

THOUGHTS FROM BRAD ...

Today in my absence, I want to thank Dave for preaching both this morning and evening. Kim and I are enjoying some days of vacation. **This week the office will be closed. If there is an emergency, please contact one of the elders.**

By now, you have opened presents and probably recognized you have a contender for the “ugly sweater” competition for Christmas 2016. You have probably also stepped on the bath scales to see how many pounds you have put on over the last month between all the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. It was enjoyable though and I am sure you appreciated the thoughtfulness behind each gift. I know I do!

I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who remembered my family over the Christmas season. Your generosity was greatly appreciated!

Next week I will preach a special New Year’s sermon based on the passage of Philippians 3:12-15. I do hope you plan to join us as we start a new year of spiritual growth together. Please make it your goal to be here each Sunday in 2016 as we once again work our way through the Bible together.

As indicated in my last article, I am excited about a new series we will do together starting on January 10th. You will receive a book from the church entitled: “Rich Toward God.” This book will assist with your understanding of Luke 12, specifically the Parable of the Rich Fool. It is a quick read and it will help you...

- Trust the Lord as the true source of all blessings.
- “Put God to the test” in your tithing.
- Advance God’s kingdom work every day in your life.
- Embrace a spirit of contentment in all areas of your life.

While this study will focus on giving and generosity, it’s not going to pressure you and cause any “guilt trips.” Every few years, we do a series like this to help us grow in our thinking. Please begin praying about the exciting things God will do in you and this church because we are found faithful.

A few quick thoughts for the New Year...

- “Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year” (Ralph Waldo Emerson).
- “Resolution one: I will live for God. Resolution two: If no one else does, I still will” (Jonathan Edwards).
- “Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not come. We have only today. Let us begin” (Mother Theresa).

In His Service,
Brad

December 20, 2015	
Sunday School	67
Morning Worship	123
Evening Worship	31
Weekly Budget	\$ 4,686.00
Budget Received	\$ 3,023.85
Roof Fund	\$ 220.00
Roof Fund (received to date)	\$ 7,080.00
Christmas	\$ 540.00
Van Fund	\$ 20.00

SERVING SCHEDULE December 27, 2015	
At the Table	Fred Griffith and Bob Neff
Serving	Dale Rose, John Burgess, Mike Bussey, Ray Coats
PM Deacon	Dale Rose
COMMUNION	Dan and Janet Brown
GREETERS	Ray and Margie Ayers
NURSERY	
Sunday School	Volunteer Needed
Worship	Courtney Beiter
VISITOR CENTER	Sue Tingler
SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPER	
CHILDREN’S CHURCH	Family Sunday
SECURITY	
Sunday School/ Worship	George Lambert
Evening Worship	George Lambert

SERVING SCHEDULE January 3, 2016	
At the Table	Fred Griffith and Bob Neff
Serving	Tim Huffman, Ray Ayers, Dan Brown, Mike Bussey
PM Deacon	Tim Huffman
COMMUNION	
GREETERS	Shirley Alexander/Penny Hawkes
NURSERY	
Sunday School	
Worship	
VISITOR CENTER	Janet Brown
SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPER	
CHILDREN’S CHURCH	Kim Seevers Angie Music
SECURITY	
Sunday School/ Worship	Mike Bussey
Evening Worship	Ray Coats



Naressa Allen	Jeane Goldfarb
Millie Hoy	Kenneth Dusthimer
Our Troops	Camille Stiverson
Piper Stark	Kasen Newman
Patty Turner	Unspoken
J. David Johns	Jerry Delong
Marc Mooney	Mira McCarty
Melva Tewart	Jonathan Abram
Steve Knox	Tessa Watkins
Alberta and George Ellis	

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2016 are available to be picked up in the church parlor. If you do not currently have offering envelopes but would like to have some, please contact Marg Shumaker or the church office.

Foundation Dinner

Fifth Avenue serves dinner at the Foundation on the first Thursday of the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November. We need 3-4 more people to help with this outreach. If you could help at the Foundation please contact Lowell Trimmer at 740-415-2395.

UPDATED ADDRESS

Jeane Goldfarb
Homestead Center, Room 108
1900 E. Main St.
Lancaster, OH 43130

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)
“Jesus, Our Example”
Room 106
Larry King, Teacher

Junior/Senior High
“Creation”
3rd Floor
Patrick Wersell, Teacher

Ladies’ Class
“Unglued”
Room 209
Jean Azbell, Teacher

Adult Class
“An Unexpected Christmas”
Fellowship Hall
Brad Seevers, Teacher

Harmony Adult Class
“Sacred Gift and Holy Gatherings”
International Sunday School Lessons
Room 204
Dave Tingler, Teacher

Philothean Adult Class
“Parables”
Room 208
Jim Love, Teacher

NEW YEAR’S PRAYER

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life’s uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life’s inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life’s temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost. And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: “Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end” (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

Amen

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).

"Knowing vs. Doing"

1 John 2:3-17

Dave Tingler preaching

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

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HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2016!

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