

# THOUGHTS FROM BRAD ...

Be sure to give Dan Brown and his team of volunteers a big THANK YOU for once again preparing our annual Easter breakfast. As usual, the food was fabulous! A lot of effort and time goes into pulling off an event like this. Your service Dan is greatly appreciated.

Can you believe that today is Resurrection Sunday? This year is flying right by. Wow! Today I want to share a few thoughts concerning why this day is so special to me.

Before answering this all-important question, let me first describe what Easter is not. Easter is not what we have made it to be. Easter has nothing to do with bunny rabbits or the eggs filled with candy spread throughout the parks around town. Easter is not about the new outfits that are adorned so beautifully around our churches. Easter is not about the latest toys that are marketed with the hope they will end up under your roof. These things certainly do not truly reflect Easter.

You see, Easter is about God carrying out His plan to save the world through the death of His Son. Easter is about bringing HOPE into the hearts of the broken hearted. Easter is all about Jesus Christ and His resurrection after being cruelly crucified on a cross for our sins. Easter is about giving life to those who deserve nothing better than death.

The first words of Jesus Christ recorded in the Bible were, "Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"— Luke 2:49

His last words were, "It is finished." —John 19:30

What was finished? His Father's Will had been accomplished through His life.

Three days later, just as had been prophesied, "He is risen."

What does Easter mean to me? "It means, "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know, who holds the future, and life is worth the living, just because He lives." I have that promise because scripture says, "My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me (Galatians 2:20)."

In His Service,  
Brad

March 20, 2016	
Sunday School	65
Morning Worship	113
Evening Worship	32
Wednesday (03/23)	12
Weekly Budget	\$ 4,361.00
Budget Received	\$ 3,479.00
Roof Fund	\$ 20.00
Roof Fund (received to date)	\$ 7,640.00
Easter	\$ 465.00
Outreach	\$ 5.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Ralph Conrad Memorial	\$ 365.00

SERVING SCHEDULE March 27, 2016	
At the Table	Mitch Shell and Patrick Wersell
Serving	Ron Enlow, Coy Cupler, Bob Hawkes
PM Deacon	No Evening Service
COMMUNION	Don and Judy Gardner
GREETERS	Dan and Janet Brown
NURSERY	
Sunday School	Margaret Burgess
Worship	Courtney Beiter
VISITOR CENTER	Janet Brown
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Kim Seevers Angie Music
SECURITY	
Sunday School/ Worship	David Will
Evening Worship	No Evening Service

SERVING SCHEDULE April 3, 2016	
At the Table	Patrick Wersell
Serving	Tim Huffman, Jim Hoff, Bill Kelly, Carmel Marsh
PM Deacon	Tim Huffman
COMMUNION	Larry King
GREETERS	Ray and Mary Alice Coats
NURSERY	
Sunday School	
Worship	
VISITOR CENTER	Ruth Enlow
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Kim Seevers Angie Music
SECURITY	
Sunday School/ Worship	Mike Bussey
Evening Worship	Bob Neff

## Prayer List

Naressa Allen	Bonnie Brafford	Leroy Shaner
Millie Hoy	Kathryn Norman	Ray Coats
Jeanne Goldfarb	Jeff Kemmerer	Debi Erwin
Piper Stark	George Lambert	Jerry Delong
Paul Scott	Steve Knox	Our Troops
Kasen Newman	Camille Stiverson	Mira McCarty
Marc Mooney	Kenneth Dusthimer	
	Alberta and George Ellis	

**Congratulations!**  
**Congratulations to Jo George on her recent baptism!**

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

<b>Nursery</b> (Birth through 3 years old) "Jesus Loves Me" Room 102	<b>Upper Elementary Class</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade) "Jesus, Our Example" Room 106 Larry King, Teacher	<b>Adult Class</b> "A Pathway to Spiritual Maturity" Room 214 Brad Seevers, Teacher
<b>Preschool</b> (Ages 3-6) "Bible Friends" Room 105 Marie Huffman, Teacher	<b>Junior/Senior High</b> "Creation" 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Patrick Wersell, Teacher	<b>Harmony Adult Class</b> "Sacred Gift and Holy Gatherings" International Sunday School Lessons Room 204 Dave Tingler, Teacher
<b>Early Elementary</b> (K- 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade) "Jesus, Our Example" Room 101 Deborah Will, Teacher	<b>Ladies' Class</b> "Unglued" Room 209 Jean Azbell, Teacher	<b>Philothean Adult Class</b> "Parables" Room 208 Jim Love, Teacher

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Special Leadership Meeting, 6pm

**Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Bible Study, 6:15pm

**Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Carriage Court Service, 2pm

**SPECIAL LEADERSHIP MEETING**  
Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.  
For all Trustees, Deacons,  
and Elders



**April Sunday Evening Sermon Series**  
**"Glory Days"**  
Join us at 6:00 p.m.

**Craft Corner**  
**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**9am - noon**

*Thank You*

*Church Family ~ I want to thank you for the donations in Ralph's name, visits, food, flowers, and prayers. They were greatly appreciated by my family.*

*God Bless ~ Reta Conrad*



## 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).

## "Hope Is Found In The Resurrection"

Matthew 28:1-10

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.

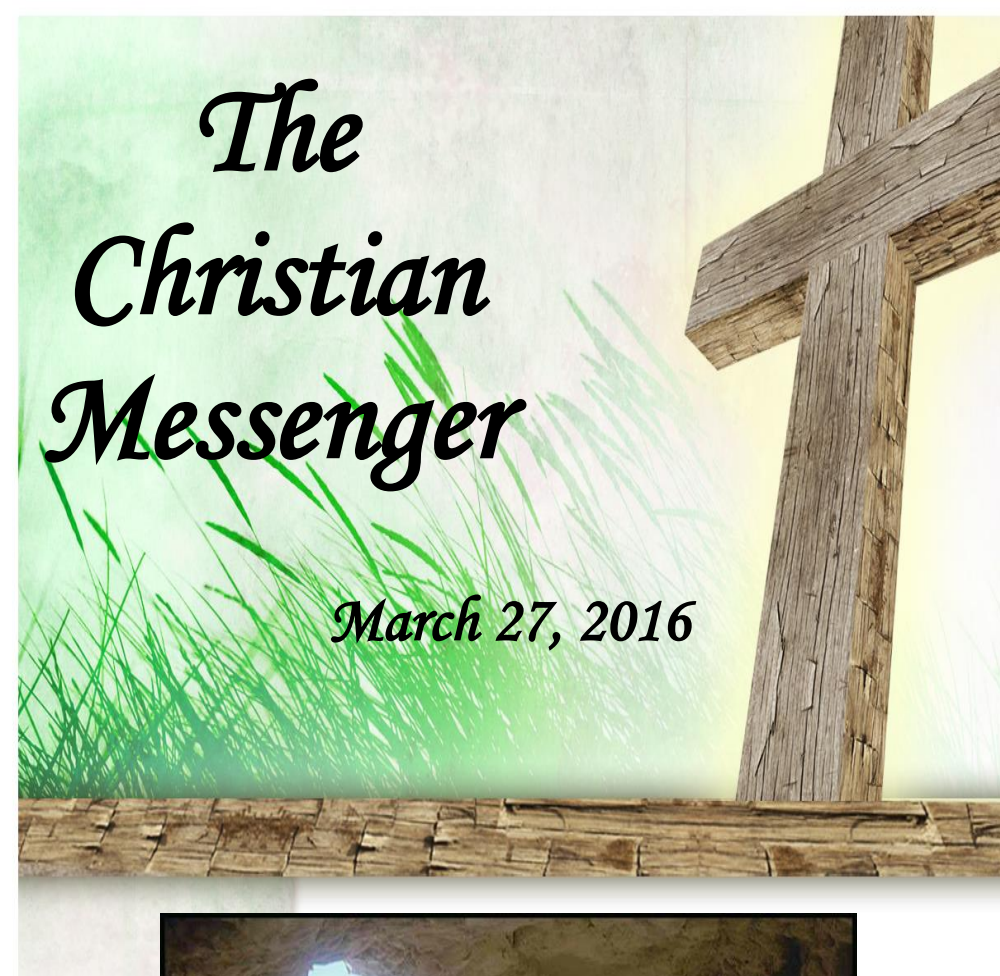
### OUR PURPOSE:

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!"

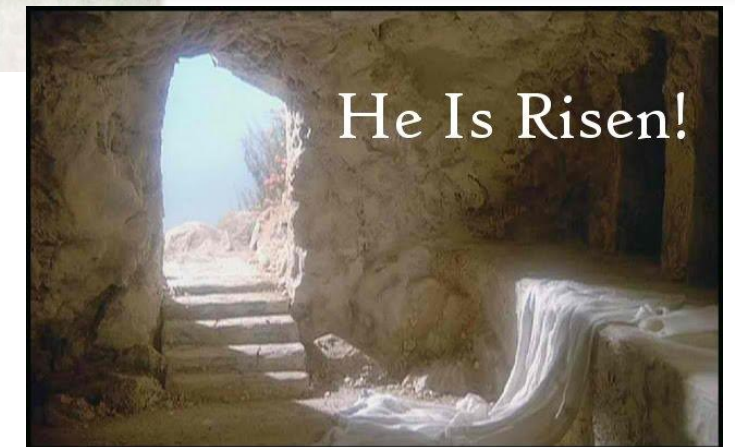
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# The Christian Messenger

March 27, 2016



## SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING

The special Easter offering is designated for the summer mission trip to Grundy Mountain Mission.

Brad Seevers, 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.