



## A Mid-Summer's Writing

This summer has certainly felt different from last year, hasn't it? Lori and I have been able to travel with trips to New Hampshire, Tennessee and North Carolina, and Colorado. Two of these trips involve the family celebration of our son Jacob's wedding to Olivia Ashby on July 31. We went to New Hampshire for a bridal shower and to spend some time with the Ashby family, and the wedding will take place in Boulder, CO. Our Tennessee/North Carolina trip was an early celebration of our 37th wedding anniversary with a tour of the Biltmore House, plus a little time spent in Great Smokey Mountain National Park. I hope you have also felt the freedom to venture from home more this summer.

As people come and go during the summer Sundays, our ministry at FBC continues. In fact, it's nice to see some of the familiar ministry events returning to our church calendar this month – such as the Richards Open House Hospitality Table, the resumption of our Chancel Choir in rehearsal, and a variety of other ministry opportunities.

In August we will share a series of worship messages and experiences focused around the New Testament book Hebrews. Men of Faith will also be engaged in a study of this book on Friday mornings (beginning Aug 13). We will be asking the question: "Who is Jesus?" as we read and study Hebrews together. This book offers a comprehensive answer to that question, in a way that ties it back to the Hebrew scriptures of the Old Testament. I encourage you to read through Hebrews more than once as we work our way through the book together this month.

Here's a preview of our planned focus on Hebrews:

"Who Is Jesus?"

(5-Sunday focus on Hebrews)

Aug. 1 – Hebrews 1-2  
One Greater than  
Prophets and Angels

Aug. 8 – Hebrews 3-4  
One Greater than Moses

Aug. 15 – Hebrews 5-7  
One Greater than  
the Priesthood

Aug. 22 – Hebrews 8-10  
One Greater than the  
Old Covenant

Aug. 29 – Hebrews 11-13  
Fresh Expressions of  
Jesus Greatness

Hope to see you in worship (in-person or online) this month.

Pastor Dan



SEASON OF THE CHURCH:

# ORDINARY TIME

MAY 23RD - NOVEMBER 21ST

## *"Who is Jesus?"*

I'm honored to deliver the first message of our new series "Who is Jesus?" on August 1st. But, rather than turning the page to a completely new topic, we will be digging our heels into the Old Testament more by hearing about who Jesus is for us, in the roles that are outlined by the writer of Hebrews, to help us practice what we learned from our "A Unified Story" series.

I appreciate the Bible Project's explicit connection to this principle when, in their [overview video of Hebrews](#), they identify that the author of Hebrews knows their audience to be a people with a "thorough knowledge of the Old Testament." This means then, that as **we** step into this New Testament sermon, we need to keep the last 8 weeks in mind so as not to forget the significant imagery and themes that we highlighted from the Old Testament. But don't worry, we'll recap these each week to jog our memories. Which brings me to my final point for this introduction: memory.

From a practical standpoint, "memory" continues to be one of the most formative aspects of faith for me. As we've now read Psalms 113-134 over the first half of the year, we're going to stay in the Psalms to keep the imagery of Israel's prayer life present in our minds and on our lips. But this time, we'll be emphasizing what are known as the "Messianic Psalms" - the Psalms which prophecy and remember who Israel's Prophet, Priest, and King really is: This is Christ for you. 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 earth. It is therefore a season of healing, charity, service, and remembrance 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

- Torn Veil
- Bread
- Wine
- Water

## THEMES

- Evangelism
- Healing
- Charity
- Prayer

## COLORS

- Green (Life)
- White (Purity)

## SONGS

- *Grace*
- *Who You Say I Am*
- *Graves into Gardens*
- *Holy Spirit*

## CHARACTERS

- Jesus as:
  - Prophet
  - Priest
  - King

# Around The Church

## Second Hour Opportunities Continue

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 have now concluded . . .** Thanks to all who participated, hosted or facilitated these groups!

## Youth/Parent Meeting (for grades 7-12)

### Sunday, Aug. 1 - Following Worship

On Aug 1st following worship, we will be having a youth/parent meeting in the Youth Room. Light refreshments will be served. Anyone who has youth in grades 7-12 is invited to attend.



*Race Starts at 8:00 a.m. First Baptist Church 3300 Fairlawn Dr.*

*Register On-Line at:*

*[www.indianatiming.com](http://www.indianatiming.com)*

*All net proceeds benefit Love Chapel*







# Around The Church

## **FBC to Host Retirement Celebration for Rev. Soozi Ford**

The Rev. Soozi Ford will be retiring from her position as Executive Minister with American Baptist Churches of Indiana/Kentucky effective Sept. 1.

As her home church we are blessed with the opportunity of hosting a retirement celebration recognizing and honoring Soozi's ministry with us and our sister churches in the ABCINKY region.

This event will be held Sunday, Aug. 29th from 3 to 5 p.m. (Reception with food from 3 – 4 p.m.; Program in the Sanctuary beginning at 4 p.m.)

You are invited to attend, however we need to know how many guests will be attending, in order to plan accordingly. While ABCINKY is asking for RSVP's to the region office, if you are a member of FBC Columbus, we would like you to also RSVP direct to our church office. (This will allow us to know who is planning to be present, and who may also be willing to help us with some hosting duties.)

Please RSVP if you plan to attend to both:

- First Baptist Church ([church@fbccolumbus.org](mailto:church@fbccolumbus.org))
- ABCINKY ([inky@abc-indiana.org](mailto:inky@abc-indiana.org))

## **Men of Faith Resumes on Aug. 13**

Our men's Bible study (Men of Faith) will resume with a 5-session study of Hebrews on Friday, Aug. 13 at 7 a.m. Meeting in the Fellowship Hall with coffee and donuts available, this group is open to any and all men of the church and community. Study guides for the Hebrews study are available now through the church office or on the Welcome Center desk.

## **Come Celebrate with Us!**

The Cash's will be celebrating the marriage of Jacob Cash to Olivia Ashby, and Joan Kline's 95th birthday, with a backyard picnic at their home: 2033 Iroquois Trail, on Saturday, Sept. 4 from 2 – 6 p.m. FBC friends are invited to come and greet the newlyweds and extend best wishes to the birthday girl. It will be a come and go event with food and drinks available. We hope you can drop by – Dan & Lori Cash.

*Please note: Gifts are not expected. If you choose to bring one, gifts in the form of gift cards are appreciated due to the fact that Jacob & Olivia are moving to Colorado.*

# MISSION

Retired  
Ministers &  
Missionaries  
Offering  
2020

Hope for Today  
Hope for Tomorrow



The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) originated in the mid-1930s, when American Baptist congregations received a Communion Fellowship Offering on the first Sunday of each month to support retired ministers, missionaries, their widowed spouses and elderly clergy within their churches. In 1977, American Baptist Churches USA launched RMMO to continue this appreciation of God's service.

This year, to honor this tradition and acknowledge the current circumstances, we chose Hope for Today, Hope for Tomorrow as our theme. This theme encompasses the true strength and dedication of ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses who have devoted 15 years or more to ABCUSA.

First Baptist will be receiving the RMMO mission offering during the month of August. Last year you gave \$3335 to this offering. Thank you! Let's continue our strong support.

## Hospitality Table at Richards School Thursday, Aug. 5

We will be having the hospitality tables at Richards on August 5. Reilly Jones has been in contact with Mr. Sprong (Principal at Richards) and he is thrilled we are doing it. Everyone who helps out must be vaccinated. We can have home baked goods. There is a sign-up sheet for ministry opportunities located on the Welcome Desk.

We need volunteers to set things up starting at 4 p.m. Items needed: 4 large containers of lemonade; 2 large containers of water; and lots and lots of cookies! **Please remember -- no nuts or peanut butter in the cookies.** Mr. Sprong said it will feel good to do something normal.

Hope to see you there to help set up the tents or pass out cookies and drinks. This is a wonderful way to meet parents and students with an encouraging smile at an anxious time of year.



# MISSION



## White Cross Gifts of the Heart

Through White Cross, these special recovery kits provide both tangible assistance to people in need and show that neighbors near and far truly care. These are sent to Church World Service, which sees that they are sent to those in need.

### SCHOOL KIT

- One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip only) removed from package
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf/filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers—removed from package
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag (solid colored fabric) with cloth handles. No logos and no reusable shopping bags or backpacks.

Pack all items inside the cloth bag. Please place kits in the box near the kitchen. **Deadline to return School Kits is Sunday, Sept. 12.** Please donate \$2 to process and ship each kit to its final destination. It can be cash or check (made out to First Baptist Church).

Optional: Loose school items may be placed in a large Ziploc type bag to keep them together, then placed in the large bag.

### Hot Meal Site

First Baptist Church is responsible for the hot meals at Memorial Baptist Church on Sept. 7 & 14. We will need food to be cooked as well as servers each night. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Gathering Place if you would like to volunteer for either of these dates. Please contact Sue Putterill or Judy Rhude for any questions.

### Project Undercover

The Evangelism Team will once again initiate PROJECT UNDERCOVER. As you may remember, this is an opportunity for us to provide elementary age students with supplemental socks and underwear. Working with the nurse at Richards School we were made aware of a need for these items. When accidents happen at school, students may need to refresh their clothing. At other times, students may not have fresh versions of these necessary items. This project will ensure that sufficient supplies are on hand for that purpose. In previous years, this effort was greatly appreciated by the school nurse. You will see a bin in the Gathering Place where you can leave donated items you care to provide.

# MISSION



## Do you enjoy encouraging others? We do too!

Here at Clarity, our vision is a culture where every human life is valued and celebrated as a gift from God. Our commitment to this vision drives all that we do, allowing us to encourage students, parents, clients, study participants and more with the message – **YOU HAVE VALUE!** We are so grateful to work together with our volunteers to do just that; empower and encourage others with the truth.

Would you consider this opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus? Join us for Ministry Orientation and Volunteer Training to learn more about how you can get involved and what serving with Clarity looks like!

### **Clarity Ministry Orientation**

**Monday, August 16 | 9 a.m. - 12 noon**

**Memorial Baptist Church | Columbus**

*Learn about the history, mission & vision as well as all volunteer opportunities available throughout the organization. \*Ministry Orientation is a prerequisite for Pregnancy Services/Testing Clinic volunteer training.*

### **Clarity Client Services Volunteer Training\***

**Mon. & Tues., August 30 & 31 | 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

**Memorial Baptist Church | Columbus**

*Training for those wanting to directly serve clients as receptionists, client advocates and/or medical assistants at Clarity Pregnancy Services or Clarity Testing Clinic. Lunch will be provided.*

**For more information or to register, call us at  
866-510-5067 or visit [ClarityCares.org/events](http://ClarityCares.org/events)**



# This Month's Leadership

## Pastoral Care Team

Aug. 1 - Daryl & Dot McMath  
Aug. 8 - Kerry & Alice Richmond  
Aug. 15 - Bob & Jean Langdon  
Aug. 22 - Paul & Carol Poe  
Aug. 29 - Susan Carter & Charlotte Oestreicher

## Serving in the Nursery:

First Sunday: Slatons/Susan Hoffman  
Second Sunday: Adams  
Third Sunday: Fee  
Fourth Sunday: *Open*

## Children's Sunday School

2-4 Year Olds -  
Teachers: Carol Poe / *Open*

First Sunday: *Open*  
Second Sunday: *Open*  
Third Sunday: Jennifer Kelley  
Fourth Sunday: Heidi Jones

Kids Connection -  
First Sunday: Marcia Cheek  
Second Sunday: Linda Reid  
Third Sunday: Beth Caldwell  
Fourth Sunday: Deanna Glick

No Kids Connection on fifth Sundays.



**August Coffee Fellowship is being cancelled** to avoid conflict with the Retirement Celebration scheduled on Aug. 29.

**Next Coffee Fellowship will be Sept. 26.** Last names Q-Z are invited to bring treats to share.

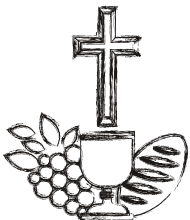


Dearest Luncheon Organizers,

Thank you so much for such a lovely and delicious luncheon following the funeral of Edith Carr. Columbus First Baptist has been such a blessing during this difficult time for our family. Jeanne and Ken Greenlee are blessed to be part of such an amazing community of faith and love.

Sincerely,  
The Edith Carr Family

# Communion



We will celebrate communion on Sunday, August 1.

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.

# August Birthdays

1. ~ Ron Lane
2. ~ Carter Chitwood
3. ~ Anna DeHaven, Soozi Ford, Kerry Richmond
5. ~ Lori Cash
8. ~ Lana Luzier, Richey Stephens
10. ~ Mallory Slaton, Deb Steele
12. ~ Elisa Cotton
13. ~ Bob Harmon
14. ~ Paige Babb
16. ~ Forest Daugherty, Anna Emmert



19. ~ Nancy Wagner
21. ~ Barbara Campbell
23. ~ Jim Bokelman
24. ~ Casey Coffman, Caliana Coffman, Danny Burton
25. ~ Juanita Adkins
26. ~ Lyman Snyder
28. ~ Daryl McMath
29. ~ Jennifer Kelley
31. ~ Dot McMath

## The Body of Christ Prays For...



- Heidi Putterill, Steve Pool, Ramona Harlow, Beth & Dick Miller, all those who are homebound or in nursing care centers.
- We extend sympathy to David & Sharon Tobias, upon the death of David's sister, Donnie Lecia Clark on July 17. We also extend sympathy to Barry & Jenny Ferrill upon the death of Barry's brother, Ben Ferrill on July 19.

## Looking Ahead

- August 1 - Youth/Parent Meeting (during 2nd Hour)  
August 4 - Choir Rehearsals resume (7:00 pm)  
August 5 - Hospitality Table at Richards School (5:30 pm) (Set-up at 4:00 pm)  
August 10 - Bldg. & Grounds Committee (6:30 pm)  
August 13 - Men of Faith Bible Study resumes (7:00 am)  
August 15 - Newsletter Deadline  
August 17 - Church Council (7:00 pm)  
August 25 - Hymn Sing (3:30-4:30 pm)  
August 29 - Soozi Ford's Retirement Celebration (3:00-5:00 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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