

Franklin Park Baptist Church

The Park Bench

Dear friends at Franklin Park Baptist Church,

Lately I've been thinking of what the Bible says about beginning your morning with prayer and with the Lord. Here are some key scriptures:

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life. – Psalm 143:8 NIV

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.- Lamentations 3;22-23 ESV

Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning. – Psalm 30:5

It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning, your faithfulness in the evening. – Psalm 92:2

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. – Mark 1;35_NIV

Also, here are a couple of brief suggested prayers to get you started, and a couple of reminders from St Paul about our calling as followers of Jesus:

Lord, help me to honor you today in every meeting, in every chance encounter, in every decision, and in every word. Help me to express my love for you and your love for others.

Lord, often I am critical of others when my own standards need review. Compel me to judge others less and to look deeply at my own shortcomings. Help me to see the judgment and hypocrisy in my own life and help me to become the disciple you want me to be.

Colossians 3:13-14 Since God chose you to be the holy people whom he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. [13] You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

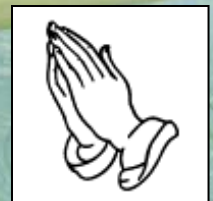
[14] And the most important piece of clothing you must wear is love. Love is what binds us all together in perfect harmony.

Ephesians 4:29-32 [29] Do not let any unwholesome (evil) talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. [30] And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. [31] Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. [32] Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

1 Peter 3:8-9 [8] Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble[9] Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

May your October become a time of renewal and hope as we draw nearer to our God.

In His service,
Rev Paul Aiello





The American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware

(ABCOPAD) Biennial Meeting

In John 7:37-38, the Scriptures tell us that “...*Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”* Just as we each need physical water to live, we also need the spiritual drink that only the LORD can provide if we are to be healthy and vibrant Christ-followers and disciples.

To help the Region's church families tap into that wellspring of living water, our ABCOPAD Biennial Leadership Conference for 2016 will be focused on how we can be formed as disciples of Jesus.

Scheduled for October 27-29, 2016 at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, PA, our

theme for this year's Conference is: *Thirsty?*

Arranging our Lives for Spiritual Transformation.

Our keynote speaker will be **Dr. Christopher Hall, President of Renovaré.** Dr. Hall is no stranger to ABCOPAD, having served on a few occasions over the years as our Biennial Bible Study leader, where he received rave reviews for his engaging and thoughtful presentations. In addition, we're excited to have the First Baptist Church of Linesville Praise Team leading us in **worship**, along with a number of engaging **workshops** to help all of us understand how we can quench the thirst of our souls through some insights around personal spiritual formation and growth. Pair all of those great blessings with the added joy of times of **times of rich fellowship** with brothers and sisters in Christ from around the region and you know that it promises to be a wonderful time together!

Additional info is available online at www.abcopad.org and the church bulletin board.

Pastoral Search Committee Update

The search committee will be traveling early this month to hear a prospective pastoral candidate. Please keep us in your prayers as we make this VERY important decision for our church.

2 Upcoming Youth Events -

- > **Frisbee golf - October 15th**
- > **Baking Cookies for our college students - October 8 at 1 p.m. at the church**



Prayer Requests and Concerns

October 1, 2016

- ^ **Pastoral Search Committee Update** : We learned that the Pastoral Search Committee will be hearing a prospective candidate at the Monroeville Baptist Church. Please keep the committee in your prayers as they seek to discern God's will for our church.
- ^ **Heather Ott, daughter of Karen and Jeff**, is out of the hospital and is receiving 2 shots a day for 1 month to help control a blood clot in her leg. Prayer has been asked for Heather by the family.
- ^ Please keep in prayer our **Pastoral Search Committee** and the **Music Director Position Search Team**.

- ^ **Answered Praise and Prayer for** : **Martha McEvoy and Mike Jones** have a new address. They now reside at 122 Pony Drive, Freedom, PA. 15042. Their telephone number is 813-313-3382.
- ^ **Those Who have Lost Loved Ones** : **Millie Hughey, 89**, passed away this past week. Millie was the mother of Rick Hughey of our church family. Please keep Rick, Sandy, Rick, Jr. and Danielle and their families in prayer at this time.

- * **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** :

Gene Worst Concordia of Franklin Park 1800 Georgetown Dr. Sewickley, PA. 15143	Dorothy McKinney Creek Meadows Personal Care 1630 Ellwood City Road Zelienople, PA. 16063	Albert (Buck) Bucklew Chicora Medical Center 160 Medical Center Road Chicora, PA. 16052-2612	Peggy Bucklew Chicora Medical Center 160 Medical Center Road Chicora, PA. 16025-2612
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 724-432-5400
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



- 4 MARGE & DAN DOUGLASS
 8 RICH & LESLIE WORST
 8 MARCY & SCOTT HOFSTETTER
 8 Stephen McKenna (his 16th !)
 10 KAREN & JEFF OTT
 11 Buck Bucklew
 12 Kelly Seybert
 13 WENDY & DAVE SPURLING
 14 Debbie Moeller
 19 Dave O'Leary
 19 Marge Douglass
 20 Margaret Kelly
 21 DAVE & MICHELE O'LEARY
 22 Scott Cunningham
 23 Lois Exton
 25 June Elder
 26 Steven Cunningham
 28 EDDIE & EMILIE GILDERNEW
 30 Nancy McNaughton



Children's Sunday School Leaders

- Oct. 2 - Paul Merriman - Elijah
 Oct. 9 - Tom and Jane Myers - Elisha
 Oct. 16 - Michele O'Leary - Josiah
 Oct. 23 - Teacher needed - Hezekiah
 Oct. 30 - Teacher needed - Nehemiah
 (Contact Laurie Dauer [412-736-3304]
 if you are available to help.)

Martha McEvoy and Mike Jones
new address -
122 Pony Drive, Freedom, PA.
15042-2857
Phone - 878-313-3382

In a nutshell

A Sunday school teacher gave her second-graders a month to memorize Psalm 23. One little boy was excited about the task but just couldn't remember the whole chapter.

When the day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation, the nervous boy stepped up to the microphone and said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know!"

A quick look at some events of October :

- *Oct. 4 - Church Council meeting 7 p.m.*
- *Oct. 8 - Cookies for College Students 1 p.m.*
- *Oct. 10 - Guiding Lights 7:30 p.m.*
at Cindy Merriman's home
- *Oct. 12 - Kings Coupon Day*
- *Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 Wednesdays 7 p.m.*
Midweek Study Group at the church
- *Oct. 15 Youth Frisbee golf*
- *Oct. 16 - Pulpit Supply Barry Lewis*

CASH IN AT KINGS !

Kings Location : **Wexford 910 and 79**
 Organization : **Franklin Park Baptist Church**
 Date: **Wednesday, October 12, 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.*



Jared Dauer has made the North Allegheny Intermediate School fall play. It is **The Secret Garden**. He plays Archibald Craven. The play will begin on October 26.



Katelyn Dauer has made fifth chair for the PMEA honors orchestra for district 1. This was competition among the area high schools. The concert will be Nov 20th at 2 p.m. Bethel Park High School. Katelyn and Jared's proud parents are Laurie and Randy Dauer.

Little Hill UM Church has asked us to announce they will be having a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, October

8 from

4 - 7 p.m.

Adults \$10.00

Ages 5 - 12 \$5.00

Under 4 are free.

Take outs are welcome ! !
[2350 Magee Road Extension
Franklin Park]
412-741-4920

Thank you to the Greater Cranberry Men's Chorus who sang here on September 18 with a standing room only performance. It was a privilege to witness the commitment these men have to seeing others enjoy their music. A free will offering of over \$600.00 will send 1 mission team member on the trip next summer OR go toward the cost of materials for our group's project. It was indeed a win-win night for all – attendees and performers !





Midweek Study

WHEN CHRISTIANS GET IT WRONG. By Adam Hamilton Wednesday s @ 7:00 PM

Week one. Sept . 28 **When Christians are unchristian**

Main idea: the critique of non-Christians that they perceive us to be judgmental, hypocritical, and unloving should serve as a warning that many of us have become the very Pharisees Jesus preached against. We get it right when we love rather than condemn those who are outside the church.

Week two Oct 5. **Christians, science, and politics**

Main idea: if we want to get it right in science and politics, we need to be open minded, humble, and teachable, recognizing that we do not have all the truth.

Week three. Oct. 12. **When speaking of other religions**

Main idea: the most powerful form of Christian witness is expressing authentic love, compassion, mercy, and kindness towards others.

Week four Oct. 19. **When bad things happen**

Main idea: if we want to get it right when it comes to how we speak and act in times of suffering, we need to carefully consider what we believe about how God works in the world and seek to be the hands, feet, and a voice of Jesus to those who are suffering.

Week five Oct. 26. **In dealing with homosexuality**

Main idea: we get it wrong when we speak and act in ways that bring harm and alienation to God's homosexual children; but we get it right, when despite our questions and uncertainty we express the love and welcome of Jesus Christ.

Week six Nov. 2. **When Christians get it right**

Main idea: when we Christians get it right, we love as Jesus loved, and that is a powerful witness that has the capacity to change the world.



**During the months of September and October we are receiving the World Mission Offering. Special envelopes are in the pew racks and can be placed in the regular offering plate. Through this offering we can help people everywhere to come to Christ, grow in their relationships to God and change their worlds through the power of the Holy Spirit. Toward our goal of \$1,500.00 for this year we have received \$684.00. Last year we received \$1,390.00. Children received boxes for their donations and should be returned the last week of October. “ 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. ”**



Ongoing service projects and what they benefit here at Franklin Park include :

Aluminum cans – youth mission trip
Newsprint, junk mail – youth mission trip
Gift cards – youth mission trip expenses

Desserts for Meals on Wheels – North Country

Used Christmas / greeting cards – Guiding Lights
for abused children

Cancelled stamps – Bill Smith – recycled

Erik Kolodziej will be our organist for the month of October worship services.



FRIENDSHIP WALL HANGING

Make this with — and for — a special friend.

What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- Tape
- Acrylic paint (red, blue, green)
- Paintbrushes
- Permanent marker
- Twine
- A friend



What you do:

1. Trace a palm-sized heart in the center of the paper. Cut out the heart to use as a stencil.
2. Cover the cardboard with foil. Tape the heart stencil in the center.
3. Fill in the heart "hole" with red paint. Let dry. Remove stencil.
4. Cover your hand with blue paint, and make a handprint to one side of the heart. Cover your friend's hand with green paint and have him or her make a handprint to the other side of the heart. Let dry.
5. Write "FRIENDS" at the top.
6. On the back, tape twine to make a hanger.



Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship.

What does he do for his friends?

Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.

1. Better than; rhymes with *crater*: _____
2. Opposite of hate: _____
3. Opposite of yes: _____
4. Three minus two: _____
5. Not _____ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: _____
6. To place something down; rhymes with *say*: _____
7. Opposite of up: _____
8. Opposite of death: _____
9. Best buds: _____

" _____ has _____
 _____ than _____ : to _____
 one's _____ for one's _____."

JOHN 15:13, NIV

Answer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13, NIV

October Stewardship Thought . . . “Opportunity”, Philippians 4 : 10

Though asserting that God would take care of him, the apostle Paul “rejoiced gladly” for the generosity and concern of the Philippian congregation for him. He cited a new opportunity as the reason they could express again their long-lasting concern for him.

A Christian lady shared her regret that she once had an opportunity to give to the Lord much more than she presently could, but she let the opportunity pass. Now she planned to use her present opportunity to give all she could. “I love Him too much to do less.”

Opportunity missed often brings regret. Opportunity taken brings relief. What opportunities to give generously do you have to provide ministries to others? Maybe the best opportunity you will ever have is to give now. Seizing your opportunity will enable others to rejoice greatly and provide you with a sense of having the wisdom and the insight to see the opportunity God has given you.

Mission Group Fund Raisers

**A Pasta Bar dinner will be held here at the church on
Saturday, November 5 from 4 – 7 p.m.**

\$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 and under

Tickets are available from any of our youth.



Amish pies for Thanksgiving will be sold - more details to come soon.

As always THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

