

## THOUGHTS FROM BRAD ...

Happy Easter Everyone! Jesus is risen, just as He said He would! Here are a few announcements...



Today is the last day to sign up for our monthly **Seniors luncheon**. It will be held this **Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**. We will serve a "Potato Bar" with numerous toppings to enjoy. As always, feel free to invite a friend to join us! Next month's 3F luncheon will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup>!



On May 5<sup>th</sup>, I have scheduled a trip to the Southeastern Ohio Food Bank in Logan. With your help, we will box enough food for over 1,500 families in Ohio. The food bank really appreciates volunteers and I promise you that the work is not too strenuous. You simply stand at a counter and put your particular food item in a box as it moves down the table. We will leave the church by 8:15 and will finish before noon. I hope you will join us.

Allow me to share this devotion from Lifeway Publishing. John 11 records the raising of Lazarus from the dead, one of the best-known miracles of Jesus. Lazarus had been in the grave for four days. That's pretty significant; a detail that John purposely included.

Jewish folklore said that the soul would hover above the body for up to four days after death, looking for signs of life and a chance to return. But after four days of death, there was no hope. Decomposition sets in, and the body begins to decay.

Oh, the smell. Maybe that would have been the worst part. It would have been putrid. Abhorrent. Disgusting. The body would be sealed inside a tomb to keep the smell of the dead away from the living. The smell of rotteness and lifelessness. It's a sensory reminder that the situation was beyond repair.

But Jesus wasn't afraid of that smell. He strode boldly to the tomb and commanded that the stone be rolled away. But there were protests. "Lord, he already stinks. It's been four days," said the grieving sister. "Don't roll the stone away. It's going to stink. Let us leave him alone; what good is there in confronting that smell? The smell of death?"

But Jesus isn't afraid of that smell. He inhales it deeply and then breathes it back out. He's not afraid of it because He won't abide it. He reaches into the smell of death and produces the fragrance of life. He did it with Lazarus; He did it with me; and He's doing it countless times every day.

We recoil at the smell of death. Our stomachs turn. Bile comes up in our throats. But Jesus? Jesus beats back the stench of death with the fragrance of life. And the dead come forth ...

Where is your sting, death? That's what Paul asked. He asked because the sting is nowhere to be found. Jesus confronted it and won. Because He did, He's not repulsed by the seeming stench of death. In that smell, Jesus sees the potential for new life.

In His Service,  
Brad

March 25, 2018	
Sunday School	66
Morning Worship	117
Evening Worship	27
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,928.00
Budget Received	\$ 3,036.00
Easter	\$ 25.00
Building Fund	\$ 703.00

SERVING SCHEDULE April 1, 2018	
At the Table	Ned Tomlinson and Dave Tingler
Serving	Ron Enlow, Ray Coats, Bob Hawkes, Jim Hoff
PM Deacon	No Evening Worship
COMMUNION	Larry King
GREETERS	Carmel and Shirley Marsh
NURSERY	
Sunday School	Shirley Marsh
Worship	Angie Music
VISITOR CENTER	Janet Brown
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Family Sunday
SOUND BOARD	Fred Griffith
POWER POINT	Jonathan Mullett
VIDEO	John Baird
SECURITY	
Sunday School/ Worship	Dan Brown
Evening Worship	No Evening Worship

SERVING SCHEDULE April 8, 2018	
At the Table	Fred Griffith and Patrick Wersell
Serving	Tim Huffman, Brad George, Dick Shumaker, Carmel Marsh
PM Deacon	Tim Huffman
COMMUNION	Larry King
GREETERS	Dick and Marg Shumaker
NURSERY	
Sunday School	Laura Wersell
Worship	Marie Huffman
VISITOR CENTER	
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Sarah Brandt
SOUND BOARD	Fred Griffith
POWER POINT	Jonathan Mullett
VIDEO	John Baird
SECURITY	
Sunday School/ Worship	David Will
Evening Worship	Jeff Slicer

## Prayer List

Our Church	Leroy Shaner	George Lambert	Camille Stiverson
Brad George	Naressa Allen	Kasen Newman	Kenneth Dusthimer
Ruth Enlow	Forest Turner	Jodi Van Dyke	Veronica Hartmann
Jerry Wentz	Caleb Witham	Dori Greenlee	Delmar Severing
Our Troops	Marc Mooney	Dick Seifert	Richard/Bertha Boyer
Trina Barrell	Heather Baker	Jennifer Crook	Emmitt Masters

### SYMPATHY

We want to express our heartfelt sympathy to Mary Baughman on the passing of her brother-in-law, Ron Young. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

A new church directory will be published soon. If your address, phone number, or email address has changed, please make a note on the back of your Silent Roll Call Card. If you are not currently in the church directory, but wish to have your information included, please put this information on your Silent Roll Call Card or contact the church office.

## 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)  
"The Potter's House"  
Room 106  
Ron Enlow, Teacher

**Junior/Senior High**  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
3F Luncheon, 11:15am

**Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Carriage Court, 2pm

**Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Facility Management, 6:30pm  
Book Nook, 6:30pm

**Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Deacons Meeting, 6:30pm

**Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Bible Study, 6:15pm  
Elders Meeting, 7:15pm

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Ladies Breakfast at IHOP



**Book Nook**  
Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 p.m.

*The Masterpiece*  
By Francine Rivers

### SENIOR SAINTS

Each month we will spotlight one of our shut-in Senior Saints. The Senior Saint for April is Leroy Shaner. His address is on the bulletin board in the coat room. Please remember LeRoy with cards and visits. Contact Donna Cupler with any questions.

Ladies! We will meet for breakfast at IHOP on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Come and bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship!

### PICTURES

There is a box of pictures on a table in the church parlor from past Fifth Avenue events. Please take any of the pictures you'd like to have. Any pictures not taken will be placed in the church history room.



## 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).

## "... and Peter" Mark 16 and Luke 24 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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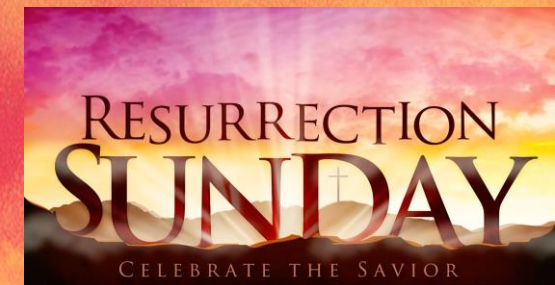
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# The Christian Messenger

April 1, 2018



**Congratulations to Will Ratliff who was baptized by his father at the end of worship on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>!**



**Reminder .... No Evening Worship tonight.**

**Our special Easter offering will be designated for our summer mission trip to Grundy Mountain Mission.**

**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.