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**Dan Cash, Senior Pastor**  
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## July 2020 Messenger

Dear Friends in Christ:

Paul often opened his letters to the New Testament churches with a greeting and prayer of thanksgiving. Allow me to do the same. I greet you in the name of Jesus, longing to see you and hear from you again, knowing that many of you are feeling the same way. And I give thanks to God for each of you, for your faithfulness to our Lord and His Church during this unusual time in the life we share in common.

Now, let me unpack that a little bit. While it has been great to see several of you in person for worship during the Sundays of June, many are (with just cause) continuing to be cautious and careful and have continued to worship by live stream. I'm so very grateful we have this medium available, however, for the most part it's a one-way (us to you) transmission. Meaning, you may see me, but I don't see you. Frankly, I miss that! In all my years of ministry I have not felt as disconnected with the congregation as I have over the past many weeks. Quite honestly, some days it just gets to me.

Zoom Bible study is great. Daily prayer calls have helped. Personal phone calls, texts, messages and emails do keep us connected; but nothing can replace a face to face (even if masked) encounter! So, I long for the day – realizing it may yet be a while – when we can once again accomplish that in a larger group.

Until then, we continue to look for creative and safe ways in which to share ministry. Daniel and I may begin offering some outdoor neighborhood visit opportunities in different parts of the city or county. We've explored the possibility of holding a simple outdoor worship service where persons may feel safer gathering. We have a task force that meets and talks about the precautions we have in place during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and how, if and when we might be able to alter them. This group will make regular recommendations to the Church Council as time moves along.

I want you to know that the guidelines under which we have resumed in-person worship are in place for your safety, as well as that of all others. I take your care and safety very seriously, even if it means the discomfort of a face mask or inconvenience of sitting socially distanced, or in different rooms within the building.

My appeal to you is to hang in there with us as we live together through this time.

A scripture verse that has often come to my mind is found in II Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV):

Therefore we do not lose heart. . . . For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Continuing to hold you in the partnership of prayer,

Pastor Dan



# Around The Church

## The Embassy

Embassies duel.  
Underneath the way between  
A crosswalk remains.

Hear me before I begin- this is not to be political. I am not political, or at least I don't like to be, but, I'd like to share more about myself in hopes of offering you hope and comfort.

I spent a year as an intercultural ambassador at Indiana Wesleyan University. Much of this job ended up being event planning (much to my chagrin), yet the importance of our position was not lost in the search for practicality in what is often complicated as an abstraction - because it shouldn't be an abstraction. In fact, it's the most real part of why we are still on this planet. I read an article recently asking the question (paraphrased): Why, if we who believe Jesus is Lord are saved, are we not zapped up to the heavens above like a Star Trek character, Enoch, Elijah, or Jesus at His Ascension?

For our neighbor.

I don't write poetry, but I tried my hand at it in the above haiku in hopes of giving voice to the empathy I've been carrying. It's simply an observation I've made: Our world, everyone, you, me - we point arrows of accusation across the street at each other, be that for political ideologies or otherwise, and strive to kill the threats we face, often times causing destruction far more catastrophic than we ever intended.

Ironic isn't it? Don't embassies work for peace, harmony, and reconciliation?

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain." - 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:1

Look back at my attempt at a haiku. Where is Christ?

While we kill and destroy and fight for what we want to call justice, we forget that underneath us, underneath the embassies which house supposed ambassadors on either side of the street, underneath the destruction and bodies in between, underneath the crosswalk, there is an ancient stone which we quickly ignore or take for granted, yet it upholds all of us and reminds us of its presence by that white covering which covers the black, dirty debris and bridges the two sides.

We heap up destruction, shame, and guilt, yet we continue to argue because we get lost in the abstraction of ideologies and forget that the one who walked the crosswalk, more than that, who is the crosswalk for us, is the perfect ambassador on our behalf before the Father who, through death and destruction, called us to follow Him in the assurance that the peace of His way will extend wherever He goes. Therefore, we pick up those we find strewn along the way because He picked us up from the rubble and gave us the title of ambassador with this message: "Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." - 2 Corinthians 6:2b

Your Co-Worker in Christ,  
Pastor Daniel

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## **Both In-Person and Live Stream Worship Services are now being offered under the following guidelines:**

- Mindful of CDC and Indiana's "Back on Track" guidelines, persons age 65 and over, and those with compromised health situations are encouraged to continue to worship via Live Stream.
- Please enter and exit the building by the main entrances (circle drive or kitchen door) to help us maintain traffic flow and continue to keep surfaces clean and sanitized. Upon entry, please proceed to a worship seating area (sanctuary, chapel or fellowship hall) to avoid congregating with others.
- All present will be asked to wear a mask or face covering. (Masks will be made available to those who do not have one.)
- Persons will be seated by ushers, safely distanced, in the Sanctuary, Chapel or Fellowship Hall. Household groups may sit together. A live feed of the service will be broadcast in the Chapel and Fellowship Hall. Ushers will dismiss seating areas to avoid congregating.
- Families are asked to keep children with them in worship. There will be no nursery, children's programming or second hour classes.
- Coffee bar, Coffee Fellowship, candy dishes and food receptions will be suspended at present.
- Worship spaces will be thoroughly cleaned each week before the next weekend's services. Mid-week Bible study will continue to meet online, not in person.
- The following modifications to worship will be implemented for now:
  - o Offering stations available at entrances
  - o No choir at present
  - o No handshakes or hugs (Waves are acceptable)
  - o No communion at present
  - o Hum along with Daniel's singing, or just sing in your head.

A task force will monitor our process, to recommend modifications needed.

**Please note that the Quarterly Business Meeting originally scheduled for July 22 has been changed to Sunday, July 26, immediately following worship.**



# Around The Church

## Sermon/Worship Series "Thy Mystery Revealed" Continues

We will wrap up our six-session series in Colossians on Sundays, July 5 & 12. Wednesday Bible Study/Talk Back sessions will be held at 7:00 p.m. (by Zoom) on July 8 & 15, as we conclude this early summer emphasis.

More information about both opportunities can be found on our web page: [firstbaptistcolumbus.org](http://firstbaptistcolumbus.org)

## World Mission Conference to be offered by Live Stream (Free!)

International Ministries (the foreign mission arm of ABCUSA) has announced the move of this year's World Mission Conference (normally held at the Green Lake Conference Center) to an online live stream platform. Anyone is invited to join, for free, though you must register. Here's the information:

### 20/20 Vision

**I once was blind, but now I see. Mark 8:22-25**

Join us for life-changing storytelling and the latest news and testimonies from IM's global servants, who will help you see with 20/20 vision that God's mission is alive and well around the world.

**Who is invited?** Anyone eager for a glimpse of God's mission through IM global servants. Anyone eager to learn how they can participate in God's mission.

**Where:** The comfort of your own home

**When:** 6:00 pm EDT on July 14, 16, 21, 23, and 28, 2020

**Why now?** We could all use some good news right now, for concrete reminders that God is at work and that God is sovereign.

**How can I attend?** Registration is required, but it is FREE!

Please mark your calendars and save the date. Watch for registration details that will soon be available at <https://www.internationalministries.org/category/events/>.

**The 2nd quarter contribution statements will be emailed to you by July 15.** The email will come from First Baptist Church with the email address of [treasurer@fbccolumbus.org](mailto:treasurer@fbccolumbus.org). If Laura doesn't have an email address for you or you don't use email, we will mail the statement to your house. If you have any questions or problems with your statement, please send a return email or contact Heidi Jones at [rhrkjones@gmail.com](mailto:rhrkjones@gmail.com) or 812-350-2650.

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## Love Chapel Looking to Expand Its Volunteer Chaplaincy Program

Specific needs for volunteer chaplains are:

- **Food Pantry:** Open Monday thru Saturday from 9 am - 12 Noon. Will talk with and be available to clients who come in on the day you volunteer. This could be a weekly commitment or every other week commitment.
- **Brighter Days:** Open every day of the week from 6 pm - 9 pm. This would be an "on-call" type of position. Volunteer would need to be available to receive a phone call and talk with client if need be. This would be a weekly or every other week commitment.

Love Chapel will provide training, so these volunteer opportunities can be filled by a pastor or a lay person.

Please contact Pastor Kristi Jones if interested. Email [pastorkristi@outlook.com](mailto:pastorkristi@outlook.com) or call/text 812-216-0249.



Thank  
you

Thank you for the warm words of comfort on the passing of KM. I truly appreciate all the cards and book, and all your kind words.

Molly George

I wish to thank everyone for all the prayers, letters, cards, and phone calls. Also, Dr. Dan for the call when I was ill. God bless our church. May it continue to grow.

God Bless,  
Marcia Battle

Dear FBC Family,

I cannot begin to explain how grateful I am for your support. I was overwhelmed with joy when I received the grad gifts from the fellowship. I am so appreciative of the special gifts and thoughtful notes. Thank you for teaching me the beautiful ways of God and how powerful He is. I am excited to see where His Plan takes me next. I hope everyone is doing safe and well!

Best Wishes,  
Anna Emmert

Thank you to all who donated Kits for Church World Service this year. We had 40 Health Kits and 30 School Kits turned in. I appreciate everyone who took the time to make kits for this cause.

Judy Alexander, White Cross Chm.

I greatly appreciate the FBC Foundation's contribution to my future education. My plan is to attend IUPUC in the fall and perhaps transfer to a four-year university at a later date. Thank you for investing in my future.

Kayla Jones



# This Month's Leadership

## Pastoral Care Team

July 5 - Bob & Jean Langdon  
July 12 - Susan Carter & Charlotte Oestreicher  
July 19 - Tim & Paula Pickup  
July 26 - Paul & Carol Poe

## Children's Sunday School

**As we continue in-person worship in July there will be no children's Sunday School or Kids Connection. This is in keeping with recommendations made by local, denominational and national health recommendations concerning COVID-19.**

## Emergency Responder:

Our Emergency Responder for the time being will be Kim Hamon.



**The Coffee Bar & Coffee Fellowship are cancelled at this time.**

## Serving in the Nursery:

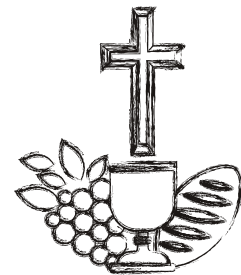
**As we continue in-person worship in July there will be no Nursery. This is in keeping with recommendations made by local, denominational and national health recommendations concerning COVID-19.**

**The nursery will be available for parents who may need to use it for changing an infant, or as a cry room.**

# Communion

**We will not be sharing communion during July per the health guidelines regarding the spread of COVID-19.**

**We will continue to monitor guidelines moving forward and make adjustments as able.**





# Healthy Living Tips

## Deciding to Go Out

### Venturing Out? Be Prepared and Stay Safe

As communities and businesses are opening, you may be looking for ways to resume some daily activities as safely as possible. While there is no way to ensure zero risk of infection, it is important to understand potential risks and how to adopt different types of prevention measures to protect yourself and to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. As a reminder, if you have COVID-19, have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, it is important to stay home and away from other people. When you can leave home and be around others depends on different factors for different situations. Follow CDC's recommendations for your circumstances.

In general, the more closely you interact with others and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread. So, think about:

- How many people will you interact with?
  - Interacting with more people raises your risk.
  - Being in a group with people who aren't social distancing or wearing cloth face coverings increases your risk.
  - Engaging with new people (e.g., those who don't live with you) also raises your risk.
  - Some people have the virus and don't have any symptoms, and it is not yet known how often people without symptoms can transmit the virus to others.
- Can you keep 6 feet of space between you and others? Will you be outdoors or indoors?
  - The closer you are to other people who may be infected, the greater your risk of getting sick.
  - Keeping distance from other people is especially important for people who are at higher risk for severe illness, such as older adults and those with underlying medical conditions.
  - Indoor spaces are more risky than outdoor spaces where it might be harder to keep people apart and there's less ventilation.
- What's the length of time that you will be interacting with people?
  - Spending more time with people who may be infected increases your risk of becoming infected.
  - Spending more time with people increases their risk of becoming infected if there is any chance that you may already be infected.

### What to Consider Before You Go:

Asking these questions can help determine your level of risk:

#### Is COVID-19 spreading in my community?

Find out by viewing the latest COVID-19 information and a map of states with reported COVID-19 infections.

#### What are the local orders in my community?

Review updates from your local health department to better understand the situation in your community and what local orders are in place in your community. Also find out about school closures, business re-openings, and stay-at-home orders in your state.

#### Will my activity put me in close contact with others?

Practice social distancing because COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact with others.

- It's important that you and the people around you wear a cloth face covering when in public and particularly when it's difficult to stay 6 feet away from others consistently.
- Choose outdoor activities and places where it's easy to stay 6 feet apart, like parks and open-air facilities.
- Look for physical barriers, like plexiglass screens or modified layouts, that help you keep your distance from others.
- Use visual reminders—like signs, chair arrangements, markings on the floor, or arrows—to help remind you to keep your distance from others.

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# Healthy Living Tips

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## **Am I at risk for severe illness?**

Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. While the risk for severe illness is lower for others, everyone faces some risk of illness. Some people have no symptoms, others have mild symptoms, and some get severely ill.

## **Do I live with someone who is at risk for severe illness?**

If you live with older adults someone with certain underlying medical conditions, then you and all family members should take extra precautions to minimize risk. Learn more about what you can do if you or any members of your family are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

## **Do I practice everyday preventive actions?**

Continue to protect yourself by practicing everyday preventive actions, like monitoring yourself for symptoms, not touching your face with unwashed hands, washing your hands often, social distancing, disinfecting surfaces, wearing cloth face covers, and staying home if you are sick.

## **Will I have to share any items, equipment, or tools with other people?**

Choose places where there is limited sharing of items and where any items that are shared are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between uses. You can also choose to visit places that share, post, or announce that they have increased cleaning and disinfection to protect others from COVID-19.

## **Will I need to take public transportation to get to the activity?**

Public transit can put you in close contact with others. When using public transportation, follow CDC's guidance on how to protect yourself when using transportation.

## **Does my activity require travel to another community?**

Before considering trips outside your community, consult CDC's travel considerations.

## **If I get sick with COVID-19, will I have to miss work or school?**

If you are sick with COVID-19, stay home. Also find out about your work or school's telework or sick leave policy.

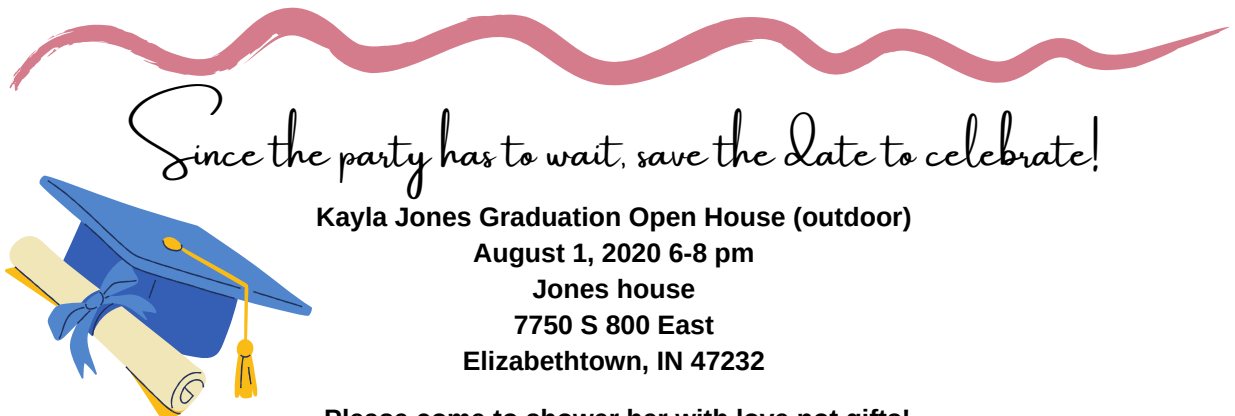
## **Do I know what to do if I get sick?**

Know the steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick.

**If you decide to engage in public activities**, continue to protect yourself by practicing everyday preventive actions. If you will be running an errand, follow CDC's running errands considerations.

## **Items to have on hand:**

- A cloth face covering
- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, if possible



*Since the party has to wait, save the date to celebrate!*

**Kayla Jones Graduation Open House (outdoor)**

**August 1, 2020 6-8 pm**

**Jones house**

**7750 S 800 East**

**Elizabethtown, IN 47232**

**Please come to shower her with love not gifts!**



## July Birthdays

1. ~ Deanna Glick
6. ~ Steve Briggs, Gavin Frady
7. ~ Lucy Cash
9. ~ Bill Walls
10. ~ Kari Lovelace
11. ~ Scott Babb, Patti Campbell
12. ~ Mary Greene, Diane Ginn
14. ~ Grace Marshall, Dave Stehouwer
18. ~ Carl Williams, Homer Ford



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
31. ~ Steven Pool

## The Body of Christ Prays For...



- Betty Euler, Cecil & Linda Workman, Anna DeHaven, Carl & Nancy Williams, Marcia Battle, Alvin Arbuckle, Marilyn Estell, Heidi Putterill, Don & Nancy Hughes, Randy Wheeler, Margaret Nelson.

## Looking Ahead

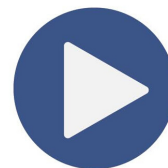
- Thursday, July 9 - Property Committee (6:30 pm)  
Tuesday, July 14 - Council Meeting (7:00 pm)  
Saturday, July 18 - Howard McVey Memorial Service  
Sunday, July 26 - Quarterly Business Meeting (following worship)  
Saturday, August 1 - Wedding of Joyce Fonner & Herb Sutton  
Saturday, August 1 - Graduation Open House for Kayla Jones (6:00-8:00 pm)

All other activities pending...

**Service: Sunday Morning - Worship 9:30 am**  
**2nd Hour Learning (will not meet at this time)**

## Live streaming available for Sunday Services

In addition to watching our streaming service on our website, the service is also streamed to Facebook, Roku and AppleTV. It is also sent internationally.



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Live Video Every Sunday at 9:30  
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