



Hearing Jesus

September always seems to be the beginning of a very busy season in the life of the church. Persons settle in after some summer travel. School is back in session. And more of our church year ministries come back on line. If we're not careful it can be such a busy time that we miss hearing some things. It's rather like at home when a couple or family is communicating with one another around multiple activities or tasks. It's hard to hear the true message sometimes because of all the distractions. We have to stop and ask, "What did you say? Could you repeat that?"

During the Exile God communicated to and with the people primarily through the prophet Jeremiah. God did this in a variety of ways. Sometimes Jeremiah preached a pretty hot sermon, sometimes he acted out a particular message, sometimes he wrote a letter. God was trying to get the attention of the people through the prophet. God hadn't given up on them (as some of them assumed), God went with them into the exile, and through Jeremiah even prepared them to hear His message, including that of the coming Jesus. But, like any preacher, Jeremiah repeated himself a lot to make sure they were hearing him.

There are two mediums I'd like to invite you to engage with this month that represent opportunities to hear what Jesus may be saying to you and us. "Hearing Jesus" is the name of a sermon and worship series on Jeremiah that we will share for six Sundays beginning September 5. I think this series will nicely align with our Fall Grow Group session, also a six-week emphasis, on the book, *Joining Jesus in Mission*, which will start mid-September. You can find more information about both these opportunities elsewhere in this issue of The Messenger.

Why engage? Listening is an active practice, when done well, designed to help us understand, learn, grow and respond. We should spend as much (I would argue more) time listening to Jesus as we do to the news media, social media, water cooler talk, and family communication. When we listen well, we can hear what is truly being communicated to us and with us by another. By engaging in these two opportunities over the next weeks, we at FBC have a chance to hear from Jesus through Scripture, one another, a written resource, and the practice of weekly worship.

I am confident God is seeking to get our attention, and that God wants us to listen. I am also confident that when we engage in the practices of worship and study together, with our listening ears on, we will begin to understand what the Lord may be saying.

Pastor Dan

Here's a preview of Scripture passages in Jeremiah we will be reading:

Sept. 5: Jeremiah 1:1-0; 7:1-11

Sept. 12: Jeremiah 18:1-11

Sept. 19: Jeremiah 36

Sept. 26: Jeremiah 29:1-14

Oct. 3: Jeremiah 32:1-15

Oct. 10: Jeremiah 31:31-34



SEASON OF THE CHURCH:

ORDINARY TIME

MAY 23RD - NOVEMBER 21ST

"Hearing Jesus"

I am honored to deliver the first message of our new series "Hearing Jesus." Wow... that sounds familiar - because it's the same thing I wrote to you last month! But it remains true.

You know, it's a gift to be a part of a church family that is adopting the identity of a "Teaching Church." I haven't expressed my gratitude for that often enough. For me, I feel it anytime I prepare to preach, because I'm reminded of how rare it is to work with a mentor like Dan Cash, and a church family like you, who encourages me to bring the words of Jesus to you all at least once a month. It's not a responsibility I take lightly, but it is a joy - and one that brings me to the purpose of this introduction:

Jesus' Words are powerful. The Word of God (a.k.a. Jesus) is powerful. This is a major part of what we will be steeping in throughout September as we take our next step in this journey with Jesus. We've heard how all the Bible points to Him. We've reacquainted ourselves with Him. Now, let's just listen to what God has to say to us. You might think, then surely we'll be walking through one of the Gospels right? Nope! Instead, we will be listening for how God prepared the way of the Lord through the Prophetic voice of Jeremiah. So join us for this series "Hearing Jesus" as we walk through the Prophetic book of Jeremiah. You won't want to miss it.

-Pastor Daniel



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THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - SAVE THE DATE

Our primary article about "Ordinary Time" has been up for a while now, so it's time to change it! If you're reading this, and notice that it's already different, good for you! Tell your friends, because this is important.

For those of you who read the other Ordinary Time article, you'll know that this season of the Christian Year covers the most themes, which is part of why it's the longest season, but one of those themes is the Church: Her Life, Her Commissioning, and Her Ministry.

Now, if you've been following along with church life for the past 18 months, you know that there have been a lot of conversations about how the Church needs to be the Church today. And since we're in the season of the Church, now is as great a time as ever to refresh our vision of what that looks like.

So, on **Sunday September 12th**, you are invited to participate in a community-wide initiative led by our Ecumenical Assembly called **"Worship in the Park."** For us, that means we will be collaborating with First United Methodist for a time of fellowship in **Millrace Park at 2:00** following our respective services when we host a shared service and hymn sing!

As we seek to build each other up and encourage each other in the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we invite you, your family, and your friends to Millrace Park on September 12th, as we worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ and remember who the Church is called to be.

Around The Church

MASKS



EXPECTED



A Word from the Church Council:

With the Covid-19 virus numbers high locally, it is the expectation of the Church Council that everyone over the age of 2 years will wear a face mask while in the church building.

Second Hour Opportunities Continue

- The Adult Study Fellowship (ASF) Class meets in Fellowship Hall using The Journeys quarterly curriculum.
- The Small Group Discussion Class meets in the Chapel with discussion based around the morning's message.

Men of Faith to study Hebrews & The Minor Prophets

Our men's Bible study (Men of Faith) will complete its study of Hebrews on September 10, take a week off, and then begin a longer study of The Minor Prophets on September 24. This group meets in the Fellowship Hall at 7 a.m. on Fridays with coffee and donuts available and is open to any and all men of the church and community. Study guides for "The Minor Prophets" study will be available in advance of the study through the church office or on the Welcome Center desk.

Come Celebrate with Us!

The Cash's will be celebrating the recent marriage of Jacob Cash to Olivia Ashby, and Joan Kline's 95th birthday, with a backyard picnic reception 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.

Worship in the Park - Sunday, September 12

On Sunday, September 12, you are invited to participate in a community-wide initiative led by our Ecumenical Assembly called, "Worship in the Park." We will be collaborating with Columbus First United Methodist for a time of fellowship in Mill Race Park at 2:00 p.m. following our respective services when we host a shared service and hymn sing! Invite your family and friends to join us as we practice being the Church together!

Around The Church

Fall Grow Groups Launching the week of September 12!

Groups will meet for 6 sessions beginning the week of Sept. 19, ending with a large group summary and prayer night on Nov. 7. The topic is *"Joining Jesus on His Mission: How to Be an Everyday Missionary."* Author Greg Finke lays out tangible ways to connect with those already in our circles of influence.

Participants will have the opportunity to sign up for various days/times starting August 29. If you are interested in facilitating a group, please contact Reilly Jones before then: rjones@fbccolumbus.org

Suggested donation of \$10 for the book, *"Joining Jesus on His Mission"* by Greg Finke. Books are available in the copy room, please mark your name/\$.

Directory Photos



Did you know the last updated photo membership directory for our church was 2014? We will have a free photo booth set up in Fellowship Hall before/after service September 12, 19, and 26 for families to come and have their portraits taken. All will be able to access on the church website for free. If you would like a physical copy, there will be a sign-up for a small fee. No advanced sign-up required for photos.

Youth Programming

Youth programming is resuming during second hour on Sundays beginning in September. Students in grades 7-12 will have class in the youth room with topical studies, book studies, etc. that span 4-6 weeks. Friends are welcome to join! Quarterly outings will also be coordinated; watch for additional communication as events are scheduled. Pray for our youth that they would encounter God and grow in relationship with Him!

Around The Church



I would like to thank Pastor Dan and all the members who have had me in their prayers since I've had several medical problems and moved to Four Seasons Assisted Living. I have been blessed by your cards, flowers and visits.

Thank you,
Marge Betz

Dear FBC Faith in Action Team,

Thank you for the Teacher Appreciation Bag of supplies for school. I am looking forward to another great year with the children at Clifty Creek Elementary! Also, thank you to everyone for all the prayers as a new year begins.

Sincerely,
Jan Reed

Thank you all for the generous and thoughtful gift of supplies to help us start the school year. Thank you also to the committee who spent the time collecting all the goodies for us; I know it's a big job and it is very appreciated. It is nice to be thought of and all items will be used, especially the chocolate.

Deanna Glick and Emily Cordova



Thanks to Alberta Ruble for sharing the following "stain buster" if you happen to spill a drop or two of your communion cup:

1. Flush the stain with cool water.
2. Mix one tablespoon of white vinegar and 1/2 teaspoon of liquid laundry detergent with one quart of warm water.
3. Rinse with water.
4. If the stain remains, sponge with rubbing alcohol and rinse thoroughly.
5. Launder, using chlorine bleach, if safe for the fabric.

MISSION

FBC Serves Hot Meals

A big thank you to all who will help provide two evenings of Hot Meals at Memorial Baptist on September 7 & 14. This is a ministry of our Missions ministry area, supported by many volunteers.



The 5K benefitting Love Chapel will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021. First, we are happy to have the event “Live” this year. Secondly, this is the 10th Anniversary of the very first Seeds of Love event!

In 2011, a gentleman who had been attending FBC after being relocated here through his job with Cummins, had an idea. His name was Abiola Oladapo, originally from Nigeria, and he had participated in several marathons. He presented the idea of a shorter run for charity and The Seeds of Love 5K benefitting Love Chapel was born.

To date, the Seeds of Love 5K has generated over \$80,000 for Love Chapel, as well as tons (literally) of food donations. Additionally, the Seeds of Love garden provides hundreds of pounds of fresh vegetables annually.

Each and every year our congregation has been extremely generous. **Special offerings will be held on September 5 and 12 during worship**, as we will kick-off our 10th anniversary celebration. There is also a volunteer sign-up sheet for the day of the event on the information table. Thank you FBC for your volunteer hours and continued support.



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.

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.

This Month's Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

Sept. 6 - Tim & Paula Pickup
Sept. 12 - Dortha Anderson & Mandy Reed
Sept. 19 - Carolyn Baker & Sue Hoffman
Sept. 26 - Kerry & Alice Richmond

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

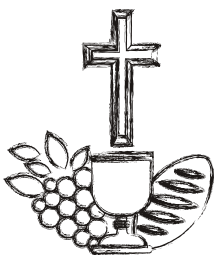
No Kids Connection on fifth Sundays.



September Coffee Fellowship - Sept. 26.

Last names Q-Z are invited to bring treats to share.

Communion



We will celebrate communion on Sunday, September 5.

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.

September Birthdays

1. ~ Joyce Crowder
4. ~ Joan Kline
7. ~ Barry Anderson
9. ~ Brenda Frady, Tom Ganus
10. ~ Jim Morris, Harold Hatter
11. ~ Myrna Shane, Jan Fogle
12. ~ Reid Slaton
13. ~ Heather Babb



15. ~ Juanita Bush
16. ~ Jim Reid
17. ~ Melissa Hernandez
18. ~ Judy Rhude
22. ~ Calvin Ketterling
26. ~ Reilly Jones
29. ~ Karen Fogle, Terri Ketterling

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 Julia Casey & Family upon the death of her grandson, Rob Casey, on Aug. 9.
- We extend sympathy to Nancy Williams & Family upon the death of her husband, Carl Williams, on Aug. 14.

Looking Ahead

- Sept. 4 - Celebration Reception at Cash's to celebrate Jacob & Olivia's marriage & Joan Kline's 95th birthday (2-6 pm)
- Sept. 6 - Labor Day - Church Office is closed.
- Sept. 12 - Worship in the Park Service at Mill Race Park (afternoon - time to be determined)
- Sept. 12, 19, 26 - Directory Photos will be taken (before & after morning worship)
- Sept. 15 - Newsletter Deadline
- Sept. 17 - 5K Packet pick-up (4-6 pm)
- Sept. 18 - SEEDS of Love Run/Walk (begins at 8:00 am)
- Sept. 21 - Church Council (7:00 pm)
- Sept. 26 - Pitch-in Coffee Fellowship (Last names Q-Z)
- Sept. 30 - Emmaus Training (5:30 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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