30 Holy Thursday Service 7:00	14 Office 9-1 6:00 p.m. Cross Walk begins at our church	15
16 EASTER 6:30 Sunrise Service 7:00 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	17 Office Closed	18 Office 9-1 Lunch Bunch noon	19 Office 1-5 Worship Practice 6:30 Prayer Mtg. 7pm	20 Office 9-1 Martha Circle 11am Mary Elizabeth 7pm	21 Office 9-1	22
23/30 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	24 Office Closed	25 Office 9-1	26 Office 1-5 Worship Practice 6:30 Prayer Mtg. 7pm	27 Office 9-1	28 Office 9-1	29

Koinonia Summer Camp Schedule 2017

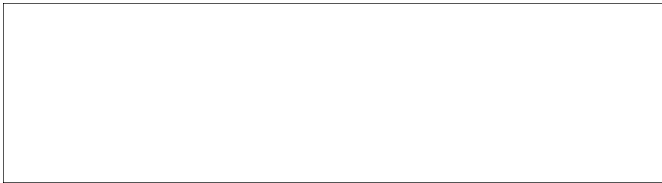
Special Person's Camp	June 2-5	Adult	\$260
Senior High X Camp	June 11-16	Grades 9-12	\$335
First Timer's Camp #1	June 16-17	Grades 4k-1	\$70
Elementary Camp	June 18-23	Grades 3-5	\$330
Advanced Bible N Saddle Camp	June 18-23	Grades 8-12	\$420
Primary Camp	June 25-28	Grades 1-2	\$235
Horsemanship Camp	July 2-7	Grades 7-12	\$420
Junior High Camp	July 2-7	Grades 6-8	\$335
Youth Bible N Saddle Camp	July 9-14	Grades 7-12	\$395
First Timer's Camp #2	July 14-15	Grades k4-1	\$70
Elementary Bible N Saddle Camp	July 16-21	Grades 4-6	\$395
Paintball Camp	July 16-21	Grades 7-12	\$375
Youth Special Person's Horse Camp	August 6-9	Grades 4-12	\$370
Adult Special Person's Horse Camp	August 9-12	Adult	\$370

There are 3 discounts available from Koinonia for summer sessions.

- 1. Very Early Bird Discount - \$30 - Turn in your completed registration form and \$20 deposit by April 1, 2017 and our office will deduct \$30 from the cost of your session.**
- 2. Early Bird discount - \$25- Turn in your completed registration form and \$20 deposit by May 1, 2017 and our office will deduct \$15 from the cost of your session.**
- 3. Additional Sibling Discount - \$10 - Turn in your completed registration form and \$20 deposit for more than one camper and our office will deduct \$10 from the cost of each session after the first one.**

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



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440-576-1631 (Fax 440-576-1630)
Email: fbjefferson@outlook.com
Sunday Services:
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Morning Worship
Nursery Care Provided
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting 7pm
Elevator Chair Available