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*Faith In
Action
Sunday
June 3*



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Kregg's Korner

Vintage

noun vin·tāge \ 'vin-tij \



In the study of religion, **orthopraxy** is correct conduct, both ethical and behavior. The word is a neo-classical compound—ὀρθοπραξία (orthorexia) meaning 'correct practice'. It is a compound Greek word. The first word in the compound is *ortho*, which is quite familiar to most of us today. It means "right, correct, or straight." An orthodontist is a dentist who can "straighten" or correct teeth. An orthopedist is a doctor who works with deformities or misalignments of the skeletal system, often the spine, with the hope of being able to correct them. *Praxis*, the second word of the compound, sounds similar to the English equivalent—*practice*. Orthopraxy or orthopraxis is simply "correct practice" or "correct behavior."

Orthopraxy is often seen in distinction from orthodoxy, which is "correct teaching" or "correct doctrine." If someone is orthodox, it means that he or she believes correctly. Orthodoxy and orthopraxy are often seen to be on opposite ends of a spectrum. Some forms of Christianity seem to place more emphasis on correct doctrine. Other forms of Christianity seem to care little for doctrine but place heavy emphasis on proper deeds. Orthopraxis can also refer to the correct *performance* of required rituals, which is important in some expressions of Christianity as well as in other religions. In many religions, it matters little what one believes as long as the correct works and rituals are performed.

Evangelical Protestantism has largely placed a greater emphasis on orthodoxy—holding to the correct doctrine. This greater emphasis is largely a remnant of the rationalism found in the birth of the Reformation. Some have caricature the evangelical position as teaching that, as long as you believe the right things, it doesn't matter what you do. That is not a genuine evangelical position, and neither is it a biblical understanding of the relationship between orthodoxy and orthopraxy as being in opposition to each other.

In reality, they should be in harmony. The book of

- 1: a season's yield of grapes or wine from a vineyard
(2): wine; *especially*: a usually superior wine all or most of which comes from a single year
- b: a collection of contemporaneous and similar persons or things
- 2: the act or time of harvesting grapes or making wine
- 3: a: a period of origin or manufacture; length of existence : age

1 Peter is one of the early letters of the church being received as a manuscript recording the voice of St. Peter. In his opening chapter, he speaks of a genuine faith of greater value than gold. (1:7) He combines the need for a self disciplined mind, (1:13) with that of a yielded life of love, (1:22) and service to others in the Lord (2:1-2).

The early church's powerful growth was made possible by both a message of orthodoxy regarding the teaching of Jesus Christ as, well as orthopraxy by serving others by Christ example. In this, our "vintage" faith—(see the third definition, *a period of origin*) correctly provides a model for a vibrant, growing, personal experience as a follower of Christ. It was the union of belief and behavior which gave the early Christian community the ability to go from a small band of followers in Judah into a major world religion.

Vintage faith gets us back to the original faith. It is authentic, genuine and effective. It is a faith without prejudice, pretense, egotism, arrogance, or apathy.

Wearing our vintage faith allows for the knowledge of Christ to become a visible presence of Christ before others "In gentleness, and respect with a clear conscience." (3:15).

Jesus struggled with the legalism of the Pharisees who had atomized the Law into 613 rules and bolstered these with 1,521 emendations epitomizing the barriers placed by cold orthodoxy and rigid orthopraxy. Jesus not only taught of the kingdom of God, He lived it. He didn't just provide platitudes on a sacrificial life, He sacrificially died on the cross.

On Sunday, June 3 we will gather together as part of our Faith in Action Sunday. We shall celebrate communion together and go forth into our world as servants of Christ. In this we put our orthodoxy to the test and as it states in

I Peter 2:12 "they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us." Be sure to be dressed to work and be sure to wear your "vintage faith."

Spiritual Spring Cleaning

by Mary Jo Odum-Dull



"And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice--the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." (Romans 12:1-2)

Spring-cleaning means to clean your house, very well, including parts you do not often clean. We do not want you to neglect self, our desire is for you to examine everything, especially the spiritual

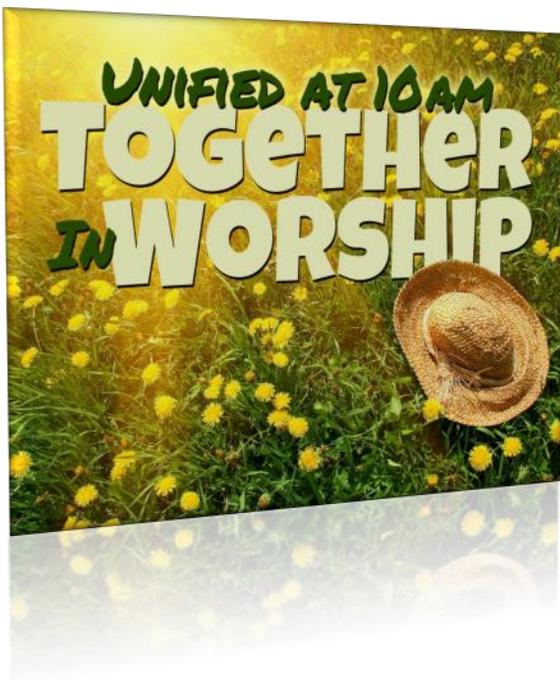
areas. We call it spiritual spring cleaning.

During the month of May, we will introduce our first spiritual spring cleaning booklet. Self-assessment allows one to examine strengths and weaknesses. The Bible recommends that as Christians, we perform self-assessments as noted in 2 Corinthians 13:5, *Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?*

Adhering to self-assessment involves understanding how to overcome potential barriers that could hinder personal and spiritual growth. Spiritual belief is foundational aligning all of our core values. This is important because, when challenges appear, a Christian's response will revert to spiritual values. Self-assessment forces accountability for one's actions and behavior therefore, one's belief system can strive toward becoming more Christ-Centered and Christ-Focused. Being Christ-centered, from a Christian perspective, should be uncomplicated because it is the basis for all relationships.

It is impossible to completely avoid the formation of possible bias at some point in time throughout an individual's life. This is another reason self-assessment is critical. As Christians God's Word should govern behavior. This is one of the primary reasons the Spiritual Spring Cleaning booklet was created.

Unified Worship Service: May 20



Please Note: There will be a Town Hall Meeting Sunday, May 20, following our Unified Together in Worship Service at 10 am.

This is a quarterly scheduled meeting to provide updates and information for all members and friends of the church. We will be providing financial updates, information on our summer worship schedule, Christian Education events and information concerning the interim time period regarding the position of a music director formerly held by Dr. Robert Schneider.

FAITH IN ACTION Sunday, June 3

Work Projects ~ 9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Celebration Luncheon ~ 1:00 PM—2:00 PM

CHURCH IS CANCELLED—SERVICE BEGINS!

This is the 11th year that First Baptist Church has left the building for a day of service. We will all gather outside the Portico entrance at 9:00 a.m. to have a brief Communion Service led by Pastor Kregg. Then off we go to serve. Look for sign up sheets in Swasey Tower beginning May 15th. Below you will find descriptions of all the projects.

A wide range of projects will take place so there will be opportunities for service for every age, physical ability, talent and interest. Some of the projects will be done at FBC and others will be out in our community.

A NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD DRIVE:

In advance, Boy Scouts will deliver fliers and grocery bags to homes near FBC. On Faith In Action Sunday participants will spread out over our neighborhood, pulling wagons and pushing strollers as they pick up the filled bags from front porches. This project is perfect for families with children.

SINGING FAVORITE HYMNS IN NURSING CARE AT JUDSON PARK:

Great voices are not required, just people who enjoy singing the old familiar hymns and bringing a smile to the faces of the Judson residents.

RUST BELT COMMUNITY GARDEN:

Let's help Cleveland grow as we assist in fighting the "food desert" in areas in need of fresh produce.

FAMILY PROMISE:

Come Join families living at nearby family promise in a morning of fun crafts, games and stories with children while parents have an opportunity to have their own "Ask the Doctor" discussion group.

PLANTING OUR FBC HUNGER GARDEN:

If you enjoy being outside and preparing soil for planting, this project is for you. A portion of the vegetables from each plot will be donated to the Heights Hunger Center.

WHITE CROSS BANDAGE:

Join the fun of ripping sheets, running sewing machines and rolling strips into bandages. Medical missionaries in the Congo report a constant need for these bandages.

ASSEMBLING CRAFTS ITEMS FOR KIDS IN RURAL NICARAGA:

Our summer FBC mission team will be taking these much needed items and deliver them to the rural area where they will be working.

SORTING DONATIONS FOR ST. JOSEPH CLOTHES BANK AND 2100 LAKESIDE MEN'S SHELTER:

The participants will sort and package for a delivery later in the week.

PREPARE A NO—COOK DESSERT FOR A CALVERY MEAL:

An easy sit-down task of putting together a dessert of trail mix for our next guests we serve at Calvary.

CHILDREN'S CENTER ART DISPLAY:

We look forward to seeing amazing art from the children in the center. Participants will assist in displaying art under the direction of their teacher.

EMERGENCY FOOD SNACK BAGS:

These bags will help serve the homeless. Participants will assemble zip lock bags filled with emergency non-perishable items.

LUNCH BUNCH:

If you enjoy being in the kitchen, then this project is for you. Help set up tables, fire up the grills and help cook a delicious lunch. We will also need your help with the clean-up.

HELP FOR OUR EIGHT MISSIONARIES IN PUERTO RICO:

Gifts of any amount will help keep these servants working in Puerto Rico. Checks to be made out to FBC, mark memo Puerto Rico.

Donations Needed In Advance to Make Our Day a Success

MEN'S SHELTER AT 2100 LAKESIDE:

Bicycles! For the first time we are asking for men's bicycles. They can be in any condition. Also bicycle parts, tools for repairing, bike locks, tire pumps, just about anything that would be useful in repairing a bike to make it useful. **For Men moving out:** Pots, pans, cooking utensils. **For use at the shelter:** Single bed sheets and towels, Books, recent magazines, devotional booklets, puzzle books and reading glasses from the dollar store. Washable Men's clothing: jeans, t-shirts, sweat shirts, jackets and rain gear, gym bags and backpacks as the men need to carry all their belongings with them during the day. **Personal Care Items:** trial size/ small (under 4 oz.) bottles of shampoo & lotion, tooth brush, toothpaste, comb, razor, deodorant.

ITEMS FOR RURAL NICARAGUA: craft items, crayons & pencils, paint sets, construction paper, glue and glitter, scissors, balloons & blow up balls, jump ropes & Frisbees.

JOSEPH HOUSE CLOTHING BANK: for recent refugees coming to Cleveland:

Shoes for children, women and men. All kinds, especially tennis shoes. New underwear and socks are also an ongoing need.

EMERGENCY FOOD SNACK BAGS: for clients coming to a mental health agency:

juice boxes, individual applesauce & fruit cups, packages of crackers, peanut butter or cheese crackers mini cans of ravioli/spaghetti/pasta, cans of Vienna sausages, granola or protein bars, cheese strings.

FAMILY PROMISE: The following items are needed for families as they make a fresh start in their own apartments. Soaps, cleaning supplies, foil, wax paper, lunch bags, toilet paper, sponges, new kitchen towels, personal hygiene products for teen girls and women.



Now is the Time to Memorialize a Loved One

in First Baptist Church's Memorial Garden.
It takes a couple of months to get a paver engraved.



In the lawn outside the FBC Sanctuary on the east side of the church property lies a beautifully designed and attractively appointed Memorial Garden. Many members and friends of the church do not know about this landscaped feature of the church because most people do not ever have a need to be in that area of the property.

The Memorial Garden was established many years ago as a place where families and friends of a deceased loved one could place an engraved brick, or "paver," with the deceased person's name as a way of remembering their life. The site includes a split walkway made of the rectangular bricks, a stone bench for individuals to sit quietly in remembrance, and a beautiful garden to enhance the contemplative experience.

If you have lost a loved one recently and would like to place a commemorative brick in the FBC Memorial Garden to honor their life, please see Mike Skerritt. Engraving takes a few weeks, so now would be the time to order so the brick would be ready for installment in the spring. The cost of each brick including installation is \$125. You do not have to be a member of the church to place a brick in the FBC Memorial Garden. Make that special someone extra special with an attractive, engraved memorial brick in the FBC Memorial Garden.



Using personalized, pre-printed offering envelopes is a sure way to keep track of your giving and it also makes it easier and faster to process your donations.

If you would like pre-printed offering envelopes mailed to your home, please contact Star in the office

at 216.932.7480

There is no cost to you!

New Life at Calvary

The guests who come to New Life at Calvary on the fourth Friday of each month are always grateful for our service of a hot meal. We serve anywhere between 35 to 65 guests each month. During the winter months our menu is chicken drumsticks, macaroni and cheese, green beans, corn, salad, dessert, and fruit. As soon as the weather warms up in the spring, our menu switches to beef hot dogs, pasta or potato salad, baked beans, corn, salad, dessert, and fruit.

There are many ways to participate, such as:

- ◆ Donating menu items:
- ◆ Working at Calvary, i.e., preparing the tables, heating and/or serving food, visiting guests at their tables
- ◆ During the meal, cleaning up
- ◆ Washing linens before the next service date
- ◆ Making phone calls to ask volunteers to help

Our next opportunity to serve will be Friday, May 25, from 4:00 to 6:30. All are welcome, including late comers, as it allows the early workers an opportunity to leave early if they need to do so. Need a ride?... just be at the church by 3pm and we can carpool from there.



Hero Headquarters age ranges from Infant to 5th grade.

Our Heroes Headquarters Theme for the month of May is: **Adventures in Honesty!**

WE WILL EXPLORE: THE CONNECTION BETWEEN HONESTY AND GOD'S CHARACTER,
AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY

God wants what is best for us. He has called us His children and given us great things. Because we know that God is good, WE CAN BE HONEST. Lying and cheating are a response to fear. They are what people do if they think no one else will take care of them. But when you trust in God, when you know His love, you have a different response. You can be truthful.

Learning Objectives:

- Students will define and learn about honesty
- Students will explore the Christ like character of honesty
- Students will explore how honesty is shown throughout the Bible

Bible Reading:

May 6—Naaman and Elisha's Servant, Gehazi -2 Kings 5- When you're not truthful, you lose trust.

May 13—David and Ahimelek- 1 Samuel 21-22 - When you're not truthful, you hurt others.

May 20—Haman's Plot Against the Jews -Esther 3-9 - When you lie to help yourself, you hurt yourself instead.

May 27—Confession/Being Honest with God -1 John 1:9 - Being truthful with God helps keep you close to Him.

May's Memory Verse – *Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.* Proverbs 10:9

Our monthly challenge encourages the following action items:

- * Practice Honesty
- * Smile Daily
- * Read your Bible

"Read the Bible. Work hard and honestly. And don't complain." – Billy Graham

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY!

Youth Page

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On Sunday, May 20 during our Together in Worship service (10:00 am), we will celebrate our 2018 graduating high school seniors and recognize our youth who are moving forward *i.e.* middle school and high school, and college graduates
Please send bios to Jae Williams as soon as possible...your info will be used on the bulletin board, our programs and on our electronic board.



Tune In
 SOMEONE NEEDS TO LISTEN

You are invited to a Community Awareness Forum and Luncheon.

Help prevent Suicide and Depression among our youth.

Our goal is to bring awareness and prevention information to Parents, Youth, Clergy, Community Leaders and Educators.

"TUNE IN - SOMEONE NEEDS TO LISTEN"
 is a call for action that will help save lives.

Sunday, May 20th
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland in Spahr Center

3630 Fairmont Blvd.
 Shaker Heights, Ohio, 44118

Please RSVP by May 15th - jwilliams@firstbaptistcleveland.org or call 216 932 7480 ext 24



On behalf of the entire youth department we extend a special thanks to Mrs. Dana Capers. Mrs. Capers has been our Discipleship lead teacher with the 5th & 6th graders. It has been a great honor to serve with Mrs. Capers, she thrives to encourage our young people to trust and know who Christ Jesus is.

To the entire Capers family, thank you for sharing Mrs. Dana Capers with the Youth Department.

LAND OF CLEVE REVIEW

The Happy Ending Lyric Players

Haunting 'Hunchback of Notre Dame'

Sends Spirits Soaring!

(inthelandofcleve.blogspot.com—Rich Stimac)

It's not often you get to see the Hunchback of Notre Dame searching for sanctuary in an actual sanctuary. Which is why you need to go see The Happy Ending Lyric Players' site-specific production of Victor Hugo's classic novel. Drop everything -- unless you are babysitting -- and go see this show in its final performance today at 2pm!

Speaking of dropped babies, that was almost the fate of young Quasimodo before his uncle -- the archdeacon Claude Frollo -- changed his mind and raised the physically deformed boy in the tower of his church. The timeless tale of this lonely bell-ringer in fifteenth-century Paris and his unlikely friendship with a mystical gypsy girl, Esmeralda, really tugs at the heartstrings and fills your soul with hope for humanity.



Steven Berg and Rachel Smith

Director Mason Stewart takes full advantage of the expansive location, staging each scene on and around the awe-inspiring altar at First Baptist Church. At the same time, he wisely keeps the focus on the intimate interactions between the compelling characters in Peter Parnell's script, allowing audiences to get swept up in the emotional impact of their conversations and confrontations. His collaboration with music director Andrew J. Novak and choreographer Kelly Davidson fills the stage with epic song and dance sequences.



Will Mortenson and Gargoyles

Every person in the ensemble gives a passionate performance. George Morgan gives a heartfelt portrayal in the title role, Will Mortensen is cautious and conflicted as his guardian Frollo, Stephen Berg makes a dashing hero as Phoebus, Will C. Crosby portrays the leader of the gypsies with mischievous intensity, and Rachel Smith is completely mesmerizing as the enchanting and empathetic Esmerelda.

The rest of the talented cast bring gypsies, townspeople, soldiers and even gargoyles to life with spirit and sensitivity. They include Dan Mizener, Danielle Eckert, Kat Pernicone, Nick Alder, Jimmy Kreuz, Helen Pernicone, Amber Perkins, Barbara Abrams, Harvey Bernstein, Rollin DeVere, Ross Fertel, Megan Jones Turner, Amanda Litherland, Michael Litherland, Sally Morris, Remi Collands, Kelly Davidson, Brandi Dobbs, Sara Fedor, Katie Hintze, and Jackie Welch. The vocal ambiance of the company is embellished by a sitting chorus, led by choral master Angela Zawada.



by Nurse Debbie

Nutrition ala Carte

As many of us know, the influence of our food on our bodies doesn't stop when it passes our taste buds. Just like our physical activity helping to maintain a healthy lifestyle, our bodies utilize nutrients from the foods that we enjoy to keep our body working at its peak functioning.

Along with regular physical activity, a diet with the proper nutrients and consistent amount of daily calories from eating and drinking, we can provide ourselves with a healthy lifestyle. The amount of calories that we require can be affected by our age, gender, presence of acute or chronic disease and our level of activity. The food that we consume is made up of macronutrients, which include proteins, carbohydrates and fats.

They provide calories for body fuel and energy; and also maintaining our good health. Our food also contains micronutrients as vitamins and minerals; and phytonutrients (plant based nutrients) to ensure proper body functions.

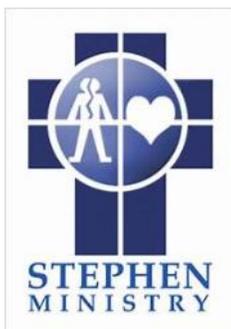
Macronutrients:

- ⇒ Protein (4 calories per gram) is found in meats, seafood and fish, eggs and legumes.
- ⇒ These are specifically needed for body growth, development, repair, and maintenance
- ⇒ Carbohydrates (4 calories per gram) provide energy and fuel for our body and are found in rice, potatoes and other starchy vegetables, grains dairy and sugar.
- ⇒ Fats (9 calories per gram) are found in dairy products, oils, nuts, coconuts, meat, poultry and fish. Fats supply structure for our body cells and cushion body membranes to help prevent injury.

Micronutrients:

- ⇒ Vitamins and minerals that are a part of our food help to ensure continued good health.
- ⇒ Vitamins promote energy production for wound healing, eye and skin health, immunity and bone formation.
- ⇒ Minerals help strengthen cardiovascular and skeletal system function.

With knowledge comes power! The knowledge of the symbiotic relationship between the functioning of our bodies and the dietary choices that we make every day provides the proper nutrition to keep us healthy and happy. We are in charge!



WHO: Stephen Ministers and person requesting care
WHAT: Pre-arranged destination decided upon both
WHEN: Weekly for one hour

Please remember this unique ministry is confidential, free and lasts as long as you want.

We're not here to fix you or judge you. We're here to simply be here with you during a different time of your life.

Times are hard and only getting tougher. But you are not alone. We are here to help remind you that *You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.* 1 John 4:4 NASB

Our Superstar Bob

We feel your presence all around us,
We believe you are near, We hope you can hear.

Far much has been said, much has been read.

We will never understand why God took from us
such a kind and gentleman.

But we do understand His words that says...
I know the plan I have for you. Jeremiah 29:11

His plan for you Bob, has to be beyond our imagination,
but much more powerful, more superior, more dedicated
and also more peaceful.

Bob thanks for leaving us your legacy to follow.

We will remember to be tender. And, when we sing out your
favorite songs, we will never get them wrong.

You will always be in our hearts to never, ever part.

Pleasant memories,
Submitted by FBC Choir member, Sylvia Workman

May Birthdays!

- 1st Samuel Park
- 3rd Martha Artzberger
- 3rd Phyllis Edberg
- 4th Mary Ann Short
- 5th Ryan Jenkins
- 5th Lorie'l Johnson
- 5th Marjorie Shim
- 6th Stephanie Fallcreek
- 7th Eddie Wills
- 11th Karen Gill
- 16th Frank Kidd
- 17th Audrey Schregardus
- 20th Suzanne Blum
- 22nd Mary Wills
- 23rd Connor Gordon
- 29th Michelle Gates
- 30th Judy Donley
- 31st David Stevens

Happy Birthday!



at First Baptist Church
7:30 pm Saturday, May 19

Scott MacPherson and the Cleveland Chamber Choir combine forces with BlueWater Chamber Orchestra in its first program of major choral works. The festive Ascension Oratorio contrasts with Corigliano's introspective cantata, set to a poem by Dylan Thomas. Respighi's Ancient Airs and Dances for orchestra unites the two vocal masterpieces.

Tickets available through the BlueWater Chamber Orchestra's website.
www.bluewaterorchestra.com and at the door

PROGRAM

Bach: Lobet Gott in seinen Reichen (Ascension Oratorio) BWV 11
Respighi: Ancient Airs and Dances, Suite No. 1
Corigliano: Fern Hill



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