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Daniel Cash, Senior Pastor
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March Messenger

Dear FBC Friends:

I am always glad to see March arrive. While it's true that March in Indiana can be a little bit of everything when it comes to the weather, generally we are trending toward warmer and sunnier days with the promise of spring in the air. If you throw in March Madness, one of my favorite times of the year, and Spring Break; it's a good month.

March also marks the beginning of the **Lenten season** this year, and our annual pilgrimage toward Easter. I have invited us to utilize the Lord's Prayer as a guide for our personal prayer time during these weeks. Are you following that practice? You will also find in this Messenger information about a Grow Group study (post-Easter) on that prayer.

Our **Sunday's in March** will find us continuing our way through Matthew's Gospel. Here's a brief overview of the various Scripture texts for each Sunday:

March 3 – Jesus' Transfiguration (Matthew 16:24- 17:8)

March 10 – Forgiveness (Matthew 18:15-36)

March 17 – Laborers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16)

March 24 – Between a Rock and Hard Place (Psalm 137 – Dr. Bill Griffith preaching)

March 31 – Always a Bridesmaid Never a . . . (Matthew 25:1-13)

The America for Christ Offering will also be received during the month of March.

This year's AFC theme is "Healing Communities" – based on Galatians 6:9-10 ("Let us not become weary in doing good.")

Here's a brief summary about this important mission offering:

Through generosity, American Baptists minister as God's heart and hands, healing the broken and the downtrodden. Congregations and individuals serve on the front lines of local communities, opening wide our doors, intervening amid the messiness, healing the broken-hearted, and caring for others amid disaster and devastation. Through our caring actions, Jesus touches those who are hurting and dying.

Your gifts to the AFC Offering impact thousands—through ministries with marginalized children, disaster response, prisoner re-entry and aftercare, immigration and refugee resettlement, public witness and advocacy, resources that equip Christian leaders, chaplains who bring comfort to those in hospitals and nursing homes, and so much more.

I invite you to join me in making a gift to this year's AFC Offering, uniting in worship throughout the next several weeks, and enjoying this transitional month from winter to spring.

In partnership,
Pastor Dan

Around The Church

Men of Faith Announces Lenten Study Opportunity

Our Men of Faith Lenten Study, which will begin on March 1st is titled "Words from the Cross" and will be a seven session look at Jesus' last seven words shared from the cross. This study, co-led by Pastor Dan and Bill Griffith, incorporates a study guide and promises to be a good way to participate in Lent this year, as we prepare for Easter. **All men are invited to join the Men of Faith group. The beginning of a new study topic is a great time to join.**

Adult Elective Opportunity - 2nd Hour, March 10



Sermon Conversation Series Continues

You are invited to join the Adult Study Fellowship and Pastor Dan for the third Sermon Conversation on Sunday, March 10th. Pastor Cash's sermon that day will be on Matthew 18:15-26, "The Practice of Forgiveness." This conversation will take place in the Fellowship Hall during our Second Hour.

Thank You

On behalf of myself and Jeremy's family, I wanted to thank everyone who has reached out to us. Whether it was a card, a hug, a kind word, a prayer, a financial blessing, or a giving of your time. It has all been appreciated. But mostly we thank you for being a part of Jeremy's life and all of the support and encouragement you gave to him. Both of our lives were and have been blessed by the love at First Baptist. Jackie Martin

Dear Church Family, I am so grateful for the many expressions of love and congratulations as I began this transition into retirement from First Baptist. Your generous kindness during the reception has taken a special place in my heart and I'll be forever thankful for your friendship. Thank you to the many who sent cards, put together the Video Celebration and decorated for a wonderful reception. As I continue teaching private piano and Homeschool classes you might catch me at the church. Be sure to stop and say hello. Continue praising God through your music. It is a glorious gift. Blessings, Joyce Crowder

What's New in the Library?

AVANA TERRY - *UNPLANNED*

CHLOE CARLEY - *HIS STUBBORN BRIDE*

TAMARA ALEXANDER - *WITH THIS PLEDGE*

ROBIN HATCHER - *WHO I AM WITH YOU*

**WINTER IS A GREAT TIME
TO STAY IN AND READ!**

FBC Scholarships Available

E. Don Tull Memorial: for graduating high school seniors. Deadline: April 1.

Foundation: for graduating high school seniors & current college students. Deadline: April 1.

All forms and applications are available in the church office. Please submit completed forms to the church office.

Sermon on March 24



"Between a Rock and a Hard Place"

Psalm 137

Dr. William Griffith, Preaching

We all have had life experiences that help us know what it means to be "Between a rock and a hard place." This scripture provides us insight to such an experience God's people had while in Babylonian captivity.

Winter Learning Series

Our Winter Learning Series concludes on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. as Rev. David Klinsing leads us in the final session of "Sharing Faith in Today's World: Lessons from Acts." Here's a summary of session six:

Faith Sharing a Positive Message in a Negative Situation - Acts 21:2-Acts 28

In these final 8 chapters of Acts, covering about five years, Paul faces what we do in our world today, a negative situation that won't go away. Through it, Paul provides us with transferable lessons from his time to ours about how to live out and speak out a positive message.



Around The Church

Spring Grow Groups

The Adult Education Team would like to announce plans for two new Grow Group studies in the coming Spring (after Easter).

A study on The Lord's Prayer will be offered on Sunday mornings during Second Hour and on a weeknight (date & time TBA) for those who are interested. This study will read and discuss the book, *The Revolutionary Power of the Lord's Prayer* by Alice Burnette Greene. This year's American Baptist Reads book of the year, *The Revolutionary Power of the Lord's Prayer* offers today's Christian disciples new understanding of the potency and power this significant prayer delivers and the transformative effect it can have for sharing God's love in the world. Deepen your faith and commitment to follow Christ in a way that impacts the world, and learn to live as if:

- You really mean what you're praying
- You expect what you're praying to happen
- Your prayers have power in the name of Jesus
- You can make a difference

Each participant is asked to read the book in preparation for group discussions. You may sign up for a copy of your book on the church website or at the Welcome Desk (located near the kitchen).

A Women's Grow Group study called "Entrusted: A Study of 2 Timothy" by Beth Moore will begin on May 14 and will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. (May 14 through June 18)

In this 6-session Bible study, Beth Moore will encourage you to guard what God has entrusted to you, further His kingdom by sharing Christ with others, and pour into future generations just as Paul once mentored Timothy. Because in this journey of joy and hardship, we need each other to stay the course and live lives of faithfulness.

- o Support other believers in Christ, as they in turn encourage you
- o Realize you've been entrusted with the gospel and gifting to serve
- o Discover why mentoring is a pivotal part of the faith journey
- o Increase your effectiveness as a Christian
- o Learn to continue in ministry despite hardships
- o Challenge yourself in the discipline of daily Bible study

This Month's Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

March 3—Bob & Jean Langdon
March 10—Kerry & Alice Richmond
March 17—Ron & Peggy Lane
March 24—Daryl & Dot McMath
March 31—Tim & Paula Pickup

Emergency Responders

March 3—Judy Rhude
March 10—Mike Compton
March 17—Forest Daugherty
March 24—Kim Hamon
March 31—Roberta Walls

April 7—Judy Rhude
April 14—Mike Compton
April 21—Forest Daugherty
April 28—Kim Hamon

Children's Sunday School

1st Sunday

4's - grade 2: Terri Ketterling
Grade 3-6: Stephanie Olson

2nd Sunday

4's - grade 2: Marcia Cheek
Grade 3-6:

3rd Sunday

4's - grade 2: Linda Reid
Grade 3-6: Beth Caldwell

4th Sunday

4's - grade 2: Deanna Glick
Grade 3-6: Anita Yancey

5th Sunday

No children's ministry opportunity today.
Children will stay with their parents in
worship on those 5th Sundays.

MESSENGER MOVING TO E-DELIVERY

The monthly Messenger will be transitioning to an e-delivery system by April. That is, the primary way the newsletter will be delivered will be through email. Print copies will be available on the literature ledge to those who do not use email, and a copy will be mailed if requested. This change will be supplemented by more frequent Enews updates from the church office. Please make sure we have your most up to date email address. You can submit that through our website: www.firstbaptistcolumbus.org



Healthy Living Tips

Prevent Poisonings

A poison is any substance that is harmful to your body when eaten, breathed, injected, or absorbed through the skin. Any substance can be poisonous if enough is taken. It only takes a few minutes to help prevent poisonings.

- Put the poison control number (1-800-222-1222) on all phones. Program it in your cell phones.
- Keep medicines, household cleaners, and other toxic products out of children's reach, in locked or childproof cabinets.
- Monitor the use of medicines, especially those prescribed for children and teenagers.
- Take medicines as directed.
- Keep medicines and chemical products in their original bottles or containers.
- Follow directions on product labels.
- Turn on a light when you give or take medicines.
- Never share or sell your prescription drugs.
- Dispose of unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs.
- Never mix household products together. For example, mixing bleach and ammonia can result in toxic gases.
- Put on protective clothing (that is, gloves, long sleeves, pants, etc.) if you spray pesticides or other chemicals.
- Turn on the fan and open windows when using household cleaners and other chemical products.



Communion

March Communion

SANCTUARY SERVERS:

Jim Bokelman
Ron Lane
Molly Nelson
Cliff Putterill
John McKay
Randy Wheeler
Nathan Patrick
Frank Eldridge
Dick Miller

HOMEBOUND SERVERS:

Janet Bailey
Susan Carter
Jeannie Wheeler
Linda Foster
Charlotte Oestreicher
Teresa Arbuckle
Carol Poe

COMMUNION PREPARATION:

Randy & Jeannie Wheeler

CLEAN-UP:

Nathan Patrick, Randy Wheeler,
Keith Arbuckle, Bill Baker

April Communion

SANCTUARY SERVERS:

Keith & Teresa Arbuckle
Randy Wheeler
Linda Foster
Frank Eldridge
Bill & Carolyn Baker
Wayne Lovelace
Joe Hamon

HOMEBOUND SERVERS:

Janet Bailey
Larry & Susan Carter
Nathan Patrick
Carol Poe
Charlotte Oestreicher

COMMUNION PREPARATION:

Bill & Carolyn Baker

CLEAN-UP:

Bill Baker, Frank Eldridge,
Wayne Lovelace, Joe Hamon

Anyone who would like to assist with communion, please contact the church office, 812-376-3321.

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.



Coming This Month

March Birthdays

1. ~ Carolyn Pool
2. ~ Dan Cash
7. ~ Marsha Daugherty, Randy Wheeler, Drew Hamon
11. ~ Marcia Battle
13. ~ Nathan Patrick
14. ~ Anita Burton
15. ~ Tom Vickers
16. ~ Donita Compton, Heidi Jones, Bryce Olson
18. ~ Gretchen Seeley
19. ~ Mike Riley
20. ~ Paulette McClintock
21. ~ Becky Stephens
23. ~ Leland Robertson
25. ~ Amanda Reed
27. ~ Paula Pickup
29. ~ Donna Tull
30. ~ Judy Alexander, Carolyn McIntire

Serving in the Nursery This Month

March 3

Nursery Worship—Sue Hoffman & Lucy Cash
Toddler Worship—Carolyn Baker & Susan Carter

March 10

Nursery Worship—Kayla Jones & Lucy Cash
Toddler Worship—Charlotte Oestreicher & Nolan Pickup

March 17

Nursery Worship—Deborah & Molly Nelson
Toddler Worship—Jennifer Kelley & Heidi Jones

March 24

Nursery Worship—Diane & Ashley Ginn
Toddler Worship—Joy Langdon & Anita Burton

March 31

Nursery Worship—
Toddler Worship—Judy Rhude & Paulette McClintock

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Service: Sunday Morning - Worship 9:30 am, 2nd Hour Learning 10:45 am

The Body of Christ Prays For...Betty Euler, Roselyn Hoff, K.M. George, Sharon Semer, Cecil & Linda Workman, Anna DeHaven, Carl & Nancy Williams, Marcia Battle, Alvin Arbuckle, Marilyn Estell, Leland Robertson, Heidi Putterill, Don Hughes, Janet Bailey, Donna Emmert.

Looking Ahead

Sun., March 3—Youth Team Meeting (10:45 am)
Tues., March 5—Hannah Circle (2:00 pm)
Wed., March 6—Worship Planning Team (5:00 pm)
Sun., March 10—Sermon Conversation (10:45 am)
Sun., March 10—Glad Ringers resume (5:00 pm); WAVE follows (6:00 pm)
Tues., March 12—Marriage Grow Group (6:00 pm)
Wed., March 13—Four Seasons Mending (9:00 am)
Wed., March 13—Pastor Search Team (5:30 pm)
Fri., March 15—Newsletter Deadline
Fri., March 15—Family Game & Movie Night (5:30 pm)
Tues., March 19—Church Council (7:00 pm)
Tues., March 26—Marriage Grow Group (6:00 pm)
Tues., March 26—Abigail Circle (7:00 pm)
Sun., March 31—Pitch-In Coffee Fellowship (Last Names Q-Z)

Live streaming available for Sunday Services

- To view on your PC, go to sundaystreams.com/go/fbccolumbus, or access through the link at the top right of our homepage, firstbaptistcolumbus.org
- To view on a mobile device, download the Sundaystreams app from the App Store or Google Play. Password is fbccolumbus