

THOUGHTS FROM BRAD ...

I want to begin by thanking Janet Brown and Sue Tingler for decorating the sanctuary and various parts of the building for the Christmas season. Everything looks wonderful!

Here are a few dates to keep in mind as we approach the holiday season. Please be sure to mark your calendars.

- **Dec. 5th**- Our next **Men's breakfast** will be held at Frisch's. We will begin at **8:30** a.m. Ron Enlow will lead us in devotions while we enjoy this great time of fellowship together. Feel free to invite a friend.
- **Dec. 6th**- Our Wednesday night elective, 24/7, will begin at 6:15 p.m.
- **Dec. 11th**- Our last day to tour churches this year is slated for Tuesday, Dec. 11th. We will visit two churches who have used the Covenant Group for constructing their building. We hope this helps us conclude who we use for future construction on Sheridan Drive. Please keep our Property Team in your prayers as we plan for the future, and seek God's wisdom in all future building plans. Specific times for our upcoming tour will be given as soon as all plans are finalized.
- **Dec. 13th**- 24/7 elective at 6:15 p.m.
- **Dec. 20th**- This will be our last Wednesday elective in 2017.
- **Dec. 24th**- Our **Christmas Eve service** will begin at 6:00 P.M. this year. I hope you make plans to join us!
- **Dec. 31st**- No Sunday evening service. Have a safe New Year's Eve celebration with your family and friends.
- **Our Winter Break for the Wednesday night elective class begins on 12/27 and lasts through January 17th.** I look forward to our first class in 2018 beginning on January 24th. We will continue our 24/7 Bible studies.

Don't forget, all members of FACC are asked to remain for a few minutes today after our worship service to elect 2018 leaders and vote on the 2018 budget.

Final Thought...

"There is no connection between the worship of idols and the use of Christmas trees. We should not be anxious about baseless arguments against Christmas decorations. Rather, we should be focused on the Christ of Christmas and giving all diligence to remembering the real reason for the season."
~ John MacArthur

In His Service,
Brad SeEVERS

| November 26, 2017 | |
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| Sunday School | 70 |
| Morning Worship | 118 |
| Evening Worship | 23 |
| Wednesday Bible Study (11/29) | 17 |
| Weekly Budget | \$ 4,145.00 |
| Budget Received | \$ 3,119.50 |
| Building Fund | \$ 645.00 |
| Thanksgiving | \$ 180.00 |
| Missions | \$ 50.00 |

| SERVING SCHEDULE December 3, 2017 | |
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| At the Table | Patrick Wersell |
| Serving | Ron Enlow, Ray Ayers, Dan Brown, Mike Bussey |
| PM Deacon | Ron Enlow |
| COMMUNION | Dan and Janet Brown |
| GREETERS | Carmel and Shirley Marsh |
| NURSERY | |
| Sunday School | |
| Worship | Angie Music |
| VISITOR CENTER | Janet Brown |
| CHILDREN'S CHURCH | Natalie Neff Michaela Chapman |
| SOUND BOARD | Rick Azbell |
| VIDEO | John Baird |
| SECURITY | |
| Sunday School/ Worship | Bob Hawkes |
| Evening Worship | Tim Huffman |

| SERVING SCHEDULE December 10, 2017 | |
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| At the Table | Dave Tingler and Ned Tomlinson |
| Serving | Tim Huffman, Ray Coats, Coy Cuper, Brad George |
| PM Deacon | Tim Huffman |
| COMMUNION | Dan and Janet Brown |
| GREETERS | Dick and Marg Shumaker |
| NURSERY | |
| Sunday School | Shirley Marsh |
| Worship | Marie Huffman |
| VISITOR CENTER | |
| CHILDREN'S CHURCH | Jean Azbell Angie Music |
| SOUND BOARD | Rick Azbell |
| VIDEO | John Baird |
| SECURITY | |
| Sunday School/ Worship | Dick Shumaker |
| Evening Worship | Jim Puckett |

Prayer List

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| Our Church | Leroy Shaner | Veronica Hartmann | Heather Baker |
| Piper Stark | Naressa Allen | Kasen Newman | John Fleming |
| Debi Erwin | Jeane Goldfarb | Kenneth Dusthimer | Norma Holtom |
| Jerry Wentz | Caleb Witham | Camille Stiverson | Delmar Severing |
| Our Troops | Marc Mooney | Dave Daubenmire | Richard/Bertha Boyer |
| Ruth Enlow | Dick Seifert | George Hoyt | Ron Young |
| Don Kiger | Verlene Heston | Mary Baughman | Lou Bennett |

Lancaster's Community Walking with Christ is now collecting new toys for needy children and food items to provide a traditional Christmas dinner to needy families. If you would like to donate a food item, lists are available at both the nursery entrance and main entrance.

Sunday School Classes for All Ages All classes are at 8:45 a.m.

Nursery
(Birth through 3 years old)
"Jesus Loves Me"
Room 102

Preschool
(Ages 3-6)
"Bible Friends"
Room 105
Marie Huffman, Teacher

Early Elementary
(K- 3rd Grade)
"Jesus, Our Example"
Room 101
Deborah Will, Teacher

Upper Elementary Class
(4th-6th Grade)
"God Protected the Israelites"
Room 106
Ron Enlow, Teacher

Junior/Senior High
3rd Floor
Patrick Wersell, Teacher

Ladies' Class
"Becoming Myself"
By Stasi Eldredge
Room 209
Jean Azbell and Bev Puckett, Teachers

Adult Class
"Independent Studies"
Fellowship Hall
Brad SeEVERS, Teacher

Harmony Adult Class
"International Sunday School Lessons"
Room 204
Dave Tingler, Teacher

Philothean Adult Class
"Parables"
Room 208
Jim Love, Teacher



Communion Preparation

Volunteers are needed for communion preparation for 2018. If you would like to participate in this important ministry, please contact Denise Baird.



Ladies Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 9th
12:30pm
Church Fellowship Hall

Our theme is "Peace to the World." There is no charge for this luncheon event, but donations will be accepted. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your friends, as this will be a peaceful experience, along with some fun photography opportunities. We will enjoy beautiful Christmas music by Tiffany Envid, an accomplished harpist.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 5th
Men's Breakfast at Frisch's, 8:30am

Wednesday, December 6th
Bible Study, 6:15pm

Saturday, December 9th
Ladies Christmas Tea, 12:30pm

Sunday, December 10th
Carriage Court, 2pm

Wednesday, December 13th
Bible Study, 6:15pm

Greeter and Visitor Center Schedules

2018 Greeter and Visitor Center schedules will be sent out soon. If you would like to assist in one of these ministries, please make a note on your Silent Roll Call Card, or call the church office at 740-654-0626.

2018 Schedules for The Christian Messenger

All schedules for 2018 that are published in The Christian Messenger must be turned in to the church office by Sunday, December 10th.

2018 Offering Envelopes

If you do not currently have offering envelopes, but would like some for 2018, please contact Marg Shumaker or the church office.

WELCOME TO FIFTH AVENUE!

At FACC, we focus on loving God, loving people, and turning the world upside down.

We are happy you chose to worship with us today. We hope you return next week and bring your friends with you. If you would please take a few minutes to fill out a "Silent Roll Call Card", located on the back of the pew, you can then place it in the offering plate as it is passed. Thank you. For more information about our great church, contact our minister, Brad SeEVERS at 5thavecofc@gmail.com or call him at 740.550.9882. Have a great week and may God bless your life.

Core Values...

Values central to the life, mission and vision of Fifth Avenue Church of Christ are:

Christ-Centered Worship

We make it a priority every Sunday to celebrate Jesus through our music. (Romans 11:36-12:1-2). We focus on Jesus through grace-based preaching and teaching & understand the Bible is our authority (2 Timothy 3:16).

Church Health and Biblical Balance

Church health becomes reality when God's people seek harmony & live consistently. We expect every member to protect the unity of Christ's Church. (Romans 12:16; 1 Peter 3:8)

Global Evangelism

We are constant to our founding call to worldwide evangelism, proclaiming to all that Jesus Christ is the Savior, Healer, and Soon-Coming King (Acts 20:27).

Fellowship and Ministry

After people begin their journey with Jesus, we will equip them to find a ministry based upon their strengths. We want everyone to serve in some capacity. (1 Corinthians 12:12-27) We also want His church to be the living evidence of His love and power to the world.

Discipleship

We do not want you to "get religion" here at Fifth Avenue Church of Christ in Lancaster. We are all about teaching you that Jesus seeks a daily relationship with Him through a life of obedience. In other words, we want to see the things you are taught actually change your lifestyle & your daily decisions.

Social Conscience

We place high value on the sanctity of human life, of Biblical marriage and morality, and we welcome ethnic diversity (Isaiah 56:7; Philippians 2:15-16).

"The Truth As They Knew It"

3 John

Brad SeEVERS preaching

3 John addresses three specific individuals:

- Gaius, who was _____ to the truth.
- Diotrophes, who _____ the truth.
- Demetrius, who _____ the truth.

One of the defining characteristics of every sinful heart is _____.

C.S. Lewis said that "pride is the _____ of all sins."

John made a five-count indictment against Diotrophes:

- 1.) He _____ a letter.
- 2.) He _____ maliciously.
- 3.) He refused to _____ the brothers.
- 4.) He _____ others from welcoming the brothers.
- 5.) He _____ those who defied his directive.

Instead, we should live like Gaius. He was known for...

- 1) Being _____ to the truth.
- 2) _____ in the truth.

How Can I Respond Today?

At FACC we look to the Bible for guidance on all issues. We believe that God's Word is clear concerning what a person must do to become a Christian.

- ◆ Trust that Jesus can bring you to salvation.
- ◆ Turn (repent) from the sin in your life.
- ◆ Confess your desire to make Jesus the Lord of your life.
- ◆ Be baptized (immersed) in water for the forgiveness of sins and to receive the Holy Spirit into your life.

To make this *life decision for Christ*, we ask that you *come forward during our commitment song* at the conclusion of the Sunday message. *Baptized believers are welcome to become members* at FACC by coming forward on Sunday morning or by seeing our Senior Minister to discuss this further. We ask that you *complete a series of Curious classes* to help you better understand what you are committing to as a member. If you would like to take a *Curious class*, please indicate this on your Silent Roll Call Card.

OUR PURPOSE:

WE EXIST TO: Exalt God's Greatness; Evangelize God's Work, Equip God's People. Express God's Love through Jesus Christ

OUR MISSION: "To Love God and Love People!"

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The Christian Messenger

December 3, 2017

A congregational meeting will be held today following morning worship to elect officers and approve the budget for 2018.



Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 24th at 6:00pm

Brad SeEVERS, Senior Minister
Email: 5thavecofc@gmail.com

Sunday Services: Bible School 8:45 a.m.; Worship 10:00 a.m.;
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.