



Meet Our Newest Staff Member: Community Ministry Leader – Reilly Jones

At their June 15 meeting the FBC Church Council endorsed the unanimous recommendation of the Search Committee to partner with Ms. Reilly Jones, a 2021 graduate of Franklin College, as our “Community Ministry Leader”. This ministry position, created by the Council earlier in 2021, is a “hired” position of 30 hours/week with a focus on “facilitating the congregation’s mission and outreach engagement with the greater Columbus community.”

In the position Reilly will be working under the supervision of Pastor Dan and the Church Council, and most closely align her ministry with the work of our Missions, Family Life and Evangelism ministry areas. She will be helping FBC to continue to look and serve outward, beyond the walls of our setting, to engage with others in the love and name of Jesus.

In many ways Reilly, who grew up at FBC, needs no introduction. Yet, take a moment to consider some of why our search team and Church Council feels she is the person for this position:

- 2021 Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business with a concentration in Nonprofit Administration; Minors in Religious Studies and Sociology
- Co-President, Vice President, Treasurer and Bible Study leader with Intervarsity Christian Fellowship at Franklin College
- Internships with Franklin College Religious Life, Go Ministries, First Baptist Church, Dancers Studios and International Ministries (ABCUSA)
- Franklin College Organization Officer of the Year 2019-20; President’s List – 8 semesters; Edna Lacy Scholarship Recipient, Alpha Academic Society (among other awards and honors)
- Skills in leadership, communication, organization, and team-building
- Admitted to Northern Seminary Masters of Divinity program

“From the initial conversations I had with Reilly, I felt the hand of God was leading both parties toward the discernment of a ministry partnership,” says Pastor Dan. “I am excited to have her as part of our Pastoral Ministry team.”

Reilly will begin her ministry as part of our FBC staff starting July 1st. Welcome Reilly!





Around The Church

On Becoming a “Teaching Church”

With the addition of two seminary students to our church staff (Worship Pastor, Daniel Kane – Fuller Theological Seminary and Community Ministry Leader, Reilly Jones – Northern Seminary); First Baptist is entering a new chapter. We are becoming a teaching church. What does this mean?

In part it means that we are committed to supporting, encouraging and providing these two seminarians with opportunities for leadership, growth, exploration and service as they simultaneously pursue their theological education and share local church ministry. It means we will benefit from their learning and leadership as we “go along” with them through seminary and congregational discoveries. It means we will be a learning community, committed to leadership development in both our staff and our membership. It means we will provide our staff members with opportunities to teach us. It means, as part of their compensation and benefits, we are committed to helping Reilly and Daniel gain a graduate level theological education. It means all of these things, and more.

As someone who values lifelong learning, and loves to see others learn and grow, I could not be more excited for the opportunity we have to share with these two staff members. Their inclusion onto our pastoral ministry staff will help us think younger, see the world and ministry through fresh eyes, and consider fresh expressions in worship, mission and community outreach. I think we are about to embark on a “hold onto to your hat” season as we collaborate together with these gifted leaders.

Becoming a teaching church, however, will also require some things of us as a congregation beyond ministry goals, progress, and living into a new future. It will require us to be loving, patient, gracious and open. We are saying “yes” to a future that is open to new ways of thinking, worshiping, and serving. For me it means sharing ministry opportunities and leadership forums with these capable leaders. I expect to spend more time behind the scenes in counsel and collaboration and a little less time as the primary “face” of FBC. I look forward to helping unpack some of the teaching moments along the way with both our staff and congregation. I believe we stand to make some significant gains on the investment we put into these young ministers.

Preparation for ministry has changed over the years. Reilly and Daniel will be seminary students engaged in remote education formats – something that wasn’t possible when I went to school. They will also be immersed in the learning laboratory that is FBC Columbus. They are part of our pastoral ministry team now, while also pursuing graduate education. In many ways this is a win-win scenario for the church and the staff members. Whether this season lasts only through the duration of their seminary years, or longer; I am confident we will all be beneficiaries of this time.

In the partnership of ministry,
Pastor Dan



SEASON OF THE CHURCH:

ORDINARY TIME

MAY 23RD - NOVEMBER 21ST

"Alphabet of Love"

By the time this newsletter is published, we will be in the middle of our "Unified Story" series as we follow Christ's work and presence through the Old Testament. Part of what we are doing as we explore this story is stepping into the shoes of the characters through the words of Psalm 119.

Psalm 119 is an Acrostic Poem which uses each letter of the Hebrew Alphabet to begin a stanza. It's a poetic prayer that meditates on the Law of God as it seeks to understand His Will. The emotions found in this poem range from jubilant victory to defeated rage, and serve as a reminder that our prayer life doesn't have to be monotone. There may be times you get angry with God. There may be times God is your best friend. In either case, good! Jesus shows us that prayer is given to us to converse with our Father as we seek to understand His will. And that's not always an easy task.

But we're in luck! Because today, as we trace the through-line of Christ through the Scriptures, we see that, even as God's people go through patterns of praying fervently and ignoring God entirely, God never leaves us alone. Instead, He gives us His Holy Spirit to ceaselessly pray the words we're afraid to pray. So, if your prayer well feels dry today, I invite you to read Psalm 119, not as someone else's prayer, but as a prayer given to you from God for your benefit. It really is, as the poet Malcolm Guide writes, an "Alphabet of Love." Peace.

- Pastor Daniel



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The Season of Pentecost (also called "Ordinary Time" after 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 of 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 world. It is therefore a season for healing, charity, and service in the Way of Jesus as the People of Jesus. For this reason, 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.

SYMBOLS

- Water
- Bread
- Wine
- Garden

THEMES

- Evangelism
- Healing
- Charity
- Prayer

COLORS

- Green (Life)
- White (Purity)

SONGS

- *Graves into Gardens*
- *Who You Say I Am*
- *Death was Arrested*
- *Holy Spirit*

CHARACTERS

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



Around The Church

Second Hour Opportunities

The following adult education opportunities continue during our Sunday Second Hour:

Adult Study Fellowship (ASF) class using Journeys study guide from Judson Press. Led by various members, this class is open to all adults, and meets in the Fellowship Hall.

A Small Group discussion class, facilitated by Keith/Teresa Arbuckle, meets in the Chapel, using discussion questions from the morning's sermon. This class is dialogue centered and open to any adults.

Summer Grow Groups

Our Summer Grow Group sessions continue to meet during July. Thanks to all who've hosted, facilitated and participated!

Kids Activity Time (K.A.T.) will take a break and resume in the fall.

Flowers/Decorations Committee

If you love to decorate and work with flowers, we would love to have you on our committee. If interested, please contact Deanna Glick or the church office.

Medical Equipment Available for Loan

The Health Team has the following equipment available to loan:

- Wheel Chairs
- Walkers
- Rollator Walker
- Shower Chair
- Elevated Commode Seat with arms
- Bedside Commode
- Large Button Phones with more Volume Clarity

Please contact the church office or Judy Rhude (812-764-9175) if any of these items are needed for use in the home.

This Month's Leadership

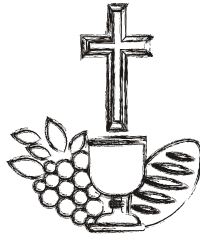
Pastoral Care Team

July 4 - Tim & Paula Pickup

July 11 - Dortha Anderson & Mandy Reed

July 18 - Carolyn Baker & Sue Hoffman

July 25 - Ron & Peggy Lane



We will celebrate communion on Sunday, July 4.

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

Thank you: to the highly skilled surgery and radiation teams at CRH

To my "Uber Drivers" Jan Grose and Husband Bill

To my Caring and Praying First Baptist family

To a Faithful and loving God

You all gave me "Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow"

Lois Griffith

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

I would just like to thank everyone for the kind wishes, encouragement, and generous gifts. Everyone at First Baptist has been endlessly kind and supportive throughout my life and my transition out of high school, and I am so grateful to be a part of such a community. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Emma Patrick

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

Thank you so much for the scholarship and the graduation gift. Your generosity will help me greatly as I pursue my education. You have been a supportive and inspiring Christian family throughout the years for me. I will be sure to carry on all I have learned throughout my college years.

Sincerely,
Eric Olson

First Baptist Friends,

Thanks to all of you who have prayed for Dick & I these past months; also for the visits, calls and cards. We have been encouraged knowing you have cared.

In Christian Love & Appreciation,
Dick & Beth Miller

Thank you to my First Baptist church family for your well wishes, prayers and cards during my recent surgery and recovery.

Marcia Cheek

A banner image featuring a large orange cross on the left side. The word "MISSION" is written in bold, black, uppercase letters on a dark orange rectangular background that is part of the cross. The background of the banner is a scenic view of a sunset or sunrise over a body of water, with clouds in shades of blue, orange, and white.

MISSION

Mission & Ministry Opportunities:

Adult volunteers continue to be welcomed in partnership 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.

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). Your help once a month could help prevent burnout among others. See Carolyn Pool to volunteer or learn more.

Save the Date

FBC will be hosting the American Baptist Churches of Indiana-Kentucky retirement celebration for our own Rev. Soozie Ford, Executive Minister of ABCINKY on Sunday, August 29 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

July Birthdays

1. ~ Deanna Glick
6. ~ Steve Briggs, Gavin Frady
7. ~ Lucy Cash
9. ~ Bill Walls, Karri Scgalski
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, Lukas Fee
22. ~ Evie Vogelpohl
23. ~ Ravynn Fulkerson, Katie Emmert
24. ~ John Stafford
28. ~ Liz Lipson, Alice Richmond
29. ~ Jane Seal
30. ~ Allen Rea
31. ~ Steven Pool

The Body of Christ Prays For...



- Heidi Putterill, Steve Pool - all those who are homebound or in nursing care centers.
- We remember the families of Charles David Jr. and Edith Carr, both of whom passed away in June. We also remember Rob Lilly upon the death of his sister in June.

Looking Ahead

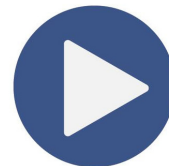
July 5 - Church Office Closed for Independence Day
July 13 - Church Council (7:00 pm)
July 15 - Newsletter Deadline
July 21 - Quarterly Business Meeting (6:30 pm)
July 25 - Coffee Fellowship (10:30 am) (Last names I-P are invited to bring snacks to share.)
July 28 - Hymn Sing (3:30-4:30 pm)

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
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