

Stewardship Emphasis – Oct. 17, 24 & 31

“Our pastors are going to lead us in thinking through stewardship during October with three Sunday messages on being faithful, hopeful and loving. The word stewardship for me usually evokes thoughts of giving commitments, pledge cards, money money money.

But when I hear faithful, hopeful & loving, I think of Mrs. Lillie Bromley. Miss Lillie (as I knew her) was still teaching primary Sunday School at Concord Baptist Church when I was about 7 years old. Mr. Frank, her husband, a pillar in the church, had died a few years earlier, and she lived just up the road from church. In good weather, in her late 70s, she’d walk (on nice days) the quarter mile on the county road to church (much to the aggravation of her relatives). She was there every Sunday. She still did the hard work of teaching SS, of being there every time she was needed, of instilling hope into the lives of little children through sharing Bible stories, and of loving that church family in her very quiet, humble and steadfast way.

I think of Margo Hughey in our First Baptist family who carried herself with grace and earnest caring for others, even in the tough times of her health challenges near the end of her life.

I think of our brother Frank Eldridge who has so selflessly given of his time to coordinate our custodial staff and act as a facility coordinator over a couple of years that could be called anything but typical or predictable.

I’m sure all of these folks were and are faithful financial givers. But what brings to my mind their examples as stewards is not financial giving but their weekly, enduring examples of faithful attendance, hopeful approaches to the challenges they encounter, and constant expressions of love through selflessly giving all they have to every situation.

It’s great that we have Biblical examples of stewards like Gideon, Samuel, Barnabas, and others who have cared for God’s church and His people and shown us how to be hopeful, faithful and giving. But I challenge you to think about those in your life like my friends listed above, and draw inspiration from them as we enter this time of dwelling on stewardship together. The Spirit moves among us in these many forms. Be prayerful and ready to add your stewardship example to the list. “

Jeff Caldwell, Council Chair



Keeping Things Simple

One of the things I like about the book *Joining Jesus in His Mission*, which is the book we are discussing in our Fall Grow Groups, is that the author has a way of simplifying what is expected of us when it comes to the mission of God. His concept is that Jesus is already at work in our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, and community organizations; and he waits for us to join him in God's mission. In other words, we do not have to design some new program or develop a complex process for mission and ministry. We don't have to take over Jesus' mission. We are invited to join Jesus in what he is already up to. We are invited to come with Jesus on his mission, where he is already at work right where we live. It continues to be Jesus' mission, he's just been generous enough to share it with us.

Isn't that a bit simpler than some of the stories we tell ourselves when it comes to mission and evangelism? We tell ourselves that we have to have all the right answers, know the big words and concepts, or have experienced what someone else is going through. The truth is those ways of thinking are often excuses for our inactivity when it comes to being part of the mission of God. They are ways we convince ourselves that we have to be in control. Isn't it a relieve to know we don't? Jesus is in charge and in control. I am praying for our Grow groups as we re-discover these truths together.

World Mission Offering

The late summer and fall seasons are always busy times in the realm of special mission offerings. We've recently witnessed your generosity in giving to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) and SEEDS of Love 5K. Now comes another important mission offering – the World Mission Offering. This offering, which we will be receiving beginning Sept. 26 and into October, supports the ministry of International Ministries – our American Baptist foreign mission partner.

While FBC gives directly to five different IM missionary households from our annual mission budget, the World Mission Offering gives us the opportunity to give above and beyond that budgeted giving. Your gifts to WMO help provide needs such as health insurance, relocation and settlement expenses, as well as the ongoing daily needs of international ministries partners across the globe.

When we consider that these mission partners have been challenged to creatively and safely continue ministry during the global pandemic, I think we can conclude that the needs this year continue to be real and abundant. So, thank you for once again giving over and above to the World Mission Offering as an expression of your discipleship and faithfulness in stewardship and mission.

Yours in Partnership with Gratitude,

Pastor Dan



SEASON OF THE CHURCH:

ORDINARY TIME

MAY 23RD - NOVEMBER 21ST

"Hearing Jesus"

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."


(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

We're about to start a new Grow Group called "Joining Jesus," and, having read the book with Pastors Dan and Reilly, I can't really think of a better resource to partner alongside our "Hearing Jesus" sermon series right now. The reason being that much of "Joining Jesus" describes a 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 life: the life of ceaseless prayer.

I don't know if you've practiced this discipline before, but it's one that I have taken up for several years now, in several different seasons, and it has never failed to deepen my communion with Jesus. But I've definitely found that the most intimate moments of this lifestyle have always come when I've done more listening than talking. It's amazing what I've heard Jesus say to His whole creation when I've just extended myself out to the world.

As we all go through the next few weeks together, whether you're in a Grow Group or not, I wonder what a life of ceaseless prayer be like for you. Where does Jesus speak to you in the still, small whispers of our every day lives? Just things to listen for. Peace.

- Pastor Daniel



Around The Church

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 and is working through the Fall Grow Group topic: *Joining Jesus on His Mission*

Women's Bible Study on Faith Symbols

Meeting Thursdays at 10 a.m., this 8-week study will run from Sept. 30 to Nov. 18, and is open to all women of the church and beyond. "We have room for you, and if we need to, we will make room! Our policy is come when you can and study the lesson on your own when you have a conflict.

Men of Faith study on the Minor Prophets Continues

Our men's Bible study (Men of Faith) began a study of The Minor Prophets on September 24, which continues through December. 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. It's not too late to join this study. All are welcome.

Fall Grow Groups Are Underway

Fall Grow Groups are underway! We're excited to have over 70 participants signed up. If you weren't able to sign up but would still like to participate, please contact Pastor Reilly.

Mark your calendars for 7:00 p.m. Sunday, November 7. A Fall Grow Group - Large Group session will be held in the Fellowship Hall with desserts and fellowship followed by a time for discussion. Even if you did not participate in the book study, you may attend to observe what others have learned and discuss takeaways for the corporate body of believers.

Around The Church



"Fall Festival" Vacation Bible School



**October 10-13
5:30-8:00 PM**

Here at FBC

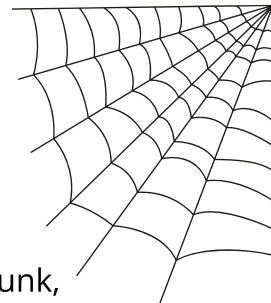
Sign up online:

<https://fbc47203.wufoo.com/forms/vacation-bible-school-registration/>

Volunteers and donations of food items are needed. There will be a board with post-it notes in the Narthex for items needed. Baked goodies - cookies, brownies, etc. will be needed as well. Contact Carolyn Pool for more information.



**Trunk or Treat
Sunday, Oct. 31
5:00 - 7:00 PM**



If you would like to decorate your trunk,
please sign up at the Welcome Desk or call the church office.

If you would like to donate individually wrapped candy,
please place it on the table near the kitchen.

Contact Keith or Teresa Arbuckle for more information.

Around The Church

Thank you

One's life can change in an instant. That's what happened for us when Ed broke his femur bone 5 months ago which started the long, slow healing process. We have been blessed with a great surgeon and competent in-home and out-patient therapists. We have appreciated the many phone calls and cards from our First Baptist Church Family. We are so appreciative of the visit from Pastor Dan. It was fun to hear about the marriage plans of Jacob and Olivia which have now transpired. Many, many thanks to all. God is good!

Sincerely,
Ed and Donna Browne

The Columbus Star Quilters are thankful for the kindness offered by staff, parishioners and volunteers at First Baptist Church. Through the kindness of Lois Griffith and Linda Reid the church offered the Fellowship Hall for an appropriate space for our guild meetings. Laura Friedrich graciously showed us the building and the facilities. After meeting for two months and holding workshops with a national teacher, we realize that the space comes with many members and staff who want to help make our meeting experience the best.

Special thanks goes to Frank Eldridge for going beyond the call of duty, arranging the room to include safe seating and workspace. Thanks also to other workers, Jim Reid and Bill Griffith who provided support and aid to members by carrying sewing machines and supplies.

We appreciate your beautifully designed Church and the welcome we have received. We will strive to maintain the integrity of your building and spirit of the members in years to come. Peace to all who enter your church.

Sincerely, Columbus Star Quilters

Dear First Baptist Congregation,

Thank you so much for all the supplies you gave me for the school year. (and chocolate!) Those are so helpful in starting the school year. It was so kind of you to think of me and my students. I love that I was able to grow up in this church around so many loving people.

Thank you,
Alison (Reed) Hill

Since this past February, the Funeral Lunch Ministry Team has served several families by providing a meal following a memorial service. Many thanks to those who have provided food, served, arranged flowers, set up the Fellowship Hall and washed dishes. We invite any who would like to be a part of this ministry to call Carolyn Baker or Judy Rhude.

For the Funeral Lunch Ministry Team,
Carolyn Baker & Judy Rhude

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you so much for the amazing supply-filled care bags for us! We truly appreciate your kindness to our teachers, parents, and students! We are so fortunate!

Kelly Anderson & Diana Wang
(from Richards School)

A sincere thank you to all who prepared food and served for the Love Chapel hot meal program on the evenings of Sept. 7 & 14. We provided meals to 88 persons totally on the two evenings. Your generosity is appreciated as we support our community.

For the Mission Team,
Sue Putterill & Judy Rhude

MISSION

SEEDS 5K - Thank You!

As of this writing, expenses and donations are still trickling in, so a final tally is not yet complete. We do anticipate the funds raised this year will be very close to (and possibly exceed) the pre-COVID 2019 5K amount. The final numbers will be published as soon as everything is reconciled.

However, the numbers do not show the complete story. It was absolutely an overwhelming day.

1. God gave us a beautiful day, and

2. It was awesome to witness how the church members came together to make the day a great success - from cookie bakers, tent handlers, crossing guards, sound setup, music, cheerleaders, general setup and teardown, etc.

With God's grace, you, the members of First Baptist Church made the day what it was.

Thank you, God, for our opportunity to assist in Love Chapel's mission.

Thank you, God, for providing such great weather.

Thank you, Seeds of Love 5K team, for working so hard to organize the event.

Thank you church members, for all your donations, volunteering, support, prayers and help to make the Seeds of Love 10th Anniversary 5K Event benefitting Love Chapel such a wonderful community event!



Coming Soon, Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes!

Find a box or two, fill it with toys and gifts appropriate to the age group you choose and return it by October 31.

Please remember to include \$9 for shipping.

A child, somewhere in the world will be blessed by your love.

MISSION

world mission offering



World Mission Offering (WMO) collection will take place September 26, October 3, and October 10. Each Sunday, you will hear about International Ministries (IM) missionaries that our church supports. In addition, once a year we collect WMO for mission programs done by IM.

We want to share with you the **International Ministries (IM) World Mission Offering Prayer Guide**, which is a month of short prayers written by IM global servants. You can download a copy [here](#) or pick up a paper copy in the Gathering Place.

As you pray these prayers with IM global servants, you partner with them in discipleship and education, ministry to survivors of human trafficking and global slavery, and initiatives in economic development, peace-making, and justice.

May God use the people in our church to bless the work of these faithful servants around the globe.

With blessings,
Your FBC Pastors Dan, Daniel, and Reilly

This Month's Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

October 3 - Ron & Peggy Lane
October 10 - Daryl & Dot McMath
October 17 - Susan Carter & Charlotte Oestreicher
October 24 - Paul & Carol Poe
October 31 - Bob & Jean Langdon

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

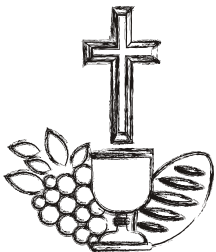
No Kids Connection on fifth Sundays.



October Coffee Fellowship - October 24

Last names A-H are invited to bring treats to share.

Communion



We will celebrate World Communion Sunday, October 3.

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.

October Birthdays

2 ~ Larry Calfee
6 ~ Lois Brondyke, Joyce Orwin, Linda Foster
7 ~ Dave Seal, Peggy Ganus
8 ~ Christina Wagner
9 ~ David Reed
10 ~ Norma Arnold
11 ~ Ro Whittington
14 ~ Frances Arbuckle



16 ~ Jenna Flannery
21 ~ Ashley Fee, Breanne Vogelpohl, Carol Burton
22 ~ Olivia Williams
23 ~ Susan Carter, Matthew Hamon
27 ~ Corie Wheeler
28 ~ Paige Williams
29 ~ Verna West
31 ~ Lois Griffith

The Body of Christ Prays For...



- Ramona Harlow, Beth & Dick Miller, David Stehouwer, Tim Pickup, Jon Carlstrom & all those who are homebound or in nursing care centers.
- We extend sympathy to the family of Shirley Vincent, who passed away on Aug. 28.
- We extend sympathy to the family of William Frank McCullough, who passed away on Sept. 11.

Looking Ahead

Oct. 9 - Church Council Retreat
Oct. 10-13 - Vacation Bible School (5:30-8:00 pm)
Oct. 15 - Newsletter Deadline
Oct. 24 - Coffee Fellowship (following worship)
Oct. 31 - Trunk or Treat (5:00-7:00 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.

