Ministry Beyond Our Walls

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It's amazing to think we are already moving into the fifth month of this year. Perhaps more astounding that this is in reality the fourteenth month of pandemic life and ministry. That's how I've come to view this chapter of pastoral ministry – the pandemic chapter.

Hopefully, you like I are beginning to feel a bit better about this chapter. While we are clearly not past Covid-19, we are in a much better place than we were for several months. I am grateful that some of our familiar ministries are beginning to blossom again.

There are also some new opportunities that are emerging, and that is what I would like to speak to in this column. During the pandemic year FBC received a substantial and generous anonymous gift that has allowed us to respond to ministry needs beyond our church walls. The major portion of this gift was shared with Love Chapel, helping that important community ministry continue to respond to felt needs in Bartholomew County. Beyond this, however, we are also going to be able to partner with several other mission partners to address needs they've experienced directly or indirectly related to Covid-19.

But we do not just want to give money, valuable as that is. We would also like to be able to make a hands-on investment in these opportunities. In some cases that may become a one or two day mini-mission trip, or local workday. In others it will translate to more of an ongoing relationship of support and partnership. So, here's a summary of some of the opportunities we anticipate unfolding over the next several weeks and months:

Camp Mission Support: We will be making monetary donations to both Indian Creek Baptist Camp and Westport Baptist Camp, as well as organizing workdays at both camps. These funds, along with our muscle, will enable the camps to address some deferred maintenance issues and re-open in 2021. Stay tuned for more information.

New Song Children's Mission: We have consistently supported New Song, located in Brown County, over the past years, and will be able to help them with a ministry, and may once again look to hold a workday in the future.

Lincoln-Central Neighborhood Center: Closer to home, this organization continues to support households as they recover and emerge from pandemic challenges. We are looking to partner with the Bartholomew County Works Department through LCNC by providing volunteers to help with mock interviews and other basic job skill needs; and we are investigating a project with an individual household to help with a more accessible bathroom situation; and we will be holding a workday to do some work at 9th Street park in partnership with the Parks and Rec. Department. Again – stay tuned.

Sister ABC Church Partnerships: We have reached out to several of our sister American Baptist churches to offer some partnership in funds and presence. One project is developing with Amity Baptist (on the way to Franklin) that we will share more about as it comes online. We wait to hear back from some other churches.

It is important that we look beyond ourselves in these mid and post-pandemic days to remember that the mission of the church is often found outside our walls. I hope you will consider joining in that mission as opportunities are firmed up and announced. - Pastor Dan

SEASON OF THE CHURCH: PENTECOST MAY 23RD NOVEMBER 21ST

"SERVICES BY THE PEOPLE"

When this Newsletter is posted, we will still be celebrating the season of Easter. During this time, we will be gathered each week through the words of the Hallel Psalms (Psalms 113-118, 136) which, along with the Psalms of Ascent, frame Psalm 119 with the hopeful praise of God's Chosen people who will one day live long in the land they are given. This is the reason that the Law is given in Exodus, Leviticus, and Deuteronomy.

God's people looked through a mirror dimly when they looked through the Law. They were promised that if they followed it, it would go well for them and they would live in their land for a long time. Unfortunately, this did not happen, and as the Psalmist laments in 119:136: "People do not keep your law."

Therefore, Psalm 119 is a poetic meditation on the first five books of the Bible (The Torah), giving voice to our inability to keep the law perfectly and our need for a Savior who brings us home and keeps us there. This is why Psalm 119 ends with a prayer of confession. We ask for deliverance because we hope in a God who is always faithful to Himself.

So, as an exercise of faith in this hope, we will be called to worship during the Pentecost Season by Psalm 119 in order to participate in worship services crafted by our own community. These services have been created by the participants of my class "Worship Like Jesus" as an exercise in unifying the life of the church by discovering how the Old Testament, and especially the Torah, is a unified story that points to Jesus.



The Season of Pentecost is the final season of the Christian Calendar. This is the time when Christians explore the life of the Church through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes called "Ordinary Time," this Season counts the weeks following Pentecost (the final day of the Easter Season) up to the final Sunday of the year: *Christ the King Sunday* (the newest addition to the Christian Calendar).

Pentecost itself has its roots in the Old Testament Festival: Shavuot (The Feast of Weeks - Lev. 23), and its realization in the coming of the Spirit on the 50th (Pente-) day following Jesus' resurrection. This is the day when God reunified His people, undoing His separating work at the Tower of Babel. As we celebrate this unifying season, let us look to our future hope of completely reunified, physical community by observing the reunified spiritual reality Christ has given us by His Spirit. Peace.

-Pastor Daniel

SYMBOLS

- Fire
- Dove
- Wind
- Language

- THEMES
- Ascension
- Life of the Church
- Healing
- Mediation
- SONGS
- King of Kings
- Holy Spirit
- The Church's One Foundation
- In One Name

- Peter
- Paul
- The Holy Spirit Ezekiel

CHARACTERS

• Jesus

COLORS • Red (Fire)

Around The Church

Tell Us Your Story of Jesus – Our Current Worship/Sermon Series

Our current worship and preaching series will feature testimonies from FBC members each Sunday, as well as a Biblical focus on a person or persons who shared their own story of Jesus with others. We welcome your preparation by reviewing the following calendar of Sundays:

<u>April 25</u> Philip's Story Acts 8:26-39 <u>May 2</u> A Leadership Story Acts 15:1-18 <u>May 9</u> Paul's Story Galatians 1:13-17 2:11-21

<u>May 16</u> A Story for All Galatians 3:1-9,23-29

<u>May 23 – Pentecost Sunday</u> Outdoor Worship Service (weather permitting) The Spirit's Story Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 5:16-26

Church Council Approves Search for Additional Ministry Staff

At the April Church Council meeting the Council returned to a proposal to add to our ministry staff. Two areas of need have been discerned and vetted in prayer and discussion over the past weeks. Therefore we will be pursuing the following positions:

- Community Ministry Leader
- Children's & Youth Ministry Coordinator

Both of these positions will be part-time in nature (unless one candidate emerges that could combine the two). Both will be considered "hired" positions, meaning the Church Council would be the entity to extend the job offer. Job descriptions will be made available through our website or you may contact Pastor Dan to request a copy by email. If you know of someone who might be interested and qualified, please share the posting(s).

Around The Church

Men of Faith Continues through May 14

Men of Faith, our Friday morning Men's Bible study, will continue the Friday 7:00 a.m. study on Jonah in the Fellowship Hall through May 14. All men of the church are invited to join us for this study over coffee and donuts (following Covid-19 precautions – facemasks and social distancing) as we explore this fascinating Old Testament book.

We will take a summer break and resume Men of Faith in August.

Church Work Day - May 1 at 9:00 a.m.

Plenty of Spring spruce-up jobs around the property. Many hands needed! Let's support our Stewardship/Property Team.

Sign up to manage an area for the summer or just come for the day. Sign up sheet is on the Welcome Desk. We welcome all volunteers!

Nursery Needs New/Gently Used Toys

The Nursery is open and being kept extra clean. We are in need of some new or gently used toys for the nursery. If you have stacking toys or other toys that you can donate, we would greatly appreciate it.



Graduating from High School or College this year?

Please notify the church office: secretary@fbccolumbus.org

Graduation Recognition will be on May 30.

Around The Church

Adult Education 2nd Hour Classes Continue in May

Worship Like Jesus

Have you ever wondered how Jesus worshiped? Pastor Daniel is offering this class to help you uncover what is really happening during a worship service. This will be a time of music, prayer, Scripture reading, and finally – a time for you to create a Sunday service of your own which we will use this summer!

Adult Study Fellowship

Pastor Jon Carlstrom continues to lead the study "Made in the Image of God!" Who Me?: A Discussion about Transformation and Spiritual Growth.

IMAGO DEI, the image of God, is a biblical concept found in Genesis 1:26-27 and declares that human beings are made in the image of God. What does that mean to you?

- What does the image of God look like?
- What does the Bible say about the image of God?
- What's next after accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior and joining a church?
- What is the process for spiritual growth and transformation?
- Are you an image bearer? What are the tools to help you?

Kids Activity Time (K.A.T.) to be held May 2 & 16 (1:00-2:30 p.m.)

A new ministry of the Children's and Family Life Teams

A fellowship time for kids (4 years old to 6th grade) to come do crafts, games, singing and have devotions. We will learn new and exciting things. This first meeting will be a Mother's day theme. We will be doing crafts and getting to know each other. Snacks will also be provided.

Pentecost Worship – Outdoors, May 23

We plan to hold an outdoor worship service on Sunday, May 23 as we celebrate Pentecost (weather permitting). We hope this affords some of you who have not ventured back into the building for worship yet a safe option from which to worship with us on the lawn or from your cars. Join us!

This Month's Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

May 2 - Tim & Paula Pickup May 9 - Dortha Anderson & Mandy Reed May 16 - Carolyn Baker & Sue Hoffman May 23 - Ron & Peggy Lane May 30 - Daryl & Dot McMath





We will celebrate communion on Sunday, May 2.

For those of you who join us for worship via live stream, we invite you to have something available to use for communion as we come to the Lord's Table together.

My FBC Family,

Thai

Thank you all so much for sending a prayer book and a \$50 gift card. The gift card went towards some decor and the prayer book actually came with me to college! It meant so much to me that my church family thought of me. It meant even more that you all thought about the graduates enough to schedule a drivein! Corona was so devastating in the sense that we were so isolated. It meant the world to be able to see my church family face to face, even at a distance and with masks on. The love and support of this church has always amazed me and I am so appreciative for it. Thank you for everything. Well wishes and God Bless!

> Love, Faith Briggs

I want to say thank you to all of my church family and friends for helping me go through this difficult time, the passing of both of my parents. Thank you to everyone for bringing in food for my family and for supporting me through all of this. And thanks to the Council members who have really been there for me, helped me and my family out. I love you all very much. The many phone calls and cards mean everything to me.



SEEDS of Love 5K Call Out

The 2021 SEEDS of Love 5K Planning Team needs volunteers. Are you interested, willing to serve on this team? Rob and Debbie Lily have agreed to lead the team again this year, but they need the support and work of an active team of co-workers. Those who have helped in the past are encouraged to join again, as well as those who may be new to the experience. For more information contact Pastor Dan or the Lily's.

Thank you for your donations to the Edna Martin Food Pantry. We have collected \$700.00 so far.



How to Be Physically Active While Social Distancing

Getting physical activity can be a challenge while staying at home. However, it's possible—and important—to be physically active while social distancing. Physical activity reduces blood pressure and anxiety and helps you sleep better. It can also help to improve mood and energy level.

Children aged 3 to 5 years need physical activity throughout the day, every day for growth and development. Children and adolescents aged 6 to 17 years need at least 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous intensity physical activity daily. Adults need 150 minutes a week of moderate intensity activity such as brisk walking for health benefits. Regardless of your age, some physical activity is better than none.

Here are ideas for staying active close to home:

- Engage in active family play time. Any game that gets everyone up and moving counts!
- Catch up on household chores such as cleaning out the closet. Vacuuming is also a physical activity.
- Get outside. Mow the grass, go for a walk, or take a bike ride. Remember to maintain a safe distance between yourself and other active neighbors.
- Make television watching more active by doing jumping jacks or push-ups during the commercials.

May Birthdays

- 3. ~ Leslie Fields
- 5. ~ Cliff Putterill, Daniella Hernandez
- 6. ~ Bob Rhude
- 7. ~ Jan Stafford
- 8. ~ Nathaniel Hash
- 11. ~ Ed Browne, Robert Kelley
- 12. ~ Nolan Pickup, Morgan Smith
- 14. ~ Mary Baltus, Rhett Vogelpohl



- 17. ~ Deborah Nelson, Mollie Adams
- 19. ~ Joyce Briggs
- 21. ~ Charles David, Bethany Fulkerson
- 25. ~ Linda Mayfield
- 26. ~ Ava Lowman
- 27. ~ Piper Flannery
- 29. ~ Sharon Tobias

The Body of Christ Prays For...



- Cecil Workman, Anna DeHaven, Carl & Nancy Williams, Marcia Battle, Marilyn Estell, Heidi Putterill, Dick & Beth Miller, Lois Griffith, Norm Curry, Marj Betz, Steve Pool (surgery 5/5), Charlotte Oestreicher, Betty Harrison, Ed Browne, Matthew Hamon.
- We extend our sympathy to Corie Wheeler upon the death of her mother, Jeannie Wheeler, on April 12.
- We extend sympathy to the family of Shirley Hamilton who passed away on April 16.

Looking Ahead

- May 1 Church Work Day (begins 9:00 am)
- May 2 Kids Activity Time (K.A.T.) (1:00-2:30 pm)
- May 16 K.A.T. (1:00-2:30 pm)
- May 17 Newsletter Deadline
- May 18 Church Council (7:00 pm)
- May 23 Pentecost Sunday Outdoor Worship (weather permitting) (9:30 am)

Service: Sunday Morning - Worship 9:30 am (in-person worship & Live Stream)

2nd Hour Learning - following worship at 10:45 am

Live streaming available for Sunday Services

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



Live Video Every Sunday at 9:30 firstbaptistcolumbus.org

