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Minister of Music



Dear FBC Friends: As we have moved through the season of Lent, considering various *Lenten Lessons* in worship about King Jesus and Priest Jesus, we are now on the cusp of Easter. How we long to come to worship on Easter – Resurrection – Sunday and lift up our voices in celebration of Christ who is risen!

Please plan to join us for this festival season through some or all of our special Easter services. Holy Week is a week we each need to walk with Jesus if we are going to be able to fully celebrate the meaning of Easter. Palm Sunday prepares us for the beginning of the week. Maundy Thursday takes us to a place of somber reflection. Good Friday finds us in the sorrow of Jesus' death. Holy Saturday is a time of quiet preparation – all leading us to the joy and splendor of Easter.

As we have done the introspective work of Lent, we are now ready for the community's celebration of our Risen Lord. Hallelujah! Let the festival begin!

*Pastor Dan*

### Holy Week Services

Please join us for these special celebrations:

**Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion** – March 29, 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Join us for a special time of worship as we meet at the Table and Cross in commemoration of Jesus' final days. This service will include the celebration of Holy Communion.

**Good Friday Community Service** – March 30, Noon at The Commons

Sponsored by the Ecumenical Assembly of Bartholomew County Churches. All are welcome.

**Easter Sunday Worship** – April 1

We will start the day with a 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in the Chapel. Followed by our Easter breakfast in Fellowship Hall and 9:30 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship Service.

**Children's Easter Activities**

Saturday, March 31, 10:00 a.m.—Easter Egg Hunt & Related Activities



## **America For Christ Offering 2018**

It's that time of year again; the time when we use our spiritual gifts to spread the love of Christ across the world. God has blessed us all with Spiritual Gifts. The Apostle Paul echoes this truth in **Ephesians 4:11-13: "And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ."** (NASB)

Rev. Dr. Robin Stoops, Executive Minister, ABC of Nebraska wrote, "Paul reveals that these gifts to the church have been provided through Christ himself. The gifts are not specifically defined; the assumption is the church will recognize the gifts as they are practiced by the equippers. The listing of gifts overlap. They are not meant to be all inclusive. They describe the basics of what the church needs to be as the mature body of Christ. The focus here is not the gifts themselves or even those who are to equip, but instead the fuller purpose of the building up of the body of Christ. The gifts have been given to equip the saints. EVERY believer has been qualified to receive the equipment. No person has been left out. Everyone has been set apart to participate in the work God is doing everywhere. The work of ministry is found in the action of God's movement in and around us. The equipping is to build us up to be mature disciples living the unity of our faith. When the church is strong – not in earthly power or influence but in recognizing the strength of Christ's presence – we are able to mature and in maturity, impact the community in which we live. The visual of this process is the church growing together in unity, moving as one in sync with the Son of God. It is illustrated for us in seeing Jesus on the cross, a vivid picture of this unity. Jesus so mature – so full of love – moves to redeem the world by a selfless act in the face of persecution. The text reminds us that we are not to be satisfied with a portion of Christ's love and grace, but instead our call is to the full measure – one that includes those we love as well as those we may count as enemies. We are to be visible in the world; we participate in God's mission in our everyday lives when we live out being the hands and feet of Christ."

This is you and me, ALL of us who have set ourselves apart for God through faith in Christ. According to God's pattern, the building of the body in faith and love is the immediate result of the ministry of the laity. The Lord Jesus Christ intends every member of the church to do the work of the ministry. The intention of ministry is to build up each other's faith and love. God's design is use human support and encouragement to sustain the faith of His children and to lighten the burdens they bear in the service of love.

The America for Christ Offering (AFC) 2018 reminds us that it is our service to the church and the community that many experience Christ in us. We are encouraged by this year's theme to come alongside people and build them up. Your gifts to the AFC Offering supports one-third (29%) of the regional mission efforts, with 59% going towards American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS). We are asking you to join us in giving generously to this year's AFC offering and to help us as we partner in home mission. Thank you.

The Mission Team

## **Adult Elective Opportunity – 2nd Hour**

*Soul Keeping: Caring for the Most Important Part of You* is the name of a six week adult elective class that will be offered on Sunday mornings during 2nd Hour. This class, to be facilitated by various leaders, will meet on the lower level in Room #101 (Drama Room).

A DVD/discussion based study by FBC favorite, John Ortberg, "*Soul Keeping*" takes you on an exploration of the soul from the perspective of someone who has struggled to understand and care for his own soul. . . Ortberg shared his honest, funny, moving, insightful, and tender journey with you so that you can better care for your own soul."

This study will begin on Sunday, April 8 and continue April 15, 22 and May 6, 13 & 20.

\*There will be no meeting of the class on Coffee Fellowship Sundays.



## Pastoral Care Team for April

April 1—Janet Bailey & Alice Richmond  
April 9—Dortha Anderson & Mandy Reed  
April 15—Grace Marshall & Sharon Fulkerson  
April 22—Ron & Peggy Lane  
April 29—Paul & Carol Poe

## **The Messenger**

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### EMERGENCY RESPONDER SCHEDULE

April 1—Judy Rhude	May 6—Joyce Briggs
April 8—Sharon Fulkerson	May 13—Kim Hamon
April 15—Roberta Walls	May 20—Judy Rhude
April 22—Forest Daugherty	May 27—Sharon Fulkerson
April 29—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.

### **APRIL COMMUNION**

#### SANCTUARY SERVERS:

Daryl McMath  
Bill & Carolyn Baker  
Joe Hamon  
David Emmert  
Wayne Lovelace  
Keith & Teresa Arbuckle  
Cliff Putterill



#### HOMEBOUND SERVERS:

Janet Bailey  
Larry & Susan Carter  
Carol Poe  
Charlotte Oestreicher  
Jim Bokelman  
Sue Putterill  
Linda Foster

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Bill & Carolyn Baker

CLEAN UP: David Emmert, Wayne Lovelace, Keith & Teresa Arbuckle

### **MAY COMMUNION**

#### SANCTUARY SERVERS:

Daryl McMath  
Frank Eldridge  
Joe Hamon  
Dick Miller  
John McKay  
Ron Lane  
Molly Nelson  
Jim Bokelman  
Sue Putterill



#### HOMEBOUND SERVERS:

Grace Marshall  
Carol Poe  
Larry & Susan Carter  
Cliff Putterill  
Randy & Jeannie Wheeler  
Janet Bailey

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Kip & Lianne Wright

CLEAN-UP: Marian Miller, Teresa Arbuckle, Dick Miller, Ron Lane

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



## SERVING IN THE NURSERY THIS MONTH:

### April 1

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

### April 8

Nursery Worship—Sharon Fulkerson  
Toddlers Worship—Carol Poe & Charlotte Oestreicher  
Nursery Sunday School—Sue Hoffman  
Toddlers Sunday School—Susan Carter



### April 15

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

### April 22

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

### April 29

Nursery Worship—Linda Reid  
Toddlers Worship—  
Nursery Sunday School—Judy Rhude  
Toddlers Sunday School—

### A NOTE OF



We wanted to thank our church family at FBC for their love and support in welcoming our son, Grant. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity, from the baby shower brunch leading up to his birth, to the meals, prayers, and well wishes since. We are looking forward to rejoining you all in worship soon.

Ben & Mallory Slaton

God bless all of you who prayed, sent cards and visited me when I was at Four Seasons. A special thanks to Pastor Dan and the Pastoral Care Teams. It's good being home with the help of family. Our God is a great God.

Opal Lovelace

We would like to thank everyone at FBC for the warm welcome we have received. Special thanks to Pastor Dan and Lori, the Abigail Circle ladies and Joyce and the Jubilation Ringers. God led us here and we can't wait to see what He has planned for us.

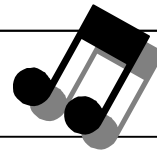
God Bless,  
Cal & Terri Ketterling

Thank you to all of my church family for your visits, emails, cards, phone calls, prayers and concern during my surgery and recovery. Also for all of the birthday greetings Bob and I received. God's Blessings to All.

Margaret Nelson



## Music Ministry



### ***Music Worship Leaders for April***

April 1 - Chancel Choir and WAVE

April 8 - Chancel Choir, Glad Ringers, Praise Team

April 15 - Chancel Choir, Jubilation Ringers, Praise Team

April 22 - Chancel Choir and Drama

April 29 - Praise Team from Bethel Baptist Church, Fillmore, IN



### **#GraceWins**

Arranged by Nan and 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.

During this season we have asked you to be praying about worship and what we are learning as a congregation as we continue to lift up the goal of “keeping those who are part of FBC engaged, while also reaching persons new to FBC.” Our May 6 conversation will be an opportunity, in an ordered and planned way, to share what we are learning.

**In preparation we would 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.

## Healthy Living Tips

### April is Autism Awareness Month



#### What is Autism?

- Autism is a bio-neurological developmental disability that generally appears before the age of 3.
- Autism impacts the normal development of the brain in the areas of social interaction, communication skills, and cognitive function. Individuals with autism typically have difficulties in verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions, and leisure or play activities.
- Individuals with autism often suffer from numerous co-morbid medical conditions which may include: allergies, asthma, epilepsy, digestive disorders, persistent viral infections, feeding disorders, sensory integration dysfunction, sleeping disorders, and more.
- Autism is diagnosed four times more often in boys than girls. Its prevalence is not affected by race, region, or socio-economic status. Since autism was first diagnosed in the U.S. the incidence has climbed to an alarming one in 68 children in the U.S.
- Autism itself does not affect life expectancy, however, research has shown that the mortality risk among individuals with autism is twice as high as the general population, in large part due to drowning and other accidents.
- Currently there is no cure for autism, though with early intervention and treatment the diverse symptoms related to autism can be greatly improved and in some cases completely overcome.

#### Autism Facts & Stats

- Autism now affects 1 in 68 children.
- Boys are four times more likely to have autism than girls.
- About 40% of children with autism do not speak. About 25%–30% of children with autism have some words at 12 to 18 months of age and then lose them. Others might speak, but not until later in childhood.
- Autism greatly varies from person to person (no two people with autism are alike).
- The rate of autism has steadily grown over the last twenty years.
- Autism is the fastest growing developmental disorder, yet most underfunded.
- A 2008 Danish Study found that the mortality risk among those with autism was nearly twice that of the general population.

### FBC Elementary Teacher Schedule

	Children's Church – Holy Moly Teacher	Sunday School – Whirl Classroom Pre K – 6 <sup>th</sup> Teacher
<b>April 1</b>	Lori Cash	Anita Yancey
<b>April 8</b>	Marcia Cheek & Nancy Wagner	Beth Caldwell
<b>April 15</b>	Linda Reid	Joe Hamon
<b>April 22</b>	Lori Cash	Stephanie Olson
<b>April 29</b>	No CC	No SS

**On the last Sunday of each month, youth & children are invited to join us  
for Coffee Fellowship following Worship.**

## EVENT FOR ALL ELEMENTARY AGE CHILDREN

Calling all elementary age children! We invite you to join us for a pizza lunch and Urban Air outing on Sun., April 15. 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.

## Youth News



FBC Youth meet on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. in the Youth Room for their regular youth group time. The following special events are planned for coming weeks:

- Saturday, April 21 @ Noon — Indoor Go-Karting
- Saturday, May 5 @ 10AM — Indianapolis Zoo Trip

Contact Mollie & Jordan Adams, Missy & Adam Zimmerman, or one of our FBC Youth for more information.



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

## April Birthdays

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| 4. ~ Beth Miller, Rick McClintock                | 19. ~ Kyle Olson, Krista Scgalski         |
| 7. ~ Mark Slaton, Marjorie Betz                  | 22. ~ Vanessa Edwards                     |
| 9. ~ Karston McIntosh                            | 23. ~ Alison Reed                         |
| 10. ~ Jeff Caldwell, Marilyn Estell              | 25. ~ Carol Poe, Anna Kelley, Karen Akers |
| 12. ~ Donna Browne, Corbie Snyder                | 26. ~ Susan Hoffman                       |
| 13. ~ Donna Moore                                | 29. ~ Paul Poe                            |
| 15. ~ Alexander Kelley                           | 30. ~ Molly Nelson                        |
| 16. ~ David Tobias, Jeanne Greenlee, Kayla Jones |   |

## Live Streaming available for Sunday Services

- ◆ To view on your PC go to <http://www.sundaystreams.com/go/fbccolumbus> or access through the link on our web page: [fbccolumbus.org/WP/sermons](http://fbccolumbus.org/WP/sermons).
- ◆ To view on your cell phone or tablet from the App Store or Google Play, Download: Sundaystreams, Login: fbccolumbus

## American Baptist Women's Ministry News

### Flat Rock Association Meeting—Tuesday, April 24 Mt. Gilead Baptist Church (4449 S. Smithland Rd., Shelbyville)

A light dinner (finger food) will be provided beginning at 6:00 p.m. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. and we will hear from AB missionaries, Emerson & Ivy Wu. Free will donations will be accepted for the dinner and will be given to Emerson & Ivy Wu for their ministry. Meal and meeting is open to everyone. (men, women, and children)



## MISSION'S RUMMAGE SALE

APRIL 21, 2018

8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please bring your "stuff" Thursday evening (April 19) from 5:00–7:00 p.m. or Friday morning (April 20) after 9:00 a.m. We are asking you, if you can, to stay for a few minutes to put your things on the marked tables, i.e. books on the book table, etc. If that is not possible, we will be glad to place your items for you. Items do not need to be priced.

The sale will take place on Sat., April 21 from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Any remaining items will be taken to San Souci. We appreciate so many of you saying you are saving your items and we are looking forward to a great sale. The money will go toward the mission trip to the Murrow Indian Children's Home for repairs, etc. For more information on the Rummage Sale please contact Liz Lipson, 579-9024.

## What's New in the Library?

KAREN BARNETT	-	MISTAKEN
JILL SMITH	-	A PASSIONATE HOPE
BETH MOORE	-	UNDOING OF ST. SILVANUS
TRACIE PETERSON	-	IN PLACES HIDDEN
ANGELA HUNT	-	JUDAH'S WIFE
SHELLEY GRAY	-	HIS GUILT



DR. PHILLIP UHLINGER - MINSAMU (CONGO & HAITI)

NANCY UHLINGER SENT US THIS BOOK HER FATHER WROTE ABOUT HIS LIFE AS A CHILD AND ALSO THEIR LIVES AFTER HE MARRIED. CONTAINS PICTURES OF FAMILY. INTERESTING ESPECIALLY KNOWING NANCY AND HER PARENTS.

## Quarterly Business Meeting

Our next congregational business meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. Join us in the Chapel as we take up the business of the church.



# SPRING GROW GROUPS

## Sign Up and Join a Spring “Grow Group” Today.

What's a Grow Group? – a small group of about 10-12 people who come together for study, community building & spiritual growth.

Choose from among the Grow Group offerings listed below & sign up on the board at the front entrance or online: [fbccolumbus.org/springgrowgroups](http://fbccolumbus.org/springgrowgroups)

**The Kelley Group:** Monday Evenings  
At 6 PM begins April 16  
Topic: *Thriving in Babylon*  
(A study in Daniel)  
Host/Leader: Jennifer Kelley  
Location: 58 N 525 W, 47201

**The Hoffman Group:** Thursday Evenings  
at 6 PM begins April 12  
Topic: *Thriving in Babylon*  
(A study in Daniel)  
Hosts: Bob & Sue Hoffman  
Location: 4724 29<sup>th</sup> St, 47203

**The Langdon Group:** Monday Evenings  
at 6:30 PM begins April 9  
Topic: *The Grave Robber*  
(A study on the miracles in John)  
Host/Leaders: Bob & Jean Langdon  
Location: 5223 E Harvard Ct, 47203

**The Zimmerman Group:** Thursday Evenings  
at 6 PM begins April 12  
Topic: *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves*  
Hosts/Leaders: Adam & Missy Zimmerman  
Location: 11454 W Red Oak Ct, 47201

**The Ganus Group:** Tuesday Evenings  
at 6 PM begins April 10  
Topic: *Max on Life*  
(Max Lucado addresses Big Questions)  
Host/Leader: Tom & Peggy Ganus  
Location: 4102 Washington St, 47203

**The Wheeler Group:** Thursday Evenings  
at 6:30 PM begins April 12  
Topic: *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves*  
Hosts/Leaders: Randy & Jeannie Wheeler  
Location: 5167 Marco Dr, 47203

**The Daugherty Group:** Wednesday Evenings  
at 6 PM begins April 11  
Topic: *The Grave Robber*  
(A study on the miracles of John)  
Hosts: Forest & Marsha Daugherty  
Leader: Cliff Putterill & Others  
Location: 4041 Shoshonee Dr, 47203



**Please see descriptions of each study on next page.**

## **Meet Your Missionary – Lunch Opportunity**

Rev. Kyle Witmer, American Baptist Missionary to Thailand, will be with us for a lunch meeting on Friday, April 6 at 11:30 a.m. Come and learn more about Kyle and his family's ministry. You will enjoy hearing from this global servant. RSVP for lunch on the pew attendance pad or by calling the church office by April 1.



## This Spring we are offering 4 different study topics. Descriptions of each study follows below:

- ***Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves & Other Things The Bible Doesn't Say*** by Adam Hamilton. A 5-session, DVD & Discussion driven study of common half-truths we say and hear.
- ***Thriving in Babylon*** by Larry Osbourne, a *Right Now Media* study.  
A 5-session, video & discussion driven study on *Daniel*

These are confusing times for many Christians. Traditional biblical values are not only rejected; it seems as if they're attacked on every front. It's all happened at warp speed, leaving many of us spiritually and culturally disoriented or even fearful, frustrated, and angry. How can we spiritually survive in an increasingly spiritually hostile environment? What can we learn from Daniel?

- ***The Grave Robber*** by Mark Batterson, a *Right Now Media* study  
A 7-session, video & discussion driven study on the miracles in *John*

If you long to see God work in miraculous ways in the life of your church, you will love the faith-building, life-giving message found in *The Grave Robber*. Join pastor & author Mark Batterson on a seven-week journey as he reveals the incredible power of the seven miraculous signs of Jesus found in the Gospel of John and walks us through the very spots where Jesus chose to reveal himself through these miraculous events.

- ***Max on Life*** – with Max Lucado  
An 8-session video & discussion driven study featuring Max Lucado. *Why Me? Why am I here? Why did this happen? Can you help me understand? Where's the lifeline? Where can I turn? Is there any hope?* We will look at these BIG questions.

## Prayer Request

Please keep the American Baptist International Ministries Amsterdam Team in your prayers. Terri Ketterling and 9 others from across the United States are traveling to Amsterdam April 18-26, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Lauren Bethell, a global consultant for human trafficking. While there the team will have training and meet with survivors of human trafficking. Terri hopes to return and get involved in IN/KY to fight human trafficking in our area.

## WALKING GROUP



Beginning April 3 all are invited to meet as a group to walk on the People Trails. Meet in the south parking lot area at the Community Church by 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We will walk for approximately 45 minutes, enjoy fellowship as well as exercising. If it is raining, we will meet at Fair Oaks Mall inside at the doors into Carsons.

Interested in an evening walking group? Contact Judy Rhude at 812-375-1206 or 812-764-9175 and we will organize a group walk.

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

Sunday, April 1—Easter Sunday: Sunrise Worship (7:30 am); Breakfast (8:15 am); Celebration Worship (9:30 am)  
Tuesday, April 3—Hannah Circle (2:00 pm)  
Friday, April 6—Missionary Luncheon (11:30 am)  
Tuesday, April 10—Church Council (7:00 pm)  
Wednesday, April 11—Four Seasons Mending (9:00 am)  
Saturday, April 14—Blood Drive  
Sunday, April 15—Newsletter Deadline  
Sunday, April 15—5K Planning Team (11:45 am)  
Sunday, April 15—Pizza/Urban Air Children's Event (11:45 am)  
Wednesday, April 18—1st Quarter Business Meeting (6:00 pm)  
Friday, April 20—Set up for Rummage Sale  
Friday, April 20—Girl's Night Out (5:45 pm)  
Saturday, April 21—Rummage Sale (8:00 am-2:00 pm)  
Saturday, April 21—Chancel Choir Final Rehearsal for Musical (9:00 am)  
Saturday, April 21—Youth Event: Indoor Go-Karting (12:00 pm)  
Tuesday, April 24—Abigail Circle (7:00 pm)  
Saturday, April 28—Reed/Hill Wedding  
Saturday, April 28—Praise Team Rehearsal  
Sunday, April 29—Coffee Fellowship (pitch-in hosted by those with last names A-M)



***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, Alvin Arbuckle, Helen Murdock.