

Life Together

We Come Prepared to Worship

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord, keep watch over the door of my lips.”
(Psalm 141:3 NRSV)

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”
Scripture – James 3:9-12
“How Great Is Our God”

[Please sign and pass the pew registration pad to those seated next to you. Prayer cards can be found in the pews. You may place these in the offering to share with the church staff.]

CALL TO WORSHIP L – Jerald Hatton P – People

L – We are the body of Christ! Look around you! See your sisters and brothers in Christ.

P – We are the body of Christ – living in His truth, sharing His peace, carrying His hope and embodying His love throughout the world that He loves so much.

L – Each of us is different – yet we are members of one another.

P – All of us need to experience Christian community and opportunities for spiritual formation. We need a safe, welcoming place to explore what we believe and who we want to be, as we grow in faith.

L – As the body of Christ, we have many gifts. Let us live together in the fullness of God’s love and grace!

P – We have answered the call to serve, as we discover our gifts and use them in our work, in our families, in this congregation and in service to others.

L – Sisters and brothers, as the body of Christ, we are called to love one another with genuine affection.

All – We promise to make our own relationship with God a priority. As the body of Christ, we promise to seek God’s will for this congregation, to pray for one another, and to develop the knowledge and skills we need for living as disciples in the world. Amen.

***HYMN** “How Blest Are the People” No. 706

***INVOCATION** Bob Langdon

ANTHEM “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” Chancel Choir
(Arr. David von Kampen) Solo – Breanne Vogelpohl

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

***HYMN** “We Are Called to Be God’s People” No. 710
{During the hymn, children age 4 – Grade 3 are dismissed to Children’s Worship}

UNISON OFFERING PRAYER Terri Ketterling

Even in suffering, we find you, Healing One. Even in despair, we know you walk with us. Your steadfast sustenance creates sacred spaces of hope even in times of trial. May we be alert for you calling. May we know your comfort as we take the risk of following; for you call us according to the gifts you have given. We praise your name today and always! Amen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “A Disciple’s Prayer” Glad Ringers
(Michael Glasgow)

MESSAGE “Holding One’s Tongue” Pastor Dan Cash
James 3:1-12

***HYMN** “Trust and Obey” No. 523
(Verses 1 & 3)

-During the hymn those who would like to profess their faith in Jesus Christ or transfer church membership to First Baptist are encouraged to come forward.
The Pastor will meet you at the front of the sanctuary.-

*UNISON BENEDICTION

We will go into the world as Jesus went, being a servant to all who are in need, and we will find and share the blessings of God Almighty. Amen.

RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

We Depart to Serve

*All who are able may stand

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Please remember to turn off your cell phone. All songs copied by permission CCLI # 167629  
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Today’s worship is being offered in a traditional/blended style.  
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The Body of Christ Prays For...

- Homebound Members; Military Personnel & Families
- Bonnie McKay, Sharon Semer

Happy Birthday: Marilyn Estell (4/10), Donna Moore (4/13),
Happy Anniversary: Don & Nancy Hughes (4/9/55); Ken & Jeanne Greenlee (4/14/62)

Emergency Responder – Sharon Fulkerson **Cookie Ministry** – Carolyn Baker
Pastoral Care Team for this week – Dortha Anderson & Mandy Reed

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST

TODAY, April 8

9:30 am – Worship
10:45 am – Sunday School
5:00 pm – Glad Ringers

MONDAY, April 9

1:00 pm – Jubilation Ringers
4:00 pm – Prayer Group (Prayer Room)

TUESDAY, April 10

9:00-11:30 am – BSF Leaders
10:00 am – Staff Meeting
12:00 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:30 pm – Council Prayer Gathering
7:00 pm – Church Council

WEDNESDAY, April 11

9:00 am – Four Seasons Mending
9:00-11:30 am – BSF
7:00 pm – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, April 12

9:00-1:30 pm – Home School Music

FRIDAY, April 13

6:15 am – Men of Faith Bible Study (at Four Seasons)

SATURDAY, April 14

10:00-2:00 pm – Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)

NEXT SUNDAY, April 15

Newsletter Deadline

9:30 am – Worship, “Meekness,” Matthew 5:5,
Pastor Dan Cash
10:45 am – Sunday School
11:45 am – 5K Planning Team
11:45 am – Pizza/Urban Air Children’s Event
5:00 pm – Glad Ringers

LOOKING AHEAD

April 18 – 1st Quarter Business Meeting (6:00 pm)
April 20 – Set up for Rummage Sale
April 20 – Girls Night Out (5:45 pm)
April 21 – Rummage Sale (8:00 am – 2:00 pm)
April 21 – Chancel Choir final rehearsal for musical (9 am)
April 21 – Youth Event – Indoor Go-Karting (12:00 pm)
April 22 – Choir/Drama Musical during Worship
April 24 – Abigail Circle (7:00 pm)
April 28 – Reed/Hill Wedding
April 28 – Praise Team Rehearsal
April 29 – Coffee Fellowship (pitch-in hosted by those
with last names A-M)

First Baptist Church *3300 Fairlawn Drive* *Columbus, Indiana*

“Connect . . Grow . . Serve”

April 8, 2018

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To Our Guests: We are delighted to have you worship with us. Please take a moment to sign the registration pad located in the pews.

Prayer Cards in the pew rack may be used for prayer requests. You may place these in the offering to share with the church staff.

Welcome Center: Please stop at the Welcome Center in the Narthex and check out the information available about our congregation and ministry.

Child Care/Children’s Ministries: Children’s Church is provided for toddlers & pre-school age children. Child Care is provided for infants. Nursery & toddler rooms are located on the lower level.

Flowers/Decorations: Please fill out a card at the Welcome Desk if you would like to give flowers to honor someone or recognize a special day. Please place it in the offering plate along with \$25.

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**Hearing assistance devices are available. Please see an usher.**  
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#### Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Daniel Cash, Senior Pastor; Joyce Crowder, Minister of Music  
Laura Friedrich, Administrative Assistant  
Donna Tull, Organist; Carla Williams, Pianist; Dortha Anderson, Librarian  
Barry Ferrill, Jeremy Martin, Custodians; Melissa Hernandez, Nursery Care Supervisor  
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**MESSENGER EXTRA**

We will be receiving the America For Christ mission offering in April.

**2<sup>nd</sup> HOUR STUDY OPTIONS**

J.O.Y. CLASS meets in the Prayer Room.

Adult Elective Study begins today – “Soul Keeping: Caring for the Most Important Part of You.” Meeting on the lower level Room #101

ADULT STUDY FELLOWSHIP – “Breakfast with the Risen Lord” (John 21:1-14)

Leader is John McKay and meets in Fellowship Hall.

**SECRET SISTER SIGN-UP**

Information sheets are at the Welcome Center. Turn in forms to Jessica Arbuckle or Linda Mayfield by April 15. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica or Linda.

**EVENT FOR ALL ELEMENTARY AGE CHILDREN**

**NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 15**

Calling all elementary age children! We invite you to join us for a pizza lunch and Urban Air outing next Sunday. We will have pizza here at the church, right after Sunday School, then head up to Urban Air. You will need at least one parent (or grandparent) to accompany you and \$10 for the day. The church will cover the rest. Bring a friend, too! Hope you can join us! Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend.

**Quarterly Business Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m.**

Please join us in the Chapel for our next congregational business meeting as we take up the business of the church.

**Girl's Night Out – Friday, April 20**

Meet at the church at 5:45 p.m. to car pool or at Riviera Maya at 6:00 p.m.

**MISSION'S RUMMAGE SALE – APRIL 21 – 8 a.m.–2 p.m. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Please bring your “stuff” Thursday evening (April 19) from 5–7 p.m. or Friday morning (April 20) after 9 a.m. If you can, please stay for a few minutes to put your things on the marked tables, i.e. books on book table, etc. If you cannot stay, we will be glad to place your items for you. Items do not need to be priced. Any remaining items will be taken to San Souci. We appreciate those who are saving items and are looking forward to a great sale. Money will go toward the mission trip to Murrow Indian Children’s Home for repairs, etc. For more info. on the Rummage Sale please contact Liz Lipson, 579-9024.



**#GRACEWINS** (Arranged by Nan & Dennis Allen)

**Presented by Chancel Choir & Drama Ministry**

**Sunday Morning Worship, April 22**

Invite others to join us as we celebrate – Grace wins everytime!

**SAVE THE DATE FOR A CONVERSATION ABOUT WORSHIP**

On Sunday, May 6, following the morning services and after a light lunch is served, we will be sharing a congregational conversation about worship. During the months of January–April we have been experimenting with a variety of “transitional” approaches to worship. Each Sunday of the month has been offered in a slightly different style as we have moved through the month, moving from formal and traditional to less formal, more blended, and eventually a praise-team led worship experience.

**In preparation we offer the following questions for your reflection:**

- What have you/we learned about worship?
- What approach(es) to worship will best help us in our goal of “keeping those who are already part of FBC engaged, **and** reaching persons who are not part of FBC?”
- What opportunities and/or challenges has this time of learning about worship revealed?
- As we move forward what would be one thing you would like others to know about worship at FBC?

So, please save the date (May 6) and come prepared to participate with others in a conversational forum that will give our Worship Pathway and Church Council valuable input as we discern next steps in worship and ministry.

**American Baptist Women’s Ministry**

Mt. Gilead Baptist (4449 S. Smithland Rd., Shelbyville) will be the host church for the Flat Rock American Baptist Women’s spring meeting on Tues., April 24. Please see Susan Carter for carpool information. We will hear from our AB missionaries, Emerson & Ivy Wu. Our ABW (all churches) will help to provide a light dinner for those attending beginning at 6 p.m. Free will donations will be accepted and will be given to Emerson & Ivy Wu for their ministry. The meal & meeting is open to everyone (men, women, & children). Rev. Ivy & Emerson Wu serve as the directors of the Global Chinese Training Ministry. They work with overseas partners and IM personnel to identify strategic locations to provide discipleship and pastoral training.

**BAKE SALE AT THE RUMMAGE SALE – APRIL 21**

Please bring your items Friday morning to the kitchen or Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Have items packaged and ready to sell.

\_\_\_\_\_ Cookies, brownies                      \_\_\_\_\_ Cakes                      \_\_\_\_\_ Pies

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_