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Hello FIRST BAPTIST, I have missed you!

Our Staff...

Daniel Cash
Senior Pastor

Joyce Crowder
Minister of Music

In just a few days our summer Sabbatical journey comes to a close. I look forward to finding ways to share our experiences with one another. My first day back in the church office will be September 4, and I will be helping lead worship and returning to the pulpit on Sunday, September 9. I do hope to see you in worship that day.

What a summer it has been! Although I've been away, I have kept track of some of the things that have taken place at FBC this summer. I know, for example, that you've enjoyed some good preaching with a variety of guest pastors filling our pulpit. I've been able to watch most of the sermons online. I also know that our lay leaders have done a terrific job of keeping ministry going and providing oversight and guidance to the sabbatical summer. **As I prepare to rejoin you I want to share a pastoral word in this column.**

We may be the first church in the Lilly endowed program for congregational renewal to vote on a name change while the pastor was on sabbatical! Even though I was aware of this process and gave it my blessing, I have to confess it was rather odd to be out of the picture as this happened. I know the vote stirred some concern among you, and despite carrying a majority 68% in favor, failed to reach the needed 75% threshold.

So, what does this mean? It means you've behaved as good Baptists – though not because you've retained the name "First Baptist," even though that's an honorable name to uphold. No, as Baptists we have a heritage of sharing ministry through a congregational process in which each member is endowed with a voice and a vote. We believe in the priesthood of all believers and the ability of each one to discern the will of God and mind of Christ as we share ministry together. We also share a strong tradition of allowing for dissent. That is, persons who have another point of view are welcome to share it. So, even though a strong majority supported a new name, a minority of nearly 32%, for whatever reason, did not; leading us to conclude that this is not the mind of Christ at this time for First Baptist.

I am sure there is disappointment, particularly among those who worked hard to lead the church through this process and toward this decision. I am sure there is also some relief among those who feared the change and are grateful that the historic name has been preserved. But let me suggest that it's not our name that makes us Baptist – American Baptist, I might add. No, it is our adherence to certain theological principles and practices, among which is the ability to disagree without being disagreeable. I have also found truth and humor in the statement, "wherever there are three Baptists, there are at least four opinions!"

The work of congregational revitalization, and the work of ministry today, for that matter, is hard and difficult work. It requires patience, perseverance – a long obedience in the same direction. It is ultimately God's work that we are privileged to participate in through prayer and mission partnership. It's especially difficult to do this work in a congregational system like ours – but this is who we are and will continue to be – regardless of our name. As I have often said, "Being Baptist is messy!"

I hope you can see and celebrate with me that we have in fact strengthened our Baptist identity and practice through the events of this summer in many ways. Among these are the reliance on strong lay leadership – a key identifier of any Baptist congregation. We've had a strong reconnection with our American Baptist partners, as most of the summer preachers have come from the ABC family. We've seen that the church can survive while the pastor steps away for a season of renewal.

I celebrate the changes and progress we have made together over the past many months in the work of revitalization. I invite you to measure that progress in a variety of ways, and not just numerically. I'm ready to lend my voice, once again, to our common cause and I'm excited to see where another year will take us. I'm inviting you to be an active part of the life we share together. Remember, you always get more out of what you put more into. That's true in life and it's true in congregational life. So, hello FIRST BAPTIST, let's begin afresh in what the Lord has laid before us.

Pastor Dan

A Summer of Many Voices

As the Sabbatical Summer of 2018 draws to a close, I cannot help but think back on the many voices we have experienced together this summer. Many diverse backgrounds have helped to lead us in bringing God's message to the Columbus community. Like me, I am sure some have really resonated with you. The Sabbatical committee's hope in putting this together, was to allow God's message to cut through. We gave all our speakers the same theme, and then allowed them to preach the message that God laid on their heart. The messages were as diverse as their backgrounds, but Sunday after Sunday, God's word was preached.

I would like to thank all of you who have stayed actively involved through this summer, but especially Kari Alexander, Ro Whittington, Bob Rhude, the Lilly Clergy Renewal Program, Joyce Crowder, and Laura Friedrich for all their assistance in pulling this off. Post-Labor Day, Pastor Dan will be back with us and we look forward to hearing about his experiences and what God is doing in his life. Please join us for the Welcome Home Picnic after the study hour on September 9.

Kip Wright
Sabbatical Team



COMING IN SEPTEMBER— MEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY

“Regime Change: Your Kingdom come...”

Study Begins Friday, September 7
6:15 a.m. Four Seasons Retirement Center
Breakfast available \$5.00—\$6.00

Study Guide books available in the back of the sanctuary.

2ND HOUR OPTION CLASS BEGINNING SEPT. 9

RightNow Media study: *“Whisper: How to Hear the Voice of God”* with Mark Batterson

Sept. 9, 16, 23, & Oct. 7 in Room 101 (lower level across from restrooms)

Why is it sometimes hard to hear God's voice? How can we learn to discern the voice of God in our lives? If you have any questions, please contact Alice Richmond.

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.
- ◆ To view on your cell phone or tablet from the App Store or Google Play, Download: Sundaystreams, Login: fbccolumbus



Pastoral Care Team for September

September 2—Grace Marshall & Sharon Fulkerson

September 9—Paul & Carol Poe

September 16—Kerry & Alice Richmond

September 23—Ron & Peggy Lane

September 30—Daryl & Dot McMath

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EMERGENCY RESPONDER SCHEDULE

Sept. 2—Sharon Fulkerson

Oct. 7—Judy Rhude

Sept. 9—Roberta Walls

Oct. 14—Sharon Fulkerson

Sept. 16—Forest Daugherty

Oct. 21—Roberta Walls

Sept. 23—Mike Compton

Oct. 28—Forest Daugherty

Sept. 30—Kim Hamon

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.

SEPTEMBER COMMUNION

SANCTUARY SERVERS:

Bill & Carolyn Baker

Joe Hamon

David Emmert

Dick Miller

Keith & Teresa Arbuckle

Molly Nelson

Ron Lane



HOMEBOUND SERVERS:

Larry & Susan Carter

Randy & Jeannie Wheeler

Linda Foster

Janet Bailey

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Randy & Jeannie Wheeler

CLEAN-UP: Keith & Teresa Arbuckle, Molly Nelson, Ron Lane

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

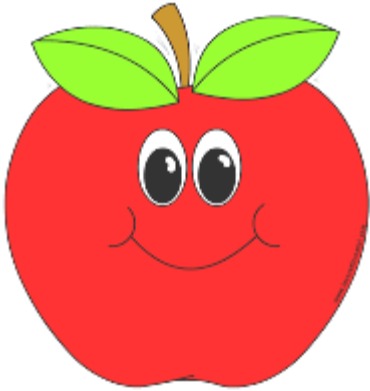
Grace Marshall

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Bill & Carolyn Baker

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

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

SERVING IN THE NURSERY THIS MONTH:



September 2

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

September 9

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

September 16

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

September 23

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

September 30

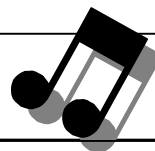
Nursery Worship—Linda Reid
 Toddlers Worship—
 Nursery Sunday School—Judy Rhude
 Toddlers Sunday School—

FBC Elementary Teacher Schedule

	Children's Church – Holy Moly Teacher	Sunday School – Whirl Classroom Pre K – 6th Teacher
September 2	No CW	Joe Hamon
September 9	Marcia Cheek	Stephanie Olson
September 16	Lori Cash	Deanna Glick
September 23	Linda Reid	Anita Yancy
September 30	Carolyn Poole	No Sunday School

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

Music Ministry



Music Worship Leaders for September

Praise Team is Lance Alexander, Breanne Vogelpohl, Juanita Bush & Jessica Arbuckle

Sept. 2 - Chancel Choir

Sept. 9 - Chancel Choir

Sept. 16 - Chancel Choir

Sept. 23 - Glad Ringers & Chancel Choir

Sept. 30 - Jubilation Ringers & Chancel Choir



It's not too late to join a musical worship opportunity. Contact Joyce or just come to the next rehearsal.

Chancel Choir - Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the Choir Loft

Jubilation Ringers - Mondays at 1:00pm in Bay 3 - Starting Sept. 10

Glad Ringers - Sundays at 5:00pm in Bay 3 - Starting Sept. 9



What's New in the Library?

NANCY MOSER	-	THE PATTERN ARTIST
" "	-	THE GOOD NEARBY
SHELLEY GRAY	-	LOVE HELD CAPTIVE
JILL SMITH	-	THE CRIMSON CORD
LEIGH NERYA	-	A HOPE UNSEEN
MARGARET BROWNLEY	-	FOUR WEDDINGS
MICHELE GRIEG	-	THE CAPTIVE HEART
JULIETTE DUNCAN	-	LINGERING SHADOWS
T K CHAPIN	-	GRACEFULLY BROKEN
MARTHA ROGERS	-	HIDDEN HEIRESS
BILLY GRAHAM	-	WHERE I AM





Healthy Living Tips

September is Cholesterol Awareness Month

Cholesterol is a waxy, fat-like substance that your body produces and is necessary for many body functions. However, when there is too much cholesterol in the bloodstream, some will build up on the walls of the blood vessels, including those of the heart. Over time, this build-up can impede the flow of blood. High blood cholesterol is a risk factor for coronary heart disease (CHD).

As the leading cause of death in the United States, CHD has the potential for touching many, many Americans. One of every two males and one of every three females aged 40 years and over will develop CHD sometime in their lives. The good news is that people CAN prevent heart disease by controlling those risk factors that can be modified. By lowering risk factors – through exercise, reducing saturated fats and cholesterol-containing foods, quitting smoking, and reducing excess weight, people can minimize their risk of ever developing CHD.

The National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP) within NIH's National Heart Lung and Blood Institute recommends adults over 20 years old have their cholesterol levels checked at least every five years. The desirable cholesterol levels are listed below:

Total cholesterol: Less than 200 mg/dL.

Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol ("bad" cholesterol): Less than 100 mg/dL.

High Density Lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol ("good" cholesterol): 40 mg/dL or higher.

Triglycerides: Less than 150 mg/dL.



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

September Birthdays

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| 1. ~ Joyce Crowder | 16. ~ Jim Reid |
| 2. ~ Esther (Fulkerson) Eshbach | 17. ~ Melissa Hernandez |
| 4. ~ Joan Kline | 18. ~ Judy Rhude |
| 7. ~ Barry Anderson | 19. ~ Shirley Hamilton |
| 9. ~ Brenda Frady, Tom Ganus | 21. ~ Leanne Hart |
| 10. ~ Jim Morris, Harold Hatter, Clyde Mayfield | 22. ~ Calvin Ketterling |
| 11. ~ Myrna Shane, Jan Fogle | 26. ~ Reilly Jones |
| 15. ~ Juanita Bush | 29. ~ Karen Fogle, Terri Ketterling |



SAVE THE DATE—for a Harvest Party
October 14—beginning at 4:00 p.m.
at the Whittington Farm

More details will follow later. All are welcome!

Church Picnic



WELCOME BACK PICNIC Honoring the Cash Family Sunday, Sept. 9

Following Sunday morning Sunday School classes

Meat, table service, and beverages will be provided.
Please bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to share.

Please sign up on the Friendship Register or call/email
the church office if you plan to attend.



Register at www.signmeup.com/124888 or
www.fbccolumbus.org

All net proceeds benefit Love Chapel
and their services.



The 7th Annual Seeds of Love 5K run/walk is almost here – September 15!

Time to register – brochures are available on Welcome Desk!

We need a lot of helpers for race day –
sign up sheets are on the Welcome Desk!

Pray for the success of the 5K
as our way to support Love Chapel.



ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!!

The canned food drive for Love Chapel pantry continues through Sept. 9.

There is a table near the kitchen and another one in the Narthex
for your convenience.

Thanks for your participation – The 5K Team



AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE SEEDS OF LOVE 5K RUN/WALK!! SUNDAY, SEPT. 9

Over the past several years, as a part of this event, we have collected a designated offering for Love Chapel. This is a very important part of our donation to Love Chapel, along with all proceeds from the race. Please consider how you will respond and use the blue pew envelopes - marked for "Love Chapel" - and drop in collection plate on Sunday, Sept. 9.

Thanks for your support–hope to see you on Saturday morning, Sept. 15 -
COME ON OUT AND ENJOY THE SPIRIT OF THE DAY!! – The 5k Run/Walk Team





Note of Thanks

Many, many thanks to ALL members who are helping keep the church property looking great this summer including chief groundskeeper Dick Miller, Paul Poe, Danny Burton, Adam Brown, Larry & Linda Mayfield, Alice Richmond, Bill & Carolyn Baker, Sue & Cliff Putterill, Jim Reid, and courtyard caregivers John & Jan Stafford.

Dear First Baptist,

Thank you for the bag of supplies. Your generosity throughout the years means so much to us. Thank you for all the other things you do for us throughout the year also!

The Kindergarten Team
Richards School

Thank you so very much for your generous "Back to School" goody bags. We appreciate all of your support for Richards.

Mrs. Holl's 1st Grade
Richards School

Dear First Baptist Mission Team:

Thank you so very much for the bag of supplies. I so appreciate your support in this way. Everything will go to good use. May God keep you in His care and bless you in all your endeavors.

Suzanne Miller
Speech Therapist-Richards School

First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the bag of supplies and goodies. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thanks again for all the wonderful surprises.

God Bless,
Rachel Weidman
Richards School

To our family and friends at Columbus FBC,

We want to thank you for your prayers, cards, and visits during Bonnie's illness and death. All these things were a great help and encouragement to us! You have become like our extended family in the short 7 years we have been here. We also thank you for your hospitality and the delicious, abundant meal you served our family and friends after Bonnie's funeral.

God Bless You!
Bonnie's Grateful Family

Thanks to everyone who has so graciously prepared and delivered wonderful meals to me since I broke my arm. I am grateful and appreciative of your love and support.

Verna West

Dear First Baptist Church staff and Mission Team,

Thank you so much for the wonderful goodie bags for all the teachers at Richards this year! It is always such a nice treat and great to know we have the support of such an amazing congregation. Thank you for all you do for our community!

Molly Lueken, Music Teacher
W.D. Richards Elementary

Hello,

Last Sunday my husband and I stopped by your church on our way to Indianapolis. We had visited Columbus several years ago and wanted to see Harry Weese's design again. During our visit, we were greeted by a man who was helping to set up for a concert that evening -- I'm sorry that I did not ask his name. He welcomed us, invited us to look around, and even offered us a glass of water since it was a humid day. His kindness made a strong impression on both of us, and I wanted to offer my thanks.

Sincerely yours,
Maura Lyons

Dear Mission Team,

Thank you for the school supplies that will be used at Clifty Creek! We are blessed to have a caring congregation that is also praying for the children in our community.

Sincerely,
Jan Reed



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Return Service Requested

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

Looking Ahead...

Sunday, Sept. 2—5K Canned Food Drive for Love Chapel (through Sept. 9)
Sunday, Sept. 2—2nd Hour Elective: “Through Different Frames” (interview with Langdons)
Friday, Sept. 7—Men of Faith Bible Study begins (6:15 am) (Four Seasons)
Sunday, Sept. 9—Special Offering for Love Chapel
Sunday, Sept. 9—2nd Hour Elective: “Whisper: How to Hear the Voice of God” (through Oct. 7)
Sunday, Sept. 9—5K Planning Team (11:45 am)
Sunday, Sept. 9—Welcome Home Picnic for the Cash’s (12:00 pm)
Sunday, Sept. 9—WAVE & Glad Ringers begin (4:30 & 5:00 pm)
Monday, Sept. 10—Jubilation Ringers begin (1:00 pm)
Tuesday, Sept. 11-12—BSF begins (9:00-1:30 pm)
Tuesday, Sept. 11—Hannah Circle (2:00 pm)
Wednesday, Sept. 12—Four Seasons Mending (9:00 am)
Friday, Sept. 14—5K Packet Pick-Up (4:00-6:00 pm)
Saturday, Sept. 15—Newsletter Deadline
Saturday, Sept. 15—5K Packet Pick-up & Late Registration (7:00-7:45 am)
Saturday, Sept. 15—SEEDS of Love 5K Run/Walk (8:00 am)
Tuesday, Sept. 18—Church Council (7:00 pm)
Thursday, Sept. 20-22—FABM Fall Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 25—Abigail Circle (7:00 pm)
Sunday, Sept. 30—Coffee Fellowship (hosted by ABWM Circles)



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 & Linda Workman, Mary Garten, Anna DeHaven, Carl & Nancy Williams, Marcia Battle, Alvin Arbuckle, Helen Murdock.