

The Park Bench

Pastor's Page

Pastor George receiving his

License to Preach



Dear Franklin Park Baptist Family,

Greetings,

It has been a bittersweet month. The joy of being commissioned as Pastor at FPBC has been mixed with the painful passing of my father. However, the extended Palombo family has been tremendously blessed by the entire Franklin Park Baptist Household. Amanda and I thank you all so much for the outpouring of love, understanding and encouragement. My mother was deeply moved by the funeral home visitation from so many of you all, as well as the cards and well wishes.

I am excited to finally be getting my feet on the ground here at FPBC. It has been a very busy few weeks as Amanda and I are meeting so many new people. Thank you all for your patience (and the name tags) as we strive to learn names, backgrounds and Church history. I made my first round of visiting some of our shut-ins with Pastor Paul and had the opportunity to share the Lord's table with them; What a privilege! I also want to openly thank Pastor Paul for his gracious posture during this period of transition. It is plainly evident why you all love him.

I am anxious to hear your story!

I also want to take this opportunity to begin making an open invitation to get to know the whole Church family on a more personal basis. It is my desire not only get to know you as your Pastor, but as a friend and fellow worker in the household of faith. Amanda and I will begin availing ourselves on Monday evenings for family fellowship for a while. I will also avail myself to meet anyone for breakfast or lunch on a personal basis.....I am an early riser so a quick fellowship breakfast is always spiritually energizing. We can also meet at the Church for prayer, or perhaps a word of encouragement. All you need to do is contact me. The best way to reach me is by cell phone at 724.601.3111 or by email at georgepalombo1@gmail.com. While these are not the ONLY times we can meet, they perhaps represent the best times.

I am looking forward to serving and representing FPBC to the entire Franklin Park Community as your Pastor. Please pray for us as we seek relevant ways to reach the greater Franklin Park community with Christ's Commission; while at the same time obeying the Great Commandment.

In Christ's love and service,

Pastor George Augustine Palombo



Desserts items for Meals on Wheels at Crossroads Church can be brought to the upstairs kitchen freezer anytime during the month. Disposable containers please ! Monetary donations are also acceptable and someone will purchase dessert items for the program. See Marcy Hofstetter if this is an option for you. The participants really appreciate your donations !

Upcoming dates to keep in mind –

March 1 – Beginning of Lent
 March 12 – Daylight Savings Time change
 April 9 – Palm Sunday
 April 16 – Easter
 April 22 – Annual Flea Market & Baked Sale

God's Conversation Hearts

Those familiar conversation hearts that show up every February can be more than just trite romantic or friendly sayings. Use them to remind you — or to teach a child — of the greatest love of all: God's love for us, which empowers our love for others.

For example:

- **TRUE LOVE:** What love is truer than giving up one's only Son so people might have everlasting life? (John 3:16).
- **MINE:** Jesus knows us intimately, as a shepherd knows his sheep. No one can snatch us from him (John 10:27-29).
- **FOREVER:** God loves us with an "everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:3).
- **LOVE ME:** The greatest commandment is to love God with our whole being (Luke 10:27).
- **TRUST ME:** "Let not your hearts be troubled." We can count on Jesus, now and for eternal life (John 14:1-3).
- **SWEET TALK:** God's words are sweeter than honey (Psalm 119:103).
- **BE GOOD:** We show our love for Christ by keeping his commands (John 14:15).
- **CALL ME:** God longs to be in fellowship with us. We can talk to him anytime in prayer (Jeremiah 33:3).
- **FRIENDS:** The greatest love involves laying down your life for your friends (John 15:13) — precisely what Jesus did.
- **#1:** "We love because [God] first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

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Follow 

Prayer Requests and Concerns**February, 2017**

- ^ **Katelyn Francis**, great-granddaughter of Millie and John Flinchum, will be undergoing a third surgery at Children's Hospital on January 31 to remove a mass behind her left lung.
- ^ **Dave Kelly** was injured when a tree he was cutting down fell on him. He sustained a severely broken arm, has lacerations of the face and head and spent 2 days in the hospital. He is home now recovering with his wife, Margaret.
- ^ **Jeremy Stryon**, son of Jack and Wanda, is on call and preparing to have a double lung transplant. This is a very stressful time for this family and we ask that you keep them in your prayers and a donor is found soon.
- ^ **Raina Churchin** recently delivered a two pound baby girl via emergency C-Section due to life threatening Preeclampsia...The baby's name is Isla Michaeline. Mom and daughter are both at Magee.
- ^ **Dylan McKinney**, nephew of Millie Cress, was in a serious auto accident and has extensive injuries. He is in Allegheny General Hospital Trauma Unit following 6 hours of surgery. Millie reported that Dylan is doing some better.
- ^ **Kate Fetterman** did not respond to months of chemotherapy and the lymphoma has spread throughout her system. Kate has been the sole caregiver of her husband the **Rev. Dr. John Fetterman** who has also battled cancer several times and is now struggling with Parkinson's Disease. Dave and Margaret Kelly ask that we keep them in prayer.
- ^ **Erik Kolodziej** asks for prayer for his mom is caring for Erik's dad following heart surgery and she is not coping well.
- ^ **The Langer family** is without a home because of a fire that took their house on Ingomar Road near our borough building. They have 3 teenage children.
- ^ **Mac Griffin**, friend of Jason Dauer, is dealing with a home situation that is unsafe for him to be in.
- ^ **Katelyn Dauer** asks for prayer for her friend who will be informing her parents she will not be returning to their home.
- ^ **Ryan, 16 years old**, awaiting a heart transplant had a heart pump put in and it is keeping him stable.
- ^ **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 : Tom and Jane Myers** who will be adding 2 new little ones to their family very soon Their daughter Kristen and her husband Anthony Doria are expecting in May and daughter, Erin and her husband Jon Meteny are expecting in July. They now have 2 grandsons, Jack and Luca.
- ❖ **Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones : Pastor George Palombo's family** dealing with the loss of his father, Joseph. **The O'Leary family** asks for prayer for their niece, Jordin, 12, who lost her best friend, Skylar in a plane crash. Skylar's sister, Tori (14), father and step-mother were also killed. They would also ask for prayer for Cynthia, Skylar and Tori's mom, who lost both of her children in the accident. They are all from the Scottsdale, Arizona area. **Sally Duffy**, Rick Hughey's cousin, passed away this past week from cancer of the esophagus.
- ❖ **Continued Concern For:** Scott Sarver, John Moeller, Edward Kolodziej, Bob Waldron, Edith Yockel, Joey Meade, Patty Koen, Marilyn Sitts, Christians around the world who are being persecuted.
- ❖ **Those With Cancer:** Bill McGahee, 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). **Valerie and Aaron Osterbrock** (East Malaysia).
- ❖ **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.

Independent and Assisted Living

Gene Worst Concordia of Franklin Park 1600 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. 16025-2612	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 724-452-5400
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

The ABCs of love

Use this alphabetical list of love-in-action verbs as a reminder of the many ways to reflect Christ's love:

Accepts
 Behaves
 Comforts
 Defends
 Empowers
 Forgives
 Grows
 Helps
 Invests
 Joins
 Kneels
 Listens
 Mentors
 Notices
 Overlooks
 Provides
 Quiets
 Rejoices
 Supports
 Tries
 Understands
 Volunteers
 Welcomes
 eXpects
 Yields
 adds Zest to life

Bible Quiz

All four gospels tell of Jesus' resurrection, but each gives a different list of women as the first to arrive at the empty tomb. Which woman appears in all four accounts?

- A. Joanna B. Mary, the mother of Jesus C. Salome D. Mary Magdalene E. Mary, the mother of James**
 (See Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:1; Luke 24:10; and John 20:1.)



Eli Dale Liebenguth

Born December 27, 2016
to Rianna (Raraigh) and Garret
weighing 8 pounds 2 ounces
20 inches in length.

He joins big brother JR, 21 months old
Eli's very proud grandparents are
Rick and Linda Raraigh

New Address :

June Elder
292 Line Street
Ellwood City, PA. 16117

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 ~*

CASH IN AT KINGS !

Kings Location : **Wexford 910 and 79**
Organization : **Franklin Park Baptist Church**
Date: **Wednesday, February 8, 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.

Children's Sunday School Volunteer Schedule

DATE	3rd Grade Lesson Hero	Teacher	Kindergarten and First Grade Leader
February 5 -	John the Disciple	Nancy Hurley	
February 12 -	James the son of Zebedee	Anne Cress	Emilie Gildernew
February 19 -	Luke	Marcy Hofstetter	Ellen McKenna
February 26 -	Mary and Martha	Angie Cochran	
March 5 -	Good Samaritan	Cindy Merriman & Abby	Amanda Palombo
March 12 -	Nicodemus	Paul Merriman	
March 19 -	Simon of Cyrene	Amanda Palombo & Kathy	
March 26 -	Joseph of Arimathea	Nancy Hurley	

As you can see from the above schedule we are in need of volunteers for the K – First Grade class. Please consider leading the children for a Sunday. Talk to Laurie Dauer if you are able to help.

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Heart FRUIT SALAD

Make this cute, healthy snack for your loved ones on Valentine's Day.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Washed fruit (watermelon, cantaloupe, strawberries, grapes)
- Knife and cutting board
- Small heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bowl and spoon
- Mint leaves (optional)

What you do:

1. Slice the watermelon and use the cookie cutter to make heart shapes.
2. Slice the cantaloupe and cut chunks into heart shapes.
3. Remove strawberry stems and cut berries in half. Cut a small V atop each half to form a heart.
4. Cut grapes in half.
5. Place fruit in bowl and stir.
6. Wash and cut the mint. Sprinkle strips on the salad. Enjoy!



Love your neighbor as yourself

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to live out God's love. How does Jesus say we should treat other people?

Directions: Find a hidden word in each sentence. For example, "the" is hidden here: (12) "It's Harry's hat he stole." The (12) means the hidden word starts on the 12th letter (ignore punctuation). Use the answers to complete Matthew 19:19, NIV.

(1) You really like ice cream! _____

(16) Carly has a really fat hermit crab. _____

(21) My favorite animals are moth, ermine and eels. _____

(4) "Hello, Vera!" called Joseph. _____

(11) When horses neigh, boredom reigns. _____

(17) Their daughter, Kara, sat patiently. _____

(6) "That's yours, elf!" the fairy yelled. _____



"Honor _____ and



_____, and _____ your

_____."

Matthew 19:19, NIV



Answer: "Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 19:19, NIV



- 1 JANE and TOM MYERS
- 2 Mary Jean Eberhardt (her 90th !)
- 2 Jackson Callender (his 2nd !)
- 2 David Mowod (his 14th !)
- 3 John Moeller
- 8 Marco and Giovonni Palombo (their 2nd !)
- 12 Ralph Whipple
- 17 Tom Myers
- 17 Cody Maxwell (his 14th !)
- 17 Cheyenne Maxwell (his 14th !)
- 23 Olivia Grace O'Leary (her 11th!)



Take Care

In Jimmy Fallon’s first monologue as host of NBC’s *The Tonight Show*, he expressed thanks to all past hosts. On an occasion when he might have said, “And now this stage is mine!” or “I’m delighted to be counted among such greats,” instead he stated with deep humility, “I just want to do the best I can and take care of this show for a while.”

Take care of. That’s language not of ownership but of stewardship. That’s the language of Genesis 2:15 (NIV) — “The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and *take care of it.*”

What have we been called to “take care of for a little while”? The earth, surely. Perhaps a congregation, a business, a neighbor in need, a volunteer or an employee. A child, who may need more care — or different forms of it — as time goes on. We don’t own these people and things. God invites us to be stewards of them, to care for them, to use wisely and value these precious gifts ... and someday, to pass them on to others.

Worship Service Greeters

Feb. 5 – Gordon & Sandy Bonham
 Feb. 12 – Scott & Sally Cunningham
 Feb. 19 – Margaret & Dave Kelly
 Feb. 26 – Mary Eberhardt

