

The Pastor Said:



Bible Believing
Disciples of Jesus
Committed to Making
More Disciples

How is your spirit doing? How is your soul?

We all go through times of spiritual drought. Those moments that might drag on for a period of time when we feel spiritually thirsty. We are in need of spiritual renewal.

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? Psalm 42:1–2 (ESV)

These verses speak volumes of the emptiness that sometimes comes into our lives. I've been in the moments when busyness kept me from appearing before God. Then there were the times when being overwhelmed kept me from appearing before God. But, there can also be those times when we were complacent, apathetic, or even bored and we don't appear before God.

I'm going to say something shocking: it's not God's fault, but it's your fault. Ouch! I'm taking you on a guilt trip, right? You know I'm right, because God hasn't gone anywhere. He is still with you. God hasn't changed. His character is always the same.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation. Psalm 42:5 (ESV)

What is the answer for how to come before God? It is placing your hope in the Lord of all life, the Savior of the world, the King of kings. Hope is having faith that Jesus is God, your salvation. That means that no one, no thing, nothing in heaven above or earth below is greater than the Lord Almighty. It's amazing how quickly we forget this.

What is the answer for how to come before God? It is praising God. Even if you look at your crummy circumstances and terrible situation praise God. He is still God. He is still on the throne. He still has a plan for you. Give thanks you have been saved from the punishment of your sin, redeemed from the power of sin, and delivered to a new life in Jesus Christ.

What is the answer for how to come before God? Digging into scripture with other believers makes you aware of God's mercy, grace, love, and power. This is the working of God's Spirit in His church. We claim to be Children of God, brothers and sisters in Christ. The church, the body of Christ, is to be together ministering to one another, and a witness to believers and sinners alike.

This brings me to Wednesday June 3 at noon. A lunch time Bible Study at Huck's Tavern in Roscoe. I hope you're getting over the shock of having a Bible Study at a tavern. I think of Jesus gathering with the tax collectors and sinners for dinner. This is an opportunity for us to be witness to the others who gather there. I'll get there early and save a table for us. If you don't want to eat, I won't force you. As we gather we'll begin sharing about our day, and while we wait for our food, I'll share from God's Word about how we can cope with a specific issue in our lives. We will be finished in time for those who are working to return to their jobs by 1 pm. Mark your calendar and invite a friend.

Time off is important for everyone. The summer months are the vacation months. It's important to vacate our regular routine for a short period of time. Vacations provide an opportunity for the "Four R's" Release, Reset, Reconnect, and Renewal. I will be talking more about the Four R's on Sunday mornings in June.

Pastor Joe

**THE MONTHLY MISSION
EMPHASIS FOR 2026**

- 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 - Pregnancy Center of Coshocton**
- Jul - (To Be Determined)
- 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 (sizes 4, 5, 7 needed) for the Pregnancy Center
are received each week.**



Sunday Morning Messages

JUNE 7

Vacation from Life but not Jesus: RELEASE
1 Peter 5:7

JUNE 14

Vacation from Life but not Jesus: REST
Matthew 11:28-30

JUNE 21

Vacation from Life but not Jesus: RECONNECT
Psalm 31:1-5

JUNE 28

Vacation from Life but not Jesus: RENEWAL
Psalm 34:1-9

PREGNANCY CENTER OF COSHOCTON

Beginning on Mother's Day and running through Father's Day, the Pregnancy Center is conducting its **Baby Bottle Coin Project**.

You will be given a baby bottle in which you can toss your unused coins each day. At the end of the project you will be asked to count the coins in your bottle and indicate the amount in a note inside the bottle.

PCC will use the money collected to fund their many faith-based services for young mothers in need.

Thank you in advance for your generosity for this project.



Dear First Baptist Church & Congregation:

We had April showers which brought May flowers that are beautifying everything around us. The school year is over and most kids are happy about that. The Food Pantry is doing well and we are glad for that. We thank you for your giving and prayers for us.

	<u>Total</u>
Households Served	190
Clients 0-17 years old	54
Clients 18-59 years old	130
Clients 60 and older	181
Total Number of Clients	365

God Bless You Always,

Mark & Doris Granger
New Life Ministries
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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Zaelyn Carroll
- 8 Kim Sycks



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Terry & Betty Barrick
- 24 Rick & Debra Bailey



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Mission of the Month
++Pregnancy Center of Coshocton++



PCC is expanding their hours to give clients the attention they deserve! Beginning June 2, the new hours will be: First/Third Tuesdays 1-7pm; Every Friday 10am-1pm. With growth come growing pains! They need: Volunteers to support everyone who comes through the doors. Board members to provide general policy oversight and support of the center as a whole as well as enabling PCC to be qualified to offer limited obstetrical ultrasounds. Be a vital part of PCC at its foundation! Contact directorfpcc@gmail.com or chairfpcc@gmail.com for more information on joining the Board of Directors.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 1 in 4 children live without a father in the home. Many young men simply wander in the dark because they have never seen a healthy model of a dad. Young men cannot mirror what they have never witnessed. To break this cycle, *PCC wants to pair new dads with Christian mentors who can show them the way.* They have an incredible need to fulfill their mission to welcome children into families that thrive by providing emotional, spiritual, and practical support through a targeted curriculum covering parenting basics, financial literacy, and relationship guidance for both parents. But they cannot build it alone. What they need right now are the **men willing to step into the light and lead.** You don't need to be a perfect parent or a theological scholar to do this work. You just need to be present, available, and willing to share your life experiences. If you can grab a cup of coffee with a young dad and show him what it looks like to be an involved, supportive partner, you are qualified. More men are coming to PCC wanting guidance to support their partner and be a good Dad. Fred is their only male Advocate. They'd love to have you join him so they can serve dads anytime one comes in. Call Becky at 740-622-3808 ext. 4 for more info. *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* Matt. 5:16



SUMMER CONCERTS

As we seek to get out the name of our church and the Good News of Jesus Christ, we will be at the Summer Concerts on Main Street. Our Town Coshocton, the event organizers have granted us permission to set up a booth and give away information about the church and about Jesus. This is exciting! The concerts are a big event in our community and we may only need to be present for a few hours. We can say hello to people as they come to the concert, we can offer them material about Jesus. Pastor Joe is working on a QR Code that people can click on for information.

The concerts are on Saturdays June 20, July 18, August 15. From about 6 to 7:30 pm we'll have a booth set up as the concert goers make their way to Main Street. Our location has not yet been determined. Our booth will include material about Jesus and the church, along with Christian music playing. Although, we can't give away and food or drink items (food vendors will be selling items) we can give away something for people to keep and remember our church. Let's start thinking about ideas.

On Sunday, September 13 there is also a concert and our booth will be set up from 1-3:30 pm. **For each of the concerts we need at least 4 people.** This gives us plenty of opportunities to talk with concert goers.

Can you see it now? Christians talking with people about Jesus at an outdoor concert. Sign up for these events will start soon. Let's proclaim Jesus to our community!



Not a Concert, But People Celebrating Jesus

The Great Parking Lot and Fence Project

As we think about the curb appeal of the church property you may have noticed a difference along the Chestnut Street. The chain link fencing has been taken down. A small amount of money was redeemed at the scrap yard. Those funds were placed in the Benevolence Fund under the direction of the Church Council. No longer is there a rusty looking fence at the front of the building. Many of us have grown so used to seeing it that we didn't notice how distracting it was to the rest of the church property.



Once the chain link fence came down, there was the work of digging up the posts. When the fence was installed originally these posts were intended to last through anything. They were buried over two feet in the ground anchored with concrete. That means a significant digging was required to remove them from the ground. One week at a time, one post at a time, the concrete embedded posts were removed. An individual has volunteered to haul these posts away.

Even though they wouldn't want to be recognized, *a big thank goes to Randy and Lloyd.*

Now, for the parking lot. The fence along the alley behind the church is actually in worse condition and an even bigger eyesore than the front fence. It is longer with more broken and rust covered sections. It has been hard to keep the weeds around under control.



In terms of safety something has to separate the church parking lot from the city alley. The fence served this purpose, but soon railroad cross ties will serve this purpose. We can't have cars indiscriminately driving from the alley to Chestnut Street or the other way through the church parking lot. This would contribute to the destruction of the asphalt. More importantly, controlling traffic in the parking lot will keep people safe.


This process requires several steps. To keep the railroad curbs in place rebar will be used. The first step is to acquire the rebar. We are hoping to get in pre-cut lengths. This may cost more, but will save time. Second, we need to purchase and pick up the railroad ties. Rural King is presently our best option. We will need twenty railroad ties. So, several pickup trucks and workers will be needed to load and unload the ties. Third, is the installation of the railroad ties. Now, the work gets serious. The rebar needs to be driven through the tie and into the ground through the asphalt. Think about swinging a sledgehammer; think about strong healthy bodies; think about many people. Finally, is the removal of the chain link fence and the posts. There is a natural gas line near the fence, so instead of digging out these posts they will be cut off just below ground level. There is an individual who has expressed interest in the fence and the posts.

When this project is finished the curb appeal of the church from the alley will improve significantly.

On **June 15 starting at 8am** this project will begin. It would be stupendous to finish it that day. However, the goal is to have it finished that week. Your help is needed. If you can supply any of the labor or equipment needed talk with Randy or Pastor Joe. You might have a strong family member, send them on that day. What's the possibility that you could provide refreshments and snacks for the workers. Thank you for your help!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Bible Study at First Baptist 4-5 pm	3 Bible Study at Tucks's Noon	4 Bible Study at Riverside 10:00 am	5	6 Prepare your heart for Worship
7 The Lord's Supper 9:30 am Worship Sunday School	8	9 Bible Study at First Baptist 4-5 pm	10 Bible Study at Tucks's Noon	11 Bible Study at Riverside 10:00 am	12	13 Prepare your heart for Worship
14 9:30 am Worship Sunday School	15 8 am Work Day 	16 Bible Study at First Baptist 4-5 pm	17 Bible Study at Tucks's Noon	18 Bible Study at Riverside 10:00 am	19	20 Prepare your heart for Worship
21 9:30 am Worship Sunday School FATHER'S DAY	22	23 Bible Study at First Baptist 4-5 pm	24 Bible Study at Tucks's Noon	25 Bible Study at Riverside 10:00 am	26	27 Prepare your heart for Worship
28 9:30 am Worship Sunday School	29	30 Bible Study at First Baptist 4-5 pm				

JUNE 2026 MONTHLY MISSION
++ Pregnancy Center of Coshocton++

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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 Apts.



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**The F.B.C.
MESSENGER**



*Jesus said,
"You must be
Born Again"
John 3:3*



Faithful Servants' Schedule

JUNE 2026	7	14	21	28
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Kelly Fender	Norma Owens	Christine Sycks	Jim Woodrum
CHURCH MUSICIAN	Angie Lentz	Angie Lentz	Angie Lentz	Angie Lentz
SONG LEADERS	Norma Owens	Norma Owens, Kelly Fender	Norma Owens, Kelly Fender	Norma Owens, Kelly Fender
	LORD'S SUPPER			

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