

## THOUGHTS FROM BRAD ...

As a write this article today, I am mindful of the horrible events that took place on September 11, 2001. It is hard to believe that was 19 years ago. My life was in transition. Jessica and Kim had moved to Virginia so they could start the school year on time. They were living with a wonderful Christian couple until I could leave my position in Marion, Ohio. That proved to be one of the longest six weeks of our lives.

On that fateful morning, I could not call Kim. She was in her classroom in Suffolk, Virginia; Jessica was at school as well and I was now panicking because of the uncertainty of it all. In my mind, anyone in a military area could be struck next. I was on the phone with my mother when the plane hit the second tower. That was horrible! I got off the phone with my mother and called one of the elders at the church I was serving and he gave me permission to go to my family. He didn't have to say that twice; I was out of there as FAST AS I COULD. A popular song on the radio made me tear up when I heard it. It said the words, "I am already there." That song would become a favorite of mine yet each time I still hear it, all the memories of that day come rushing back into my heart. If a good came from that bad, it was that people showed they cared about one another. Neighbors, helped neighbors and even cared for complete strangers.

Now here we are, 19 years from that day. People marching in our streets, acting as fools crying out, "Death to America." Wow! If only the foolish would realize how great they have it in America. In no other country could you do such a thing. You would be dead before you walked the first block because those governments would not permit such an uprising.

I long for the days again where our nation displays love for all, even those we strongly disagree with. I long for the days again where everyone understands that they should love this country and for all the good it has done all around the world, bringing freedom to others. November elections are rapidly approaching. Exercise your right to vote. The future of this country depends upon it.

As a reminder, our final two nights of **"Overcoming Anxiety During Covid-19 elective will be held on September 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.** You can still join us as each week is an independent study. We hope to see you at **6:00 p.m.**

For any of our men who would like to celebrate, faith, fellowship and food, we can socially distance at **Marie Scramblers on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Join me at 9:00 a.m.** Hope to see you there!

We will begin introducing some Sunday School classes soon at FACC. Keep looking for news of these options soon. I assure you we will do so in a safe environment.

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>- We will hold a **brief informational meeting** immediately after our morning worship. This will be the second of three meetings concerning the new building project.

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>- We will hold the last of the three building project meetings. If you attended the first or second meeting, there will be no need to attend this one due to their identical nature.

**In His Service,**

**Brad**

September 13, 2020	
Sunday School	n/a
Morning Worship	31
Evening Worship	n/a
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,704.23
Budget Received	\$ 3,041.00
Ray Coats Memorial	\$ 100.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00

SERVING SCHEDULE September 13, 2020		SERVING SCHEDULE September 20, 2020	
At the Table	Dick Shumaker and Ron Enlow	At the Table	Ned Tomlinson & Dave Tingler
Serving	Tim Huffman, Dale Thornton, Eli Wersell, Ray Ayers	Serving	Larry King, BW Baumgardner, Mike Bussey
PM Deacon	No Evening Worship	PM Deacon	No Evening Worship
COMMUNION	Fred Griffith	COMMUNION	Fred Griffith
GREETERS	Mike and Brenda Weaver	GREETERS	Mary Alice Coats
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	n/a	CHILDREN'S CHURCH	n/a
SOUND BOARD	Rick Azbell	SOUND BOARD	Rick Azbell
POWER POINT	John Baird	POWER POINT	John Baird
VIDEO	Paul Hoagland	VIDEO	Paul Hoagland
SECURITY		SECURITY	
Sunday School/ Worship		Sunday School/ Worship	Carmel Marsh
Evening Worship	No Evening Worship	Evening Worship	No Evening Worship

## Prayer List

Ronda Brown	Betty Sparks	Leroy Shaner	Bertha Boyer
Our Troops	Kasen Newman	Sandie Seevers	Kenneth Dusthimer
BJ Hoff	Caleb Witham	Norma Holtom	Veronica Hartmann
Mary Darst	Marc Mooney	Camille Stiverson	Ethan Baumgardner
Bob Neff	Alberta Ellis	Norma Mathews	Dave Daubenmire
Connie Lane	Andy Browning	Virginia Wentz	Don Gardner
	Beverly Puckett		

### Spending

Due to our budget constraints, all future expenses must be authorized by the board. The policy will be in effect beginning June 21, 2020, and will remain in effect until the end of the year. We realize this may cause some inconvenience and additional advanced planning, but it will assist us in ensuring our funds are stable during this current time of limited resources. Contact **any** board member with your request: amount to be spent and reason for expenditure. Thank you for your continued support as we face unprecedented times.

## Sunday School Classes for All Ages

All classes are at 8:45 a.m.  
No Sunday School Classes Until Further Notice

**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)  
"Samuel Serves God"  
Room 106  
Ron Enlow, Teacher

**Junior/Senior High**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Patrick Wersell, Teacher

**Ladies' Class**  
"12 Women Of The Bible"  
Room 209  
Jean Azbell and Bev Puckett, Teachers

**Adult Class**  
"Acts"  
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

Communion preparation volunteers are needed. If you can help with this important ministry, please see Denise Baird.

### 2021 BUDGET

Do you serve in a ministry that is supported by our annual budget? The board needs to hear from you concerning your budget plans for 2021. WHY DO I NEED TO PREPARE A BUDGET PLAN? Our giving is down, but our expenses keep increasing. The board and the finance committee MUST work together to ensure we are being good stewards of the money received. Submit budget plans to Jean Azbell or turn in to the church office by Thursday, September 24, 2020. Not submitting a plan may result in funding not being available for a program.

### EXAMPLE:

Budget: \$300.00

Usage: Community outreach

Holiday meal drive – costs estimated

Boxes for food collected: \$50.00

Gift Cards: \$200.00

\$25.00 each – Meat for 8 meal boxes

Remaining funds will be used to purchase items to balance out the meal. Example: vegetables, bread, cake mix, etc.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

We want to start Sunday School again on September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 8:45 am. at the church. Your class leader has been, or will be in touch with you. For the time being, Dave Tingler will teach both his class and Jim Love's class. Jim is fine and will return in a few weeks. We have a lot of room to move classes, therefore safe distancing will not be a problem. Call Brad or Ron Enlow if you have any questions.

In God's Name, Ron Enlow

### ELECTION TIME

2021 Nominations for officers will be accepted today, Sunday, September 13, 2020 through Sunday, October 4, 2020. All nominations can be turned into the nominating committee.

Members of the nominating committee:

- Ron Enlow
- Tim Huffman
- John Baird
- Carol Craft
- Jean Azbell

All positions are open for nominations. The following positions are two-year terms: Elders, Deacons and Trustees. All other positions are one year.

## 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).

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