



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

Inspiring, dedicated, faithful servants of Jesus Christ are words which describe the character of persons known as members of the First Baptist Church of Columbus. It is my honor and privilege to join you in worship each week to deliver God's Word for our time together. To be a part of this church's family and friends translates into concrete testimonies of persons across the years who share rich relationships, lasting friendships, and who identify with a caring community of Christians who promote and support the purposes of Jesus Christ.

Belonging to such a church has its known strengths. There are resources for missions, ministry, fellowship and worship. Anyone who desires may participate. Anyone who comes will be welcomed. Anyone who shows interest will be embraced. However, how does such a fellowship prepare itself to impact the world with the Gospel in 2023 and beyond? That is the question that must be explored and probed and answered.

A few years ago when my youngest son was in high school, I was asked by one of his teachers to write him a letter to give "advice" for the future. Included below is part of what I wrote, and know they are NOT in order of importance. To my son:

1. Make your mission in life to make the world a friendlier place.
2. There is enough pain already in the world, so do your best to alleviate pain whenever and however possible. Definitely, do not add pain to the world if it can be avoided.
3. Always seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you (Matthew 6:33).
4. Always save more than you spend, and seek to become an investor instead of a debtor.
5. Give God 10% of what you earn to the Church, and He will bless the rest.
6. Love your family.
7. Take care of your father and mother when they are old.
8. Love your three sisters...no matter what!
9. Try to do something big in your life that will take longer than your own lifetime to achieve.
10. Know that your parents will be proud of you, no matter what you do, or where you go. You are our child, and you will always be LOVED! Love, Daddy

So, if you were to give advice to your family of faith at FBC Columbus about the church's future, what would your advice be? Please list 2 or 3 or 5 or 10 if you can, and I would love to see your list. Just pass it to me sometime when you go out the door on a Sunday, and if it is ok, I would love to have your permission to share with others some of your thoughts, not identifying names of course, but your ADVICE is important. I will be awaiting your advice, and this homework assignment is due anytime before February 14th.

You may always contact me at davidkhinson@gmail.com or if you would like to text me or call, my number is 502.330.1414. I continue to pray for you daily as I thank you in advance for prayers on my behalf- at least every time you pass Chick-fil-A! See You Sunday!

David



SEASON OF THE CHURCH: LENT

FEBRUARY 22ND - APRIL 8TH

I love my church because...

Habits and traditions come and go as time passes. We all know this. But this February is offering a reprieve from something that has become a bit of a habit for me: beginning the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Service. This year that would be on February 22nd, but sometimes it's just good to take a break, a breath, and rest in the hopes of getting back to the basics. That's our goal this month, and we'll be accomplishing it in two ways:

First, you may have noticed the absence of a specific offering in January. Never fear! FISH is here! This year we've moved our FISH offering to February. For those of you unfamiliar with FISH, it's not an acronym. Rather, it is a mnemonic device which reminds us to love our community. Maybe you're familiar with the famed "Jesus Fish"? It's effectively the same thing here.

Each year, we take up an offering to support the work of OUR Love Chapel. Yes, OUR Love Chapel (I'm looking at you Cliff!) If you know Cliff Putterill, you may have heard him use this language before, and for good reason. Love Chapel is the Food Pantry for the Ecumenical Assembly of Bartholomew County Churches, an organization which we at First Baptist Church helped originate. This food pantry serves those needing food in our community, and seems to be more important than ever right now as rising costs force more and more families to cut back. By taking up this offering, we tell our community that we love them and care about their well being. However, we don't merely collect the money. No, we also deliver the goods. Literally. So keep your eyes and ears open for future announcements regarding the delivery of food to Love Chapel where we'll have a brief commitment service to bless the food and the lives affected. How better to celebrate the "Love Month" than by supporting Love Chapel?

Our second way will also take place on Sunday mornings. For a sneak peak, I ask that you finish the sentence that is the title of this article... Did you do it? If so, prove it! Just as Pastor David gave you homework, so have I: Send me a quick note (maybe an email, maybe a card, maybe put it in the Engagement Card) and let us know why you love this place and choose to worship here as a beloved member of the community. As you do, we'll be hearing from some of our own each week as they share a bit about their own "First Baptist Story." For those of you who attended the Church Retreat last Fall, you may remember learning a lot about each other doing activities like this! We're excited to bring it into the sanctuary for all to experience.

So there you have it. Rather than practicing Lent through what has become customary over the last few years, we're going to take a break, a breath, and rest in the love which this time of year prompts. As we continue this time of transition, it's important to remember what it is that brings us together week in and week out. So we'll be celebrating that as we set our sights toward Easter.

Choir! That means get ready for an announcement about practice! The Easter Cantata is here and I'm very excited to get to work. See you soon!

Peace,
Pastor Daniel



FISH Offering



As many may be aware, FISH is not really an acronym but rather, for us, it stands for a community caring for each other. FBC, as a member-church of the Ecumenical Assembly of Bartholomew County Churches, undertakes to help provide food for the pantry one month each year. This year our congregation will be collecting our FISH donations for the Love Chapel Food Pantry during the month of February so that we can purchase and deliver the designated food items to the pantry in March. Please send all donations towards this effort to reach the church office before the end of February.

White Cross Gifts of The Heart



Through White Cross, these special recovery kits provide both tangible assistance to people in need and show that SOMEONE truly cares. These are sent to Church World Service, which sees that they are sent to those in need.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- One 1-gallon Ziploc bag
- One hand towel (15"X28" to 16"X32")
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb (at least 6 inches) removed from the package
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from pkg.
- One bath-sized bar of soap in the original pkg.
- One toothbrush in original pkg.
- Ten standard size Band-Aids

All items must BE NEW and fit in the Ziploc bag. A donation of \$2 per kit for the processing fee is appreciated. Drop off near the kitchen area by March 19th. Please contact Judy Alexander with any questions.

Prayer Shawls Available



Prayer shawls will be available at the Gathering Place every 2nd & 3rd Sunday for any who would like to pick one up as an encouragement to someone. For any questions see Judy Alexander.

Around The Church

Health & Safety Team

FYI: It was decided to stock *Narcan* at FBC due to the diverse groups that meet at the church. *Narcan* is a nasal spray used for known or suspected opioid overdose. *Narcan* is located in the cabinet along with the AED in the Narthex. Instructions for use are included. The ushering teams have been instructed on the location of all medical emergency supplies.

Narcan is available to anyone in the community who would like to have it available in their home or auto. It may be obtained at the ASAP Office in the United Way building.

If there are those who are certified in CPR who are willing to act as emergency responder on Sunday mornings during worship, please contact Judy Rhude at 812-764-9175 or email jarhude@yahoo.com.

*The staff at FBC would like to
thank you all for your generous
Christmas gifts.*



*We are blessed to be part of this
church family!*

Mel Fields

Donna Full Drake

Dorthea Anderson

David Hinson

Paul Ford Ashley Jee

Carla Williams

Meissa Brumming

HELP NEEDED

We need a few good men and women to serve our four ushering teams. Each team is responsible for 3 months scattered throughout the year. If you are willing to serve, contact Keith Arbuckle (812-447-7354) or Paul Poe (812-350-7558).



Mark your calendar for screening to be held on March 20th in Fellowship Hall.

Lifeline Screening has conducted over 10 million screenings since 1993. Screenings available are:

- **Carotid Artery Disease** (through an ultrasound to check for buildup in the arteries, a leading cause of stroke.)
- **Atrial Fibrillation**, or AFib (through a 6 lead electrocardiogram to screen for AFib, which can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure.)
- **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (through an ultrasound to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of a life threatening aneurysm.)
- **Peripheral Arterial Disease**, or PAD (an ankle-Brachial Index test performed using a blood pressure cuff on the arms and legs.) PAD increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.

To schedule your appt, call 1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC.

Around The Church ...



Lenten Bible Study

The Eclipse of the Son

The Daily Progression of Darkness during Holy Week

Eclipse - "The total or partial obscuring of one heavenly body by another."

Light and darkness are twin themes throughout all of scripture beginning with the third verse of the first chapter of Genesis. At the very center of Christianity is the key "I am" statement by Jesus, "I am the light of the world." Our theme verse on the cover, *"When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land..."* Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last." Mark 15:33...37.

Jesus died, and the power of light which he created in the beginning, was revealed as a cosmic grief covering the land with darkness. It was a darkness that was a threat throughout his three years of teaching, and the days of Holy Week illustrate the progression of that darkness as it slowly eclipsed his life on the cross.

Men of Faith will begin on Friday February 24 and the
L.I.G.H.T. Women's study will begin on Thursday February 23

Participants guides are at the Gathering Place.

Scholarships Available

The deadline to submit applications for the FBC Foundation scholarships is April 1st.

E. Don Tull Scholarship is for a graduating high school senior planning to attend an institution of higher learning full-time and is in the amount of \$1,000.

Foundation Scholarship is for a full-time undergraduate student in the amount of \$1,000.

Applications can be found on the website under "Connect" – FBC Foundation

You can also request an application from the church office - secretary@fbccolumbus.org

More Scholarship Opportunities

Applications for the **ABWM Scholarship** are due by February 15, 2023. This is a one time \$500 scholarship for undergraduate, single students, including those pursuing vocational and technical training. The Indiana ABWM Church & Community Committee will review all applications and scholarships will be granted on the basis of faith-based dedication, financial need and scholastic ability. If you are interested, please pick up the application form and instructions from the church secretary.

Around The Church

February Birthdays

1. ~ Linda Reid
2. ~ Eliza Fee, Scott Chitwood, Dick Miller
3. ~ Oliver Adams, Jan Carlstrom, Jeff Seeley
5. ~ John McKay
10. ~ Cecil Workman
12. ~ Larry Alexander
13. ~ Sharon Semer
15. ~ Bill Baker

17. ~ Chris Nelson
18. ~ Stephanie Olson
21. ~ Stephanie Adams, Peggy Lane, Anita Yancey
22. ~ Jan Reed
23. ~ Deb Lilly
24. ~ Pat Burns
35. ~ Cliff Frady

The Body of Christ Prays For...

Grace Marshall, Marcia Battle, Dick & Beth Miller, Joyce Roney, Ramona Harlow, Lance Alexander, John and Bobbie Walker & 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

February 5 - Communion Worship (9:30 am)
February 15 - Newsletter Deadline
February 21 - Church Council (7:00 pm)
February 26 - Coffee Fellowship (10:30 am)
February 28 - Abigail Circle (7 pm)

Weekly:

Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesdays at 11:00 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.



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Live Video Every Sunday at 9:30
firstbaptistcolumbus.org



Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

Feb 5 - Kerry & Alice Richmond
Feb 12 - Jim & Linda Reid
Feb 19 - Dortha Anderson & Mandy Reed
Feb 26 - Bob & Jean Langdon

*Pastor on Call for February: Bill Griffith
(812-314-2415)*

Serving in the Nursery:

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

Emergency Responder Schedule

Feb 5th: Lindsay McIntosh
Feb 12th: Judy Rhude
Feb 19th: Judy Rhude
Feb 26th: Jean Williams

Communion



We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, February 5th. 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.

Coffee Fellowship

There will be a Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, February 26th. Last names J-Q are invited to bring treats to share.

Children's Sunday School

2-4 Year Olds -

Teachers:

First Sunday: *Open*
Second Sunday: Susan Carter
Third Sunday: Carol Poe
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.

Many Thanks

I want to thank family, friends, and church family for being there for me during my recent time in the hospital. Thank you for the prayers, cards, gifts, and the prayer shawl. I am doing much better and love everyone very much.

-Corie Wheeler

Phone Directory

It's time to update our Church Phone Directory! Please let the church office know if you have any changes to your address or phone number prior to February 15th. We will be printing an updated directory after all changes have been made.

