



From the Shepherd's Shop...by Rev. Dr. David K. Hinson, Interim Senior Pastor

My father, Ronald M. Hinson, and my mother, Irene Grace Siewert Hinson, had a second son on June 16, 1957, named David Kelly Hinson. Little did they know that one day he would be serving as the Interim Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Columbus, Indiana.

Beginning on Sunday, October 30, 2022, and preaching for the first time on November 13, 2022, I am confident I may go down in the storied church history as the Interim Pastor who had the "most recognizable southern accent." I have long believed that if you don't write your own history, someone else will do it for you! I also hope to be known as the Interim Pastor who helped the Church have "one of the smoothest transitions ever!"—yet to be determined.

As the husband of Patricia ("Pat"- a Nurse Consultant Inspector) for 42 years and the father of four children (Bess- an attorney, Leah – a physical therapist, Hannah – a Human Resources specialist, and Ben- an accountant), two sons-in-law (Phil and Daniel – both engineers), and two grandsons (Luke and Max- ages 4 and 1 with undecided occupations), one of the most anticipated challenges of my future will be to remember all their birthdays and ages correctly.

On top of that, YOU, my new friends and members/attendees at FBC Columbus, will be praying and moving forward toward the newness of the future, even as I am learning your names and histories over the next few months as we both ponder the past and anticipate God's blessings ahead.

So far, one or more of you have asked me: "What do you like best about FBC Columbus?" My sincere answer is: "What is there not to like? You have welcomed me with kind words and much love. THANK YOU!

You are who you are, and I am who I am, so how do we work TOGETHER to mold and shape the Church to become its best reflection of Jesus Christ? In short, that really is our task TOGETHER, just like it is our task to LOVE our families, and to LOVE the Lord our God with heart, mind, soul, and strength.

Recently, Church historian Bill Leonard said one of the biggest needs for churches today is to tell "the Jesus story." He advised: Churches must learn how to revisit the Jesus story and tell that story in a way that creates a need and a response. Every congregation needs to be intentional about identity. Thriving churches engage the community, and go where there is need, and then make their case in terms of how the Church cares for persons and presents a witness.

Thriving churches develop "signature ministries" that respond to specific local needs. These become programs and ministries by which they are known in a particular community. That makes sense to me! More persons than ever before need the Gospel. As you evaluate FBC's "signature ministries," are there new signature ministries that need to be created in 2023 and beyond?

This coming Advent season, may the Lord find us faithful inviting and encouraging persons to join us in worship at FBC Columbus as we all listen and hear the "stories of Jesus." TOGETHER, I believe we will move forward telling the Jesus story. Pray for your church, remain faithful, and let's see where God will lead us—TOGETHER. I look forward to seeing you next Sunday in Worship and Bible Study.

-David



SEASON OF THE CHURCH:

# ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27TH - DECEMBER 24TH

## BORN IS THE KING

It's nice to finally put a different background color on this! If you haven't noticed, I select background colors according to the season of the church we're in. So as you can see, we're finally observing Advent! (Where did 2022 go!?)

Now, maybe you're wondering, "Pastor, why is the background color **red** if we're in Advent? Shouldn't it be Purple or Blue?" You are correct! Purple and Blue are the traditional colors for Advent. However, this year, we will be presenting, for the first time in several years, a Christmas Cantata! So mark your calendars for December 18th to celebrate the birth of Christ (a little early)!

This year's Cantata, and therefore Advent theme, is called "Born is the King," the colors of which (red and gold) remind us of the joy that this King brings. This seems fitting as the third Sunday of Advent is traditionally pink or red to indicate the joy which is born unto the world.

Now, maybe this seems standard just as Christmas always can be, but I encourage you, throughout this season, to think of the call-and-response motto that Rev. Dr. David Hinson led us in during his first sermon: "The road is up. We must keep climbing, looking ever to Jesus, **who is Lord.**"

Jesus is Lord. What does that mean? What does that mean for *you*? *To* you? For *us*? As we observe this season together, it's an opportunity to consider the words of Psalm 126: "When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream."

On November 27th, we're going to have an opportunity to dream together during our Congregational "Town Hall" meeting. But November 27th won't be the only time. Throughout this season, I encourage you to make what you might call your "First Baptist Church Christmas List" as we dream of our future together. So as you decorate your own homes with green and red, take the time to find continuity between your homes and our church services. How might the two mix? How might your life become maybe a bit more connected to the life of the Church? How can the joy of the Lord show up in new ways? Below you'll find some ideas for how to get involved if you're stuck. I particularly want to point out the Community **Blue** Christmas Service, Cantata, and Christmas Eve Service. Invite your friends to join you for these times of healing, joy, and celebration. After all, "that's what Christmas is all about Charlie Brown." Peace.

- Pastor Daniel

## 2022 Advent and Christmas Calendar

- **November 27th: Hope**
  - First Advent Service
  - Congregational "Town Hall" During Coffee Fellowship
- **December 4th: Love**
  - Second Advent Service
- **December 9th: Community Blue Christmas Service**
  - Hosted by Love Chapel in the Commons at 7:00 PM
- **December 11th: Joy**
  - Third Advent Service
- **December 18th: Peace**
  - Fourth Advent Service - **Cantata!**
- **December 24th: Lessons and Carols**
  - Christmas Eve Service at 7:00
- **December 25th: Christmas!**
  - No Coffee Fellowship



## Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child



Thank you for another great effort in collecting Christmas shoeboxes for children around the world. We were able to collect 59 shoeboxes!



*"And do not forget to do good and to share with others,  
for with such sacrifices God is pleased."*

*Hebrews 13:16*



## Goal Exceeded!

Thank you to the many who brought in or gave money for boxes of cereal. We were able to collect **640** boxes of cereal for the Love Chapel Christmas Outreach. Good things happen when we work together for the greater good.  
Blessings!



## Around The Church ...

### Another Successful Year of Trunk or Treat!



Thank you to all who joined in the fun at this year's event. We had a great turn out!

## Christmas Services

### Blue Christmas

Join us at the Commons  
on December 9th at 7 pm  
for a Community Blue  
Christmas Service,  
sponsored by the  
Ecumenical Assembly of  
Bartholomew County  
Churches.



### Christmas Eve Service



There will be a Christmas Eve  
Service here at FBC at 7 pm.  
Don't miss it!



# Around The Church

## Christmas Cantata "NOEL Born is the King"

Join us on December 18th during the morning worship as we celebrate Christ's birth. Be sure to bring a friend or neighbor!



The staff at FBC would like to wish you all a very merry and Blessed Christmas!

## CPR Training Dec 3rd

There will be a CPR, First Aid, and Narcan Administration Training on December 3, 2022 from 9:00 am -12:00 pm in Chapel.

## Carolers Needed

If you would be interested in going caroling at Keepsake Village, sign up at the Gathering Place. We have been asked if we can bring a group. The date is yet to be determined.



## Thank You

First Baptist Church Family,  
Thank you for still including us on the prayer list. The waiting, tests, treatment & outcomes from tests are sometimes difficult to accept. We need your support so please continue to pray. Things are not always as they appear.  
Thanks, Dick & Beth Miller

Dear Church Family,  
I cannot describe just how much you all mean to me as I've been going through some tough medical challenges. All of your cards, phone calls and prayers have been a great blessing and made my struggle less overwhelming. I truly believe I am blessed by this every day and appreciate you all very much.

God bless all, Anita Burton

I just want to say thank you to my church family for helping make my "first" birthday celebration in Florida so special. The cards, gifts, and money were appreciated. You have been very supportive of me and I love you all very much! I feel very blessed to have you all in my life.

Love, Corie Wheeler

A thank you to our church family for words of concern, cards, and offers of food (our 3 daughters kept us well supplied) when Ron had covid and I was in the hospital with blood clots in my lungs. At the same time, Ron's brother Calvin, passed away in New York State after a 3 year battle with Alzheimer's. We are so blessed to belong to this First Baptist family of God. You are all very much loved!

-Peggy & Ron Lane

# Around The Church

## December Birthdays

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| 3. ~ Robert Roney           | 25. ~ Dortha Anderson, Larry Mayfield          |
| 7. ~ Evan Babb              | 26. ~ Larry Carter, Phillip Watkins            |
| 10. ~ Daniel Kane           | 28. ~ Roger Glick                              |
| 12. ~ Jane Riley            | 29. ~ Beth Caldwell, John Lipson, Joyce Sutton |
| 17. ~ John Richardson       | 30. ~ Pat Evans, Sam Snider                    |
| 20. ~ Charlotte Oestreicher | 31. ~ Mike Compton                             |
| 23. ~ Carla Williams        |  |

## The Body of Christ Prays For...

Grace Marshall, Dick & Beth Miller, Joyce Roney, Ramona Harlow, Priscilla Day, Lance Alexander & 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

December 4 - Communion Worship (9:30 am)  
December 13 - Church Council (7:00 pm)  
December 15 - Newsletter Deadline  
December 18 - Christmas Cantata 9:30 am  
December 24 - Christmas Eve Service

## Weekly:

*Prayer Shawl Group:* Tuesdays at 11:15 am  
*Prayer Group:* Tuesdays at 12:30 pm in Prayer Room  
*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 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)





# Leadership

## Pastoral Care Team

Dec 4 - Kerry & Alice Richmond  
Dec 11 - Jim & Linda Reid  
Dec 18 - Dortha Anderson & Mandy Reed  
Dec 25 - Bob & Jean Langdon

*Pastor on Call for December: Bob Langdon*

## Serving in the Nursery:

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

## No Coffee Fellowship

There will be no Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, December 25th, as we celebrate our Lord's birth with our families.

## 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, December 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.