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## The Power of Story

As I have settled back in to a weekly routine, post-sabbatical, I am enjoying the opportunity to share some of the big Old Testament stories with you in worship. In preaching through a narrative set of Old Testament texts this Fall, I'm hoping we gain a fresh understanding and appreciation of how God's love and grace shine through in these ancient scriptures. Where appropriate I'm trying to illustrate how the themes of covenant, grace, justice, and faith are further expanded in the New Testament in the teachings of Jesus or the apostles. Story is such a powerful way in which we come to an understanding of God. The Bible is, after all, God's story and we are invited to explore it and plumb its depths.

How does your story intersect with the story of God? Do you think about that on occasion? I hope you might. It's easy to get so caught up in the everyday obligations of living that we overlook how God is part of our everyday. We even convince ourselves that we are so vital and important to what we are doing, producing, or trying to accomplish that WE become primary in the story versus God.

One of the things the sabbatical time reminded me of, in a humbling way, was that life goes on just fine when we step away. Production happens. The world keeps turning. The church moves along in its daily and weekly rhythm. Others are more than capable of taking the lead and filling the role. That's the beauty of the Sabbath rhythm we are invited into. It's a reminder that God has asked us to give at least one seventh of our time, and more than that if we count the time of daily sleep, to rest and replenishment. As we participate in God's story, this stepping away and quieting of our spirit is a means by which we say: This is God's story, not mine. I'm just privileged to play a part in it.

What part are you playing? How is that part unique to this particular chapter in your life? If you are raising a young family, your part may look and feel differently than if you are in the middle or twilight years of your life. But you still have a part to play. You are still invited to be involved with God's story. You are still privileged to be in the story.

Another learning I would share from my time away concerns this idea of privilege. Please do not misunderstand how I use this word. We are privileged to be invited as participants in God's story, but NOT because we are entitled. No, our privilege is a result of God's grace. Too often we get this wrong.

The person who has been ill and unable to attend worship or participate as they have in prior times in the life of the church, understands the privilege of worship and ministry when their health returns and they are once again able to join the body. It's a privilege for me to, once again, take up the ministry of preaching, teaching, leading and encouraging. Our participation in the life of Christ should always be seen as privilege, not entitlement. God has elected to live out the mission through the church – which means through us.

When we overlook this privilege and begin to act in the ways of entitlement, we have seriously skewed what it means and looks like to be part of God's mission. We have forgotten that we are not the lead character in the story, God is. We are simply invited and privileged to play a part.

I'm giving thanks these days for the part God has invited me to play, as well as your partnership in the living out of our part, together, in God's story.

*Pastor Dan*

## COMMUNION TABLE RUNNER

First Baptist Church has received a beautiful table runner from the Longkumers, our missionaries in North East India. Katie developed the designs and it was hand-crafted by the Tatibha's Women's Welfare Association by the women in Dimapur, Nagaland, North East India.

Rev. Taku and Rev. Katie Longkumer serve as country co-coordinators for India, providing mission organization for International Ministries personnel and partners in the country. They also serve as advisors and consultants to the Baptist Churches Council in Eastern India and to the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India (CBCNEI). Taku works with CBCNEI and its six member conventions to strengthen mission training, supervision, caring and support, while Katie's focus is promoting worship and providing counseling training. Katie and Taku also serve with the India Mission Coordination Committee, which strengthens network and mission cooperation of Baptist churches in India.

This runner will be displayed on the communion table during the month of October to highlight our partnership with the Longkumers' ministry and as part of our promotion of the annual World Mission Offering.

Please step up to the table before or after the morning worship service and admire the beautiful craftsmanship.

Missions Team



### Pastoral Care Team Meeting

The Pastoral Care Team will meet Sunday, October 21 for a luncheon meeting. Jimmy Collins, chaplain at Our Hospice, is coming to tell us how we can better minister to members who are under hospice care. More details to follow.

### Quarterly Business Meeting

**Wed. October 17**

**6:00 p.m. in the Chapel**

Come and participate in the business of the church and learn more about our shared ministry and mission efforts.

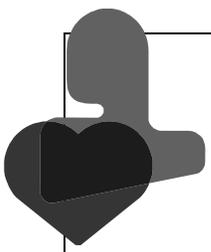
### Adult Study Fellowship



The second hour ASF Class in October will be led by Lois & Bill Griffith in the first bay of Fellowship Hall. The three week themes will be:

- ◆ October 7—Noah's Steadfast Faith—Genesis 6
- ◆ October 14—God is Always Working—Genesis 11:10, 27, 31-32; 12:1-4
- ◆ October 21—Trusting God's Promise (Sarah)—Genesis 18:9-15; 21:1-7

All are invited to share this study and fellowship opportunity.



## Pastoral Care Team for October

October 7—Tim & Paula Pickup  
October 14—Carolyn Baker & Sue Hoffman  
October 21—Janet Bailey & Alice Richmond  
October 28—Dortha Anderson & Mandy Reed

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### EMERGENCY RESPONDER SCHEDULE

Oct. 7—Judy Rhude	Nov. 4—Mike Compton
Oct. 14—Sharon Fulkerson	Nov. 11—Joyce Briggs
Oct. 21—Roberta Walls	Nov. 18—Kim Hamon
Oct. 28—Forest Daugherty	Nov. 25—Judy Rhude

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.

### **OCTOBER COMMUNION**

#### SANCTUARY SERVERS:

Frank Eldridge  
Bill & Carolyn Baker  
Cliff & Sue Putterill  
Wayne Lovelace  
Linda Foster  
Jim Bokelman  
Nathan Patrick



#### HOMEBOUND SERVERS:

Carol Poe  
Charlotte Oestreicher  
Larry & Susan Carter  
Randy Wheeler  
Grace Marshall

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Bill & Carolyn Baker

CLEAN UP: Wayne Lovelace, Marian Miller, Cliff & Sue Putterill

### **NOVEMBER COMMUNION**

#### SANCTUARY SERVERS:

Daryl McMath  
Joe Hamon  
David Emmert  
Dick Miller  
Keith & Teresa Arbuckle  
Jim Bokelman  
Randy Wheeler  
Nathan Patrick



#### HOMEBOUND SERVERS:

Jeannie Wheeler  
Linda Foster  
Janet Bailey  
Carol Poe  
Grace Marshall  
Larry Carter

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Kip & Lianne Wright

CLEAN-UP: Jim Bokelman, Keith Arbuckle, Dick Miller, Frank Eldridge

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

## SERVING IN THE NURSERY THIS MONTH:



### October 7

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

### October 14

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

### October 21

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

### October 28

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

## What's New in the Library?

MICHELE GRIEP  
NERYS LEIGH  
MARTHA ROGERS  
NANCY MOSER  
“ “

CINDY WOODSMALL  
JANET & GEOFF BENGA  
BETH WISEMAN  
BEVERLY LEWIS

- 12 DAYS AT BLEAKLY MANOR
- THE WAYWARD HEART
- LOVE COMES AROUND
- THE INVITATION (#1 MUSTARD SEED)
- THE QUEST (#2 MUSTARD SEED)
- AS THE TIDE COMES IN
- WM CAREY-OBLIGED TO GO
- HOME ALL ALONE
- THE FIRST LOVE



# Music Ministry



## ***Music Worship Leaders for October***

Song Team - Sharon Tobias, Joe Hamon, Lianne & Kip Wright

October 7 - Chancel Choir

October 14 - WAVE and Chancel Choir

October 21 - Jubilation Ringers and Chancel Choir

October 28 - Glad Ringers and Chancel Choir



## **"SING CHRISTMAS"**

### **A Christmas Choral Experience**

**By Joel Raney and Mary McDonald**



You are invited to join the Chancel Choir as they begin preparing for their Christmas Musical. Beginning the first Wednesday of October we will start right at 7:00 p.m. with the musical and then proceed to rehearse other anthems. If you'd like to join us for this experience just show up to the first rehearsal in the choir loft. If you have any questions or would like the music early, just give Joyce a call at the church or email her.



## **FBC Elementary Teacher Schedule**

	<b>Children's Church – Holy Moly Teacher</b>	<b>Sunday School – Whirl Classroom Pre K – 6<sup>th</sup> Teacher</b>
<b>October 7</b>	No CW	Beth Caldwell
<b>October 14</b>	Marcia Cheek	Joe Hamon
<b>October 21</b>	Lori Cash	Stephanie Olson
<b>October 28</b>	Linda Reid	No Sunday School

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



## Healthy Living Tips

### October is Mental Health Awareness Month.

#### What Is Mental Health?

Mental health refers to your emotional and psychological well-being. Having good mental health helps you lead a happy and healthy life. Your mental health can be influenced by a variety of factors, including life events or even your genetics.

#### What Is Mental Illness?

A mental illness is a condition that affects the way you feel and think. It can also affect your capacity to get through day-to-day life. Mental illnesses can be influenced by several different factors, including:

- ◆ genetics
- ◆ environment
- ◆ daily habits
- ◆ biology

Mental illnesses are common in the United States. About one in five American adults experience at least one mental illness each year, and about one in five young people ages 13 to 18 experience a mental illness at some point in their lives.

Mental illnesses are common, but they vary in severity. About one in 25 adults experience a serious mental illness (SMI) each year. An SMI can significantly reduce your ability to carry out daily life. Different groups of people experience SMIs at different rates.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, women are more likely to experience SMI than men, people ages 26-49 are most likely to experience an SMI, and people with a mixed race background are more likely to experience an SMI than people of other ethnicities.

Each type of mental illness is associated with its own symptoms, but most share some common characteristics. Some common signs of mental illness may include:

- ◆ not eating enough or overeating
- ◆ having insomnia or sleeping too much
- ◆ distancing yourself from other people and favorite activities
- ◆ feeling fatigue even with enough sleep
- ◆ feeling numbness or lacking empathy
- ◆ experiencing unexplainable body pains or achiness
- ◆ feeling hopeless, helpless or lost
- ◆ smoking, drinking, or using illicit drugs more than ever before
- ◆ feeling confusion, forgetfulness, irritability, anger, anxiety, sadness, or fright
- ◆ constantly fighting or arguing with friends and family
- ◆ having extreme mood swings that cause relationship problems
- ◆ having constant flashbacks or thoughts that you can't get out of your head
- ◆ hearing voices in your head that you can't stop
- ◆ having thoughts of hurting yourself or other people
- ◆ being unable to carry out day-to-day activities and chores

#### Coping with Mental Illnesses

The symptoms of many mental illnesses may get worse if they're left untreated. Reach out for psychological help if you or someone you know may have a mental illness. Start by paying a visit to your primary care doctor. They can check for signs of mental illness and help establish a treatment plan if necessary.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Time to THINK CHRISTMAS for our annual Operation Christmas Child. Right now is a good time to start gathering those little items to put in two or three boxes in October and first part of November. The deadline this year will be Sunday, November 11. Abigail Circle will be checking boxes and postage on Tuesday, November 13. We will have the dedication on Sunday, November 18 and they will be taken down to First Christian Church for drop off. The Operation Christmas Child boxes will be available beginning Sunday, October 7. At that time pick up two or three and take them home and fill them with small items. Please include postage of \$9.00 per box. You may also use regular shoe boxes or plastic

shoe boxes. Let's see if we can put together 115 boxes this year. That is more than we did last year but if we all try to do at least two or three we can do it. Get your children and grandchildren involved as well. Children love helping other children have a nice Christmas, especially those who have very little. Let's get busy and start collecting those items now and be ready to fill our boxes.

Items may include: a small toy, hair barretts, hair elastics, combs, toothbrushes, school supplies, underwear and socks, plain tee shirts, soap, hand towel and wash cloth, small bowls and spoons, and cups—anything that will fit in a shoe box. **Please no liquids or lotions, toothpaste, candy/gum, or food items.** We can reach that goal of 115 boxes if we all fill at least two or three boxes. You may include your postage with your box or buy it online by going to Samaritan's Purse—Operation Christmas Child.



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

### October Birthdays

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 4 ~ Nancy Hughes                            | 20 ~ Edith Mock                      |
| 6 ~ Joyce Orwin, Linda Foster, Valerie Sims | 21 ~ Breanne Vogelpohl, Carol Burton |
| 7 ~ Dave Seal, Peggy Ganus                  | 22 ~ Olivia Williams                 |
| 8 ~ Christina Wagner                        | 23 ~ Susan Carter, Matthew Hamon     |
| 9 ~ David Reed                              | 27 ~ Corie Wheeler                   |
| 11 ~ Ro Whittington                         | 29 ~ Verna West                      |
| 13 ~ Eden Zimmerman                         | 31 ~ Lois Griffith                   |
| 14 ~ Frances Arbuckle                       |                                      |



Thanks to all at FBC for food preparation, decorations, set-up for seating and anything else done for the September picnic for our pastor and family's "homecoming."

Dick & Beth Miller

Dear Friends at First Baptist-Columbus,

Thank you very much for the generous honorarium and for covering my airfare. Your invitation and reception encouraged me greatly. Your continued generous partnership with our ministries glorifies God and makes many good things possible. May God keep blessing and equipping you with every good thing for sharing in the mission of God. Thank you.

Grace & Peace,  
Rev. Dwight Bolick



YOU ARE THE  
**SALT**  
OF THE EARTH

world  
mission  
offering  
JOIN US IN GIVING AND PRAYER

**You are the SALT of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. Matthew 5:13 (NASB)**

When we gather at the table to enjoy a good meal, no sooner are the plates filled, than the salt shaker is making its rounds so that everyone may season the food to their liking. Many a meal would be far less tasty, even bland, if no salt were readily at hand! Can you imagine fries without salt?! Since ancient times, salt has been used as seasoning as well as a preservative. Salt possesses a unique power. Unlike any other seasoning, salt unlocks the subtle flavors in almost any food, enhancing them and bringing new sensations to our taste buds.

**Jesus** tells us, who follow him, that we are “**the salt of the earth.**” When the Lord calls His followers “salt,” He is urging us to go into the whole world and unlock the good that He is doing so others can be touched by the power of the saving **GRACE** of **GOD**. As the “**salt of the earth**” there is a quality about us, a distinct character, a “flavor” that should enhance the quality of life for those around us. It should preserve relationships and the social structures that facilitate human flourishing. And it should make people thirsty for the **living water**, generating an awareness of spiritual need that can only be quenched by the presence of the **Spirit** given to those who come to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. (John 7:37-39)

Jesus includes with this charge a warning: “Salt that loses its saltiness” becomes useless and is tossed aside. The “salt” Jesus was referring to was not like the refined salt (sodium chloride) that we use today. It was a coarse white powder mined from the area of the Dead Sea that contained gypsum and other minerals mixed with the salt. Over time, the sodium chloride would leach out of the mixture, leaving a chalky tasteless powder that was poured onto the roads and pathways. No longer useful for seasoning or preserving, it was discarded.

As followers of Jesus we must remain in Him to retain those qualities that come from devotion to Jesus and our commitment to Christ – the fruit of the Spirit, love for one another and holiness. Our “saltiness” is useless when we remain in the shaker, when we become inwardly focused only on our personal spirituality or the life of our Christian communities. It is when we are poured out in obedient service to God – when we become engaged in God’s mission in our neighborhoods, schools, cities, nations and across the cultural and national boundaries, “to the ends of the earth” that we begin to see God’s will being done.

The World Mission Offering focuses on three areas of holistic action: Health and Wellness, Abolishing Global Slavery, and Economic and Community Development. Your gifts to the World Mission Offering powerfully connect you to all of the global servants and ministries of our Lord through International Ministries.

Please join me in prayer to make us **salt and light** to a hungry and dark world; that we open doors and equip ourselves and others with every good thing, that we might do effective work and speak clearly the mystery of Christ. Lord, grant us the strength to be salt, bringing about the full potential in ourselves as well as those to whom you have brought to us. Open us to the love and learning that we desire, to inspire others to seek God-led action and strive to serve today. Help us to be the salt that brings out our holy flavor, that we may be full of compassion, love, mercy, and healing. We are grateful, Lord, for the women and men of your global church who even today begin a journey of biblical and pastoral preparation in response to your call. May they know your continued guidance and presence. In Jesus holy name, Amen.

Your Mission Team



CHURCH FAMILY and GUESTS ARE INVITED TO A  
**HARVEST Party at the Whittington Farm**  
**Sunday, October 14, beginning at 4:00 p.m.**

Activities are planned for children two years and above led by our children's team.  
*(when signing up please indicate age of child/children)*

There will be a Corn Hole Tournament and other activities for adults to enjoy.

Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m.

The menu will include Mike Compton's famous firehouse chili.  
A pie baking contest will also be featured with entries then served for dessert.  
Soups, S'more ingredients, table service and beverages will be provided.

**Please sign up at the Welcome Desk on September 30 or October 7  
for your food contributions to the meal.**

Maps to the Whittington Farm will be available at the Welcome Desk.

**Please indicate the number attending on the Friendship Register  
or call or E-mail the church office.**

**Judy and Bob Rhude 812-764-9175 or 812-375-1206**



**Trunk or Treat**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 31**  
**5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Volunteers are needed to host trunks and/or help with the popcorn machine, hot drink table, etc., for this important annual neighborhood outreach. See Lori Cash for more information.

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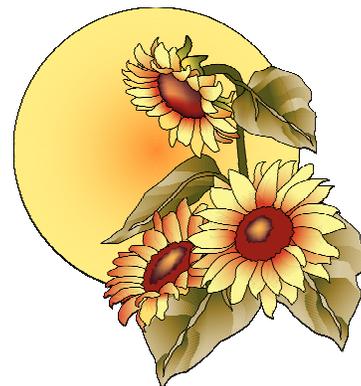
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**Service:** Sunday Morning: Worship 9:30 am, Sunday School 10:45 am

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

Tuesday, Oct. 2—Hannah Circle (2:00 pm)  
Thursday, Oct. 4—Congregational Photo Event with TD Advertising (5:30-7:00 pm)  
Sunday, Oct. 7—5K Wrap-Up Meeting (11:45 am)  
Tuesday, Oct. 9—Church Council (7:00 pm)  
Wednesday, Oct. 10—Four Seasons Mending (9:00 am)  
Sunday, Oct. 14—Grow Groups Begin  
Sunday, Oct. 14—Harvest Party at Whittington Farm (4:00 pm)  
Monday, Oct. 15—Newsletter Deadline  
Wednesday, Oct. 17—3rd Quarter Business Meeting (6:00 pm)  
Sunday, Oct. 21—Pastoral Care Team Luncheon (11:45 am)  
Tuesday, Oct. 23—Abigail Circle (7:00 pm)  
Sunday, Oct. 28—Coffee Fellowship (Hosted by the Foundation)  
Wednesday, Oct. 31—Trunk or Treat (5:00-7:00 pm)



***The Body of Christ Prays For...*** Home Bound Members: Betty Euler, Roselyn Hoff. Also remember: K.M. George, Sharon Semer, Cecil & Linda Workman, Anna DeHaven, Carl & Nancy Williams, Marcia Battle, Alvin Arbuckle, Helen Murdock, Randy Wheeler, Susan Carter, Joe Burns.