

Franklin Park Baptist Church

“ Interrupting Busy Lives to Build Relationships in Christ ”

Dear Friends at Franklin Park Baptist Church,

It’s September ! That not only means our kids and grandkids go back to school, it also means our Sunday School and other educational opportunities here at FPBC resume after the summer break.

September 11 is a big day for us. At 9:30 a.m. our adult and youth classes begin; at 10:30 a.m. our worship will include some special instrumental selections as well as a mixed quartet singing a familiar patriotic song. Also, our Children’s Sunday School will take place during worship. Then at 11:30 a.m. we’ll parade to the “Upper Room” to dedicate the newly decorated room to the glory of God. (We anticipate several guests will be on hand for this time of dedication.)

The following Sunday, September 18, in the evening, we’ll host The Greater Cranberry Men’s Barbershop Chorus at 7 p.m. This will be a fun event of acappella music and fellowship. (There’s an ice cream social following the concert.) Plan now to come and be sure to invite your friends. (Note: a free-will offering will be received for the support of next year’s Mission Trip.) Finally, we’ll begin a new Wednesday night small group study series entitled “When Christians Get It Wrong.” This 6 week series is described more fully elsewhere in this newsletter.

In Service to our Lord, Rev. Paul Aiello

Upcoming Dates to keep in mind :

- *Sept. 7 - Church Council meeting*
- *Sept. 11 – return to regular hours*
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship service
 Dedication of the Upper Room
- *Sept. 12 – Guiding Lights 7:30 p.m.*
- *Sept. 14 – Kings coupon day*
- *Sept. 18 – Greater Cranberry Men’s*
 Barbershop Chorus here 7 p.m.

Playing the Music for Sunday
Worship in September :

- September 4 – Marilyn Louttit
- September 11 – Erik Kolodziej
- September 18 – Erik Kolodziej
- September 25 – Erik Kolodziej

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The men of Franklin Park Baptist have been invited to breakfast by Fairmount Reformed Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 10 @ 9 a.m. Guest speaker for the morning is John Creasy, associate pastor of The Open Door Church who also directs a community farm ministry in Garfield. Also, member Scotty Martin will show off his wooden model car and truck creations and collection. Please contact pastor Aiello if you'd plan to go.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

“ Back To School ”

We're in the beginning of “back to school” days. Administrators, teachers, parents and students are doing those things needed for a productive and enjoyable year.

The prophet Malachi would understand the back-to-school feeling He called Israel back, not to school, but to God; but there were important truths he wanted them to remember and practice. The truths were not new. The people had forgotten them or put them aside, thinking they were unimportant. Malachi knew they were essential in relating to God.

One of those truths focused on giving. “I the Lord do not change...Return to me, and I will return to you...Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... Test me in this...and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it” (Mal.3:6-7, 10-11, NIV).

Do you need to return to this truth that God wants you to know and practice ? Begin now to give a tithe of your income to God through your church. You will be learning and living as God instructs. He will be pleased, and you will be blessed.

We received a Thank you from the Crossroads Church Meals on Wheels program which we help to provide desserts for their outreach program. *“Again, a huge thank you to all of you who continue to send over delicious baked goods to us here at **North Country Meals on Wheels** ! Our clients have thoroughly enjoyed a delightful selection of treats – cookies, angel food cake, brownies, sweet cakes and cupcakes – because of your generosity and we are truly grateful for your ongoing support. God bless ! ” NCMOW*



September 11, 2016
National Grandparents Day

CASH IN AT KINGS !

Kings Location : **Wexford 910 and 79**
Organization : **Franklin Park Baptist Church**
Date: **Wednesday, September 14, 2016**
Time: **6 a.m. - 10 p.m.**
Present this coupon when paying your check and our Summer Mission Group will receive 15% of your guest check total.

Sermon Titles and Texts for September:

Sept. 4 - “Do A Good Turn Daily”
Luke 10:25-37
Scott Cunningham, guest

Sept. 11 - “Though Outwardly - Yet Inwardly”
2 Corinthians 4 : 16 – 18

Sept. 18 – “About Stones, Logs and Specks”
Matthew 7 : 1 – 5; John 8 : 1 – 11

Sept. 25 – “Mission Impossible”



Needed – Used greeting and Christmas cards. The Guiding Lights are collecting them for a service project that benefits abused children for them to make new cards and sell them. A basket is in the church library for your contributions to this effort.



The Greater Cranberry Men's Barbershop Chorus will be here at Franklin Park on Sunday, Sept. 25 @ 7 p.m.

Worship Service Greeters for September :

- 4 - Tom & Nancy McNaughton
- 11 - Rick & Linda Raraigh
- 18 - John & Millie Flinchum
- 25 - Richard Frankenstein.

During the month of September we will be receiving the 2016 World Mission Offering. Children will receive offering boxes that should be returned at the end of the month.

We have set a goal of \$1,500.00 for this year. Special envelopes are in the pew racks and an information insert is in this newsletter.

“ Do your part ! Help people around the world Come to Christ.

Grow in their relationship to God.

Change the world through the power of the Holy Spirit. ”

We are continuing to provide desserts for Crossroads Church Meals on Wheels. We ask that you donate desserts, preferably cookies, brownies, cakes all in disposable pans. If anyone wants to make a donation of money to one of the members we will buy desserts for them. Put them in upstairs kitchen freezer and we will get them to Crossroads MOW once a month.



**WORLD
MISSION
OFFERING**

World Mission Offering — SEPT. 2016 !

**Celebrate New Life in Christ
“on Earth as in Heaven”**

(Matthew 6:10, NABRE)

A great and surprising spiritual awakening is happening in Baptist churches in Cuba right now!

Since 1990, the number of churches in Cuba has grown by 450%. The number of baptisms has risen by over 500%. And the number of prayer groups and total church memberships have climbed in equally high numbers.

After decades of harsh restrictions, “the church of God has risen from the ashes,” says a retired Cuban church leader who witnessed the remarkable change firsthand. “In God’s time, the hearts of so many people have been opened up to the goodness of the gospel.”

The good news is that our church’s support of the World Mission Offering (WMO) is helping to fuel the growth of the Eastern Cuba Baptist Convention through financial and global worker support and through International Ministries (IM)-sponsored pastor conferences.

The better news is that there is a lot that we can learn from Cuba’s spiritual revival. For example:

Youth ministry is thriving through camping and sports ministries, concerts and youth rallies in the streets of Cuba’s cities and towns.

Spirit-filled outreach is yielding abundant fruit through evangelistic campaigns, undergirded with fervent prayer and fasting.

Discipleship is spreading through numerous house churches and cell groups of prayer.

A new generation of leaders is growing through faithful teaching at seminaries and lay training centers.

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Responding to God's Call Worldwide

And perhaps the best news of all is that Cuba's spiritual awakening is but one of many thriving ministries run by IM partners and more than 1,800 long- and short-term global workers in more than 70 countries around the world.

IM's vision is "on earth as in heaven," which reminds us of God's invitation to participate in his work in the world.

And that's just what IM is doing—through your support of the WMO—by *praying, equipping, serving, proclaiming, teaching, inviting, healing and encouraging* in the name of Jesus.

Your gifts to the WMO help to raise up, place and send new global servants and volunteers to reach and touch lives for Jesus around the world. They also help to fill gaps for those workers who haven't yet reached their support goals, enabling crucial ministries to continue.

Your gifts help support IM's more than 240 global partners who are actively sharing God's message of hope, love and healing with a lost and hurting world.

Your gifts help recruit and train new global workers, open up new global mission fields, respond to global disasters with relief and development funds through One Great Hour of Sharing and much more.

The 2016 World Mission Offering will be received
during worship on THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

DATE OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN

PLEASE HELP! Baptists in Cuba and the Dominican Republic have requested our help with scholarships and supplies for youth camps and gatherings. With an overall 10% increase in undesignated gifts to the World Mission Offering (WMO), we can respond to that call. Our congregation's 2016 WMO goal is \$ 1,500.—, which is 10 % above our 2015 WMO giving.

Whether God is calling you to GO as a short- or long-term global servant or to GIVE financial support, let us join together to touch as many lives as possible in more than 70 countries around the globe.

Give generously *and expectantly* to the WMO as, together, we help people everywhere **come** to Christ, **grow** in their relationships with God and **change** their worlds through the power of the Holy Spirit.



Is God is calling you to learn more about how you or your church can volunteer with Baptist partners in Cuba? Please contact

mary.weaver@internationalministries.org for general information or angela.sudermann@internationalministries.org for volunteer information.

Download this article as an editable Microsoft Word document at www.worldmissionoffering.org. Please use it without restriction in a church newsletter or letter to your congregation.

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THE LORD WILL PROTECT

God always watches over us, during good times and bad.



Directions: Connect the dots, according to the instructions below. Then use the resulting word to complete the Bible verse.

Start at 19. Draw from 19-18, 18-17. 47-62, 62-77. 22-21, 21-20. 50-51. 82-81, 81-80, 80-65, 65-50, 50-35, 35-20. 24-38, 38-53. 24-40, 40-55. 17-32. 47-48. 32-47. 26-41, 41-56, 56-71, 71-86. 56-57, 57-58. 55-54, 54-53, 53-68, 68-83. 55-70, 70-85. 58-43. 57-73, 73-88. 43-28, 28-27, 27-26.

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>> "So do not __ __ __ __, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God." Isaiah 41:10, NIV <<

Answer: fear

Prayer Requests and Concerns

September 2, 2016

- ^ **Carol Jean Keefer** has asked for prayer for Carolyn Nash who is experiencing serious health concerns. Carolyn is the mother in law of Nancy Keefer, Carol Jean's son's wife.
- ^ Please keep in prayer our **Pastoral Search Committee** and the **Music Director Position Search Team**.
- ^ **Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones** : **Carl Vickinovac**, 24, recently passed away very suddenly. Carl was the son of Brian and Sue O'Leary. Brian is the brother of Dave O'Leary of our church family. **Jason Barr**, 61, passed away on August 8 in his sleep. He leaves a wife, Kimberly and a son, Jason III. **Scott Bullock**, 53, cousin of Carol Jean Keefer and the Cunningham family who passed away very unexpectedly.
- ^ **Answered Praise and Prayer for** : **Karen Ott** (311 Parkhill Road, Baden, PA. 15005) " *I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and cards. I am doing well in my recovery. Doctor thinks my arm looks good and so do I. Still post op swelling. No driving for 2 more weeks. Next week I am allowed to do small movements away from the brace. Stitches are finally out after 3 weeks. Now we wait and see how well the surgery worked in the up-coming months. I see the specialist in 3 weeks who will guide my recovery.* " **Linda and Rick Raraigh** recently announced that they are expecting a new grandchild in December.
- * **Continued Concern For**: Bob Waldron, Bill Hicks now at Saxony Place for rehab; The Sarver family, Rachel Collins, Marilyn Sitts, Christians around the world who are being persecuted, The Winn family.
- * **Those With Cancer**: Kate Fetterman, Sue Snyder, Matt O'Leary, Larry Bauer, [father of June Elder's grandson Doug], Robert Stinebiser.
- * **Missionaries** : **Becky and Larry Stanton** (Hungary); **Peter and Sarah McCurdy** (Dominican Republic / Cuba); **Carol Sydnor** (Nepal); **Nora and Pieter Kalkman** (Prague, Czech Republic), **Brian and Lynette Smith and their boys** who in Haiti.
- * **In Service of Our Country** : **Major Doug Bauer**, his wife Hope and children, Walker and Mackenzie who are in Guam.
- * **Those In Assisted Living and Homebound** :

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Janet Tehois Broadmore Senior Living 3275 Washington Pike Apt. 221 Bridgeville, PA. 15017 412-559-2813		George Green Cranberry Place 5 St. Francis Way Room 122 Cranberry Township, PA. 16066	Mrs. Shirley Wright Passavant Retirement Community Trillium House Room 215 Zelienople, PA. 16063 Telephone 724-452-5400
Homebound - Jane Nagel & Dale, Jr. 4015 Wick Place Wexford, PA. 15090	Gloria Meinert 2915 Salisbury Court Wexford, PA. 15090	Jean Downing 2245 Montgomery Road Sewickley, PA. 15143	Bill and Eleanor Mooney 221 Chickasaw Avenue Pittsburgh, PA. 15237



New Small Group Bible Study Series

Adam Hamilton's book, When Christians Get It WRONG, says that the majority of today's young adults who are disengaged from the church say they find the attitudes and behaviors as off putting. In fact 87% of them describe Christians as judgmental and 85% of them describe Christians as hypocritical.

They say they take issue with Christian doctrine (or belief) as it has been expressed to them by many Christians – doctrines relating to suffering, science and faith, the Bible, salvation and the final judgment particularly as it relates to non- Christians.

Hamilton invites Christians to examine their attitudes, actions and beliefs. And he offers a different way of understanding some very serious theological issues – related to the nature of God, scripture, science and faith, the religions of the world, and homosexuality – from what is often articulated by the loudest Christian voices in current culture.

I'm certain the book and the brief videos that accompany the book will provoke much discussion and hopefully shed more light than heat.

We hope to have the sessions in members' homes. However, we'll start the series on September 28 at 7 p.m. in our newly decorated "Upper Room" at the church.

(NOTE : We do have a small box TV and DVD player, but it would be nice if someone came up with a larger screen then the 19 inch TV we have.)

Sunday School starts on September 11

1. Doug Frazier will lead a study called “Believe”. *
Living the story of the Bible to become like Jesus.
2. Adult Class Bible Study in the Upper Room. *
3. Youth Group will be led by Scott Cunningham. *

*** THESE PROGRAMS ALL START AT 9:30 a.m. beginning on Sept. 11.**

During the church service:

Sunday School for ages 5 to 10. We need teachers / volunteers for teaching this group.

(This is 2 classes – **Kindergarten and First Grade**

3rd through 5th grade is another class.

Bible Study – we are looking to have a 4 – 6 week study here at the church in the Upper Room. We are in need of a large screen TV if anyone knows where one can be found.

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 | JOHN & LYNN CRESS |
| 3 | MILLIE & JOHN FLINCHUM |
| 4 | RICK & SANDY HUGHEY |
| 6 | DOUG & PAM FRAZIER |
| 6 | Ryan Cochran (his 9 th !) |
| 7 | Brooke Merriman born (her 3 rd !) |
| 8 | TOM & NANCY McNAUGHTON |
| 10 | CHRISTY & CLAY NICHOLS |
| 10 | Luca Doria (his first !) |
| 11 | Isabell McBride (her 10 th !) |
| 14 | Marlene Merriman |
| 17 | Andrew Stewart (his 10 th !) |
| 20 | Sandy Bonham |
| 21 | Erin Meteny |
| 21 | Kristen Doria |
| 21 | Rev. Robert Cunningham (96 th !) |
| 21 | Matthew Mowod (his 11 th !) |
| 23 | Pam Frazier |
| 24 | Jack Meteny (his 2 nd !) |
| 25 | SCOTT & JENNY MERRIMAN |
| 28 | Shelby Cunningham |
| 29 | RON & MARLENE MERRIMAN |