

# *The Christian Messenger*



July 5, 2015

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If MY people, who are called  
by MY name, shall humble  
themselves, and pray, and seek  
my face, and turn from their  
wicked ways; then will I hear  
from heaven, and will forgive  
their sin, and will HEAL THEIR  
LAND.

- 2 Chronicles 7:14

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Senior Minister  
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### Sunday Services

Bible School  
8:45 a.m.

Worship  
10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship  
6:00 p.m.

## **THOUGHTS FROM BRAD ...**

Almost thirty years ago, a publication was written entitled: "The Rebirth of America." One chapter spoke of "God's Judgment on Nations." Let me share some excerpts with you and then make some observations.

As the Roman Empire rose to greatness, its populace no doubt assumed it would be around for centuries to come. But even while its citizens romped in apparent prosperity, its foundations were crumbling underneath them. And so historians recorded "The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire."

Greece gave the world beautiful architecture and the world's first historical attempt at Democracy. It produced a dazzling roster of men such as Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. In time though, Greece fell because it did not have the moral fiber to undergird it.

Other great civilizations have come and gone. The ancient Mayan nation developed brain surgery, excelled in mathematics and astronomy. They also had an incredible network of irrigation canals. Then corruption took hold. Today it is a ghost of the past.

The big question today is, "Is America next?" Do we really think that God is blind to the sins of our own nation? We have put other idols above Him. We have rebelled against His Will. Now we have undermined the definition of the family by moving away from what the Bible instructs. The Bible is clear! It says, "*Righteousness exalts a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.*"

### **UNDERSTAND THIS: AMERICA IS NOT BIG ENOUGH TO SHAKE HER FIST IN THE FACE OF A HOLY GOD AND GET AWAY WITH IT!**

America has now redefined marriage and celebrates a homosexual's "rights." America has permitted abortion and celebrates women's "rights." America celebrates the use of marijuana now as they fight for personal "rights" to do so in certain states. Coupled with that as a result, we have more drug use in this town than we ever have and to top it all off, we will even build you public housing if you have a drug addiction in this town. How does that make any sense?

In America, we have pulled the Judeo-Christian moral foundation from our schools and then we wonder why kids act the way they do today and why there is so much rebellion towards authority.

We only treat the symptoms and never the root problem. The root problem in America is sin. Scripture declares: "That God will send confusion, rebuke, even ruin, upon the nation that forsakes Him. All the nations will ask, 'Why has God done this to the land?' The answer will be, 'It is because this people abandoned the covenant of the Lord, the God of their fathers.'"

Let us pray as His Children, that we will be faithful, no matter what happens to this nation.

Brad

<b>SPIRITUAL STATISTICS – June 28, 2015</b>	
Sunday School	73
Morning Worship	131
Evening Worship	28
Weekly Budget	\$ 4,686.00
Budget Received	\$ 3,664.51
Roof Fund	\$ 20.00
Roof Fund (received to date)	\$ 5,585.00
Watchmen	\$ 415.00

<b>SERVING SCHEDULE July 5, 2015</b>	
<b>At the Table</b>	Fred Griffith and Bob Neff
<b>Serving</b>	Bob Neff, John Burgess, Mike Bussey, Ray Coats
<b>PM Deacon</b>	Bob Neff
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Donna Cupler
<b>GREETERS</b>	Dick and Marg Shumaker
<b>NURSERY</b>	
Sunday School	Volunteer Needed
Worship	Marie Huffman
<b>VISITOR CENTER</b>	Becky Wellman
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPER</b>	Ruth Enlow
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	Kim Seevers
<b>SECURITY</b>	
Sunday School and Worship	Mike Weaver
Evening Worship	Carmel Marsh

<b>SERVING SCHEDULE July 12, 2015</b>	
<b>At the Table</b>	Dick Shumaker
<b>Serving</b>	Dale Rose, Ralph Conrad, Coy Cupler, Josh Czich
<b>PM Deacon</b>	Dale Rose
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Donna Cupler
<b>GREETERS</b>	Dan and Janet Brown
<b>NURSERY</b>	
Sunday School	Brenda Hines
Worship	Jo George
<b>VISITOR CENTER</b>	Sue Tingler
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPER</b>	Delores Payne
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	Kim Seevers
<b>SECURITY</b>	
Sunday School and Worship	David Will
Evening Worship	Bob Neff

## 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– 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)  
**"Jesus, Our Example"**  
Room 101  
Deborah Will, Teacher

Upper Elementary Class  
(4<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
**"Jesus, Our Example"**  
Room 106  
Larry King, Teacher

Junior/Senior High  
**"I Timothy"**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Josh Czich, Teacher

Ladies' Class  
**"Eats With Sinners"**  
Room 209  
Beverly Puckett, Teacher

Adult Class  
**"Ecclesiastes"**  
Room 214  
Brad Seevers, Teacher

Harmony Adult Class  
**"God's Prophets Demand Justice"**  
Room 204  
Dave Tingler, Teacher

Philothead Adult Class  
**"Parables"**  
Room 208  
Jim Love, Teacher

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, July 8**  
Bible Study, 6:15pm

**Sunday, July 12**  
Carriage Court Service, 2pm

**Monday, July 13**  
Day Camp  
Facility Management, 6:30pm

**Tuesday, July 14**  
Deacons Meeting, 6:30pm

**Wednesday, July 15**  
Craft Corner, 3-6pm  
Bible Study, 6:15pm  
Elders/Deacons Meeting, 7:30pm

## **Prayer Requests**

Millie Hoy	Betty Sparks	Naressa Allen
Kasen Newman	Our Troops	Jeanne Goldfarb
Camille Stiverson	Alberta Ellis	Judy Fricker
Alvin and Pat Brown	Connie Lane	Lois Wilson
Ralph Conrad	Jeanne Noble	Pat Schlosser
Kenneth Dusthimer	Danny Murphy	Wib Sparks
Dorothy Hudson	Norma Bullock	George Ellis
Tammy Rigenbach	Pete Courtney	Virginia Wentz
Don Gardner	Harlan Still	Emily Brown

## 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 [Brad@new-churches.org](mailto:Brad@new-churches.org) or call him at 740.550.9882. Have a great week and may God bless your life.

### **“Contend for the Faith”**

**Jude 1**

**Brad Seevers preaching**

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## **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.

## **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).

## **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!”***