

The Pastor Said:

My summer vacation was hot and humid. The beach is still sandy and the ocean is still salty. I sat out on the balcony most evenings looking at the ocean and listening to the waves. Lonie and I found a few shells. We didn't see any sharks, but we did eat lots of seafood.

One of the many places we visited was Fort Fisher, a confederate fort from the Civil War. It fell on January 15, 1865 after a three-week attack by the enemy. Coming from Ohio, I never thought of the Union army as the enemy. There was also a monument to the confederate soldiers who died in the battle of Northern Aggression. It was given by family members of those soldiers. We also visited an Antebellum Mansion built in 1859 by the Bellamy family. It is a stereo-typical mansion from the slavery era.

These things awakened something in me. I've studied the Civil War, its causes, battles, and consequences. I've read about slave owners and slaves in numerous books. It was a complicated issue and disturbing time for our nation. What was awakened in me was how easily the slavery of sin crept into the lives of believers. There were Christians in the North and South during slavery and the Civil War. I'm not talking about slavery or that war, but about sin.

Today, sin makes people slaves. On more than one occasion, scripture mentions the power of sin to make people its slave. Sin eventually becomes a cruel master. Freedom from the temptations of sin is a hard fought battle. During these summer months I've been talking about Living a Victorious life, and Spiritual Warfare. This is important because we are constantly fighting spiritual battles. They may not look like spiritual battles. I believe that the devil is on the lookout for whomever he can attack, in any way that he can attack. Hence, the training in Spiritual Warfare.

Now, in September I will be starting something that is sort of, kind of, like something new. I would like to lead several different study groups entitled **"A Return to Disciple-Making."** My goal is for every member and friend of the church to be in a study group.

We need more time to be disciplined than we can do once a week during a Sunday worship service.

Jesus had this method of disciple-making: twelve men, and thousands of people. The twelve were trained everyday by Jesus. In the gospels we see the twelve sharing His grace in the villages, towns, and cities.

My ministry is to shepherd the sheep. The ministry of the sheep is be together, support one another, help one another, and produce more sheep.

Very few people in our congregation have the spiritual gift of evangelism: people who start conversations and bring others to Christ.

Most all of us can comfort, encourage, and challenge others with the Good News when we are trained as disciple-makers.

One day First Baptist will wake up and I will be retired, living in another city. Unless we take action now, with the vision of being Disciple-makers who make disciples, it may be too late.

The plans of the past have not been ineffective and inefficient. It's time for your pastor to return to disciple-making.

If you would help me in this process, we can put together study groups. One group will be the Tuesday Bible Study at 4 pm. Since not everyone can be at church at that time, I need to know when you are willing to meet in a study group. I'm willing to pick another morning, afternoon, evening that is convenient for you. You can email me (pastorjoe.sanders1958@gmail.com), text/call me (740.610.6115), or talk to me on a Sunday morning. Our work together as disciple-makers provides us with an opportunity for God's future. Let's go make some disciples!

God's Blessings,

Pastor Joe



We are Born Again
Kingdom People,
Living Like Jesus,
Sharing His Grace.

Sunday Morning Messages

Aug 3 Spiritual Warfare: Peace
Ephesians 6:15

Aug 10 Spiritual Warfare: Faith
Ephesians 6:16

Aug 17 Spiritual Warfare: Salvation and
the Word - Ephesians 6:17

Aug 24 Spiritual Warfare: Prayer
Ephesians 6:18

Aug 31 Spiritual Warfare: Perseverance
Ephesians 6:18



Thank you, First Baptist family, for choosing PCC. Your support and generosity is vital to our Ministry. We are blessed to be part of the body of Christ in action, promoting life for everyone in Coshocton County.

Dear First Baptist Church & Congregation:

We have made it into the 2nd half of the year. We are happy with the way things are going with the pantry. Stay encouraged. The world is in chaos, but we serve a big God and the word of God is more of a reality now than every before. God bless you for all of your help supporting the pantry.

Number of Households Served	229
Number of Clients 0-17 years old	52
Number of Clients 60 and older	226
Total Number of Clients Served	410

God Bless You Always,

Pastor Mark Granger

New Life Ministries, 740/622-2181

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

10—Tom Stoker
11—Carole Harper
13—Keri Harris



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

20—Kyle & Keri Harris



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.**

Leadership Succession Planning: We've Never Done It That Way Before August 23 Porterfield Baptist Church 39 Hollywood Dr. Little Hocking, Oh 45742

Dr. Kevin Hariston and Rev. Mark Eaton both have led successful pastoral leadership succession plans in their respective ABC Ohio church settings after long tenures as Senior/Lead Pastors. They will be introducing concepts, attitudes, strategies and resources along with their experience in considering succession planning in your church context. These strategies can be applied to other key leadership positions within the church as well. This workshop will include time for questions and discussion with participants if desired. The cost is \$20 per person. Deadline is Aug. 13. Time: 10 am to 3 pm, lunch is included.

Future Ministry Team Update

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.* The team is meeting about every three weeks. Please contact anyone on the team with questions or ideas.

Team Members

Lonie Sanders 740.610.6166
Diane Williams 740.623.8959
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

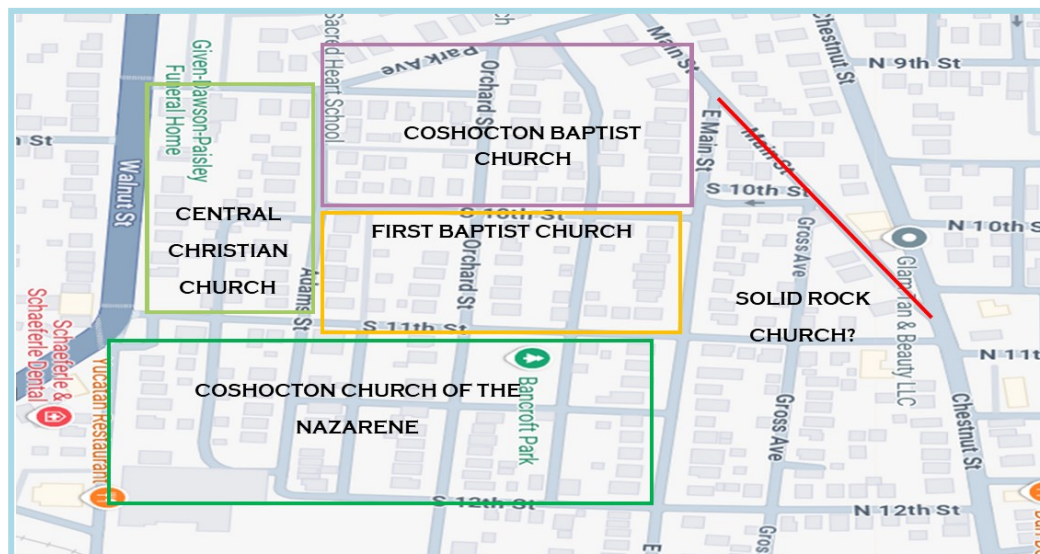
Prayer on the Porch

Each summer for the past few years Prayer on the Porch has given us the opportunity to meet for a snack, provide a time to get reacquainted, share God's Word, and pray for one another. Prayer on the Porch is relaxed, informal, and open for anyone to attend. We are meeting on the following dates: **Aug. 14** (Rosie Adkins), **Aug. 28** (Place?), **Sept. 11** (Place?), and **Sept. 25** (Place?).

As you can see, we **need a few more people to be hosts.** The only requirements are that you have a place together, something to drink, and maybe a simple snack.

During the summer of 2025 Prayer on the Porch will be focused on the unsaved. You can pray aloud or you can pray silently. Praying where two or three are gathered is important. You can pray specific people to be saved. You can pray for the people of the entire County to be saved. What's important is that we are seeking the direct intervention of God for sinners to be saved.

If you are willing to host, contact the church and leave a message. If you are ready to pray, show up at any of the meetings.



CommUNITY Fest August 8 from 6-8 PM

There are many unsaved men, women, and children in Coshocton County.

CommUNITY Fest is just one step in reaching those Jesus loves.

Please consider helping with this ministry.

Mission of the Month

◀LifeWise Academy: A Release Time Ministry▶

LifeWise Academy teaches young students character building by experiencing kindness, sharing, respect, obedience, patience, and perseverance. This is accomplished through stories, classrooms participation, and volunteer exhibiting these same qualities as role models. The program is staffed entirely with volunteers who are background checks, trained for their specific positions and are trained to recognize and prevent child abuse.



At Riverview, we started with only one elementary school in 2019. This last year we had all Riverview grades K through 3rd grade which was over 200 students. This Fall we will have K through 6th grade which allow us to reach over 300 students. We are growing because of donations like yours.

The students are transported off campus with two mini buses supplied by a Warsaw church and a 24-passenger bus supplied by a Coshocton church. Because we are growing, we purchased a used bus from Riverview in May and it will be sandblasted, repainted and refurbished for use this Fall.

We need volunteers to help in this ministry. We need *bus drivers* with CDL licensure. We need *teachers* to help spread the GOOD WORD. We need *volunteer helpers to assist the students* in activities and *escorting students* to and from the off-campus site. We need *prayers* to endeavor that we are doing God's plan. "Go into all the world and preach," Mark 16:15.

Donations have allowed LifeWise Academy to purchase Bibles to teach from, fuel for transportation of our loaner busses, and utility costs associated with our classrooms. LifeWise needs financial support to help spread the GOOD WORD to all these young students. Please pray for us as we seek to do God's will.

Cash or checks can be mailed to: Lifewise Academy, PO Box 1257, Coshocton, OH 43812.

For **card payments** type *LifeWise.org* into your search engine, scroll to the bottom and click *Donate*. Select *Your local LifeWise* and then select *OH-Coshocton-Riverview Local*. Then donate as you would like.

With questions or concerns, contact Jeff Poland, Interim Director. 7140.502.9254 or jeffpoland@lifewise.org

Pregnancy Center of Coshocton

URGENT NEEDS - completely out:

- Diapers - Sz 4 & Sz 6
- Strollers (full size & umbrella)
- Baby gates
- Boys
 - Zip up hoodies (3mo, 6mo, 9mo, 18mo, 24mo)
 - Sleepers/pjs (9mo, 18mo, 24mo)
 - Tops (18mo)
 - Outfits (24mo)
- Girls
 - Sleepers (3mo, 9mo, 18mo, 24mo)
 - Jackets (18mo, 24mo)

RUNNING LOW ON:

- Diapers - Preemie, NB, Sz 7
- Wipes
- Boys 9mo, 12mo, 18mo, 24mo, 2T - all items
- Preemie boy & girl
- Diaper bags



Send checks to:

Pregnancy Center of Coshocton
PO Box 1074
Coshocton, OH 43812



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>Prepare your heart for Worship</i>
3 9:30 am Worship Sunday School	4	5 Bible Study at First Baptist 4-5 pm	6	7 Bible Study at Riverside 10:00 am	8 CommUNITY Fest Himebaugh Park 6-8 pm	9 <i>Prepare your heart for Worship</i>
10 9:30 am Worship Sunday School	11	12 Bible Study at First Baptist 4-5 pm	13	14 Bible Study at Riverside 10:00 am	15	16 <i>Prepare your heart for Worship</i>
17 9:30 am Worship Sunday School	18	19 Bible Study at First Baptist 4-5 pm	20	21 Bible Study at Riverside 10:00 am	22	23 <i>Prepare your heart for Worship</i>
24 9:30 am Worship Sunday School	25	26 Bible Study at First Baptist 4-5 pm	27	28 Bible Study at Riverside 10:00 am	29	30 <i>Prepare your heart for Worship</i>
31 9:30 am Worship Sunday School						

AUGUST 2025 MONTHLY MISSION

++LIFEWISE: A RELEASE TIME MINISTRY++

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!

THURSDAY 10 am Bible Study—Riverside

Phone 740-622-0300

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The F.B.C.

MESSENGER



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

John 3:3



Faithful Servants' Schedule

AUGUST 2025	3	10	17	24	31
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Conner Roahrig	Lloyd Owens	Randy Roahrig	Rick Bailey	_____
CHURCH MUSICIAN	Angie Lentz	Angie Lentz	Angie Lentz	Angie Lentz	Angie Lentz
SONG LEADER	Norma Owens	Norma Owens	Norma Owens	Norma Owens	Norma Owens
	LORD'S SUPPER				

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