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Daniel Cash, Senior Pastor

## February Messenger

From Pastor Dan:

It has been a very busy beginning to 2020 in the Cash household. Lori and I have been helping my siblings clean out my parent's homestead of some sixty years. We go up to the Greencastle area, where I grew up, every other week or so, to sort, pitch, savor, puzzle over, contemplate, donate and otherwise dispose of "stuff". It's amazing what my parents (mainly my mother) kept! I have found my baby book, all my report cards, my sibling's and my baby teeth; along with various and sundry other things. Mother was a journal keeper – well, she was just a "keeper" in general. Each time I come home I'm determined to give something else of mine away.

It has been somewhat cathartic, however, in our grief process to work through this project. We've relived many memories and told a lot of stories. My sibling's "older than my" perspective has been enlightening in some areas. I've realized we all had our own journey and experience on that five acres of land, with those two loving people. But, in the end, it's just "stuff" and a place that will go to another owner and another family at some point in the future. The truly lasting treasures we carry in our hearts, truly thankful we had parents who taught us to love Christ and serve in His church. We are blessed. Which leads me to ask: What kind of legacy are you leaving your heirs? Let me tell you, from personal experience, it isn't the material goods they will treasure.

February brings a couple of unique opportunities our way as a congregation. We will once again share in a Wednesday evening Winter Learning Series. This four-session series, which begins on Jan. 29, is titled, "Joining Jesus in God's Mission". I'm excited for you to experience three different outside leaders as they help us think about our local mission opportunities in unique ways. Rev. Mark Thompson, our newest region minister with ABCINKY, will lead us in the first two sessions through an exercise in "asset mapping". We will look at the assets or strengths FBC has to offer our community and see how we can improve. Mr. Kelly Daugherty, Executive Director of Love Chapel, will be with us one Wednesday to share how the needs in Bartholomew County continue to grow and evolve. FBC is a founding church of this ecumenical ministry and we need to stay abreast on how we can continue to be supportive. And Rev. Soozie Whitten Ford, Exec. Min. with ABCINKY and a member of our church, will come to share "trends" churches are using in our day to stay fresh and engage in ministry and mission in our changing world. Please make it a priority to join us for the 2020 Winter Learning Series!

Finally, put Friday, Feb 28 on your calendar in ink to be at FBC for the Judson University Choir Concert. We are the first stop on their 2020 tour. I know you will enjoy this group of energetic and gifted young adults who comes to share their gift and message of music. Hosts are needed for the choir group. You can read more about that elsewhere in this newsletter.

With gratitude for your partnership in the Gospel,

Pastor Dan

# Around The Church

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The First Baptist Church Foundation is accepting applications between now and April 1st for two scholarships.

**The E. Don Tull Scholarship** is for a graduating high school senior planning to attend an institution of higher learning full-time next year and is in the amount of \$1,000.

**The Foundation Scholarship** is for any full-time undergraduate student and is also in the amount of \$1,000.

Applications may be obtained from the church office and are due back to the church office or a Foundation board member by April 1, 2020 to be considered. Scholarship recipients will be announced in May.

## Judson University Choir Concert – Friday, Feb. 28

First Baptist will be hosting the Judson University choir on the first stop of their Spring Concert Tour. You will not want to miss this group of young adults. Plan now to invite your friends and family for the concert. Time TBA – likely 6:30 or 7:00 p.m.

The choir performs a variety of music, ranging from choral masterworks to black gospel anthems to Taizé choruses to contemporary praise and worship songs. It tours within the United States two times each year and regularly tours Europe, Asia, and the Americas.

## Overnight Hosts are Needed for Judson Choir Visit

Part of our hospitality to the Judson Choir students and staff will be to provide them with a meal on Feb. 28 prior to the concert, and overnight accommodations in member homes – including breakfast. The church will also be sending them off with sack lunches for their next day of travel.

Can you help with these needs? See below for more information and how to sign up:

We need overnight host homes for 45 to 50 choir members that evening.

Hosting includes:

- \* Transportation to and from your home
- \* Accommodations for 2 or more young adults on Friday, Feb 28
- \* Breakfast for your guests on Saturday, Feb. 29

Anyone willing to open their hearts and homes for the Judson choir members can sign up by completing the information below and returning in the offering plate or to the church office. We will provide additional details to the host families in February, as needed.

\* Your Name:

\* Number of people you can host:

Please circle gender of guest (optional):    Male    Female

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## Dear FBC friends,

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as your Interim Music/Worship Pastor this past year. Susan and I want to express our thanks for accepting us so readily into the church family here. Your support has been very evident, and we feel blessed to have had a small part in helping out. We want to say thank you specifically for the wonderful reception after worship on Jan. 12, and for all the cards and well-wishes. The mission offering you gave shows your generosity and made us feel very grateful for the opportunity to serve here. The amount of \$3,335 given was far beyond what we might have imagined, and we will use it to defray some of our expenses, yes, but the bulk of it will be used to help Ketly and Vital Pierre in their work in the Dominican Republic.

We leave on Monday, Jan. 27, and return on Monday, March 16; a total of 7 weeks. While we are there, we would ask that you keep us in prayer, for safety and for God to use us as He sees fit. We will try to send a note now and then, and maybe even a picture or two. When we get back, we look forward to coming and sharing about our experience with you.

May God hold you in the palm of His Hand, and continue to lead you in ways that you might not even imagine!

Blessings,  
Pastor David M. Brown

## Men of Faith Begins New February Study

During February the Men of Faith bible study group will share in a study titled "Christian Symbols". We live in a world where we are bombarded with symbols daily. Our Christian faith is filled with symbols as well. We will spend four sessions, led by Bill Griffith and Dan Cash, looking at some of the most familiar of these Christian symbols, exploring their meaning, engaging in Scripture study and deepening our appreciation for what each one meant and means to us yet today. A new study session is a great time to join Men of Faith which meets on Fridays, 6:15 a.m. in the private Dining Room at Four Seasons Residential Center (1901 Taylor Rd). All men of the church and community are welcome.

## Winter Learning Series

Join us Wednesdays, Jan. 29 – Feb. 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel for the 2020 Winter Learning Series.

"Joining Jesus in God's Mission" is the name of this year's WLS which will begin on Wednesday, January 29. This four-week series will feature guest leaders, including the Rev. Mark Thompson, Region Minister with American Baptist Churches of Indiana & Kentucky (ABCINKY); Mr. Kelly Daugherty, Executive Director of Love Chapel; and the Rev. Soози Whitten Ford, Executive Minister with ABCINKY.

Mark will be helping us think about participation in local mission through a process known as Asset Mapping.

Kelly will bring us an update on the growing needs being seen at Love Chapel and Brighter Days, and how we as a member church in the Bartholomew County Ecumenical Assembly can continue to respond.

Soози will be sharing with us around new and emerging trends in ministry she is seeing in congregations today as they discern how to be relevant and effective in their ministry and mission.

The Winter Learning Series is an annual opportunity for mid-week education and faith development. Please join us!

# This Month's Leadership

## Pastoral Care Team

February 2 - Carolyn Baker & Sue Hoffman  
February 9 - Ron & Peggy lane  
February 16 - Dortha Anderson & Mandy Reed  
February 23 - Daryl & Dot McMath

## Emergency Responders

Feb. 2 - Terri Ketterling	March 1 - Mike Compton
Feb. 9 - Judy Rhude	March 8 - Kim Hamon
Feb. 16 - Kim Hamon	March 15 - Judy Rhude
Feb. 23 - Forest Daugherty	March 22 - Terri Ketterling
	March 29 - Forest Daugherty

## Serving in the Nursery:

### February 2

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

### February 9

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

### February 16

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

### February 23

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.



## WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY?

SANDI ROG	-	WALKS ALONE
SHARON BROWN	-	SENSIBLE SHOES
" "	-	TWO STEPS FORWARD
" "	-	BAREFOOT
" "	-	AN EXTRA MILE
ANDREA BOESHAAR	-	THREADS OF FAITH
TRACIE PETERSON	-	FOREVER HIDDEN
" "	-	WHAT COMES MY WAY
DENISE HUNTER	-	LAKE SEASON
SUSAN WEJCIECHOWSKI	-	CHRISTMAS MIRACLE OF JONATHAN TOONEY
MISTY BELLER	-	HOPE'S HIGHEST MOUNTAIN

HAPPY NEW YEAR! THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED BOOKS THIS PAST YEAR.

# Communion

## February Communion

### Preparation:

Keith & Teresa Arbuckle

### Sanctuary:

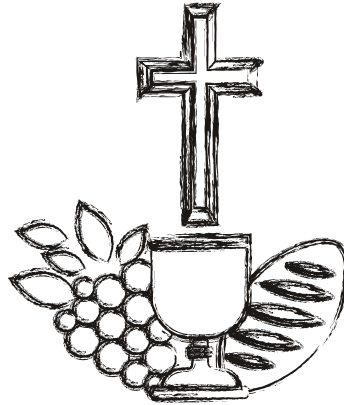
Teresa Arbuckle  
Dick Miller  
Linda Foster  
Frank Eldridge  
Carolyn Baker  
Wayne Lovelace  
Bill Baker  
Joe Hamon  
Keith Arbuckle

### Homebound:

Janet Bailey  
Susan Carter  
Larry Carter  
Charlotte Oestreicher  
Linda Foster

### Clean up:

Bill Baker, Frank Eldridge,  
Wayne Lovelace, Joe Hamon



## March Communion

### Preparation:

Adam & Missy Zimmerman

### Sanctuary:

Adam Zimmerman  
Missy Zimmerman  
Ron Lane  
Molly Nelson  
Daryl McMath  
Dick Miller  
David Emmert  
John McKay  
Keith Arbuckle

### Homebound:

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

### 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

February: Sharon Tobias

### Coffee Fellowship - Feb. 23

Last Names I-P are invited to bring snacks to share.



# Mission

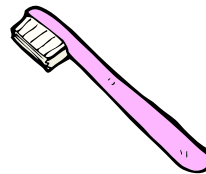
## White Cross Gifts of the Heart

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.

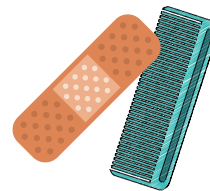
Due to the great response in the fall of the donation of 19 School Kits, you are encouraged to assemble Health Kits at this time. Kits are due by March 8. Place them in the box near the kitchen. If you prefer to donate money toward the purchase of Kits assembled by CWS rather than assembling one, you may do so. Both School and Health Kits cost \$15, and a Processing fee of \$2 for each kit would be appreciated. They also assemble Emergency Cleaning Buckets including a variety of cleaning supplies at a cost of \$75, with a processing fee of \$3. Use the blue envelope in the pew and mark it "Kits." If you want to donate by check through the church, please make it out to First Baptist Church and write "Kits" on the memo line.



### Health Kit



- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (NO fingertip, bath, dish, or microfiber towels)
- One wide-tooth comb removed from package
- One bath-size bar of soap (in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging only)
- One washcloth
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from package
- Ten standard size band-aids



All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove excess air from bag, and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the Kit.

**Please include ONLY the specific items listed—read the list carefully!** Processing fee of \$2 for each kit would be appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Judy Alexander.



# Healthy Living Tips

## High Blood Pressure

High blood pressure is a common and dangerous condition. Having high blood pressure means the pressure of the blood in your blood vessels is higher than it should be. You can take steps to control your blood pressure and lower your risk of heart disease and stroke. About 1 of 3 U.S. adults—or about 75 million people—have high blood pressure. Only about half (54%) of these people have their high blood pressure under control. Many young people are also being diagnosed with high blood pressure. This common condition increases the risk for heart disease and stroke, two of the leading causes of death for Americans.

High blood pressure is called the “silent killer” because it often has no warning signs or symptoms, and many people do not know they have it. That’s why it is important to check your blood pressure regularly.

Risk factors include health conditions, your lifestyle, and your family history that can increase your risk for high blood pressure.

Some of the risk factors for high blood pressure cannot be controlled, such as your age or family history. You can take steps to lower your risk by changing the factors you can control. High blood pressure increases your risk for heart disease and stroke, two leading causes of death in the United States. No matter your age, you can take steps each day to keep your blood pressure in a healthy range.

You can help prevent high blood pressure by making healthy choices and managing any health conditions you may have.

Blood pressure is the force of blood pushing against the walls of your arteries, which carry blood from your heart to other parts of your body. Blood pressure normally rises and falls throughout the day. But if it stays high for a long time, it can damage your heart and lead to health problems. High blood pressure raises your risk for heart disease and stroke, which are leading causes of death in the United States.

High blood pressure has no warning signs or symptoms, and many people do not know they have it. The only way to know if you have it is to measure your blood pressure. Then you can take steps to control it if it is too high.

## CPR Class - February 22

The Health Ministry Team is offering a CPR class at Otter Creek Clubhouse on Saturday morning, February 22, beginning at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to participate. Children's ministry workers and emergency responders are encouraged to attend.

A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Desk. Please register by Sunday, Feb. 16. You may also call the church office to register. Certification is available. A charge of \$10 per person for the class is payable to First Baptist Church. The instructor is Mike Kutsko with the Columbus Fire Department. Mike Compton is the coordinator for FBC.

# February Birthdays



1. ~ Linda Reid
2. ~ Dick Miller, Scott Chitwood, Eliza Fee
3. ~ Jeff Seeley, Oliver Adams, Jan Carlstrom
4. ~ Delma Harmon
5. ~ Margaret Nelson, John McKay, A.J. Scgalski
7. ~ Jeannie Wheeler
8. ~ Adam Zimmerman
10. ~ Alvin Arbuckle, Cecil Workman
12. ~ Larry Alexander, Barry Ferrill
13. ~ Sharon Semer
14. ~ Esther Hash
15. ~ Bill Baker
17. ~ Chris Nelson
18. ~ Stephanie Olson
21. ~ Peggy Lane, Anita Yancey, Stephanie Adams
22. ~ Jan Reed
23. ~ Deb Lilly
24. ~ Pat Burns
25. ~ Cliff Frady, Heather Sims
27. ~ Shorty Whittington
29. ~ Sharon Downin

## The Body of Christ Prays For...



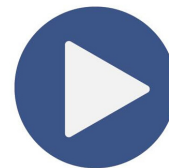
- Betty Euler, Roselyn Hoff, K.M. George, Cecil & Linda Workman, Anna DeHaven, Carl & Nancy Williams, Marcia Battle, Alvin Arbuckle, Marilyn Estell, Leland Robertson, Heidi Putterill, Don & Nancy Hughes, Randy Wheeler, Margaret Nelson, Donna Tull, Donita Compton.
- Worship Pastor Search Team as they continue their work.

## Looking Ahead

- Tuesday, Feb. 4 - Hannah Circle (2:00 pm)  
Thursday, Feb. 6 - Cleaning Kitchen  
Wednesday, Feb. 12 - Four Seasons Mending (9:00 am)  
Friday, Feb. 14 - Newsletter Deadline  
Tuesday, Feb. 18 - Church Council  
Sunday, Feb. 23 - Pitch-In Coffee Fellowship (Last names I-P)  
Tuesday, Feb. 25 - Abigail Circle (7:00 pm)  
Friday, Feb. 28 - Judson Choir Meal & Concert

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

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Sunday Services**



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