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## Taking the Measure

June 2021

I like to mow the lawn. Can you believe it? I like to mow the lawn for the same reason I don't mind painting a room. I like to be able to look back at something I have worked on and see what I have accomplished. I suspect that some of you can identify with this, particularly if your work is, or has been, in the arena where such cut and dry measurement of progress is difficult.

Ministry has always fallen in that category for me. How do you measure the effect of a sermon? How do you gauge the impact of a personal visit, a phone call, or teaching a lesson? It's all so subjective, and there just isn't much feedback with which to measure. Besides, there is always another sermon, another lesson, another visit. Ministry never ends.

Please do not mistake this column for my seeking after compliments or acknowledgement. That is not the point. The point is that there are some things in life, some jobs and responsibilities, that are much more qualitative than quantitative when it comes to measurement. I once suggested as much to an engineer. He wanted to set up metrics and matrixes (whatever those are) to measure some ministry efforts. I said, better to tell a story. I'm pretty sure we were talking past each other!

Jesus told stories. He met people where they were in life. He challenged and called them to move forward, to take a next step, or to follow him. But I seldom remember him pulling out a measuring tape to see what progress was being made. The progress was measured in the follow up encounters and conversations. It was seen in how those individuals lived their lives after coming to know Jesus. Shouldn't the same be true for us?

If you were to measure the impact Jesus has had on your life, how would you do it? Would you try and gauge the quantitative data, put it all in a spreadsheet, draw a graph, or make a list of pros and cons? Or would you tell a story? I'm guessing the latter. What would that story tell?

A good story, in my estimation, has a clear beginning, middle and end. How does your story with Jesus begin? How did you meet? Who introduced you? When did it happen? What was the outcome?

What about the middle? You are probably living it right now. How has your journey through life with Jesus been measured? Where can you see progress? How would you tell someone else about it? How has knowing Jesus changed your life? Your behavior? Your thinking? Your priorities? Has it changed you?

As you think about how your story may end, what does that look like for you? Will Jesus be part of that ending? What questions does that surface? What hopes? What fears?

Over the past several weeks we have been sharing a worship series called "Tell Us Your Story of Jesus". While we have heard from a few people, we have not had time to hear every story. Let me invite you to tell yours. Tell it to someone you live with, to a family member, or send it to me. I'd love to hear your story of Jesus. How will you tell it? How will you measure it?

With thanksgiving – Pastor Dan



SEASON OF THE CHURCH:

# ORDINARY TIME

MAY 23RD - NOVEMBER 21ST

## *"A Unified Story"*

This was the title of a sermon I preached in April regarding the Ethiopian eunuch and the Apostle Phillip. During that sermon, I prefaced our summer plans for a series that would dig deeper into the miraculous truth that Phillip shows us - that Christ is found everywhere in Scripture, Old and New Testament alike. "And beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus" (Acts 8:35).

The Bible Project is one of my favorite ministries because of this truth. They are a non-profit organization who believe that the Bible is a unified story that points to Jesus. So, as we go back in time to the days of the Patriarchs this summer, you'll be equipped with some gear by the Bible Project to help you sift through the ancient sand. But don't worry, you won't be alone. You'll have a guide to help you out. Since Psalm 119 was written as a poetic meditation on the Pentateuch (the first 5 books of the Bible), we've asked this Psalmist to show us the way to Christ by meditating on the Word of the Lord and asking: "Where is Christ?"

I'm very excited to share this summer series with you, and can't wait to discover more about how Moses wrote about Jesus (John 5:39-46).

- Pastor Daniel



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The Season of Pentecost (also called "Ordinary Time" for the way the weeks are counted - first, second, third, etc.) is the final season of the Christian Calendar. This is the time when Christians embrace the life of the Church and trust the Holy Spirit to identify the Kingdom of God through the proclamation of the Good News about Jesus Christ. This season runs from the birth of the Church at Pentecost to the newest celebration of the Christian Year: *Christ the King Sunday*.

Ordinary Time is initiated and commissioned at Pentecost by unleashing the Church on the world, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to bring the Good News of Jesus to every corner of the earth, and is therefore a season for healing and charity and service in the Way of Jesus as the People of Jesus. It's for this reason that Ordinary Time shares it's colors with Epiphany: green and white - because just as Christ entered a time of ministry and service after His birth, so too does the Church after Hers.

## SYMBOLS

- Water
- Bread
- Wind
- Fire

## THEMES

- Evangelism
- Healing
- Charity
- Prayer

## COLORS

- Green (Life)
- White (Purity)

## SONGS

- *King of Kings*
- *Holy Spirit*
- *The Church's One Foundation*
- *O Church Arise*

## CHARACTERS

- Paul
- Phillip
- The Holy Spirit
- Jesus
- Peter
- James
- Timothy
- Barnabus

# Around The Church

## Updates from the Church Council

At their May 18 meeting the Church Council made the following changes to our Covid-19 guidelines:

- Persons fully vaccinated will no longer be required to wear a face mask.
- Those who are not vaccinated are asked to continue wearing a mask for their own safety or that of others.
- Those who continue to appreciate the additional safety of wearing a face mask (even if vaccinated) are welcome to do so. (We recognize this is a personal choice).
- Distanced seating will no longer be a requirement, however, persons should choose to sit where they are most comfortable. (Chapel and Fellowship Hall seating will still be an option).

As we continue to live into new behaviors, we anticipate bringing back worship hymnals, a revised print form of the Sunday bulletin (along with the QR code format), and other comforts (such as the coffee bar and fully open restrooms). Thank you for your patience and compliance with all the safety measures we have taken and continue to take during the ongoing pandemic. The Council will continue to monitor any changes in CDC guidance moving forward.

## Summer Worship Series: A Unified Story

"The Bible is a unified story that points to Jesus" (The Bible Project). That phrase captures the essence of our sermon worship and preaching series that begins on May 30. Here's a thumbnail sketch of the plans that are developing:

**May 30**

"The Beginning"

Gen. 1:1

**June 6**

"From Garden to City"

Gen. 2:4b-25

**June 13**

"East of Eden"

Gen.3:15

**June 20**

"Abraham's Other Son"

Gen. 16

**June 27**

"Night Grappling"

Gen. 32:22-32

## Church Council Continues Search for Additional Ministry Staff

After the April Church Council and Congregational meetings, we announced the proposal to add to our ministry staff. Two areas of need have been discerned and vetted in prayer:

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

Please be in prayer for this process. The position postings will be open through May 30 and are available on the church website.

# Around The Church



**Eric Olson's Graduation Open House**  
**Sunday, June 6th**  
**2:00-6:00 p.m.**  
**3842 W. Suburban Ct.**  
**Columbus, Indiana 47201**



## **FBC Children's Team is looking for Volunteers**

Our FBC Children's team is in need of adult volunteers for the nursery and Kids Connection ministry (9:30 a.m. concurrent with worship). As we continue to see more children on Sundays the need for volunteers grows. Your help once a month could help prevent burnout among others. See Carolyn Pool to volunteer or learn more.

## **Kids Activity Time (K.A.T.) to be held June 13 & 27 (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. Snacks will be provided.



# Around The Church

## Second Hour Opportunities

The Adult Study Fellowship (ASF) class will resume on Sunday, June 6 in Fellowship Hall using Journeys study guide from Judson Press. Led by various members, this class is open to all adults.

Keith & Teresa Arbuckle will again offer a Small Group discussion class during 2nd Hour. Using discussion questions from the morning's sermon, this class, meeting in the Chapel, is dialogue centered and open to any adults. It will resume meeting on June 6.

## Men of Faith

Our Friday morning Men of Faith group is taking a summer break and will resume on August 13 with a study on The Minor Prophets.

## Summer Grow Groups

Our Summer Grow Group session will feature four meetings over the months of June and July. This season of Grow Groups is focused on (re) connection as we rebuild face to face relationships within our faith community coming out of the pandemic.

Sign up is offered online, by phone, or at The Welcome Desk. Space is limited due to Covid-19 restrictions. The following Groups are meeting:

- Young Adult Grow Group (hosted & led by Ben Slaton at FBC on Thursdays, June 10 & 24, and July 8 & 22 at 5:30 p.m.) Childcare provided.
- The Calfee Grow Group (hosted & led by Larry Calfee at his home on Thursdays, June 3 & 17, and July 8 & 22 at 6:00 p.m.)
- The Hoffman/Ketterling Grow Group (hosted by Bob/Sue Hoffman, led by Terri Ketterling on Mondays, June 7 & 21, and July 5 & 19 at 6:00 p.m.)
- The Babb Grow Group (hosted/led by Scott & Heather Babb, Tuesdays, June 8 & 22, and July 13 & 27 @ 6:00 p.m.)
- The Rhude Grow Group (hosted/led by Bob & Judy Rhude, Tuesdays, June 8 & 22, and July 13 & 27 @ 7:00 p.m.)
- The Cash/Putterill Grow Group (hosted/led by Cash/Putterills, Wednesdays, June 9 & 23, and July 14 & 28 at 7:00 p.m.)

# This Month's Leadership

## Pastoral Care Team

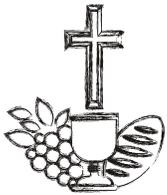
June 6 - Kerry & Alice Richmond

June 13 - Paul & Carol Poe

June 20 - Bob & Jean Langdon

June 27 - Susan Carter & Charlotte Oestreicher

## Communion



We will celebrate communion on Sunday, June 6.

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.

Thank  
you

My sincere thanks to my FBC family for your prayers, calls, cards, food & visits during my recent surgery and recovery. I (We) are so blessed!

Charlotte Oestreicher

Dear FBC family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls, and texts during Matt's recent hospitalization and ongoing recovery. Thank you also for his prayer shawl as well as the gift card and the money. This money will be very helpful with our current medical expenses.

Love,  
The Hamon Family



# MISSION

## Mission/Work Day Opportunities

- The following Mission Workday is planned and in need of volunteers: June 12 - New Song Children's Mission (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) See Cliff Putterill to sign-up.
- Adult volunteers are needed to partner with the Lincoln Central Neighborhood Center and its work with Bartholomew County Works. Volunteers help with mock job interviews, resume and credit score procurement (all with guidance from B.Co. Works staff). Interested? Tell Pastor Dan or the Church office and we will pass your name along.

## American Baptist Churches USA Biennial Goes Virtual in 2021

June 24-26 are the dates for the American Baptist Churches Mission Summit – an online experience. More information can be found at: [www.abc-usa.org](http://www.abc-usa.org)

## Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp

Our churches and individuals do a wonderful job supplying the camp with items needed for the camping season. Thank you for your generous support.

### 2021 Needs List

Hydrogen Peroxide	Bottled Water & Canned Pop - for Snack Shack
Disinfectant Wipes	Paper Towels
Hand Sanitizer	Disposable Cups 8-12 oz.
Liquid Hand Soap refills	Disposable Plates
Dishwasher Soap (Cascade packets are good)	Freezer & Storage Bags (gallon & snack size)
Toilet Bowl Cleaner	Trash Bags (40 gal. or larger size)
Antibacterial Concentrate (for mop buckets)	Clear Totes with Lids (56-66 Quart Size)
Antibacterial Cleaner Spray (Lysol, Mr. Clean, etc.)	
Brooms & Dustpans (no straw brooms please)	

**Prayers** - Please pray for the work God is doing through camp ministry by praying for the following:

- Deans, Pastors, Cabin Leaders & Helpers of each camp session
- Campers, Camp Staff & Directors

**Financial Support** - All children should have the opportunity to experience Christian camp, regardless of their families' financial circumstances. By supporting SBY Camp you are helping provide this opportunity, since the camper fees are less than the actual cost. It takes ongoing support of the churches and individuals to be able to provide this ministry. THANK YOU!

# June Birthdays

4. ~ Lindsay McIntosh  
5. ~ Larry Sims  
6. ~ Troy Cheek  
8. ~ Michelle Emmert  
9. ~ Tim Pickup  
10. ~ Dennis Orwin  
12. ~ Ted Burton  
14. ~ Ramona Harlow, Josh Fields, Beth Aldenhagen  
16. ~ Donna Emmert



20. ~ Julia Casey  
21. ~ Frank Tull  
22. ~ Keith Arbuckle, Margaret Hatter  
23. ~ Jon Carlstrom  
24. ~ Adrienne Hatton  
25. ~ Roberta Walls, Eric Olson, Emma Patrick  
27. ~ Jessica Arbuckle, Catherine Fields, Ben Slaton  
29. ~ Dennis Steele

## 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, Charlotte Oestreicher, Betty Harrison, Ed Browne, Matthew Hamon.

## Looking Ahead

June 3 & 17 - Calfee Grow Group (6:00 pm)  
June 6 - Eric Olson's Graduation Open House at the Olson's (2:00-6:00 pm)  
June 7 & 21 - Hoffman/Ketterling Grow Group (6:00 pm)  
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Rhude Grow Group (7:00 pm)  
June 9 & 23 - Cash/Putterill Grow Group (7:00 pm)  
June 10 & 24 - Young Adult Grow Group (5:30 pm)  
June 12 - Mission Work Day at New Song (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)  
June 13 - K.A.T. (Kids Activity Time) (1:00-2:30 pm)  
June 15 - Church Council (7:00 pm)  
Newsletter Deadline  
June 27 - K.A.T. (1:00-2:30 pm)

**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, Roku and AppleTV. It is also sent internationally.



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Live Video Every Sunday at 9:30  
[firstbaptistcolumbus.org](http://firstbaptistcolumbus.org)



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