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Our purpose is to bring people to Jesus Christ as we love, learn and live the word of God.

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FBC Food Collection:

May—Cold Cereal

June—100% Juice Boxes or Large Juice

July—Baked Beans

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Lucy and Dan Are Baptized

We had the privilege to witness the Baptism of Lucy Bolas and Dan Novick on May 22.

Lucy and Dan affirmed their belief that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior. With

their baptism they became official members of FBEA. A reception to welcome and congratulate them followed.



The Pie Sale Returns

We will join the East Aurora Christian Church at Hamlin Park for the annual Independence Day Pie Sale! This great fund raising event is July 3- 6 Pm 'til sold out. We need pie bakers, 20 pies worth, volunteers to cut pies at the park from 3-6 PM , and then volunteers to serve pies and help with clean up from 6-9 PM. If you are not a baker, why not ask friends and family to donate a home-made pie?

There will be sign-up sheets for pies and volunteers to fill the time slots. We will not be selling bottled water or soda this year in an effort to be more “green” and use less plastic. Not only does this raise money for the church, but it is also a chance to interact in the community. It’s fun too.

Who doesn’t love pie?



Returning to Normal One Step at a Time

We as a church and as a society are never quite sure when it is wise to ease our Covid necessitated restrictions. Many of us have removed masks. We are serving communion. And we have had several receptions with cake and other goodies. Soon we will be able to greet one another during worship again. Soon we can have regular fellowship time after worship. Perhaps we can host community dinners soon.

One thing we are going ahead with is the annual June Picnic. The date has yet to be decided upon, but think hot dogs, salad, watermelon, and dessert!

Beautiful Blooms

The serviceberry tree near the main church entrance bloomed beautifully this May with a profusion of white flowers. The tree was donated by Shirley Guhl in memory of her husband, Jim. It was planted to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the church and hence is called the “Bicentennial Tree”.



A Godly Father is...

- F**aithful to God and family
- A**ble to know God’s will in good times and bad
- T**hankful for the joys and trials of life
- H**appy, no matter what life brings
- E**nthusiastic about a life lived with purpose
- R**ighteous, rock solid in heart and soul

We praise God for our father’s on Father’s Day and always.



Sunday takeaways

5/1/2022

Revelation 3:15-16

Relationships can be difficult to maintain and grow. We know that is true of human relationships, and it is also true of the relationship we have with God.

We looked at the book of the Revelation, and were reminded that we need to keep in touch with God through prayer, Bible study, practicing good works, and being kind in all situations.

5/8/2022

Ruth 1:1-5

On Mother’s Day we looked at what it means to be a mother from the perspective of the book of Ruth. Though Naomi was not Ruth’s biological mother, Naomi ‘adopted’ Ruth as her own daughter. God blessed the relationship, and provided a redeemer for the two women. We are reminded that God also provided a redeemer for all of us in the person of Jesus Christ.

5/15/2022

Romans 12:18-21

The topic was how to live in peace in a time when peace seems so hard to find. We are instructed to keep our relationships with those in our church family, as well as with those outside of our church family, warm and loving, *as much as it depends on us. That means that we are to maintain our Christian values without alienating others, if it’s possible to do.*

5/22/2022

Matthew 28:19-20

We were blessed to have two baptisms, on the 22nd, and so the topic was baptism. Baptism, of course, is the second of two sacraments that we as Baptist celebrate (the other being The Lord’s Supper). While not required for salvation, baptism is a sign of obedience to God.

Pastor's Thoughts

It is always my desire to make the message from the Pastor uplifting and an encouragement. As I'm sitting at my computer, reducing thoughts to writing, we as a nation are still reeling from two horrific, senseless, violent attacks that claimed a total of 29 lives (that total may increase as there are still victims in the hospital).

I mention on a weekly basis during the Pastoral Prayer that we are living in a fallen world. When we experience events of violence, even vicariously as we did with Uvalde and Buffalo, well, maybe "living in a fallen world" doesn't adequately describe where we are. Maybe we need a stronger description.

Evil. There is evil in the world. And while, on some level having evil in the world and living in a fallen world are synonymous, the two phrases have different connotations. "Living in a fallen world" has a softness to it; yes, we get unnecessarily angry in traffic, but we do live in a fallen world... We can excuse some things because of our fallen condition.

But evil is much more definite. We don't excuse evil. But, problematically, we, as a culture, are not very good at calling evil, "evil".

"The shooter was recruited by white supremacists", I've read. Or, "The shooter was bullied and marginalized by his peers". "Why does anyone need an assault rifle anyway?" people ask. "Can't we do something about gun control?" others ask. Or, much more forcefully, "It's time to quit talking and DO something", others have been quoted as saying. "The problem is violent video games..." "The problem is the ready availability of guns..." "The problem is that people love guns more than the lives of our children..."

According to some "experts", there have been 22 mass shootings in 2022. According to other "experts", there have been four. The difference in the numbers comes from the definition of a mass shooting. If the people put in place to address issues in our society can't agree on the definition of a problem, can we expect good results identifying the problem? If they can't effectively identify the problem, they can't possibly address the solution.

By the way, we all have opinions, some very strong, regarding the causes and solutions to violence, as well as other issues facing our country (racism, abortion, immigration, inflation, elections, others). As certain as we are that we are correct, please keep in mind that, from the secular perspective, these problems

are quite complex, and the solutions quite difficult. When discussing/debating/arguing about gun control, video game control, child control, border control, solutions to racism, etc. please remember first and foremost that we represent Christ. To my knowledge a mind has never been changed because it was beaten down in an argument (this is especially true of the internet 'discussions').

As a nation, the United States of America has enjoyed the blessings of God for the entirety of its history. That isn't to say that we are, or were, a "Christian" nation; rather that our national outlook was formed and informed by an understanding of who God is, and our national foundation modeled after biblical principles. And even though God deals with individuals rather than nations, since the coming of Christ, I believe that the long term answers to our national problems can be found in Scripture:

14 if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

As we consider giving aid or increasing our prayer support for those affected by recent events, let us also remember that the peace that we seek must begin with us.

RTS is looking for Volunteers and Riders

Rural Transit Service, a not-for-profit transportation service, is looking for volunteers to service seniors, disabled, and low income residents in rural southern Erie County. Volunteer drivers need no special license to drive the RTS van and transport clients to medical appointments, grocery stores, senior centers and more! Dispatchers answer a one-line phone while scheduling appointments RTS is open Mon-Fri, dispatch hours are 9Am-1 Pm and van hours are 8Am-4Pm. Volunteers can choose a 4 hour shift, one day a week, or join as seasonal or back-up help. Eligible residents in southern Erie County can register for free transportation.

Call 716-472-6065 to volunteer or register for service.

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Please Pray for...

Steve*

Joan Reif

Vigo Meyer*

Tom Heineman*

Sue*

Jim Swiatowy

Elaine Rickettson

Carol wirth

Joel&Brenda Nickerson

John Kenny*

Rebecca Reimer*

Rob Able*

Nate Fox*

Tim Lowrey

Darleen Murphy*

Mark McFadyen

Tyler rinker

Dee*

Odyn Hankey*

Kathryn Smith*

Zach*

Marleen Hansen*

Scott Rickettson*

Jerry*

Dave B*

Carol Hasselback

Phyllis Gardner

Angela Docenko

Eileen Thompson

Sue B

Karen K

Brett Begley

Greg Docenko*

Robert

Brenda George.

*Indicates Illness

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June

7—John Hausauer

7—Dan Novick

12—Rev. Jim Morrison

19—Janet Morrison

24—Bill Kress

25—Dillon Collins