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October 2020 Messenger

Dear FBC Friends:

As we turn the corner into the tenth month of the year, perhaps you, like I, have some mixed reactions to where we are at. On the one hand you may be thinking, "How can it be October already?" While at the same time, part of you may say, "Is it only October?"

That has been my reaction to this year. Many days have felt like do-overs of the day before. We awaken to the same situation – virus present, caution warranted. Yet, as those days string together, they more quickly than we realize move us along in the year.

It's in this juxtaposition of things – plodding and speeding – that faith serves us well. Our practice of following Jesus is meant to be an everyday endeavor that provides the comfort and predictability of routine, as well as the stability of a strong place to stand in each day's storms and winds. Yet, at the same time, this life changing faith is that which propels us forward into each new chapter of life, as it companions us through what, in hindsight, is often viewed as the quickened pace of our human experience.

Let me proceed with this framework of the daily grind and fast-moving calendar to speak to a couple of things we will be sharing during October. It has been six months since we shared in-person communion as a congregation. I am happy to report that we plan to resume that practice – albeit in a different format – on World Communion Sunday, October 4. By using individual, pre-packaged communion packets we feel it will be safe for persons who are in the Sanctuary to share communion. I would invite those of you who continue to join us for worship at home to have something available that morning to use for communion as we come to the Lord's Table together.

The World Mission Offering is another regular way we participate together in support of International Ministries during October. We will once again be receiving this special mission offering this month. Its significance, like so many things, takes on some new meaning during the pandemic. Many of our missionaries have not been able to travel. Some are stuck in the USA trying to get back to their land of service. Others are in those lands, waiting to come home for a year of connection with churches and family. Please join me in praying for all our global servants as they adapt to new means of serving others. We will be hearing, by video, from Kyle and Debby Witmer, who were last with us in early March, about how the pandemic has changed their year as they share a word about the World Mission Offering in October.

Finally, I want to say a word about how good it has been to resume some of our "normal" ministries in the past weeks. Men of Faith has been good tonic for those who participate, as have 2nd Hour opportunities. The response to the SEEDS of Love 5K by both the congregation and community spoke to the generosity and goodness of people. Special thanks to the team that led that annual effort last month.

So, let's keep meeting, praying and going forward in the Lord's work every day.

Pastor Dan



Around The Church

What will be our Synagogue?

On Friday, September 11, 2020, the 19th anniversary of that tragic day, our church building was given new life - It was filled once again with the Men of Faith Bible Study.

In my few months here, I've heard a lot about the fellowship of this group, so, despite it being my day off, I had to be there, and I'm glad I was. As with past men's bible study and breakfast experiences, Men of Faith proved itself to be a rejuvenating experience as a young man. It's so fun to go and soak up the wisdom of the saints of the church!

The conversations and study (which was on the symbol of the Temple) were marvelous, with great observations and questions all around, but the most noticeable part came in realizing it was 9/11. When that was mentioned, there was a somber pall cast across the room as is always going to be the case with that day, and it got me thinking – How are we going to think back on 2020? With regret, remorse, and sadness? Or with a sober resiliency?

Relevant to that train of thought, the question was asked: Has anyone ever experienced their church building burning down? (Yes. I have. – It's strange to see the youngest person in the room's hand go up for that one. – The church my dad served at in Grand Rapids, MI, when I was very young, burned down about a year before we moved to Kendallville, IN.) It was a great question. We got to talking about the feeling of being displaced under uncontrollable circumstances and the fear that goes along with it.

So, with this ringing in my ears, I asked my parents about the similarities between now and then. My mom said that there have been uncanny similarities between what they're feeling. She retold the frustration they dealt with in never feeling settled because they never had a permanent place to return to without great effort. Even though they had a building (the school next door allowed them to meet while they rebuilt), each week was an ordeal to get the space ready for Sunday morning.

A thought crossed my mind after hearing that – for the school to let us use their building was a big gift, so why might we have been so quick to lose the initial appreciation for it?

In today's terms, how often have we ignored tiny gifts or blessings over the past few months because they seem to pale in comparison to the breadth of global pandemic or because they're glimpses of the familiar that we think we're entitled to – the glimpses of our displacement being relieved? Are those things not still gifts?

9/11 displaced society in a tragic and sudden way. The Babylonian captivity displaced God's people from their home and worship center. Covid-19 has displaced us, too. But we've seen that we can recover from it. When the temple couldn't be reached, the synagogue was born. What about the church? What's our synagogue? How can we spiritually thrive during this pilgrimage to Zion? What are our prayers of ascent?

Maybe this is a new thought for you, but I'd encourage you to try it – as a new practice this week: pray the Psalms of Ascent. We've finished our "Prayers of the People" series, but that doesn't mean we're done focusing on prayer. Really, shouldn't it be a springboard into new prayer practices?

See you in the house of Zion.

Peace,
Pastor Daniel



Around The Church

Ongoing Adult Education Opportunities

- **Adult 2nd Hour Classes** will be offered as follows:

The **Adult Study Fellowship (ASF) Class** is now meeting every other Sunday during 2nd Hour in Fellowship Hall. The October class will be October 11. (No class on Oct. 25 due to the quarterly business meeting.) The next class will be November 1. Seats will be spaced apart, face masks are required, no food will be served. Participants are encouraged to bring their own water.

A **2nd Hour Grow Group** continues to meet in the Chapel through Oct. 18.

- **Men of Faith** is continuing its Friday morning (7 a.m.) study on “The New Normal.” There will be no Men of Faith on Oct. 9. A new study on The Beatitudes will begin Oct. 16. All men are welcome.
- **Fall Grow Groups:** Fall Grow Groups, for those who signed up, continue through October around the study, “Oneness Embraced.” We want to thank the facilitators for this session of Grow Groups: Jeff Caldwell, Missy Zimmerman, Carolyn Pool and Pastor Dan.

Men of Faith Study – The Beatitudes – Begins Oct. 16

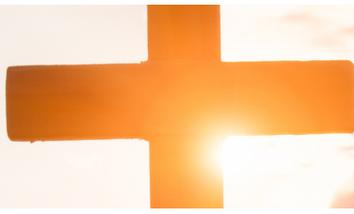
The Beatitudes of Jesus, found in Mt. 5:1-12, are His beginning words in the Sermon on the Mount. These favorite verses are packed with meaning and sometimes not easily understood. What does it mean, for example, to be “blessed”? Who was Jesus speaking to? Why such pithy statements? What do they mean for us?

This will be the focus of our mid-Fall Men of Faith study. We will cover it in 8 Sessions that carry us to the end of the calendar year. Study guides will be available digitally and in hard copy.

Open to any men in the church or community, **Men of Faith meets at 7:00 a.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall** around coffee and doughnuts.

October Congregational Meeting

This year’s October congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, October 25, immediately after worship. The meeting will also be live streamed for those who wish to participate from home.



MISSION

2020 World Mission Offering

Each year FBC participates in International Ministries "World Mission Offering" in support of American Baptist mission efforts that take place overseas. This year we will receive the WMO during the month of October. The 2020 World Mission Offering theme is, "I Once Was Blind But Now I See" based on Mark 8:22-26. The offering is highlighting the Ministry Priorities of Discipleship, Theological Education, Peace and Justice, Education, Health and Wellness, and Economic Development. While these represent only a fraction of IM's ministries, they provide a window into what God is doing worldwide through our 125 global servants, 900+ volunteers, home staff, and 250+ international partners.

Look for additional information during worship in October or go to www.internationalministries.org/world-mission-offering. Thank you for your gifts to the WMO which can be given by mail, online, or at the offering stations in the building.

Another Hot Meal Opportunity

Thank you to all that helped with the hot meals in September! We served about 45-50 clients and they were all very appreciative of the meal.

Love Chapel had a few evenings in the coming months that were not covered as far as volunteers to provide and serve the meals. As a result, we (FBC) have offered to help for those days, so we will be providing a meal for those in need on both Wed., Oct 14 and Wed., December 9. These will be served at Free Methodist Church in Columbus.

Sue Putterill will have a menu organized, so all that is needed is a few people to cook/buy/provide towards that meal, drop it off on that Wednesday at the Free Methodist Church between 4:30 and 5 p.m., or Sue can pick it up. Then a few folks will be needed to help serve the clients. We are normally done by 6 p.m. So this is an ideal mission opportunity if you are looking for a one time service or one that requires little preparation or time.

Please contact Sue Putterill at 812-350-0357 if you are interested in helping on either of these dates.



Because I feel called to do this, I have ordered 100 boxes and will be dispensing them from the trunk of my car in 2-3 weeks. Many of you have done them for many years and you know the routine. Please read the information in the box or online to refresh your memory as to what to include: one wow gift, trucks, dolls, stuffed animals, school supplies, deflated soccer balls with pump, soap, toothbrushes, girls' hair accessories, sun glasses, flashlights with batteries, etc. NO TOY GUNS! Please include \$9 for shipping.

Please do not bring them into the church when filled. See me and I will place them in my car, eliminating the possibility of contaminating the church. First Christian will again be the collection point in early November.

Blessed to be a blessing!

Liz Lipson

Around The Church

PUMPKIN PATCH VBS 2020

Memorial Baptist Church and First Baptist Church Columbus



**October 5-9
5:30-8:00 p.m.**



At Memorial Baptist Church - 2320 7th St., Columbus, IN

Children/youth, ages 3 through high school seniors, may sign up to attend. All participants and volunteers will be asked to wear a mask and will have temperatures taken upon arrival. If a fever is detected, participant and/or volunteer will be sent home.

The plan is to be outside for all of our program, except for our 3 and 4 year old children who will be inside most of the time. If weather does not permit us to be outside, we will be inside and taking social distancing measures, as well as wearing masks at all times except to eat. We will be cleaning tables and chairs in between rotations, as well as cleaning any rooms used indoors (such as narthex, bathrooms, kitchen area for food prep) daily. We will have hand sanitizer at all the rotations as well.

While our greatest desire is to provide an opportunity for your student to grow in their faith and learn about Jesus, we also desire to provide a safe and clean environment for your child during VBS. We will do our best to ensure this.

**Sign up at: <http://www.123formbuilder.com/form-5564040/form>
Please complete one form per child/student who plans to attend.**

**Carolyn Pool is in need of volunteers. If anyone is interested in helping,
please email her at: flywithchrist@gmail.com or text: 812-552-9729.**

Around The Church



The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana
and Tapestry Church (Disciples of Christ)
along with
First Baptist Church of Columbus (ABCUSA) and
Trafalgar Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

cordially invite your presence and prayers
for the Ordination to Christian Ministry of

KYRMEN N. REA

on Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.
at Trafalgar Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 300 West Pearl St.
Outdoor Reception at the Church immediately following

****Please note** – Because of COVID-19 precautions, sanctuary seating is limited to service participants and family.

Additional, limited seating will be available in the Fellowship Hall where attendees may watch a livestream of the service. Social distancing and the wearing of masks will be required.

The service will also be broadcast live via the Trafalgar Christian Church YouTube Channel.



Thank
you

SEEDS of Love 5K Event Thank You

We want to thank the SEEDS 5K team, led by Debbie & Rob Lilly, for their hard work again this year, leading us in a different but effective event that raise significant funds for Love Chapel.

Thanks to all who registered, participated, volunteered, donated and cheered on the efforts. This year's event raised a new record in funding for Love Chapel! Stay tuned for the announcement of the final amount.

A big thanks to the responders and all the prayers when Daryl passed out during worship service on Aug. 30. We are very blessed to be a part of this church family!

Daryl & Dot McMath

This Month's Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

October 4 - Carolyn Baker & Sue Hoffman
October 11 - Ron & Peggy Lane
October 18 - Daryl & Dot McMath
October 25 - Kerry & Alice Richmond

Children's Sunday School

Children's Ministry during 2nd Hour.

Emergency Responders:

October 4 - Kim Hamon
October 11 - Judy Rhude
October 18 - Kim Hamon
October 25 - Mike Compton

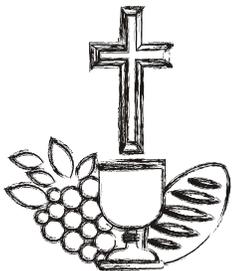


The Coffee Bar & Coffee Fellowship are cancelled at this time.

Serving in the Nursery:

October 4 -
October 11 - Jennifer Kelley
October 18 - Lucy Cash
October 25 - Carolyn Pool

Communion



We will be sharing communion again starting Sunday, October 4, World Communion Sunday. By using individual, pre-packaged communion packets we feel it will be safe for persons who are in the Sanctuary to share communion.

We invite those of you who continue to join us for worship at home to have something available that morning to use for communion as we come to the Lord's Table together.



Healthy Living Tips

When and How to Wash Your Hands

Handwashing is one of the best ways to protect yourself and your family from getting sick. Learn when and how you should wash your hands to stay healthy.

How Germs Spread

Washing hands can keep you healthy and prevent the spread of respiratory and diarrheal infections from one person to the next. Germs can spread from other people or surfaces when you:

- Touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Prepare or eat food and drinks with unwashed hands
- Touch a contaminated surface or objects
- Blow your nose, cough, or sneeze into hands and then touch other people's hands or common objects

Key Times to Wash Hands

You can help yourself and your loved ones stay healthy by washing your hands often, especially during these key times when you are likely to get and spread germs:

- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone at home who is sick with vomiting or diarrhea
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the toilet
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- After handling pet food or pet treats
- After touching garbage

During the COVID-19 pandemic, you should also clean hands:

- After you have been in a public place and touched an item or surface that may be frequently touched by other people, such as door handles, tables, gas pumps, shopping carts, or electronic cashier registers/screens, etc.
- Before touching your eyes, nose, or mouth because that's how germs enter our bodies.

Follow Five Steps to Wash Your Hands the Right Way

Washing your hands is easy, and it's one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs. Clean hands can stop germs from spreading from one person to another and throughout an entire community—from your home and workplace to childcare facilities and hospitals. Follow these five steps every time.

1. **Wet** your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
2. **Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
3. **Scrub** your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
4. **Rinse** your hands well under clean, running water.
5. **Dry** your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

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Healthy Living Tips

(When and How to Wash Your Hands continued)

Use Hand Sanitizer When You Can't Use Soap and Water

You can use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available. Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to get rid of germs in most situations. If soap and water are not readily available, you can use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. You can tell if the sanitizer contains at least 60% alcohol by looking at the product label.

Sanitizers can quickly reduce the number of germs on hands in many situations. However,

- Sanitizers do not get rid of all types of germs.
- Hand sanitizers may not be as effective when hands are visibly dirty or greasy.
- Hand sanitizers might not remove harmful chemicals from hands like pesticides and heavy metals.

Caution! Swallowing alcohol-based hand sanitizers can cause alcohol poisoning if more than a couple of mouthfuls are swallowed. Keep it out of reach of young children and supervise their use.

How to use hand sanitizer:

- Apply the gel product to the palm of one hand (read the label to learn the correct amount).
- Rub your hands together.
- Rub the gel over all the surfaces of your hands and fingers until your hands are dry. This should take around 20 seconds.

October Birthdays



1 ~ Adam Brown
2 ~ Larry Calfee
4 ~ Nancy Hughes
6 ~ Lois Brondyke, Joyce Orwin, Linda Foster, Valerie Sims
7 ~ Dave Seal, Peggy Ganus
8 ~ Christina Wagner
9 ~ David Reed
10 ~ Norma Arnold
11 ~ Ro Whittington
13 ~ Eden Zimmerman

14 ~ Frances Arbuckle
16 ~ Jenna Flannery
18 ~ Nora Zimmerman
21 ~ Ashley Lowman, Breanne Vogelpohl, Carol Burton
22 ~ Olivia Williams
23 ~ Susan Carter, Matthew Hamon
27 ~ Corie Wheeler
28 ~ Paige Williams
29 ~ Verna West
31 ~ Lois Griffith

The Body of Christ Prays For...



- Betty Euler, Cecil Workman, Anna DeHaven, Carl & Nancy Williams, Marcia Battle, Marilyn Estell, Heidi Putterill, Don & Nancy Hughes, Randy Wheeler, Rick McClintock.
- We share sympathy with the families of Margaret Nelson, Kenneth Tull, Linda Workman and Alvin Arbuckle; each of whom passed away in the month of September.

Looking Ahead

Thursday, Oct. 8 - Property Committee (6:30 pm)

Friday, Oct. 9 - Men of Faith will not meet

Friday, Oct. 9 - Wedding Rehearsal (6:00 pm)

Saturday, Oct. 10 - Pettit/Richardson Wedding (4:30 pm)

Thursday, Oct. 15 - Newsletter Deadline

Friday, Oct. 16 - Men of Faith begin new study

Sunday, Oct. 18 - Kyrmen Rea Ordination Service at Trafalgar Christian Church (2:30 pm)
(Participants can join by Trafalgar Christian Church YouTube Channel)

Sunday, Oct. 25 - Quarterly Business Meeting (10:30 am - during 2nd Hour)

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

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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