



Transitions

Transitions are part of life. We soon learn that in life nothing ever stays the same. Things are always fluid and changing. People are coming and going. Neighbors move away and new ones move in. Friends follow a job transfer to another state or city. Retirements arrive to be embraced and celebrated. Life cycles come to a close as loved ones pass away. These are some of the transitions we come to expect but somehow never fully get used to in life.

I am writing about this because at FBC we are in the midst of another transition. Laura Friedrich, who has been the church secretary/administrative assistant for the past 17 years, is retiring. Laura's last day in the church office will be July 29 but we will have an opportunity as a congregation to share a thank you and wish her well, during worship and a 2nd Hour reception, on Sunday July 31.

Laura has been here at FBC longer than I have. She is often the first point of contact as persons call, email or drop by the church office. She has faithfully helped us carry out the mission of the church working alongside the pastoral and ministry staff, Church Council leaders, and task force and committee volunteers. All of this has been done in a professional, kind and personal fashion. I want to thank her for her good work and partnership with us. She will be missed.

As this transition takes place it means we will be welcoming a new partner as Mrs. Mel Fields takes up the position of Administrative Assistant. Mel comes to FBC with years of experience in office and administrative positions, including prior experience in church office settings. Most recently she has been employed with Centerstone, but she is looking forward to returning to a church context. Mel is a resident of Hayden, Indiana and a member of the Bethel Baptist Church in North Vernon, and has an Associates degree in Office Administration, in addition to her years of experience.

Among the things our interview team was impressed with in meeting Mel, in addition to her experience in a similar role, was her personal and enthusiastic approach to the opportunity. We feel she will make a good addition to the staff here at FBC. She will begin her work with us on July 18, overlapping for a couple of weeks with Laura for training and orientation.

Please take a moment as you are able to share warm greetings and thanksgivings with both Laura and Mel in the days to come.

August marks the resumption of additional ministry opportunities including weekly Bible studies, choir and others which you will find in this issue of The Messenger. I look forward to sharing with you in some of these as well as our times of worship together.

Pastor Dan



SEASON OF THE CHURCH: PENTECOST

JUNE 4TH - NOVEMBER 26TH

CHOIR

August is almost here! Which means, yes, school is just around the corner. Sorry kids - I'm going back to school, too, so I understand. But, it also means that choir is just around the corner!

The last two years have been odd for our scheduling. I realize that. And our numbers have dwindled. So this post has two purposes. First - To let you know that we will be resuming our regular choir schedule. **Our first rehearsal will take place August 10th at 7:00 PM.** Now, that is subject to change due to my second purpose: I'd love to make choir as absolutely accessible as possible. So, if Wednesday at 7:00 is no longer the most ideal time for people, then we will certainly opt for the most ideal time. Therefore, this post is a call out letter:

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

(Even if you say "I can't sing," I believe you can!)

I'm incredibly excited to have choir back. Why? Because for the first time in several years we will be celebrating Christmas with a Cantata! Yes I said "Christmas," but I'm writing this in July so it's fine (Christmas in July anyone?). Now, this Cantata will take work and needs people, as all Cantatas do. So, if you've ever sung in a Cantata before, never sung in a Cantata before, or have friends and family who just need something to do, send them my way! This will be a fun, exciting, meaningful celebration of our Lion of Judah, the Lamb of God (Hint: Click on the link or look up "Little Lion, Little Lamb").

Peace,
Pastor Daniel

Around The Church

2nd Hour "Thank You" Reception – July 31

The Staff Relations and Family Life teams will be hosting a 2nd Hour "thank you" reception for Laura Friedrich on Sunday, July 31. Please join us in this time of appreciation in recognition of Laura's retirement and years of service with FBC.

Family Reunion Weekend

While the deadline for registration for our all-church retreat/family reunion weekend (Aug. 5-7) has passed, you are still invited to be part of the wrap up to that weekend on Sunday, Aug. 7. We will gather, as usual, that Sunday morning for worship (9:30 a.m.) to conclude the weekend at FBC.

The Sunday focus will be around Pastor Dan's message: "A New Understanding of Family" based on Matthew 12:46-50. Join us!

Bible Studies Resume

August 4 & 5, respectively, will be the beginning dates for the FBC Women's Bible Study and Men of Faith Bible Study groups. Both groups will be sharing a 4-session study on Esther. Study guides are now available (Welcome Center & Church Office) and these study groups are open to all.

Women's Bible Study Group will begin Thursday morning, beginning August 4, at 9:30 am in the chapel. Our first study will be on the book of Esther. Lois Griffith will lead the study with her writings on Esther, and she will also be using Bill's guide on Esther. Study guides are available on the Welcome Table or at the first meeting. All women are invited to share in this time of study and fellowship. Feel free to invite neighbors and friends who might also enjoy this time of learning and Christian sisterhood. Questions? Contact Ro Whittington or Linda Reid.

Men of Faith meets – Fridays @ 7 a.m. (beginning Aug. 5) in Fellowship Hall



Thank you to everyone who called, sent cards, brought food and offered to do grocery shopping . We have been very blessed by our church family and plan to return soon.

Gratefully, John and Liz

Dear First Baptist Friends:

Thank you so much for your cards, calls, concern, and encouraging words before and after my surgery on May 25th. A special thank you to the sweet lady who got down and dirty to remove weeds from my flower bed. I am so touched and humbled by all of you who lift me up in prayer to the Great Physician who is strengthening and healing my ankle. Kerry & I are truly blessed to be a part of such a loving church family.

Alice Richmond

Around The Church



Bridal Shower

Ladies of all ages are cordially invited to a shower honoring Jessica Arbuckle, bride-to-be of Kenny King.

August 27, 2022

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in Fellowship Hall at FBC

The couple is registered at Target and Amazon.

Please RSVP by August 20 by signing up at the Welcome Desk or contact Linda Mayfield 812-343-5907; or Judy Rhude 812-764-9175. You are welcome to text or leave a message.

White Cross Gifts of the Heart

Starting a new school year is exciting...but for children who don't have school supplies, it can also be terrifying. That's where these kits, and your compassion, come in! Plus, the fabric bag you pack each kit in is a great keepsake that kids can carry all year long. **Please remember to send \$2/kit to CWS to cover the costs of processing. Deadline: August 28**

Supplies Needed:

- One pair of blunt scissors (Rounded tip only. Remove from packaging.)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (No loose-leaf or filler paper.)
- One 30-centimeter, 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener (Remove from packaging.)
- One large eraser (No pencil cap erasers.)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers (Remove from packaging and use a rubber band to hold the pencils together.)
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with handles (Solid color or kid-friendly fabric. No logos, reusable shopping bags or backpacks. Download sew pattern at cwskits.org)

All items must be packed inside of the bag. The MyShopAngel website has an affordable CWS Kit bag option for bulk purchase. Visit cwskits.org/bag to order.

Optional: Loose school kit items may be placed in a large ziploc type bag to keep them together. Remove the air, seal the bag and place inside of the cotton/canvas bag.



MISSION

RMMO Offering

The Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering (RMMO) is one of the annual mission offerings FBC participates in. We will be receiving this offering during the month of August. Gifts to RMMO help provide retired American Baptist clergy with a year end "Thank You" gift as well as fund an emergency assistance fund for that same cohort. In 2020 3,371 pastors and missionaries received "thank you" gifts from 57% of the offering given. The remaining 43% of the offering went for direct emergency assistance to retired pastors, missionaries and surviving spouses.

Last year FBC gave just over \$2863 to this offering. Will you please consider a gift to this year's offering as together we are "transformed by generosity"? Thank you.

Operation: Undercover

We are collecting underwear and pants for girls and boys for our neighbors at Richards Elementary. The nurse has informed us there is a surplus of socks, so they are not currently needed. For more information, contact Jerald Hatton. A box with a sign is available near the kitchen for donations.

Deadline for donations: August 14.

Faith Partners in Compassion Update

The Malik Zada family arrived in Columbus on July 9 and have quickly settled into their new home. Members of the Afghan Family Support Team have been busy partnering with the family on a variety of things, while very much respecting their independence and privacy. This work has included such matters as helping set up job interviews, sign up for ESL classes, & enroll the two older girls in school.

A total of 7 Afghan families are now calling Columbus home through the work of our various Faith Partner congregations. It has been rewarding to see this work come to fruition. Thank you for your continued prayers and your past support.



Richards' Open House Hospitality Table Wed., August 3 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Help is needed with cookies, set up, and tabling. Sign up in the Gathering Place. We ask that all volunteers wear something with our FBC logo. Let's make this another great year of welcoming back our neighbors!



This Month's Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

August 7 - Kerry & Alice Richmond
August 14 - Tim & Paula Pickup
August 21 - Bob & Jean Langdon
August 28 - Carolyn Baker & Sue Hoffman

Serving in the Nursery:

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

Children's Sunday School

2-4 Year Olds -

Teachers:

First Sunday: Ben Slaton
Second Sunday: Susan Carter
Third Sunday: Carol Poe/Beth Slaton
Fourth Sunday: Heidi Jones
Fifth Sunday: Carolyn Pool

Helpers:

First Sunday: Slatons
Second Sunday: *Open*
Third Sunday: Jennifer Kelley
Fourth Sunday: *Open*
Fifth Sunday: Carolyn Pool

Kids Connection:

First Sunday: Marcia Cheek
Second Sunday: Linda Reid
Third Sunday: Terri Ketterling
Fourth Sunday: Deanna Glick

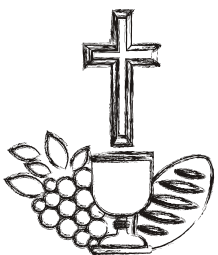
No Kids Connection on fifth Sundays.



August Coffee Fellowship (following worship) - August 28

Last names I-P are invited to bring treats to share.

Communion



We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, August 7

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
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...



Ramona Harlow, Beth & Dick Miller, Anita Burton, Jeanette McKim, Rick McClintock, & all others who are homebound, in nursing care centers, and recovering from illness. We extend sympathy to Carol Burton upon the death of her sister, to Donna Tull whose brother-in-law passed away, and the family of Joan Kline, who died on July 16.

Looking Ahead

August 3 - Richards' Open House Hospitality Table (5:30-6:30 pm)
August 4 - FBC Women's Bible Study begins (Chapel - 9:30 am)
August 5 - Men of Faith Bible Study begins (Fellowship Hall - 7:00 am)
August 5-7 All Church Retreat at Hilltop Camp (concludes at FBC on morning of Aug. 7)
August 10 - Chancel Choir resumes (7:00 pm)
August 15 - Newsletter Deadline
August 16 - Church Council (7:00 pm)
August 27 - Bridal Shower for Jessica Arbuckle (2:00-4:00 pm)
August 28 - Coffee Fellowship (Last names I-P)
August 31 - BSF Kick-off Meeting

Prayer Shawl Group continues on Tuesdays at 11:15 am

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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