

hello,



*it's been a while since
i've seen you last*

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*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed,
for I am your God.*

I will strengthen you and help you;

I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

(Isaiah 41:10)

Biblically, the world has been living in the end times for two thousand years. From mankind's fall to the birth of Christ (some 4000 years) the world was experiencing God progressively revealing Himself. Hebrews 1:1 states this clearly:

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets...

Now watch how the second verse reads:

...but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son...

What do the words "last days" mean? Simply this. The coming of Jesus was the grand finale of God revealing Himself to us.

No prophet revealed God more fully than Jesus, who was the embodiment of God's nature. Both Jesus' words and actions were a perfect representation of God. When Jesus spoke of the end time signs, He never said, "Don't worry, this will not happen for 2000 years".

Every believing generation from the Resurrection until today has had reasons to think the end must be soon. The blood shed by Genghis Khan must have caused many to think the end had come.

Through this time God said, "**Fear not.**"

But one hundred years later, Genghis Khan's understudy, Tamerlane, tried to outshine his merciless mentor. Again, it must have appeared like the end.

Believers in that era also heard God saying, "**Fear not.**"

Then, WWI ruthlessly took 20 million dead and 21 million wounded. Many understandably thought this was the end of the world.

God's Word continued to declare, "**Fear not.**"

Instead, WWII became more deadly. One megalomaniac produced 75 million human casualties including military and civilians. This was 3% of the world's population at the time. It surely looked like the right time for the Lord to come and end the slaughter.

Steadfastly, God continued saying, "**Fear not.**"

One smart thinker wrote, "In the dark, in the middle of the night, it gets very clear: He who is driven by fears, delays the comfort of God."

We know that the end is coming. A global storm is visibly forming on the horizon. The serpent of hell is striking out from under every rock. Fangs flash from every angle: dangerous wars, deadly diseases, pestilence—even the earth is trembling more than ever. Amid it all, ineptness in leadership has placed the world in a dangerous position.

Still, the Divine words resound, "**Fear not.**"

This is not false comfort. This is God assuring us that at just the right time He will send His Son to judge the world and establish His kingdom of peace. And because you endured the dark night by faith, you will stand in the radiance of His Son's reign. That day is coming with greater surety than the rising of tomorrow's sun.

So, ***Fear not!***

Blessings,

Pastor Peirce

“Room At The Table”

“Room At The Table” fellowship dinner will be on Friday, June 17, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. Thank you to all those who have volunteered in the past and to all those who are so willing to give of their time to help. Everyone is welcome!



Radio Ministry

First Baptist Church’s worship service is on WANB Radio each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. The cost of the weekly broadcast of the service is \$50. If you would like to sponsor the broadcasts either in total or in part, please contact the Church office, 724-627-6444, office@fbcwaynesburg.org, or place in the offering plate with the notation for Radio Ministry. Thank you!

Scripture Reader

5 Wade Cowell
12 Rachel Fox
19 Gene Falvo
26 Linda Rush

Men’s Retreat

July 29-31, 2022

Registration forms for the ABCOPAD Men’s Retreat are on the Narthex Counter.

Early registration Before July 15 is \$125 for a shared room and \$150 After July 15.

Single room is \$150 before July 15 and 175 after July 15.

Cost for youth - \$75

Please make checks out to First Baptist Church as we are planning to Send just one check.

Young Adult

Cup of Grace Coffeehouse

On break for the summer! Join us in the fall: anyone is invited to attend Wednesday Night Coffee House from 7-10pm when the University is in session. Find us in the Fellowship Hall for free coffee, fun, and fellowship.

For the most current information, find us at

Fbcwaynesburg.org

Follow us on instagram

[@cupofgracecoffeehouse](https://www.instagram.com/cupofgracecoffeehouse)

Youth

Illuminate

On break for the summer!!! During the school year, anyone in 6th-12th grade is invited to attend Illuminate-our youth program! We meet every Sunday evening from 6pm to 8pm. You can find us downstairs in The Well. Bring your friends and join us as we play games, get to know each other, and learn what it means to be a follower of Christ together!

We'll resume September 11th!

Youth Praise Team

Anyone 6th-12th grade is invited to participate in their own praise and worship team! We are looking for singers and instrumentalists. This team will meet every Sunday at 5pm and provide the music for worship anytime there is a 5th Sunday.

Youth Sunday School

Anyone 6th-12th grade will meet Sunday mornings at 9am in the prayer room (beside the first-floor bathrooms) for Sunday School!

For the most current information, find us at

fbcwaynesburg.org/youth

Follow us on Instagram

[@illuminate](https://www.instagram.com/illuminate)

Blessings,

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**“The Way”
Donation Coin Box**

Let us join together in collecting our spare change to help build “The Way.” The boxes will be available to take home and runs through Sunday, July 31.

Congratulations Graduates!

We will be celebration those in our church family who are graduating from 8th grade, 12th grade, college and graduate school! Graduation Sunday is Sunday, June 5. Please include a picture of your graduate or email a picture to office@fbcwaynesburg.org.

Name _____

Graduating from (grade or institution):

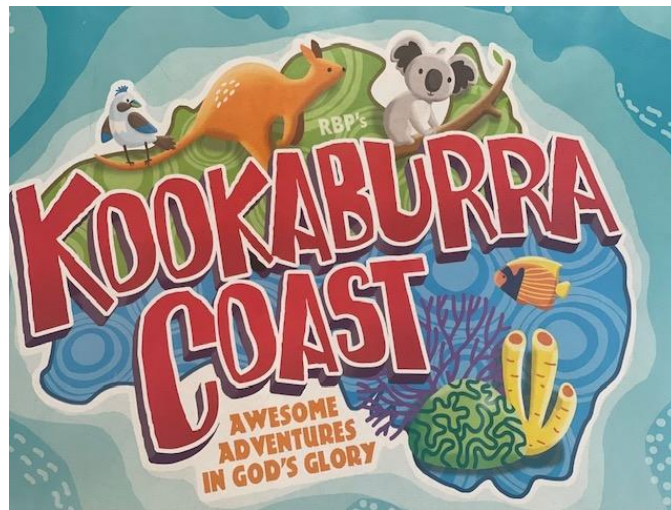
Next Steps: _____



Share your gift of music with your Church family. If you are interested in providing music during worship, please see Mandi Restanio or call the Church Office, 724-627-6444. If you need practice time, please contact the Church Office.

Annual Summer Meeting

The annual Summer Business Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 26, 2022, following worship service. Please make every effort to attend.



VBS
JUNE 20 – JUNE 24

Like sunrays in water, God’s glory shines through our Bible adventures with Moses. Encounter the glorious “I Am” at a burning bush while Moses learns he can trust the eternal God. Go before Pharaoh with Moses and Aaron. Watch plague after plague hit Egypt until Pharaoh finally lets God’s people go free. And when Israel is trapped between the sea and the Pharaoh’s army, witness God’s glorious power separate the water so the people can walk across on dry ground. Stand in awe as God’s glory covers Mount Sinai and God gives His Word to Israel. And, finally, see how God’s glory shines brightest through Jesus Christ! Understanding God’s glory can change our life adventures and make them count for eternity.





June

- 1 David Walker
- 3 George Tustin
- 6 Walter Killingsworth
Claire Lash
- 9 Ron Fox
- 12 Erin Gump
Karla Collins
Craig Younken
- 13 Loreen Dukate
- 14 Christa Devore
- 19 Belita Rock
- 21 Clark Grimes
- 30 Bob Herman

July

- 1 Pete Rameas
- 2 Paula Herman
- 4 Sarah Brandstetter
- 7 Melinda Ashby
Sharmon Barnes
- 8 Daniel Greco
- 12 Erin Hall
- 14 Josh McNay
- 16 Anna Gump
Tim Hawfield
- 17 Jennifer Gregorich

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Rolling Meadows: Geraldine Calvert,
June Chapman

Evergreen Assisted Living: Marilee
Martin, Loralyn Walker