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**Daniel Cash, Senior Pastor**  
**David Brown, Interim Music Minister**

## January Messenger

Dear Friends at First Baptist:

Happy New Year! Can you believe it's 2020? There are several things I want to share with you in this first column of the new year:

First, please join me in expressing our gratitude to Pastor David Brown for his past 10 months of leadership and ministry among us. We have come to know and love David and Susan but knew his time at First Baptist was always an "interim" assignment. The Browns will conclude their ministry with us on Sunday, January 12. They will next begin several weeks as short-term volunteer missionaries with International Ministries (ABCUSA) in the Dominican Republic.

Pastor David will be preaching on Jan. 12 and we will be sure to have a time of appreciation after worship so you can wish him and Susan well on their next adventure. Personally, David has become a dear friend as well as trusted colleague in ministry. I will miss the easy collegiality with which we shared ministry. I wish him and Susan God speed and rich blessings.

Meanwhile, the worship leader search continues at First Baptist, and so will worship and music in this continued interim period through lay leadership and our music ministry instrumental staff.

Second, as we turn the calendar into 2020 I'm aware (how could you not be?) that this will be another contentious presidential election year in our country. To that end I'm asking that you join me in participating in an initiative called Golden Rule 2020: A Call for Dignity and Respect in Politics. Supported by American Baptist Churches USA, this initiative calls for: . . . Christians with different theological and political views . . . to . . . come together to express concern about the polarization and incivility that is tearing our country apart.

The Golden Rule 2020 support statement reads: We believe that we can find guidance through this national dilemma in the teachings of Jesus. In particular, we believe that Jesus' command to "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" should be taken seriously by Christians who engage in political activity. We also believe that if enough people follow this "Golden Rule" principle, it will help generate the respect and civility we so desperately need in our country.

How can we participate? Congregations and individuals (can) do two things: 1) pray for the healing of the divisions in our country, and 2) promote the use of the Golden Rule in our own political discussions and election activities in 2020.

As your pastor I'm asking you to join me in living into and up to this Golden Rule in this election year!

With gratitude for your partnership in the Gospel,

Pastor Dan

# Around The Church



## Staff "Christmas Gift" Thank You



We want to thank you for your many expressions of kindness and appreciation over the Christmas season. The year-end gifts, cards and greetings helped to make our season bright.

Your First Baptist Church Staff:

Dan Cash

David Brown

Laura Friedrich

Donna Tull

Barry Ferrill

Dortha Anderson

Carla Williams

Melissa Hernandez

## Men of Faith Begins New January Study

The Men of Faith bible study group will resume on January 10, 2020 with a new study titled "2020 Vision". This four-session study looks at the topic of vision and how God has used our sense of sight to speak with persons about faith. Men of Faith meets on Fridays at 6:15 a.m. in the private dining room at the Four Seasons Retirement Community (1901 Taylor Road, Columbus 47203). A member study guide is available for all those who wish to participate. Speak with Pastor Dan or call the church office if you would like a copy. All men are invited to join the Men of Faith group.

## Inquiry Meeting for those New to FBC – Jan. 19

Pastor Dan, and members of the FBC Church Council, will host an Inquiry Meeting on Sunday, January 19 during 2nd Hour in the Chapel. This is a time to learn more about the mission and ministry of the church, receive information about church membership, and ask questions of the pastor and lay leaders.

If you are interested in attending, speak with Pastor Dan; or join us on Jan. 19.

## Annual Meeting

The 2019 Annual Meeting of First Baptist will be held during 2nd Hour in conjunction with Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, January 26. Come and join in the congregational business of the church.

# Around The Church

## From Pastor David.....



Dear First Baptist friends,

Serving at First Baptist as the interim Music/Worship Director since March 2019 has been a very enjoyable experience! Susan and I have appreciated all the affirmations and love that you have showered upon us. So it is with no small amount of sadness, and also gladness, that we share with you an opportunity to serve alongside some of our career missionaries in the Dominican Republic. Ketly and Vital Pierre are doing wonderful work in La Romana and also in Punta Cana, working some with Haitian refugees, helping to strengthen local churches by leading seminars and workshops, and by preaching and teaching, among other things. You can read more about them by going to this link: <https://www.internationalministries.org/author/kv-pierre/>

We have had several conversations with them about coming and helping out where we can. They have assured us that they will have plenty of opportunities for us to help out, and hopefully be a blessing to them. We are making plans to leave near the end of January, and stay for around 2 months.

This means that our last Sunday at First Baptist will be January 12, 2020. We ask for your prayers as we make plans to go on this extended mission trip. And we look forward to being able to share some of what God is doing there when we get back!

In the meantime, you will be in our prayers, that God will guide you to the right leadership for First Baptist.

Blessings to you all,  
David and Susan Brown



Our heartfelt THANKS go to all who helped to make the 2019 Christmas Market a success. Despite the less-than-ideal weather, the vendors had great sales and all want to come back again next year! Special appreciation goes to Frank Eldridge for ensuring that we had the tables needed in the right locations. How wonderful it is to be part of this First Baptist Family of Faith.

Jerald and Adrienne Hatton

## Thank You for Your Generosity

Thanks to your outpouring of generosity, 241 items were donated then delivered to turning Point for its Holiday Store. Your donations helped families have a wonderful holiday season that they may not otherwise experience. With sincere appreciation for your spirit of giving.

Judy Rhude for the Mission Ministry Team

The Cash and Adams families (Dan & Lori; Mollie, Jordan & Oliver; Jacob & Lucy) would like to thank the congregation for your prayers, cards, words of compassion and presence during the days we mourned the loss of Dan's mother, Ellen Joan Cash. She loved to visit First Baptist - Columbus and was always so warmly welcomed when she came to events and worship here at the church. Thanks for walking with us through this time of loss and celebration of her life.

Thank you to all who came to my 80th birthday party and met my family. It was a wonderful day and a special thank you to Bill & Carolyn Baker who helped my daughter with some last minute details and got the cake. I enjoyed it and hope all that came did too.

Janet Bailey

# This Month's Leadership

## Pastoral Care Team

Jan. 5 - Kerry & Alice Richmond  
Jan. 12 - Bob & Jean Langdon  
Jan. 19 - Janet Bailey & Charlotte Oestreicher  
Jan. 26 - Tim & Paula Pickup

## Emergency Responders

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Jan. 5 - Judy Rhude        | Feb. 2 - Terri Ketterling  |
| Jan. 12 - Mike Compton     | Feb. 9 - Judy Rhude        |
| Jan. 19 - Forest Daugherty | Feb. 16 - Kim Hamon        |
| Jan. 26 - Kim Hamon        | Feb. 23 - Forest Daugherty |

## Serving in the Nursery:

### January 5

Nursery Worship—Sue Hoffman & Lucy Cash  
Toddler Worship—Carolyn Baker & Nolan Pickup

### January 12

Nursery Worship—Kayla Jones & Lucy Cash  
Toddler Worship—Charlotte Oestreicher & Susan Carter

### January 19

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

### January 26

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

## 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.



## 2020 CHURCH COUNCIL

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Chair:                     | Jeff Caldwell           |
| Vice Chair:                | Ben Slaton              |
| Treasurer:                 | Heidi Jones             |
| Vice Treasurer:            | Joe Hamon               |
| Financial Secretary:       | Stephanie Adams         |
| Asst. Financial Secretary: | Paula Pickup            |
| Clerk:                     | Breanne Vogelpohl       |
| Membership Clerk:          | Stephanie Adams         |
| Christian Ed.:             | Carolyn Pool            |
| Evangelism:                | Jerald Hatton           |
| Family Life:               | Keith & Teresa Arbuckle |
| Missions:                  | Cliff Putterill         |
| Stewardship:               | Jim Reid                |
| Worship:                   | Adam Zimmerman          |

## 2020 First Baptist Foundation Board of Directors

Larry Mayfield  
Cliff Putterill  
Kerry Richmond  
Alberta Ruble  
Sharon Tobias

# Communion

## January Communion

### **SANCTUARY SERVERS:**

Cliff Putterill  
Sue Putterill  
Ron Lane  
Molly Nelson  
Daryl McMath  
Dick Miller  
David Emmert  
John McKay  
Keith Arbuckle

### **HOMEBOUND SERVERS:**

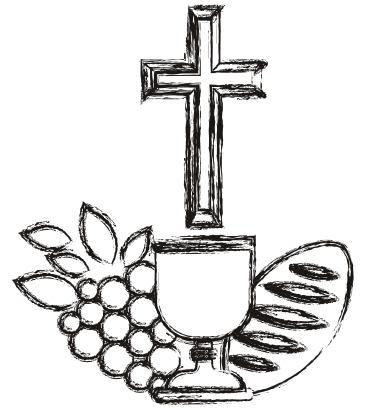
Janet Bailey  
Charlotte Oestreicher  
Larry Carter  
Nathan Patrick  
Susan Carter  
Linda Foster

### **COMMUNION PREPARATION:**

Bill & Carolyn Baker

### **CLEAN-UP:**

Sue Putterill, Daryl McMath  
Bill Baker, Cliff Putterill



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.



### **Coffee Bar Host**

January: Lori Cash & Natalie Pickup

### **Coffee Fellowship - Jan. 26**

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





# Mission

## To the First Baptist Church Congregation:

We sincerely appreciate your willingness to “step out of your comfort zones” a little bit on Sunday, Nov. 24 in welcoming the guests from the Brighter Days Shelter to attend our worship service, and also share our Thanksgiving feast. As you know this came out of a service project from our RLC Grow Group. We started off a little anxious as we began feeling a little overwhelmed at first, but the more we and others got involved, we knew it was something that could and should be done. The number one obstacle to overcome was the transportation of our guests to and from Brighter Days and the church. Bob Downin graciously stepped up and said, “I’ve got your transportation covered.” Thanks Bob!

We could go on and on about how gracious each and every congregation member was in “shepherding” our guests for the worship service and also in “breaking bread” with them. True Baptist hospitality was on parade for the day! We had 16-18 guests, depending on who was counting. We simply say, THANKS for making this community outreach project such an outstanding success!

Members of our Red Letter Challenge Group: Sue & Cliff Putterill, Carolyn & Bill Baker, Dot & Daryl McMath, Paula & Tim Pickup, Linda Foster, Gretchen Seeley, Julia Casey, and Linda & Larry Mayfield

## 30 Years of Impact – Housing Partnerships/Thrive Alliance

Come celebrate 30 years of impact in the Columbus Community with Housing Partnerships (now part of Thrive Alliance) on Jan. 29, 2020 at The Commons.

5:30 p.m. Social Hour/ 6 p.m. Dinner/ 7:30 p.m. Program  
RSVP: 812-372-6918 or [contact@thrive-alliance.org](mailto:contact@thrive-alliance.org)

## FOOD FOR LOVE CHAPEL

January is the month that First Baptist Church collects cash to purchase food for Love Chapel. They are currently serving 1300 - 1500 families each month and the need seems to continue to increase.

Love Chapel is a Christ-centered, faith based outreach ministry of the Ecumenical Assembly of Bartholomew County Churches. Many member and participating churches, together with the community at large, support those with emergency needs through Love Chapel. First Baptist is one of the initial churches who started this ministry and our members and their support are important to the function of Love Chapel.

Some of the services they offer include emergency food, emergency shelter, client follow-up and outreach, medication assistance through the Medication Assistance Program, job search and referrals, financial assistance for rent, utilities, and GED testing, holiday food baskets, and prayer and chaplaincy ministry.

January is our turn to help fill the food pantry. We solicit cash and shop for the needed items and deliver them to the pantry. Will you help?

# January Birthdays

3. ~ Kathryn Young  
5. ~ Jody Patrick  
6. ~ Marcia Cheek  
7. ~ Jesse Langdon  
8. ~ David Akers  
9. ~ Linda Rea  
12. ~ Jerald Hatton, Stillman Whittington  
13. ~ Connie Baldwin



15. ~ Frank Eldridge  
17. ~ Wayne Lovelace, Missy Zimmerman  
22. ~ Emily Nelson  
23. ~ Betty Euler, Grant Slaton  
24. ~ Scott Crowder, Cara Chitwood  
26. ~ Ken Greenlee, Ryan Jones  
28. ~ Daniel Greene  
30. ~ Marian Miller

## The Body of Christ Prays For...



\*Betty Euler, Roselyn Hoff, K.M. George, Cecil & Linda Workman, Anna DeHaven, Carl & Nancy Williams, Marcia Battle, Alvin Arbuckle, Marilyn Estell, Leland Robertson, Heidi Putterill, Don & Nancy Hughes, Randy Wheeler, Margaret Nelson, Ro Whittington, Mollie Adams.

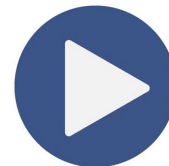
\*Worship Pastor Search Team as they continue their work.

## Looking Ahead

Wednesday, Jan. 1 - Church Office Closed - Happy New Year!  
Tuesday, Jan. 7 - Hannah Circle (2:00 pm)  
Wednesday, Jan. 8 - Four Seasons Mending (9:00 am)  
Friday, Jan. 10 - Men of Faith Bible Study resumes (6:15 am - at Four Seasons)  
Wednesday, Jan. 15 - Newsletter Deadline  
Sunday, Jan. 19 - Inquiry Meeting (during 2nd Hour)  
Tuesday, Jan. 21 - Church Council (7:00 pm)  
Saturday, Jan. 25 - Christian Education Team Meeting (9:30 am - 1:30 pm)  
Sunday, Jan. 26 - Pitch-In Coffee Fellowship (Last names A-H bring snacks to share)  
Sunday, Jan. 26 - Annual Business Meeting (10:45 am - during Coffee Fellowship)  
Tuesday, Jan. 28 - Abigail Circle

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

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