

The Pastor Said:

I found an old picture from the 1970's of me at the family Easter egg hunt. It made me laugh. My hair was long and a blondish brownish color and sticking up in various directions. I looked like a goofy fourteen year old kid. I was not fashion conscious at the time, but was wearing a brown turtle-neck with striped pants that were purple and blue. It was the seventies. No wonder I had no girlfriends.

We are Born Again
Kingdom People,
Living Like Jesus,

It brought back memories of the many Easter egg hunts from my childhood and when I was raising my own kids. It always started with a basket of jelly beans, (my dad would take out the black licorice) gum-drops, marshmallow bunnies, Hershey kiss, and a chocolate bunny. During my childhood years there were no baskets until after church and no egg hunting until after we ate lunch. That went out the window with my two sons. We have many embarrassing pictures of them in their pjs looking for eggs. Then it was off to church.

Did you notice the change? It wasn't really a big deal. But, I mention this because today so few children are in churches on any Sunday during the year. The joy of candy, eggs, sometimes gifts and being with family is the highest priority.

I'm sounding like the grumpy old man who remembers the past better than it really was. I'm not including the bellyache from eating all the candy at once. I'm forgetting about not getting as many eggs as someone else. I'm leaving out the lectures that took place every Sunday morning.

Resurrection/Easter Sunday is the most important celebration for followers of Jesus. Those who are disciples of Jesus understand that without the resurrection nothing else is important. The reason I refer to Easter as Resurrection Sunday is because Easter is empty for me without the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

That Sunday morning after Jesus was crucified several women got up before the sunrise and went to the tomb. They were devastated and devoted at the same time. They worked through their fears and misgivings to go anoint the body of Jesus for burial. This being the third day since His death they wanted to preserve His body as much as they could.

These women were the first to see the empty tomb. To say that they were overwhelmed is only the beginning. They were silenced by the empty tomb and the angels. They could not form words at first. The message shared by the angels was confusing to their ears. So, they went back to the city to tell the disciples. Two men, Peter and John, ran to the tomb. They were also stunned by what they saw. This was impossible. If it was true, it was simply amazing. It was greater than anything they had ever seen Jesus do.

Now what? Mary remained at the tomb alone, all the others returned to the upper room or the homes where they were staying. Mary saw a man, mistaking him for the gardener, asking where Jesus had been taken. Jesus called out to her.

I think the joy Mary experienced that moment is like the joy I experienced when I gave my life to Jesus. It is an astounding joy coupled with hope and peace. This is what every person needs to experience. During the month of February you submitted to me the names of family, friends, and neighbors who need Jesus. I've been praying for them to know the love of Jesus and to love Jesus with all their soul and spirit, heart and mind, and strength. My prayer includes that they would find themselves in church on Resurrection Sunday to hear the Good News that Jesus is alive and He loves them.

God's Blessings,

Pastor Joe

Sunday Morning Messages

- Apr 6**— *Promises of God: He Brings Us Home*
John 14:6
- Apr 13**— *Promises of God: He Empowers Our Lives*, John 15:1, 5
- Apr 17**— *Maundy Thursday Promises of God: He Will Take Away Our Sins*
Mark 10:45
- Apr 20**— *Resurrection Sunday Promises of God: He Paid the Ransom*
John 11:25-26, Luke 24:1-12
- Apr 27**— *What Does God Expect?*
Exodus 20:3-7

Lenten Lunches

- April 2**— *Connecting to God through Wisdom*,
Text: Psalm 15 and Psalm 119:1-8, The **Rev. Neal Dearyan** of Crossroads Baptist Church
- April 9**— *Connecting to God through Thankfulness*, Text: Psalm 30:1-5, The **Rev. Brian Kittner** of Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Maundy Thursday Dinner and Worship
Thursday, April 17 at 6 PM**

Come celebrate with Jesus the last meal He shared with His disciples. Our meal won't be the same as the one Jesus shared. We'll be eating Potato Soup, Chili, Veggies, Crackers and Cheese, with a Dessert. This is a wonderful time to gather with the church family, share a meal, and hear the promises of Jesus. Take time out from your schedule to share with this family of believers.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 17—Terese Zelones
- 23—Carolyn Cochran
- 27—Ashley Roahrig
- 28—Sharon Hahn



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 18—Tom & Suzann Stoker



Good Friday Worship

Noon at the Court Square Gazebo



Bring a chair and a blanket.
In case of rain it will be held at The Presbyterian Church

Semi-Annual Meeting April 27

The congregation will meet following worship on Sunday, April 27 for our semi-annual meeting. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.



**THE MONTHLY MISSION
EMPHASIS FOR 2025**

- Jan - Missionary Maintenance Services
- Feb - America for Christ
- Mar - Cooking Oil for Shepherd's Assembly
- Apr - Fellowship of Christian Athletes**
- May - One Great Hour of Sharing
- Jun - Heavenly Road Baptist Camp
- Jul - Pregnancy Center of Coshocton
- Aug - Lifewise (Release Time Ministry)
- Sep - World Missions
- Oct - New Life Ministries
- Nov - Blankets for the Homeless
- Dec - Retired Ministers and Missionaries

**Salvation Army food items and
diapers for the Pregnancy Center
are received each week.**



ABW-Ohio Spring Conference

First Baptist Church, Newark
June 7, 2025

Registration \$25 Lunch \$12
Registration is due May 23

Make your check payable to
ABWM Ohio and mail to
Becky Winsley
1924 Euclid Ave., Zanesville, OH 43701
Questions? Call Becky at 740-348-6770

Project Bible Runners

Project Bible Runner is a ministry of delivering Bibles to various churches throughout Africa. There is often only one Bible in a church or a village. Missionaries Owen and Jess Sweitzers are hoping to take 275,000 Bibles to take to various African communities in different countries. Many believers are waiting to receive Bibles each year. Some have taken to hand writing the scriptures to make their own copies.

Bibles in every condition and translation are needed. **Bring your Bibles in and place them the first classroom by the main entrance before the end of June.** Pastor Bill Pittman of Fair Oaks Baptist Church in Zanesville is working with Project Bible Runner. At the end of June, Bill will be collecting the Bibles for the Sweitzers.

Pregnancy Center of Coshocton

The Pregnancy Center of Coshocton is relocating from their small office on Main Street to the Wiley Corporation Building. They will be gaining six times the space. This will allow them to expand their ministries to young moms and families. They need \$148,480 dollars by the middle of April to set up the rooms to carry out their new ministries. The Church Council has already provided \$500.00 for this project. You may make this **one time contribution through April 13.** In August we will have our regular mission for the Pregnancy Center of Coshocton.

Future Ministry Team Update

At the November Congregational meeting it was determined that a team needed to be formed to look at issues for the future of the church. Lonie Sanders is leading the team. Their mission statement is *to recommend and communicate to the congregation options for our church building and the future of our church family according to God's will.*

Questions or ideas may be shared with the team members. Their next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, April 19.** They will be making a report to the congregation on updates from the meeting.

Team Members

Lonie Sanders 740.610.6166
Diane Williams 740.610.3804
Keri Harris 281.915.8825

Carolyn Cochran 740.624.8835 (6 a.m. to 6 p.m. only)
Ron Woodrum 740.502.0436
Pastor Joe 740.610.6115

Blue Sky

Blue Sky Voice and Opportunity is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving some of the most vulnerable members of our community. They are driven by the belief that everyone deserves a second chance, a voice, and an opportunity to rebuild and thrive – no matter the obstacles they face. Their mission is to offer holistic peer support to individuals who are experiencing homelessness, reentering society after incarceration, struggling with addiction and recovery, battling mental health challenges, or dealing with other significant life obstacles. The ministry is **collecting essential items such as shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/toothbrushes, feminine products, deodorant, other hygienic supplies.** This is a new peer support ministry in Coshocton through Kno-Ho-Co and Grace Church. A box will be available at the main entrance.

The website is blueskyvo.org and their email address is emoon@blueskyvo.org.

Interior Plaster Work



The past few years we have been looking at walls that need repair. The problem was being caused by moisture coming through cracks and openings in the bricks. Now that the bricks and mortar is being repaired we're looking to accept bids for interior plaster work. If you are aware of a company that does this work please speak with Lloyd Owens or Jim Woodrum.

Mission of the Month **<Fellowship of Christian Athletes>**

March Madness is a time when basketball fans are captivated by the chaos and unpredictability of the tournament. Over the next several weeks, teams will rise and fall. There will be amazing Cinderella stories. But for every Cinderella story, there is also a heartbreaking story of a team who failed to meet their goals on the biggest stage. Amid the thrills and upsets, we are reminded of a deeper truth: life itself can often feel just as chaotic. We have Cinderella stories in our lives - where we are able to overcome incredible obstacles with God's help. We also have heartbreaking stories - where we stumble and fall or experience times of hurt and loss. In the midst of uncertainty, God calls us to trust in His plan, even when it seems like everything is spinning out of control.

Proverbs 3:5-6 encourages us to *"trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."* Like the teams in March Madness, we are going to face challenges and setbacks, but we can take comfort in knowing that God's purpose remains unshaken, even when our circumstances are unpredictable.

Thank you again for your continued prayers and support. We are excited to share some of the things God is doing through FCA Coshocton this month. Thank you for continuing to be an integral part of FCA. God bless!

On Sunday, February 23rd, we had the privilege of speaking at Clark Township Baptist Church. Our FCA worship team led music for the day. We had a student panel who talked about what FCA is and the impact that it has had on their schools and lives. One of our leaders also gave the message for the service. Kierston Latham (a senior leader from Ridgewood High School) gave the message.

On Sunday, March 16th, we had another UNITE event. Students from several schools and churches gathered for a time of food, fellowship, worship, and a message from God's word. Pastor Louis shared a message from Jeremiah 24:7 about knowing God, abiding in Him, and loving Him with all our heart.

FCA will be holding our next **Unite** event on **May 4th** at the **Coshocton Christian Tabernacle** from **6-8pm**. This UNITE event will be our "End of the School Year Bash." All schools and churches are welcome and invited to come, so spread the word!

5th Annual **FCA Golf Scramble**. Registration for our 5th annual golf scramble is live!! To register a team you can message or email Nick! We are also looking for business sponsors.

As we are coming to the end of March, we are also coming to the end of our school huddles for the year. We will be wrapping up all of our huddles at the end of April.

Please be praying that the huddles finish the year strong. We will also be recruiting student leaders for next year. Pray that God speaks to the students hearts and provides the students and volunteers we need for next year. If you are interested in being on a prayer team, sign up for a school by emailing Nick! njohnson@fca.org

In Christ's Love — *Nick Johnson & John Strasser*

The Pregnancy Center of Coshocton

May/June giveaway for moms (for 20 bags)

Bath scrubbies
Lip balm
Chocolate



Boys Clothes:

Preemie 9 month
12 month 18 month 24 month/2T

Girls clothes:

Preemie 9 month
18 month 24 month

Pack and Play

Baby gate

Safety items - ask for ideas

Diaper bags

Baby nail clippers

Riding toys

Swings



Additional ways to donate:


Help with office supplies, equipment, etc.

Commit to a category of boutique needs.

Email directorofpcc@gmail.com

Website www.pregnancycenterofcoshocton.com



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study 4-5 pm	2 Lenten Lunch 11:45 Rev. Dearyan	3 Bible Study Riverside 10:00 am	4	5 <i>Prepare your heart for Worship</i>
6 9:30 am Worship Sunday School	7	8 Bible Study 4-5 pm	9 Lenten Lunch 11:45 Rev. Kittner	10 Bible Study Riverside 10:00 am	11	12 <i>Prepare your heart for Worship</i>
13 9:30 am Worship Sunday School	14	15 Bible Study 4-5 pm	16	17 Bible Study Riverside 10:00 am <hr/> Maundy Thursday Meal 6 PM	18 Good Friday Worship Noon Courtsquare <u>Bring a Chair</u>	19 Ministry Team Meeting <i>Prepare your heart for Worship</i>
20 Resurrection Sunday  9:30 am Worship Sunday School	21	22 Bible Study 4-5 pm	23	24 Bible Study Riverside 10:00 am	25	26 <i>Prepare your heart for Worship</i>
27 9:30 am Worship Cong. MTG	28	29 Bible Study 4-5 pm	30			

APRIL MONTHLY MISSION

++Fellowship of Christian Athletes++

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY: 9:30 am Worship
followed by Sunday School
In-person and Facebook
@Joe Sanders

TUESDAY: 4-5 pm Bible Study
All are welcome!

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The F.B.C.

MESSENGER



Jesus said,
**"You must be
Born Again"**

John 3:3



Faithful Servants' Schedule

APRIL	6	13	20	27
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Norma Owens	Christine Sycks	Jim Woodrum	Conner Roahrig
CHURCH MUSICIAN	Angie Lentz	Angie Lentz	Angie Lentz	Angie Lentz
SONG LEADER	Norma Owens	Norma Owens	Norma Owens	Norma Owens
	LORD'S SUPPER			

**Well done good and faithful servant.
Thank You for Serving the Lord.**