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July Messenger

Summer Greetings:

As I write this column I am preparing to attend the ABCUSA Mission Summit/Biennial in Virginia Beach, VA (June 20-23). This is the every two-year national gathering of our American Baptist faith family for the purpose of celebration, worship, education, mission resourcing, and connection. I have been an American Baptist (lay or clergy person) all of my life. This faith family runs deep in my DNA. So, I'm looking forward to the family reunion with brothers and sisters from across the country, and around the world, as we gather for a few days in Virginia Beach.

Upon my return home Lori, Lucy and I will take a few additional days of vacation, traveling into Michigan to unwind, unplug and rejuvenate. It's hard for us to believe that one year ago we were traveling abroad and to various U.S. destinations on a sabbatical leave. It seems we've rarely stopped since we got back last September. But it's good to stop.

I hope summer affords you the opportunity, somewhere along the way, to just stop. In our overly connected, plugged in, 24/7 world of constant and instant messaging; we must remember to stop. It is by stopping, being still, listening and reflecting that we often hear and experience what God has in store for us. We must pay attention in order to discern what God's message may be. How often do you stop? How often do you sit in the presence of God with no noise, nothing but your focus upon the Holy One?

This summer I have been reading the book, *The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows*, written by James Bryan Smith. It's a book on spiritual formation in which the author gives the reader what he terms "soul training" practices at the close of each chapter. Consider this list of soul training topics found in Smith's book:

- Sleep
- Silence & Awareness of Creation
- Counting Your Blessings
- Praying Psalm 23
- Lectio Devina (a dwelling in the Word form of Bible Study)
- Margin
- Reading the Gospel of John
- Solitude
- Slowing Down

Each of these is focused on helping us learn to "be" rather than to "do". The psalmist said it well, "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10) Try using that phrase as a meditative call to prayer, repeating it slowly and leaving off one additional word each time. It will slow you down. It will center you. It will help you listen. It will help you stop.

In partnership - Pastor Dan

Around The Church

Roof Repairs

As visible around the church recently, there has been roof work occurring. The increasing number of buckets and towels around during wet weather showed our aging roof was generating more leaks. As noted in the first quarter reports, we concluded that we had reached the point where we needed to take action to prevent damage to our building.

Two years ago, we recovered the flat roof area over the majority of Fellowship Hall. This has worked well and we decided to do the same thing over the remaining flat roof areas. This was a \$33,000 expense. Although we have the funds to do this work, it will take the majority of our maintenance reserves and leave us short if we have any unplanned issues. Given this, we are raising this as a need and asking you to consider contributing towards this work. If you feel called to support this, please mark your contribution as 'Roof Replacement' so that we can allocate it to this project.

Cycling Group Overnight – July 3

"Word on Wheels," a bicycle group with Heritage Baptist Church in Kentwood, MI, will be staying overnight at FBC on July 3. This group makes an annual trek with youth and adults from their home near Grand Rapids to a destination elsewhere in the Midwest. This year's destination is Louisville, KY. FBC hosted the group (of about 40 people) last in 2014.

Latino – Anglo Bridge Building (LAB)

The next session for LAB (the Latino – Anglo Bridge Building dialogue) is July 27 at Franklin College (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.). If you are interested in being part of this dialogue with members of the Latino ABC community in Indiana let Pastor Dan know.

THANK
YOU

I would like to thank The Tulls and The Foundation for choosing me for the E. Don & Joyce Tull Scholarship. This will help with the costs of going to College. I also want to thank the Church for all the graduation gifts.

Thank you,
Drew Hamon

I would like to thank The Church and The Foundation for your continued support of my education at Judson University by selecting me for The Foundation Scholarship.

God Bless!
Matthew Hamon

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From Pastor David.....

Dear FBC friends,

I think of the song, "Summertime, and the livin' is easy...." We do tend to slow down somewhat in the summer, and that's a good thing. At the same time, I am very pleased that most of the summer Sundays have someone signed up for special music! The sign-up sheet is near the kitchen area, and you may find a date or two left, so if you would like to sing or play an instrument, please sign in soon.

I also want to invite new folks to consider singing with the Praise Team. Currently, we try to rotate our singers for a month at a time. You do not have to be part of the Chancel Choir to sing in the Praise Team. I also want to invite folks to make suggestions for new songs that they might like us to try sometime.

As it is summer, I want to encourage you to take a walk in the park, feel the sunshine, enjoy God's beautiful creation. That's what Maltie Babcock liked to do (a Presbyterian minister who wrote "This Is My Father's World"). He would oftentimes tell his secretary that he was leaving the office to "go out and see my Father's world". His first verse begins, "This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears, all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres."

Blessings,
Pastor David

WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY?

JILL SMITH	-	REDEEMING GRACE (RUTH)
" "	-	ABIGALE
" "	-	SARAI
" "	-	RACHAEL
" "	-	REBECCA
ANGELA HUNT	-	DELILAH
" "	-	ESTHER
" "	-	BATHSHEBA
" "	-	MAGDALENE
JODY HEDLUND	-	A RELUCTANT BRIDE
T. K. CHAPIN	-	THE START OF US
SERENA MILLER	-	MORIAH'S LIGHTHOUSE
SHARON SROCK	-	MAC (SISTER'S BY DESIGN #1)

Around The Church

“Got Questions?” Sermon Conversation Series

A Summer version of our Sermon Conversation Series will be shared on July 7, August 4, and September 1.

“Ask Pastor Dan/David” is the theme of this series, featuring questions submitted by congregants on a topic they have a question about.

The following topics are planned for these dates:

July 7 – “How do we reconcile the God of the Old Testament with the God we meet in Jesus?” – Pastor Dan Cash

Aug. 4 – “How does one cope with loneliness in a world with so much to do and yet no-one to share it with?” – Pastor David Brown

Sept. 1 – “How do we respond as Christ followers in the divisive era that we live in?” – Pastor Dan Cash

Worship Pastor Search Update

The FBC Worship Pastor Team has been busy during these summer weeks. First round video interviews were held with three candidates the week of June 10. From that experience we hope to conduct a second in-person interview with two of the candidates during the month of July. Please keep this group in your prayers as we discern God’s leading in this important area of our shared ministry.

Coffee Bar Hosts

July: Daryl & Dot McMath

August: Bill & Carolyn Baker



Coffee Fellowship - July 28

Last Names A-H are invited to bring snacks to share.

We will have a special presentation by Carrie Riley, a local coordinator with the Feed My Starving Children mission endeavor.

This Month's Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

July 7 - Kerry & Alice Richmond
July 14 - Bob & Jean Langdon
July 21 - Paul & Carol Poe
July 28 - Daryl & Dot McMath

Emergency Responders

July 7 - Judy Rhude
July 14 - Mike Compton
July 21 - Forest Daugherty
July 28 - Kim Hamon

August 4 - Judy Rhude
August 11 - Mike Compton
August 18 - Forest Daugherty
August 25 - Kim Hamon

Children's Sunday School

1st Sunday

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

2nd Sunday

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

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.

Serving in the Nursery This Month

July 7

Nursery Worship—Sue Hoffman & Carol Poe
Toddler Worship—Carolyn Baker & Susan Carter

July 14

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

July 21

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

July 28

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



Healthy Living Tips

Food Safety at Fairs and Festivals

A fun family activity is attending fairs, festivals, carnivals, and rodeos. Follow these tips to have a safe cooking, eating, and drinking experience at those events. Fairs and festivals are exciting events and there are always fun things to see and experience, including art work, music, games, and rides. One of the biggest draws to these events is the many different types of foods and drinks available.

Sometimes the usual safety controls in a kitchen, like hand washing facilities, refrigeration, thermometers to check food temperatures, and workers trained in food safety, may not be available when cooking and dining at fairs and festivals. This makes it even more important for you to follow food safety tips. Remember that food safety practices are the same at fairs as they are at restaurants and at home: Clean, Separate, Cook, and Chill. Learn more about these steps, and reduce your chances of getting food poisoning.

What should you consider before buying food from a vendor?

- Does the vendor have a clean/tidy workstation?
- Does the vendor have a sink for employees to wash their hands?
- Do the employees wear gloves or use tongs when handling food?
- Does the vendor have refrigeration on site for raw ingredients or pre-cooked foods?
- Has the vendor been inspected? Is a recent inspection report available? Requirements vary by state, but in general temporary and mobile vendors, like those at fairs and carnivals, should have a license to sell food and beverages in a particular state or county for a specific time period. You can check with the local health department to see if the vendors are licensed and if a food inspection has been completed.

Certain foods, including meat, poultry, and fish need to be cooked to a temperature high enough to kill harmful germs that may be present.

What steps can you take to protect you and your family?

Wash Hands Often:

- Find out where hand washing stations are located.
- Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds. Always wash hands after using the restroom, after playing a game or going on a ride, before eating and drinking, after changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet, and after removing soiled clothes or shoes.
- Bring hand sanitizers or disposable wipes in case there aren't any places to wash your hands.

Report Illness:

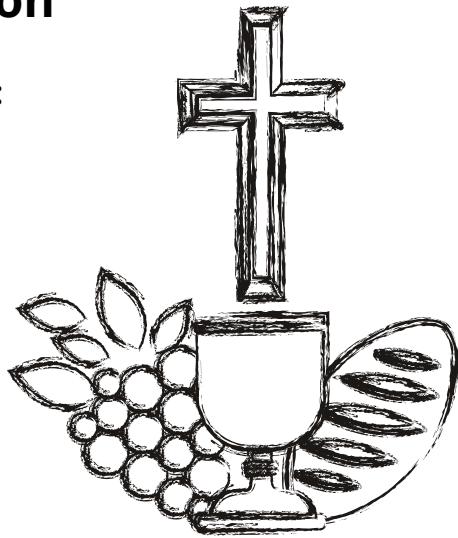
Anytime you think you may have gotten a food borne illness, report it to your local health department, even if you have already recovered. The local public health department is an important part of the food safety system. Often, calls from concerned citizens are how outbreaks are first detected. If a public health official contacts you to find out more about an illness you had, talk to him or her. Information from healthy people can be just as important as information from sick people in public health investigations. Investigators may need your help even if you are not sick.

Communion

July Communion

SANCTUARY SERVERS:

Linda Foster
Daryl McMath
Joe Hamon
Dick Miller
John McKay
Molly Nelson
Ron Lane
Jim Bokelman
David Emmert



HOMEBOUND SERVERS:

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

COMMUNION PREPARATION:

Bill & Carolyn Baker

CLEAN-UP:

Nathan Patrick, Randy Wheeler,
Keith Arbuckle, Daryl McMath

August Communion

SANCTUARY SERVERS:

Linda Foster
Randy Wheeler
Nathan Patrick
Frank Eldridge
Carolyn Baker
Wayne Lovelace
Bill Baker
Daryl McMath
Keith Arbuckle

HOMEBOUND SERVERS:

Janet Bailey
Susan Carter
Larry Carter
Charlotte Oestreicher
Teresa Arbuckle
Carol Poe

COMMUNION PREPARATION:

Keith & Teresa Arbuckle

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.



Mission

Operation: **Undercover**



Your mission (should you choose to accept it!) is to help FBC provide a much-needed resource to our Kids-Across-the-Street at Richards Elementary School. First Baptist Church has committed to providing **underwear and socks** to needy children at our neighborhood school. This mission must be completed by the **end of July**. Look for the collection bins where you can drop off your items for both girls and boys. For more information, contact Lori Cash or Jerald Hatton. Thank you for your generous help in this effort!

2nd Hour Presentation from Feed My Starving Children

Carrie Riley, a local coordinator with the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) mission endeavor, will be with us and share during the Second Hour Coffee Fellowship gathering on Sun., July 28. Our FBC Mission Team is looking for several teams from the congregation to participate in this year's ecumenical effort with FMSC which will take place Sept. 6-8 at Asbury United Methodist Church. David Stehouwer is our local FBC contact for this mission opportunity.

"Asbury United Methodist has hosted a Mobile Pack event for Feed My Starving Children for several years. Our event this year will be Sept. 6-8. FMSC is a Christian non-profit hunger relief organization that provides food to help communities in developing countries. The cost to feed one child one meal a day is only \$0.24. The cost to feed one child, one meal a day for one year is \$88. Our goal is to pack 200,000 meals to feed 2,272 children for one year. Asbury commits to paying for these meals and recruiting over 700 volunteers to help pack all three days. This commitment can't be done by Asbury alone. The community always steps up to help and we would love to share this event with First Baptist. I look forward to speaking with you on July 28 and share how you can be a part of this great experience." (Carrie Riley)

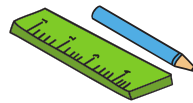


White Cross Gifts of the Heart

Through White Cross, these special recovery kits provide both tangible assistance to people in need and show that neighbors near and far truly care. These are sent to Church World Service, which sees that they are sent to those in need.

SCHOOL KIT

- One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip only) removed from package
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf/filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers—removed from package
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag (solid color or kid-friendly fabric) with cloth handles. No reusable shopping bags, backpacks, or bags with logos.



Pack all items inside the cloth bag.

Optional: Loose school items may be placed in a large Ziploc type bag to keep them together, then placed in the large bag."

Thank you to all who donated School and Health kits for Church World Service this year. We sent 24 Health Kits and 30 School Kits. Your willingness to help those in disaster areas both in the U.S. and around the world is appreciated. (Judy Alexander)

July Birthdays

1. ~ Deanna Glick
6. ~ Steve Briggs, Gavin Frady
7. ~ Lucy Cash
10. ~ Kari Lovelace
11. ~ Sharon Green
12. ~ Mary Greene, Diane Ginn
14. ~ Grace Marshall, Dave Stehouwer
18. ~ Carl Williams



20. ~ Lianne Wright
21. ~ Ruby Cunningham
22. ~ Evie Vogelpohl
23. ~ Ravynn Fulkerson, Katie Emmert
24. ~ John Stafford, Joe Hamon
28. ~ Liz Lipson, Alice Richmond
29. ~ Jane Seal
30. ~ Allen Rea, Steven Pool

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, Donna Moore.

Worship Pastor Search Team as they continue their work.

Looking Ahead

- July 3 - Praise Team Rehearsal (every Wed. - 6:30 pm)
- July 3 - Women's Chorus Rehearsal (7:00 pm)
- July 3 - Word on Wheels Bicycle Group overnight at FBC
- July 4 - Church Office Closed
- July 6 - ASAP Work Day (8:00 am)
- July 7 - Sermon Conversation (2nd Hour)
- July 9 - Church Council (7:00 pm)
- July 10 - Four Seasons Mending (9:00 am)
- July 15 - Newsletter Deadline
- July 17 - Quarterly Business Meeting (6:00 pm)
- July 21 - 5K Planning Team (11:45 am)
- July 23 - Search Committee (5:30 pm)
- July 27 - Latino-Anglo Bridge Building at Franklin College (10:00 am-3:00 pm)
- July 28 - Pitch-In Coffee Fellowship (last names A-H)
- July 30 - Search Committee (5:30 pm)

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

Live streaming available for Sunday Services

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- To view on a mobile device, download the Sundaystreams app from the App Store or Google Play. Password is fbccolumbus