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**Dan Cash, Senior Pastor**  
**Daniel Kane, Worship Pastor**  
**Reilly Jones, Community Ministry Leader**

## More Transitions

Dear First Baptist:

Last month I wrote about a transition that was taking place in our church office as we acknowledged the departure of Laura Friedrich to retirement and arrival of Mel Fields as our new Administrative Assistant.

I was aware then there was the possibility of another transition about to happen just an office away, as I drew closer to discerning a call to a new ministry post. I hope you have had opportunity to read my letter of resignation and thanksgiving for FBC, sent by mail on Aug. 23rd. If not, perhaps word has reached you otherwise, that my last Sunday as Senior Pastor with FBC will be October 9. I will then assume duties as Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of the Dakotas on October 17.

It's never easy to leave a people and place that you love. Indeed, to depart this congregation and community after fifteen years of partnership and investment, is a hard thing. Yet, I believe it is a God thing as I feel equally certain that FBC will benefit from a new pastoral voice and leader and that I have been called to my new position.

One of the pop psychology sayings I have always held onto is this: "You cannot do a good job of saying hello unless you've done a good job of saying goodbye." That becomes my focus over the next few weeks as we find ways to give thanks for our time together, and you begin to look toward the future.

In terms of practical matters, let me reaffirm the following: The Church Council will be working with the ABCINKY staff (Rev. Mark Thompson and Rev. Steve Allen) to help identify and secure interim (or transitional) pastoral leadership. Meanwhile you have two very gifted and capable pastors on your staff, in Reilly and Daniel, with whom to continue sharing ministry. In time (and I hope you give yourselves time) the church will name a search committee and begin the work of self-study and prayerful reflection on what and who is needed in a next pastor.

Pastorates are a lot like chapters of a book. Some are shorter, others longer. Some more interesting, others more ordinary. All contribute to the fullness of the story. We have enjoyed a long chapter together. It's been marked by some significant measures of health and happiness. Don't be in a big hurry to jump into your next chapter. Do the work of discerning what is needed. Having a quality interim/transitional pastor will allow you the time and space to do this.

As for the Cash family, we too will be in a time of transition. Lori will finish out the 2022-23 school year in her position with CSA Lincoln, helping form and shape another group of first graders. Lucy will also be here through that time working. I will go ahead to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where we will make our home. This is where the region office for ABC Dakotas is located, on the campus of the University of Sioux Falls. I will rent an apartment and jump into the work, the surprises and relationships of a new chapter. But I will always be grateful for the time that we've shared, the friendships we've made and the contributions to God's kingdom we've partnered in together. It's not "goodbye" quite yet, but we've begun the transition. Know that you are in my prayers as that work continues.

Pastor Dan



# SEASON OF THE CHURCH: PENTECOST

JUNE 4TH - NOVEMBER 26TH

## PSALMS

By the time you're reading this, we will be halfway through our reading plan for the Psalms. Maybe you're confused. Maybe you're tired. Maybe you're unexpectedly falling in love with them. Maybe you've read the Psalms your whole life and this is just another cool drink from the river of life. However you find yourself relating to the Psalms, I hope you're following through with the plan. In its pages are secrets to be uncovered that can change your life. I know it changed mine.

Before I came to Columbus, I worked at Whiteford Wesleyan Church in Ottawa Lake, MI, where, oddly enough, there was another pastoral man named Dan. Dan Marauga led the men's Bible Study and was an avid memorizer of Scripture. I remember talking long after Bible Study was over and realizing how reading the Psalms had led Dan to memorize all those passages. So, at his advice, I committed to reading the Psalms once a month - just fast enough to get through the book, but also slow enough to savor the ebb and flow.

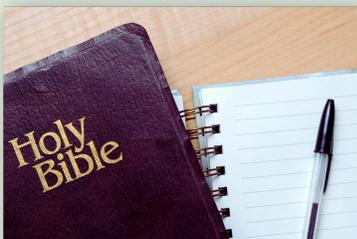
As I steeped in the Psalms, their language, vocabulary, and design started steeping in me, and I realized just how much of the rest of the Bible emerged from the pages. I realized that these were the prayers of those who knew Scripture as intimately as Dan Marauga. Their entire worldview and relationship with God was shaped by the stories of what God had done in history. While I'd like to say it challenged me to shape my faith similarly, I can testify today that the Psalms did that work for me. By reading them once a month, the Psalms shaped my prayer life around the work of God in history, and I've been better for it ever since. Peace.

-Pastor Daniel

## Congregational Study

Watch for more information about a new congregational study beginning in October on a book by Kyle Idleman called *One At a Time*. Group sign-up information will follow.

*Get excited!*



# Around The Church



**A Generous Life** is the theme for our 2023 Stewardship emphasis. God calls us to generosity. Generosity is one of the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22)  
The woman who poured perfume, anointing Jesus' feet is commended for her generosity. (Matthew 26:6-13).

What role did generosity play in the feeding of the 5,000? How did the disciples respond when Jesus told them, "You give them something to eat."? (Mark 6:30-44).  
These are some of the things we will be thinking about as we are asked to again look ahead to how we will support the ministry of the church and Kingdom of God in 2023. Look for more information and a special stewardship mailing in the coming weeks. This emphasis will occur over Sundays Sept. 25 and Oct. 2 - with Oct. 2 being our commitment Sunday to share 2023 Estimate of Giving cards and Ministry Team Sign-Up forms.

## Scripture Readings/Sermon Texts for September/October

Sept. 4 - Psalm 23  
"A Psalm of Trust"

Sept. 18 - Psalm 150  
"A Call to Praise"

Oct. 2 - Mark 6:30-44  
World Communion  
"A Generous Life - Part 2"

Sept. 11 - Psalm 30  
"A Psalm of Thanks"

Sept. 26 - Matthew 26:6-13  
"A Generous Life: Part I"

Oct. 9 - TBD  
"God is at Work"

# MISSION

## Operation Undercover



Thank you to all who donated for Operation Undercover. We were able to deliver a large box of pants and underwear for the students at Richards Elementary.



## Meals for Those in Need



Once again we have the privilege to both make and serve meals for others in need. This will take place on Tuesday September 6th and Tuesday Sept 13th at Memorial Baptist Church. There is a sign up sheet in the welcome center for food preparation as well as serving, so please sign up in one of the spots if interested. For questions please contact Sue Putterill at 812-350-0357.

*Seeds of Love*



Join in the fun as we gear up for the Annual 5K Run to benefit Love Chapel, taking place on Saturday, September 17th beginning at 8 am.

Volunteers are once again needed to make this event a success! Opportunities include being a greeter, helping to man the registration table, water station and with refreshments. Volunteers are also needed at 13 locations along the race course. Sign up at the Welcome Center on Sunday. There will also be a special offering taken up for this worthy cause on September 11th.

# Around The Church

## ABC of Indiana/Kentucky Biennial Gathering

The American Baptist Churches of Indiana/Kentucky will gather for their biennial meeting Oct. 7-8 at Terre Haute First Baptist.

The meeting begins with a 1:30 p.m. Friday (7th) registration and goes through a Saturday afternoon session, concluding by 3 p.m.

Pastors Dan Cash & Bill Griffith will be participating in a Friday afternoon panel discussion on "Differences in Ministry Generationally".

Anyone from the church is welcome to attend the Region Biennial. If you are interested in more information a flyer is posted at The Welcome Center or you can get a copy through the Church Office.

## FBC COLUMBUS FAMILY REUNION AUGUST 5-6, 2022 • HILLTOP CAMP



Watch "A Walk Down Memory Lane" [here](#):



If viewing on an electronic device, click the word "here."

If looking at a paper version, use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code or go to <https://vimeo.com/user18724049>

Watch the weekend's highlight video [here](#):



# Around The Church

Dear First Baptist Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, food, flowers, words of kindness, and other ways you have shown your support to our family. Mom loved this church family and we appreciate the ways you made her feel welcome and took care of her needs.

In Christ's Love, The Family of Joan Kline



Dear First Baptist Church family,

I want to express my appreciation for all the loving expressions at the time of Jeanne's passing. I do realize much more about grief now. I miss Jeanne greatly and realize that our 53 years together were a gift from the Lord.

Joel and Anna enjoyed their time of returning to First Baptist for a quick visit. You were all very warm to them. My present address is Abe's Garden Community, 115 Woodmont Blvd Apt 609, Nashville, TN 37205. Phone 615-516-2579, cell 615-516-2579.

I am living in a facility that includes independent living, assisted living, and memory care sections. I am presently helping with the music appreciation class for the independent living individuals. We do have choir chimes and in addition, there is a Bible study and worship time that I lead for the memory care residents. I love you all and have appreciated your prayers and cards.  
Love in Christ, Jim Eckart

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the food and caring that you provided for the Joan kline family. You were all so helpful and caring.

Sincerely,

Dave & Sharon Raypole and family of Joan Kline

## School Thank You Cards



There are thank you cards from the school staff at Richards Elementary posted in the welcome area. Stop by and and read their words of appreciation.

# Around The Church

## A Special Thank You

To my First Baptist Church Family:

Thank you all so much for the very generous monetary gift and all the cards, additional gifts and well wishes. I was truly honored to be recognized and thankful for the coffee fellowship reception. Thanks to Teresa for providing my favorite cake and to all those who provided food.

It has truly been a pleasure working with the FBC Staff and getting to know so many of you in the congregation. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Administrative Assistant and have been blessed by all of your kindness and support.

John and I are looking forward to this next chapter of our lives. We will be spending more time with family and friends. We will also be traveling. I have never been out of the country and would like to see parts of Europe.

I appreciate all the love, kindness, and support you have shown me over the past 17 years. I will miss all of you, but hope to see some of you when I am in Columbus.

God's blessings to all of you.

Laura Friedrich

## 2022 Christmas Market

**Mark your calendar for the annual Christmas Market, to take place on Saturday, November 19th from 10 am - 4 pm.**

**Applications for booth space are available at the Welcome Desk or the church office. This event is open to the public and is seeking any artists or craftsmen/women who are interested in participating to complete an application.**

**There will be glasswork, jewelry, woodcrafts, homemade toffee and more!**

# This Month's Leadership

## Pastoral Care Team

September 4 - Daryl & Dot McMath  
September 11 - Ron & Peggy Lane  
September 18 - Susan Carter &  
Charlotte Oestreicher  
September 25 - Tim & Paula Pickup

## Serving in the Nursery:

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

## Afghan Support Meeting

There will be an Afghan Support Team meeting following the morning service each week in the front of the sanctuary until further notice.



**September Coffee Fellowship** (following worship) - Sept. 25th. Last names R-Z are invited to bring treats to share.

## 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:

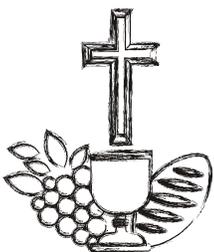
First Sunday: Slatons  
Second Sunday: *Open*  
Third Sunday: Jennifer Kelley  
Fourth Sunday: *Open*  
Fifth Sunday: Carolyn Pool

#### Kids Connection:

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

No Kids Connection on fifth Sundays.

# Communion



## We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, September 4th

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.

# Around The Church

## September Birthdays

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| 1. ~ Joyce Crowder              | 16. ~ Jim Reid                      |
| 7. ~ Barry Anderson             | 17. ~ Melissa Brunning              |
| 9. ~ Brenda Frady, Tom Ganus    | 18. ~ Judy Rhude                    |
| 10. ~ Harold Hatter, Jim Morris | 22. ~ Calvin Ketterling             |
| 11. ~ Jan Fogle, Myrna Shane    | 26. ~ Reilly Jessup                 |
| 12. ~ Reid Slaton               | 29. ~ Karen Fogle, Terri Ketterling |
| 13. ~ Heather Babb              |                                     |

## The Body of Christ Prays For...



Mike Putterill & family, Ramona Harlow, Dick & Beth Miller, Joyce Roney, Larry Mayfield (Gallbladder surgery 8/17), Marsha & Forest Daugherty & all persons who are homebound & in nursing care centers.

## Looking Ahead

- September 4 - Communion Worship (9:30 am)
- September 8- Grow Group Leaders meeting 7 pm
- September 15 - Newsletter Deadline
- September 20- Church Council (7:00 pm)
- September 25- Coffee Fellowship (Last names R-Z)

## Weekly:

- Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesdays at 11:15 am
- FBC Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the chapel
- Men of Faith Bible Study: Fridays at 7 am in the Fellowship Hall

**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.



**Just Press Play**

Live Video Every Sunday at 9:30  
[firstbaptistcolumbus.org](http://firstbaptistcolumbus.org)

