

# THE PARK BENCH

## *Pastor's Page*



Dear Friends at Franklin Park Baptist Church,

During the current campaign to elect a new President of the United States, we've heard a lot about the "evangelical" vote. It used to be rare that you'd see that word connected with anything related to politics. Now-a-days it's a daily occurrence.

So what is an "evangelical" anyway? Many people self-identify as evangelicals, but when you ask them they're not really sure of the definition. A few years ago The National Association of Evangelicals created a definition that is now used as a standard when polling organizations such as Barna Associates and/or LifeWay Research create surveys to measure persons / groups opinions about social and religious issues.

Respondents are asked their level of agreement with four separate statements using a four-point, forced choice scale (strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, strongly disagree). Those who strongly agree with all four statements are categorized as having evangelical beliefs.

- The Bible is the highest authority for what I believe.
- It is very important for me personally to encourage non-Christians to trust Jesus Christ as their Savior.
- Jesus Christ's death on the cross is the only sacrifice that could remove the penalty of my sin.
- Only those who trust in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior receive God's free gift of eternal salvation.

Technically speaking if you "strongly agree" with all 4 statements then you are, by definition, an evangelical. If on the other hand you "strongly agree" with some of the statements but not all of them, then according to the NAE you are a believer, but not by definition an evangelical.

In spite of the definition the word "evangelical" is widely misused today.

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On Sunday, October 23, 2016 the congregation of Franklin Park Baptist Church called **George Palombo** as our new pastor beginning January 9, 2017. We welcome George, his wife, Amanda, and twin sons Marco and Giovanni, 18 months old. Please keep our congregation in your prayers as we prepare for new leadership for our church. We thank our Search Committee for their diligence in working through the process of bringing George to us here at Franklin Park and look forward to the exciting future of our church with George as our pastor.



We are very hopeful to form a Christmas Choir in the next few weeks. Practices would be right after church service on Sundays. If you would be interested in participating please let Pastor Aiello or Erik know. More details will be forthcoming.



# BLESSINGS JAR

Thanksgiving reminds us of our many gifts from God. Count your blessings all month long with this craft.



### What you need:

- Jar
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Glue
- 3 sheets of paper (different colors)
- Marker or pen



### What you do:

1. Measure and cut enough ribbon to wrap around the jar's neck, below the lid. Glue in place and let dry.
2. Fold each piece of paper in half three times, resulting in eight rectangles per sheet. Cut along the fold lines, and you'll have 24 rectangles.
3. Each day in November until Thanksgiving, write down one blessing from God. Then place that blessing in the jar.
4. On Thanksgiving, open the jar and read all your blessings to your family and friends.



## Blessings from the Lord

Throughout the Bible, God blesses his chosen people. How can we receive these gifts?

*Directions: In the word search, find all the words in the box. Then write the words in the correct order on the blanks below to complete the verse.*

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"All \_\_\_\_\_"  
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Answer: "All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God." Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV

**Prayer Requests and Concerns**

**November 4, 2016**

- ^ **Pastoral Search Committee Update :** **George Palombo** has been called by this congregation as our new pastor beginning in 2017. We welcome George, his wife, Amanda, and twin sons Marco and Giovanni, 18 months old. Please keep this congregation in your prayers as we prepare for new leadership for our church. We thank our Search Committee for their diligence in working through the process of bringing George to us here at Franklin Park.
- ^ **Darlene Dennis** will be undergoing more back surgery on November 29. She asks for prayers that this surgery corrects her problem and she can resume her life without pain.
- ^ **Matt Rivers** had a massive stroke and is at Allegheny General Hospital. His wife's name is Henrietta. Matt is a friend of George Palombo who we met at the reception we held in October for George and his family.
- ^ **Joey Meade**, Cindy Merriman's cousin, is a special needs young man whose family has recently made the very difficult decision to move him to a permanent care facility in McMurray. He has several medical conditions but his outlook is very positive. Please keep the Meade family, Barnhart and Merriman families in your prayers as they continue to be there for Joey.
- ^ **Carol Jean Keefer** asks for prayers for her daughter in law, Nancy Nash Keefer, whose father's health is declining.
- ^ **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.
- ^ **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 & Mackenzie who are in Guam.
- ^ **Those In Assisted Living and Homebound :**

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This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

### Greeters for November

Nov. 6 – Steve and Melissa Maxwell  
 Nov. 13 – Christy and Clay Nichols  
 Nov. 20 – Ron and Marlene Merriman  
 Nov. 27 – Tom and Jane Myers



**November 12** the youth group will be available to rake leaves and clean up your lawn for any Senior or anyone who needs their help. Please call Ralph at 412-719-9307 or the church office 724-935-3950 to set up a time in the schedule for them to be there.



### **CASH IN AT KINGS !**

Kings Location : **Wexford 910 and 79**  
 Organization : **Franklin Park Baptist Church**  
 Date: **Wednesday, November 9, 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.*

### **November Stewardship Thought** **“ Truly Thankful ”** **Deuteronomy 8:10-11, 18**

I enjoy the time of Thanksgiving worship when the congregation joins in singing -

“Come, ye thankful people, come.

Raise the song of harvest home !

All is safely gathered in.

Ere the winter storms begin:

God, our Maker, doth provide

For our wants to be supplied:

Come to God’s own temple, come,

Raise the song of harvest home.

- Henry Alford

As appropriate as that is, could it be deceiving ? We can enjoy the congregational feeling and singing but miss the importance of being truly thankful.

Moses reminded Israel, “ When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands...But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth” (Deuteronomy 8:10-11, 18 NIV). If we are thankful, we may sing, but we will certainly adhere to God’s teachings and remember that God is the Source of our strength, our skills and our material blessings.

### SERMON TEXTS FOR NOVEMBER

**Nov. 6 - "Ashamed of Jesus?" Mark 8:27-38**

**Nov. 13 - "We Voted - Now What?"**

**Nov. 20 - "Blessed - in Order to Bless Others"**  
**Luke 17:11-19**

**Nov. 27 - "In Human Frame" - Phil. 2:1-11**





**Thanksgiving Lunch** - We will join together after the worship Service on Sunday, November 13 for our Church family Thanksgiving Lunch. Each family is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to be shared. The turkey and fixings will be provided.



**The Thanksgiving Community Service** will be held on **Wednesday evening, November 23** at the **Mt. Nebo Church** at **7 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend.



**Feeding the Community**

We are collecting food for the Mt Nebo food pantry from **November 1st through November 20th.** There is a bin in the back of sanctuary to drop off the donations. We also can take monetary donations as well.



**November 5, 2016**  
*Turn your clocks  
back 1 hour on  
Saturday*

#### Special dates

- All Saints' Day, *November 1, 2016*
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, *November 6, 2016*
- Election Day, *November 8, 2016*
- Veterans Day, *November 11, 2016*
- Christ the King Sunday, *November 20, 2016*
- Thanksgiving, *November 24, 2016*
- First Sunday of Advent, *November 27, 2016*



#### **November Birthdays** **and Anniversaries**

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| 5  | <b>DOROTHY &amp; ED CRESS</b>               |
| 9  | <b>Shawn McKenna</b>                        |
| 10 | <b>Dale Nagel, Jr.</b>                      |
| 11 | <b>Jane Nagel ( her 92<sup>nd</sup> ! )</b> |
| 11 | <b>Cindy Merriman</b>                       |
| 17 | <b>Sally Cunningham</b>                     |
| 19 | <b>Mary Neely</b>                           |

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