



Thank You First Baptist!

This will be my final missive written as your pastor. I have so enjoyed and appreciated our time together. It's been a good match. Thank you for the opportunity you have given me to serve with you in God's mission.

Over the past weeks I have tried to be very deliberate in the things I have said and written in the way of saying "goodbye". I believe goodbyes are important and how we go about them reveals how we've felt about the relationship. I hope you know that the Cash's have and will hold you in our hearts as we reflect on the fifteen years we shared as pastor and people. God has been at work among us, and God will continue to be at work in you.

Soon you will be welcoming new interim pastoral leadership, as well as continuing under the guidance of other pastoral staff. Things will be a bit different and that's not a bad thing. You will come to know a new preaching voice and share in the collective work of discernment as a congregation watching for God's new thing that is about to spring forth (Isaiah 43:19). What a positive and hopeful time awaits.

While Lori and I will be praying for you, Sunday October 9 will mark the completion of our pastoral relationship with FBC. In keeping with the Code of Ethics of the American Baptist Churches Ministers Council I will discontinue my ministerial leadership roles with my former constituents and will not make ministerial contacts in the field of another ministerial leader without request and/or consent.

New pastoral leadership deserves the space to be welcomed freely. As others gave us that gift and respect, we will extend it in our leave taking. Nonetheless, we will be prayerful, curious and happy to hear (from a distance) how you continue to grow in God's grace and love. May the peace of our Lord watch over and guide you now and always.

Pastor Dan

In the Interim

The First Baptist Church Council is pleased to announce that the Rev. Dr. David Hinson has agreed to serve as the Interim Pastor with FBC over the coming months of our pastoral transition. David is a resident of Louisville, KY and works through the week as a Retirement Benefits Consultant with the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB) of American Baptist Churches.

Dr. Hinson has served interim pastorates with ABC congregations in Muncie, Plainfield, Vincennes, Greencastle and Petersburg Indiana. Prior to working with MMBB, and serving in transitional ministry, he was the Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Frankfort, KY. In addition to his experience in pastoral ministry, Dr. Hinson has educational degrees from Southern Baptist Seminary (M.Div. and D.Min) and a B.A. from Mercer University.

In his spare time, he enjoys going to auctions, playing golf, refinishing antique furniture and being active with his family.

Pastor David will begin his work with FBC by attending worship on October 30 and being introduced during the Coffee Fellowship hour. Please plan to give him a warm welcome.



SEASON OF THE CHURCH: PENTECOST

JUNE 4TH - NOVEMBER 26TH

From the desk of your (Worship) Pastor,

Last time I wrote to you, we were anticipating a Psalms Series with a reading schedule and chances to study the Psalms together. Since then, we've completed that series, but a lot more has happened in the midst of it.

"In the midst of it." You've probably noticed that I say that a lot. So here's a warning: I'm probably going to be saying it a lot more. Because God's timing is a funny thing... Yeah, funny. I'll go with that.

I don't think it's an accident that, before heading into a month (plus) of uncertainty, we spent the previous month reading a book filled with the uncertain prayers of an uncertain people. If there's ever been a time to begin reading the Psalms again, to start the cycle over and refresh our memories of just how much God does in the midst of uncertainty, it's now.

When I say that, maybe you read it with a foreboding tone. Maybe I write it with a foreboding tone. But I don't intend to. In fact, I'd prefer that we all read these words with a more hopeful, forward-thinking tone.

For those of you who attended the retreat, this is the time to begin looking toward the horizon. Look through the front windshield, down the road, and imagine what's just beyond your line of sight.

The Psalms have trained us, and can continue to train us, to look for the in-breaking of God: those moments when sunshine breaks through the clouds. I know for me, especially as I'm taking a class about what the Church is supposed to be for the world, this is a hopeful time! There's so much we can learn and discover!

And it can be that for you, too. Because we're going to be walking through change, along this open road, together. And I'm excited for that. Nervous? Sure. But excited. Dan has left us in good shape, and I will always be grateful for what he's done to send us off well. But now, it's our turn to lead ourselves well... with God. Mostly God. And He's done this before. He'll do it again. We just need to pray, a lot, and learn to listen, take things one at a time, and wait. Peace.

-Pastor Daniel

Fall Congregational Group Study



The kick-off event for this study will be on October 14th at 6 pm with a Soup Supper with dessert and a movie. The movie is "Do You Believe?" and focuses on powerful faith stories involving a dozen different souls experiencing life changing challenges with the question of a lifetime, DO YOU BELIEVE? The movie will illustrate how we can share our faith One At A Time.

Sign up in the Welcome Center or through the church office to be a part of this book and scripture study called "One At a Time", beginning the week of October 16th. You will receive a study book at sign up (Suggested donation of \$10).



Dear FBC Family,

In case you missed it in the eNews, I shared I have accepted a position as Career Services Advisor with Interlocal Association (WorkOne) in their Greenfield/Shelbyville office. My last day as your Community Pastor will be October 2.

As difficult as it is to step away from this community, I have peace that God has already gone before Jake and me. I have peace that this timing is no coincidence, even if we never fully understand exactly why. I'm choosing to trust in God's timing. Where God guides us, He provides for us.

FBC Family, will you choose to trust, too? You may still be wrapping your head around the news of Dan's departure. If that's the case, my news may bring about an array of emotions. Sit with those feelings; try to name what comes up. If it has anything to do with fear of the future or resistance to change, I understand. Even so, my prayer is that you would find rest, peace, and understanding in this truth: God is bigger than anything we can imagine. His love for us is wider than the sky and deeper than the ocean. Therefore, we can trust that He can and will work in our lives no matter what comes our way!

Jake and I will move to the east side of Indy in the coming months. We look to God with faith and trust as we anticipate this new chapter, praying that the door remains open for fellowship and relationship with our church family despite the distance.

Thank you all for a wonderful year+ of experiences, celebrations, and growth.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Reilly Jessup

A Generous Life

Here's a reminder from the FBC Financial Stewardship team that our 2023 Emphasis comes to a close on Sunday, Oct. 2nd.



You are invited to bring your 2023 Estimate of Giving and Ministry Team Signup forms to turn in during worship that day. Or, if you will not be present, please drop them in the mail to the Church Office.

FBC has lived a generous legacy of giving over its 170 years of existence. Perhaps none more than over the past couple of years as you have responded to the unusual challenges of a global pandemic. Now, as the congregation enters a new time of transition, is a great time to reinvest in the support of your church as you anticipate the ways God is at Work. Thanks for your prayerful response to this year's emphasis.



5K for 2022 Complete!

There were 101 registrants for the 11th Annual 5K. The exact money raised have not been determined, but we anticipate over \$13,000 will go to Love Chapel this year for the food pantry and it's services.

It was a beautiful day and lots of fun. Thank you to all who participated in the event and the Seeds of Love team and First Baptist volunteers. And mostly, thank you to our dear Heavenly Father for your blessing on this wonderful community event.



World Missions Offering



The theme for the 2022 World Mission Offering is **"God is Doing Something New" based on Isaiah 43:18-21** which says: *See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.*

After more than two years of dealing with the effects of Covid-19 globally, International Ministries – our American Baptist foreign mission partner – is ready to celebrate the new things God is doing. By giving to the World Mission Offering you can help this happen. Your gifts go to support American Baptist missionaries in over 70 countries around the world, as well as the national partners and projects they are involved with.

The truth is that God has continued to do a "new thing" all throughout the pandemic, and maybe it's just that now we can see it and perceive it. Thanks for your generous gifts, FBC, to this important annual mission offering.



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.



There will be a Send-Off Party for the Cash family on October 9th during the 2nd hour. Be sure to join us in sending our love and good wishes with them. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center for those who are able to help with set-up and food preparation.

There will be a gift basket at the Send-Off party for the congregation to add any cards of well wishes or gift cards, particularly from the Sioux Falls area.



Mark Your Calendar For

Trunk or treat



Let your creative juices begin to flow as we prepare for the next Trunk or Treat, which will take place on Oct. 31st from 5:30-7:30 pm

Plan to join in the fun as we use this opportunity to minister to children and families in our community. This year's event will be a joint effort with The Rock Church. Sign-up in the Gathering Place.



College Students: Please let Judy Alexander know your address and college information.
jtalex64@hotmail.com
or call 812-372-5643.

Looking Ahead

Save The Date

Judson Choir Concert

The Judson University Choir will be making a return appearance at First Baptist on **Thursday, November 3rd** for a 7:00 pm concert.



We enjoyed this choir in February of 2020 and look forward to hosting them for the concert once again. Mr. Matthew Hamon, member of our church, is part of the group.

*Note: A change in protocol as we do not need to provide overnight housing for the choir members. There will be a sign up in the Welcome center for a hospitality meal prior to the event for the students. See the Arbuckles for any questions.

Bible Study Fellowship

There will be several mini studies and seminars offered by Bible Study Fellowship that will take place at our church on Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 10:40 am. All ladies are invited to attend. They are listed below.

Mini Studies

Elijah: 10/12, 10/19

Joel and

Obadiah: 1/11

Seminars in the Chapel

(9:00-10:00 am)

Personal Quiet Time 11/30

Serving the Church 2/15

Love Chapel Christmas Pantry



We will once again be collecting boxes of cereal for the Love Chapel Christmas Outreach. Our goal is 600 boxes of cereal. Deadline is Friday, November 11th. There will be a drop box in the Welcome center.

2022 Christmas Market

The annual Christmas Market will take place on Saturday, November 19th from 10 am - 4 pm in the fellowship hall.

Applications for booth space are available at the Welcome Desk or the church office. This event is open to the public and will have glasswork, jewelry, woodcrafts, watercolors, fabric art, Bath & Body Products, homemade toffee and more!



Around The Church

Pastoral Care Team meeting

The FBC Pastoral Care Team will meet on Sunday, October 2nd during the 2nd Hour with Pastor Dan. This meeting will be held in the front of the Sanctuary.

Quarterly Business Meeting

The next FBC Congregational Meeting will be held on Oct. 19th at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. (*The Church Council meeting will be Oct. 11th @ 7 pm.*)

More Thanks

I would like to say THANK YOU again for the support, friendships, prayers, cards and notes and for all the special ways you blessed me with my send off to Florida.

I thank you and love you all,
Corie Wheeler

A special thanks to all the FBC family that sent cards, texts, called, or emailed me after my surgery, and during the recovery time for both Linda and I as we received the double whammy of COVID together. An additional thank you to Pastor Dan who came to the hospital while I was in surgery and prayed with Linda during this time. This is truly one big caring family, and you are so appreciated!!

In Christian Love,
Larry & Linda Mayfield

Special Birthday Wishes

The Church is invited to a birthday party for Verna West in the fellowship hall on October 29th from noon to 2 pm to celebrate Verna's 100th birthday! There will be light snacks served with birthday cake.



Many thanks to all who provided food for the hot meals served through Love Chapel. Thanks also to those who volunteered to serve the meals. FBC served meals on September 6th and 13th at the Memorial Baptist Church site.

We are appreciative of the support of the FBC family to this outreach in our community.

Gratefully, Sue Putterille, Judy Rhude, and Linda Mayfield

FBC family,

Thank you to all who helped me celebrate my birthday. I was so glad to see all of you. My children also were happy to see you. Thank you so much for the cards, gifts, and most of all for your friendship and love.

Love you all, Juanita Adkins

Medical Equipment Available for Loan



Durable medical Equipment is available at the church to lend to church family and friends as needed. Items available:

Walkers	Transport Wheel Chairs
Canes	Bedside Commodes
Four Quad Canes	Elevated Commode Seats
Crutches	Rollator Walker
Wheel Chairs	Suction Handles for shower wall

Please contact the church office or call Judy Rhude (812-764-9175) if any of this equipment is needed.

Other News...

October Birthdays

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| 2. ~ Larry Calfee | 14. ~ Frances Arbuckle |
| 6. ~ Linda Foster, Lois Brondyke, Joyce Orwin,
& Valerie Sims | 16. ~ Jenna Flannery |
| 7. ~ Peggy Ganus, Dave Seal | 21. ~ Carol Burton, Ashley Fee |
| 9. ~ David Reed | 22. ~ Olivia Williams |
| 10. ~ Norma Arnold | 23. ~ Susan Carter, Matthew Hamon |
| 11. ~ Ro Whittington | 27. ~ Corinna Wheeler |
| | 28. ~ Paige Williams, Verna West |
| | 31. ~ Lois Griffith |

The Body of Christ Prays For...

Dick & Beth Miller, Joyce Roney, Anita Burton, Jan Carlstrom, John Lipson, the families in Florida & all persons who are homebound & in nursing care centers.

Please be in prayer for the Church during this time of pastoral transition, including our Church Council and FBC Staff.

Looking Ahead

October 2 - Communion Worship (9:30 am)
October 2 - Pastoral Care meeting (2nd Hour)
October 11 - Church Council (7:00 pm)
October 15 - Newsletter Deadline
October 19 - Congregational Meeting (6:30 pm)
October 30- Coffee Fellowship (Last names A-H)
October 31- Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:30 pm

Weekly:

Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesdays at 11:15 am
FBC L.I.G.H.T. Women's Bible Study: Thursdays
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.



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Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

October 2 - Kerry & Alice Richmond
October 9 - Paul & Carol Poe
October 16 - Dortha Anderson &
Mandy Reed
October 24 - Bob & Jean Langdon
October 30 - Carolyn Baker & Sue Hoffman

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.



October Coffee Fellowship (following worship) Oct.30th.
Last names A-H 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: Open
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: Open
Fourth Sunday: Deanna Glick

No Kids Connection on fifth Sundays.

Communion



We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, October 2nd

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.