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## A Revitalization Update

### Our Staff...

**Daniel Cash**  
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Dear FBC Friends:

One year ago I presented our Church Council, and in turn we presented the congregation, with the need for First Baptist to engage in a revitalization focus. The purpose of this focus continues to be to bring us into a better alignment to meet ministry needs and opportunities of our day. We framed this work in the language of “what gives us the best opportunity to reach those not present and keep those already engaged?”

We spent much of 2017 in a season of study, reflection and conversation about what is needed. This was followed by particular recommendations, which have become known as ministry pathways toward future priorities.

I wanted to use this space to provide you with a very brief update on what has been happening in the various pathways as work toward revitalization continues.

Children & Youth: One of the recommendations achieved in this pathway was the hiring of a nursery supervisor. In December we welcomed Melissa Hernandez to our staff in this Sunday morning position. Her regular presence will help little ones and their parents feel ever more comfortable in separation during worship and/or study times, and signals that we are giving priority to the needs of young families. Our FBC volunteers will continue to assist Melissa during the year.

Children’s church continues to be offered during worship, and a broadly graded children’s Sunday school option is offered during the 2nd hour. We have also hosted various special children’s activities (Movie Night, Trunk or Treat, Breakfast with the Angels), with a winter Kidscommons Event planned for Friday, Feb. 23.

The Youth ministry has been re-organized under the leadership of two young couples as volunteer leaders, with Youth Group now meeting on Sunday mornings during the 2nd hour. This continues to be an interim step while we determine future church staffing with youth ministry.

Discipleship: In this newsletter you will read about our second “Grow Group” opportunity as winter groups begin to meet in late January. I hope you will consider joining one of these small groups for their five or six week duration.

Some Adult Sunday School classes continue to meet on Sunday mornings, and the discipleship/adult education team has provided an alternative Sunday 2nd hour study for those who are not part of an ongoing class.

Community: This pathway has three sub-groups. Community Events is working to help facilitate better connections between FBC participants. The weekly Sunday morning coffee bar has been a well-received addition. An all-church game night is planned for January 21 by this group, with much focus to date having been given to children friendly events (see above).

A Community Marketing sub-team has been at work to identify how we may improve our reach to the greater Columbus community. We are working alongside TD Advertising to gain guidance in areas such as: defining our visual identity and brand, making our website most effective, learning how to better use social media and get the FBC message out to others.

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Facilities is the final sub-group of this pathway. They will be working with recommendations made by the other groups to best utilize our space to accommodate ministry priorities. We expect to see movement in this area in 2018.

Missions: This was originally identified as one of our strongest areas of ministry, and that continues to be the case. The Missions team is sponsoring a short-term trip to Oklahoma this coming summer, and has continued to guide us in connecting with and supporting various mission partners, including Kristy Engle – who was with us in November – Love Chapel, New Song and many more.

Worship: Some changes have come into our worship services as we've utilized more lay leadership in both planning and leading. The worship pathway team has done a lot of behind the scenes work to date. But, beginning in January, we will be asking you to experiment with us in a spirit of learning and trying new things. Each month (January through May) our worship services will follow a transitional trajectory, moving from a more formal and traditional service on the first Sunday of the month, to a Praise team led experience on the final Sunday of the month, with the middle services continuing a progression from one style to the other.

Why are we doing this? In our focus group work we heard very diverse hopes and preferences about worship, including an overriding preference that we maintain one primary worship experience, rather than share two services in differing styles.

I would tell you that it is very difficult to include such variety in music, approach, style in one service and do it well. It is the hope of the team that trying these differing approaches to worship for a few months will help us learn more about different styles, and how it's possible to connect, grow and serve through multiple means of worship.

After this trial period we will hold a conversation about what we are learning, and how that might impact the worship pathway as we move forward.

I realize that we may be asking some of you to step outside your preferred style of worship as we engage in this time of learning. There might be a Sunday that just doesn't connect with you – however, remember, it might really connect with someone else. I'm asking for your gracious participation in this new season of worship as we begin 2018.

The above summary has only touched on some of the highlights in the work that is ongoing among us. I continue to ask for your prayers as we move ahead. 2018 will see additional change, trying of new things, learning by trial and error, and a community of faith that loves one another and loves the Lord living together in a changing time. Remember, we seek to reach and welcome those who are not present as we minister with and to those already engaged.

Thanks for your participation,

*Pastor Dan*

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

Beginning January 7 the following video studies will be offered:

**January 7 – Arab-Israel Conflict** – For centuries Arabs and Israelis have claimed the same land. Learn about the history and opposing claims affecting today's news.

**January 14 & 21 – Jesus & the Gospel – Answers to Tough Questions** – The truth of the Gospels has been challenged by writings such as the Da Vinci Code and the Gospel of Judas. Hear noted biblical scholars explain the evidence that debunks these claims and how to talk to others about such writings.



## Pastoral Care Team for January

January 7—Kerry & Alice Richmond  
January 14—Daryl & Dot McMath  
January 21—Tim & Paula Pickup  
January 28—Carolyn Baker & Sue Hoffman

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## EMERGENCY RESPONDER SCHEDULE

Jan. 7—Kim Hamon  
Jan. 14—Roberta Walls  
Jan. 21—Forest Daugherty  
Jan. 28—Mike Compton

If you know of a member of the church that is home bound, and not currently receiving home bound communion and may like to receive it, please let the church office know and the communion team will make contact with them.

## JANUARY COMMUNION

### SANCTUARY SERVERS:

Ron Lane  
Molly Nelson  
Bill Baker  
Carolyn Baker  
Frank Eldridge  
Dick Miller  
Linda Foster  
Sue Putterill



### HOMEBOUND SERVERS:

Janet Bailey  
Charlotte Oestreicher  
Larry & Susan Carter  
Nathan Patrick  
Teresa Arbuckle  
John McKay

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Bill & Carolyn Baker

CLEAN-UP: Bill Baker, Dick Miller, Linda Foster, Marian Miller

## FEBRUARY COMMUNION

### SANCTUARY SERVERS:

Daryl McMath  
Carolyn Baker  
Joe Hamon  
David Emmert  
Wayne Lovelace  
Keith Arbuckle  
Teresa Arbuckle  
Sue Putterill  
Linda Foster



### HOMEBOUND SERVERS:

Janet Bailey  
Charlotte Oestreicher  
Larry & Susan Carter  
Randy & Jeannie Wheeler  
Nathan Patrick  
Ron Lane

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Kip & Lianne Wright

CLEAN UP: Wayne Lovelace, Joe Hamon, David Emmert, Daryl McMath

Anyone who would like to assist with communion, please contact Sue Putterill, 812-350-0357.

## **SERVING IN THE NURSERY THIS MONTH:**



### **Jan. 7**

Nursery Worship—Sue Hoffman  
Toddlers Worship—Kayla Jones  
Nursery Sunday School—Paulette McClintock  
Toddlers Sunday School—

### **Jan. 14**

Nursery Worship—Sharon Fulkerson  
Toddlers Worship—Charlotte Oestreicher  
Nursery Sunday School—Sue Hoffman  
Toddlers Sunday School—Judy Alexander & Susan Carter

### **Jan. 21**

Nursery Worship—Deborah, Emily & Molly Nelson  
Toddlers Worship—  
Nursery Sunday School—Teresa Arbuckle  
Toddlers Sunday School—

### **Jan. 28**

Nursery Worship—Heidi & Reilly Jones  
Toddlers Worship—  
Nursery Sunday School—Jennifer & Anna Kelley  
Toddlers Sunday School—

## **WE HAVE A NEW NURSERY SUPERVISOR**



The Children's team is happy to announce the hiring of Melissa Hernandez as our nursery supervisor. Melissa brings with her a wealth of knowledge, training and experience from her weekday job at Little Lambs Child Care Ministry. And, of course, there's the added bonus that Melissa grew up here at First Baptist, and many of us already know how great she is! Please be sure to stop by the nursery and welcome Melissa in her new role at FBC!

## **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We're very excited to have Melissa as our Nursery Supervisor, but we still need volunteers! As you can see from the schedule, we have several holes! Our goal is to have at least one other person with Melissa in the nursery, and at least one person in the toddler room. If you can donate one hour a month to this duty, please contact Beth Caldwell at [bethcaldwell1@gmail.com](mailto:bethcaldwell1@gmail.com) or at 812-350-2555. Thanks!

## **Live Streaming available for Sunday Services**

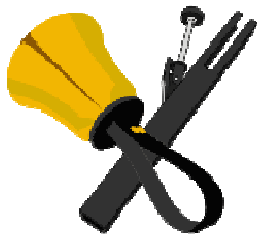
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# Music Ministry

## ***Music Worship Leaders for January***

- January 7 — Chancel Choir & Glad Ringers
- January 14 — Chancel Choir
- January 21 — Chancel Choir and/or Ensemble
- January 28 — Guest Praise Team  
Solo — Olivia Williams



## **JOYFUL RINGERS**

Beginning January 10, the Joyful Ringers will be meeting at Richards School. We'll be doing an Introduction to Chimes during ICare every Wednesday until Spring Break. This will be a new opportunity by combining the Music and Christian Education Ministry teams. If you would be interested in being a part of this mission, please contact Joyce Crowder or Beth Caldwell.



## **CHANCEL CHOIR**

Now is a great time to join the Chancel Choir. We meet every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the choir loft. All ages are invited to be in this special ministry. If you have questions, contact Joyce at the church office. We'd love to have you singing with us.



*Thank You*

## ***Thank You from your First Baptist Church Staff:***

Your many expressions of thanks and kindness have been appreciated over Christmas and into the new year. We are blessed by your partnership in the ministry we share—Thank you.

Your Church Staff:

Dan Cash

Joyce Crowder

Laura Friedrich

Barry Ferrill

Jeremy Martin

Donna Tull

Dortha Anderson

Carla Williams

Melissa Hernandez



## Healthy Living Tips

### Make Health Your Resolution

Find ways to boost your health, fitness, and well-being, and be an inspiration to others!

- Make healthy food choices. Grab a healthy snack on the go. Eat more fruits and vegetables.
- Be active. Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Park farther away and walk.
- Protect yourself from injury and disease. Put on a helmet, sunscreen, or insect repellent. Wash your hands for 20 seconds.
- Manage stress. Don't overschedule or overcommit. Take short breaks throughout the day.
- Make an appointment for a check-up, vaccination, or screening.
- Quit smoking. Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW for free counseling on how to quit smoking for good.

## WINTER 2017 GROW GROUPS

**New Grow Group studies coming in January:** Studies will begin the week of January 28 and continue for six weeks. Two options from RightNow Media are being offered: Colossians by Ashley McNary and Unstuck featuring Francis Chan and Mark Batterson. More details about the studies later. Sign-ups for groups will begin as soon as we line up leaders and locations and can be done before and after worship and online. If your Grow Group wishes to continue together, great, just let Alice Richmond or Lianne Wright know as soon as possible!

## Men of Faith—New Study begins January 12

A new study will begin on Friday January 12 titled, "Pilgrims in Exile: Finding Our Footing for Ministry Today." This study will be led by Dan Cash and Bill Griffith and explores the idea of faith journey with a study of various biblical texts and their use of pilgrim or pilgrimage language.

Men of Faith meets on Fridays at 6:15 a.m. at Four Seasons in the private dining room and is open to all.



## BABY SHOWER / BRUNCH

**Sunday, Jan. 14 ~ 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**

All are invited to welcome Mallory and Ben Slaton and soon expected Baby Boy Slaton. The Slatons are registered at Target and Amazon.

If you plan to attend, please sign up on the friendship register on Sunday morning or contact the church office at 812-376-3321 or [secretary@fbccolumbus.org](mailto:secretary@fbccolumbus.org).

## FBC Elementary Teacher Schedule

	Children's Church – Holy Moly Teacher	Sunday School – Whirl Classroom Pre K – 6 <sup>th</sup> Teacher
Jan. 7	Lori Cash	Deanna Glick
Jan. 14	Marcia Cheek & Nancy Wagner	Anita Yancey
Jan. 21	Linda Reid	Beth Caldwell
Jan. 28	No CW	Joe Hamon

## FOOD FOR LOVE CHAPEL

January is the month that First Baptist Church collects cash to purchase food for Love Chapel. They are currently serving 1100-1200 families each month and the need seems to continue to increase.

Love Chapel is a Christ-centered, faith based outreach ministry of the Ecumenical Assembly of Bartholomew County Churches. Many member and participating churches, together with the community at large, support those with emergency needs through Love Chapel.

Some of the services they offer include emergency food, emergency shelter, client follow-up and outreach, medication assistance through the Medication Assistance Office, job search and referrals, financial assistance for rent, utilities, and GED testing, holiday food baskets, and prayer and chaplaincy ministry.

January is our turn to help fill the food pantry. We solicit cash and shop for the needed items and deliver them to the pantry. Won't you help?



**If your name does not appear on the Birthday List and you wish to be included, please call or email the church office.**

### January Birthdays

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|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 3. ~ Kathryn Young   | 17. ~ Wayne Lovelace, Missy Zimmerman |
| 5. ~ Jody Patrick    | 22. ~ Emily Nelson                    |
| 6. ~ Marcia Cheek    | 23. ~ Sarah Eldridge, Betty Euler     |
| 7. ~ Jesse Langdon   | 24. ~ Scott Crowder                   |
| 8. ~ David Akers     | 26. ~ Ken Greenlee, Ryan Jones        |
| 9. ~ Linda Rea       | 28. ~ Daniel Greene                   |
| 12. ~ Jerald Hatton  | 29. ~ Katie Bolte                     |
| 13. ~ Connie Baldwin | 30. ~ Marian Miller                   |
| 15. ~ Frank Eldridge |                                       |



Thank You to all our Church friends for the support, prayers, cards, calls, and the caring thoughts you have shared with us during Paul's health issues and final departure. All the above were so welcome on days when we especially needed a lift. You certainly know how to Love the One in Front of you.

A special thanks to Dan, Joyce, Donna and Vanessa for before and during the service. And then there was the lovely lunch many of you provided for our family. There were many compliments they want me to pass on to all of you. I would like to say you exceeded my expectations, but I always knew I could count on this Church family.

Thank You again, Myrna and family.

Thank you very much for hosting the breakfast with the angels event! We had a great time! The Newells  
Thank you for letting us go to the angel breakfast. Love, Callie (Newell)





**ALL CHURCH FAMILY GAME NIGHT  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21  
5:00 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Bring a favorite snack and a favorite game. Children are welcome. Please bring appropriate games or activities. Pizza will be ordered and the cost shared for the evening meal.

**MISSION TRIP TO OKLAHOMA  
June 9 – 17 (two travel days on each end)**

I/We plan to participate:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I/We plan to participate:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

#1 Participant skills

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

#2 Participant skills

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

**\$ 100 due per person by Feb. 1, 2018.**

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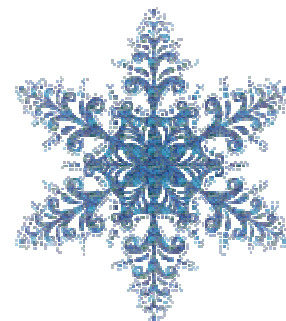
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## Return Service Requested

**Service:** Sunday Morning: Worship 9:30 am, Sunday School 10:45 am

### **Looking Ahead...**

Monday, January 1—Church Office Closed  
Tuesday, January 2—Hannah Circle (2:00 pm)  
Sunday, January 7—WAVE resumes (5:00 pm)  
Wednesday, January 10—Four Seasons Mending (9:00 am)  
Wednesday, January 10—Introduction to Chimes (I-Care Program at Richards School)  
Wednesday, January 10—Chancel Choir resumes (7:00 pm)  
Thursday, January 11—SCIHE (Home School) resumes  
Friday, January 12—Men of Faith Bible Study resumes (at Four Seasons) (6:15 am)  
Sunday, January 14—Baby Shower Brunch for Mallory Slaton (11:30 am)  
Monday, January 15—Newsletter Deadline  
Tuesday, January 16—Church Council (7:00 pm)  
Sunday, January 21—Annual Business Meeting (11:45 am)  
Sunday, January 21—All Church Family Game Night (5:00 pm)  
Tuesday, January 23—Abigail Circle (7:00 pm)  
Sunday, January 28—Grow Groups Begin  
Sunday, January 28—Coffee Fellowship (hosted by Chancel Choir)



***The Body of Christ Prays For...*** Home Bound Members: Betty Euler, Roselyn Hoff. Also remember: K.M. George, Corbie Snyder, Dick Crowley, Sharon Semer, Allen Rea, Cecil Workman, Mary Garten, Anna DeHaven, Bonnie McKay, Carl & Nancy Williams, Marcia Battle, Sarah Eldridge, Alvin Arbuckle, Helen Murdock.