

# THE PARK BENCH

*Dear Friends at Franklin Park Baptist,*

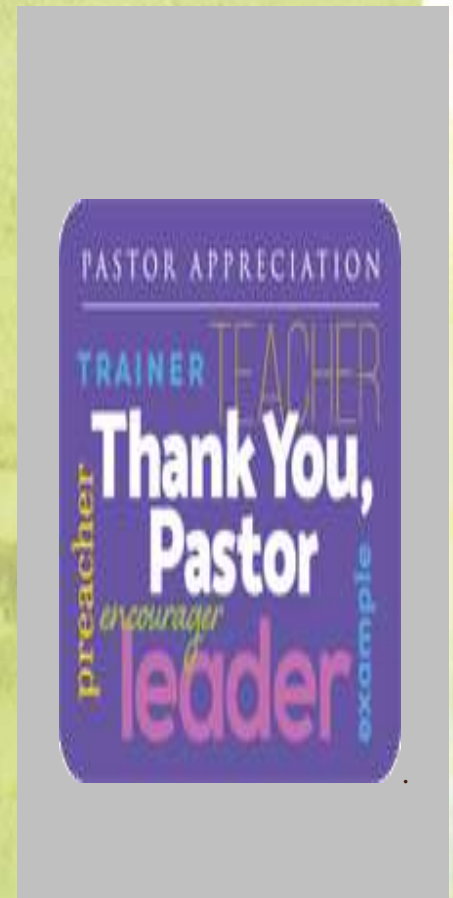
*Our journey of faith and service to God, which began 18 months ago, is coming to a close. Little did we realize the joys and sorrows we'd share together. Little did we know the conversations and laughter we'd share together. Little did we anticipate the friendships that would be forged as we tried to remain true to our God who loves us so much. Little did we realize that God's gift of song would bind us together as a family of faith who delights in worship and service to God.*

*It has been a pleasure for me to share with you week after week the words of scripture and the thoughts God has placed on my heart,. It has been an honor to stand with you as you felt the joys of a wedding and the sorrow that accompanies the loss of a loved one. You've welcomed us into your homes and hearts and for that we will be forever grateful.*

*I look forward with great anticipation to what our Lord will do through us all in this new year as He brings new leadership into our midst.*

*In His Service,*

*Rev. Paul Aiello*



*On Christmas Eve we receive the RMMO Offering that benefits the retired ministers and missionaries in our denomination with at least 15 years of faithful service. Our goal for this year was \$1,200.00 and we surpassed that by your generous giving of \$1,288.00 !!!*

**THANK YOU !**

*Rev. Robert Cunningham our minister here for 33 years and Carol Jean Keefer on behalf of her husband Rev. Carl Keefer, our pastor here for 11 years, are recipients of these checks.*

**Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering**



*Our church benefits through your support of these ongoing projects –*

*Scrip gift cards ~*

*Aluminum can recycling ~*

*AmazonSmile.com ~*

*Newspapers and junk mail recycling ~*

*Kings Coupon Day the second Wednesday of each month ~*

**SUBMIT YOUR REPORTS**

Annual reports from all church committees, boards and groups are due in the church office by January 15, 2017.

Please be as specific as you can with information submitted in these reports and not just give general details with no background or follow-up as to the purpose and result of the event in the life of our church. These reports tell a lot of what has happened here this past year of serving our Lord in so many ways ! Report booklets will be ready for pick up on Sunday, January 22, 2017 in preparation for our Annual Business meeting to be held on January 29, 2017.



- 1 Gordon Bonham
- 6 Rick Hughey
- 12 Ricky Raraigh
- 13 Steve Maxwell
- 16 Gloria Meinert
- 16 Amanda Carver
- 17 Dorothy Cress
- 20 Scott Hofstetter
- 22 Marissa Whipple ( her 18<sup>th</sup> !)
- 29 Angie Cochran
- 29 Benjamin Carver ( his 7<sup>th</sup> !)
- 30 Ed Cress
- 31 Michele O'Leary

# MASON JAR nightLight

Because Jesus is the light of the world, his followers don't need to fear darkness or life's dark times. Make this nightlight to remind you of Jesus' light and presence.



### What you need:

- Work area with good ventilation
- Mason jar
- Clear glue that works on glass
- Paintbrush
- Glass stones
- Tealight candle
- Lighter
- Adult supervision

### What you do:

1. Starting at the top of the jar, brush glue on a small section.
2. Press glass stones onto the glue in rows. Let dry.
3. Continue gluing stones, in small sections, until the entire jar is covered.
4. When dry, place a candle inside. Light with adult help.



# Light OF THE World

In a world full of sin and darkness, how can we find our way?  
Discover Jesus' answer in John 8:12, NIV.

*Directions: Use the key to fill in the missing vowels.  
Then read the completed Bible verse.*

KEY:



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J \_ H N 8:12, NIV

- ^ **Pastor George Palombo's father** was taken to Beaver Medical Center last Wednesday with pneumonia and kidney failure. He passed away on Thursday evening. Please keep George, his mother, and family in your prayers during these difficult days. May our Lord give them the strength and comfort only He can give. George's home address is : Mr. George Palombo, 2228 Beaver Rd Ambridge, PA 15003-1850.
- ^ **Scott Sarver**, cousin of Martha McEvoy, is hospitalized with complications resulting from the cancer treatment he is receiving. He is in serious condition.
- ^ **Ryan, 16 years old**, is awaiting a heart transplant. He was scheduled to have a heart pump implanted. Ryan is the boyfriend of a daughter of a friend of Carol Jean Keefer.
- ^ There was blood drive for **Bob Waldron** on January 7, 2017 at the Franklin Park Borough Building. Bob is the Franklin Park fireman who has been on the heart transplant list for some time.
- ^ **Edward Kolodziej**, father of Erik Kolodziej our church musician, underwent open heart surgery on December 28. The surgery went well and the recovery period has begun. Prayers are appreciated and welcomed for the family.
- ^ **Prayer for all** the policeman and first responders who are in danger as they are out there doing their job. Especially Shawn McNaughton who is a member of this church family and works in Cecil Township.
- ❖ **Answered Prayer and Praise for : Eli Dale Libenguth** who was born to Rianna (Raraigh) and Garret Libenguth on Tuesday, December 27, 2016. He weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces and was 20 inches long. He joins big brother, JR, 21 months old. Proud grandparents are Rick and Linda Raraigh. The Libenguth's address is : 519 Holmes Avenue, Baden, PA. 15005. Congratulations to this happy family.
- ❖ **Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones :** Steve Woosley, husband of Wanda who had been on our prayer list and has passed away, has now passed away himself. (Student of Sandy Hughey.)
- ❖ **Continued Concern For:** Darlene Dennis, John Moeller, Matt Rivers, Edith Yockel, Joey Meade, Patty Koen, Marilyn Sitts, Christians around the world who are being persecuted.
- ❖ **Those With Cancer:** Bill McGahee, Kate Fetterman, Sue Snyder, Matt O'Leary, Robert Stinebiser, Horatia Hammerschmitt.
- ❖ **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 & their boys** (Haiti).
- ❖ **In Service of Our Country :** **Major Doug Bauer**, his wife Hope and children, Walker & Mackenzie who are in Guam. Major Douglas Bauer, PO Box 4494, Yigo, Guam 96929.
- ❖ **Those In Assisted Living and Homebound :**

<b>Gene Worst</b> Concordia of Franklin Park 1800 Georgetown Dr. Sewickley, PA. 15143	<b>Dorothy McKinney</b> Creek Meadows Personal Care 1630 Ellwood City Road Zelienople, PA. 16063	<b>Albert (Buck ) Bucklew</b> Chicora Medical Center 160 Medical Center Road Chicora, PA. 16052-2612	<b>Peggy Bucklew</b> Chicora Medical Center 160 Medical Center Road Chicora, PA. 16025-2612
<b>Janet Tehois</b> Broadmore Senior Living 3275 Washington Pike Apt. 221 Bridgeville, PA. 15017 412-559-2813		<b>George Green</b> Cranberry Place 5 St. Francis Way Room 122 Cranberry Township, PA. 16066	<b>Mrs. Shirley Wright</b> Passavant Retirement Community Trillium House Room 215 Zelienople, PA. 16063 Telephone 724-452-5400
<b>Homebound - Jane Nagel &amp; Dale, Jr.</b> 4015 Wick Place Wexford, PA. 15090	<b>Gloria Meinert</b> 2915 Salisbury Court Wexford, PA. 15090	<b>Jean Downing</b> 2245 Montgomery Road Sewickley, PA. 15143	<b>Bill and Eleanor Mooney</b> 221 Chickasaw Avenue Pittsburgh, PA. 15237

## Worship Service Greeters for January, 2017



Jan. 8 – Bill Smith Jan. 15 – The Dauer Family Jan. 22 - Ed & Dorothy Cress Jan. 29 – Ralph & Jill Whipple
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### CASH IN AT KINGS !

Kings Location : **Wexford 910 and 79**  
 Organization : **Franklin Park Baptist Church**  
 Date: **Wednesday, January 11, 2017**  
 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.*

### “The Wise May Bring Their Learning”

The wise may bring their learning,  
 the rich may bring their wealth,  
 And some may bring their greatness,  
 and some bring strength and health;  
 We, too, would bring our treasures to offer to the King;  
 We have no wealth or learning;  
 what shall we children bring?  
 We'll bring him hearts that love him;  
 we'll bring him thankful praise,  
 And young souls meekly striving to walk in holy ways;  
 And these shall be the treasures we offer to the King,  
 And these are gifts that even the poorest child may bring.  
 We'll bring the little duties we have to do each day;  
 We'll try our best to please him,  
 at home, at school, at play;  
 And better are these treasures to offer to our King;  
 Than richest gifts without them —  
 yet these a child may bring.

—Anonymous

***Our Annual Church Business  
 and Budget meeting will be  
 held following the worship  
 service on  
Sunday, January 29, 2017.  
 A soup and salad lunch will  
 be provided by the Mission  
 Group after the meeting.***



**Just a Note – the Guiding Lights Woman’s  
 Group does not meet in January but will  
 resume meetings in February.**

## Youth News – WINTER JAM

**10 Christian Bands for \$10.00 PPG Paints Arena – January 20<sup>th</sup>**

We will be going to Winter Jam on January 20 at PPG Paints Arena. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door. This is a great deal – 10 Christian Bands for \$10.00. We will meet at the church at 4 p.m.

PLEASE let Ralph know if you are going so we can make arrangements for transportation 412.719.9307. This is Christian music's largest annual tour. **Featuring** ~ **Sadie Robertson, Crowder, Britt Nicole, Tenth Avenue North, Thousand Foot Krutch, Andy Mineo, Colton Dixon, Sarah Ranes, Newsong, Tony Nolan, OBB, Steven Malcolm** ~

Exciting Program?

- Powerful Speaker?
- Inspiring Worship?
- Fun Activities?
- Delicious Food?



### **Camp Judson** **North Springfield, PA**

**WINTER BLAST AT CAMP JUDSON on Lake Erie**  
Plans are underway to attend Winter Blast at Camp Judson on February 10, 11 and 12. The church will pay ½ of the cost for each youth attending and all of the adult costs. Please let Ralph know if you are going by January 15<sup>th</sup> so we can send in our reservations and save us a spot. 412.719.9307.

*^ A little bird hinted that our new minister - Pastor George – may be planning to attend*

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