



FIRST BAPTIST
COLUMBUS
JOIN OUR *Family* OF FAITH

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

Easter Sunday is High Attendance Day at the First Baptist Church of Columbus, and I am looking forward to seeing you and your guests on that day. A special invitation card has been prepared for you to distribute in the coming days, so please take some, distribute them, and know that inviting others to join you in worship here at FBC is a wonderful example of Christian discipleship at work in the world.

Each week I am privileged to share God's Word with you as your Interim Pastor, and I am continuing to be blessed personally by our times of interaction, fellowship, and love expressed by family and friends. Many of you have been generous in giving me the opportunity to have lunch with you after Church, and I have been inspired by our times together. Significant among these meetings has been your sharing about experiences of history, family, and faith. It has been wonderful to spend time with each of you, and thank you so much for talking with me about your thoughts and ideas for the future of FBC as I am continuing to learn more about the Church family and the community as time moves forward.

The Search Committee has begun its work, and I want you to know that the "31 DAYS OF PRAYER" emphasis during March has been pivotal to their work. Know that these dedicated hours of prayer have moved the Committee closer together as they focus on their work and its mission to bring the person God has prepared already to the FBC COLUMBUS community of faith. I am optimistic about their conclusions and am confident they will follow God's Plan each and every step of the way.

Looking ahead, April is going to begin with a time of transition from March's Emphasis on "Together in Vision and Prayer" to "Together in Fellowship and Evangelism." The practice of sharing our faith begins with relationships that already exist in our circles of influence. The challenge is to move beyond our smaller circles to widen our scope and vision of who needs to know about the resurrected Christ and His Holy Spirit that is at work in this world. Living the Gospel means we share the Gospel story through our lives, especially to the unreached. Who are the unreached persons we know? How will they learn about the risen Christ if we do not tell them?

Yes, I am hopeful you will be present on Easter Sunday.

Yes, I am hopeful you will invite others to sit with you and to join you in worship.

Yes, I am hopeful you will continue to be faithful in being open to God's will for the future.

Yes, I am hopeful we will always be united in and through the Jesus Christ, God's Son, Who died on the cross for our sins, so we may have eternal life. I am hopeful. Are you?



SEASON OF THE CHURCH:

LENT

FEBRUARY 22ND - APRIL 8TH

... in Fellowship and Evangelism

God's people move forward together. I've been thinking about that a lot recently, especially during a class about Theologies of Exile in the Old Testament. I think we could describe what we're experiencing now as a kind of exile. Not in the sense as my class understood it, but in the sense of the Biblical Story called Exodus. We are on a journey, an exodus if you will, in which we find ourselves caravanning through the wilderness toward a bright future. We know the words God has spoken to us, the promises He's given, and we rely on them to carry us through. However, on this road, we have to take the time and work to remember them.

Remember. The next time you pick up your Bible, take note of how many times that word comes up. Not just as a word itself, but as an action. Maybe the word itself doesn't appear, but, instead, is performed through some rite that embraces the memory of God among his people. This is paramount to the survival and eventual thriving of God's people in the land to which they are called. Unfortunately, once they arrive, they quickly forget those promises or take them for granted.

Throughout Scripture we see this cycle of exile and homecoming play out over and over, not least of which in the narrative of Holy Week as we might consider Jesus' death and resurrection as a kind of exile and homecoming. So this cycle is normal. It's natural. It's a process of death and resurrection, and it's to this cycle that we are called.

Eugene Peterson was once asked to summarize the essence of Christianity, so, despite his attempts to evade the question, he simply said: "Practice Resurrection."

With Holy Week upon us at the beginning of April, I can't think of a better way to remember who we are and what we are called to do. We're called to practice resurrection, to remember the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus and what that means for how we live amongst ourselves, our families, and our neighbors.

As we enter into April, that is simply my prayer for us. That we would practice resurrection so that the Fellowship of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit would color our own interactions, lives, households, and communities.

As a people on our own exodus toward a brighter future, this is key to remembering. So, wherever we set up camp, wherever we sit and worship in the wilderness, wherever the ark of the covenant and tabernacle go, we can be a traveling emissary of love, peace, and fellowship because of our remembrance of the life of Jesus. This is what we do in remembrance of him. And just like every other cycle of homecoming, maybe we'll pick up unexpected others on the way, learning from them how Jesus has sent them on a journey toward a brighter future, into the land of the living to which we are all intended. This is my vision. This is my dream. As you've been praying this month, have you seen the same promised land? If not, might you join me in it?

Peace,
Pastor Daniel

Around The Church ...

Easter Services

Bring a Friend
& Join Us
April 9th For

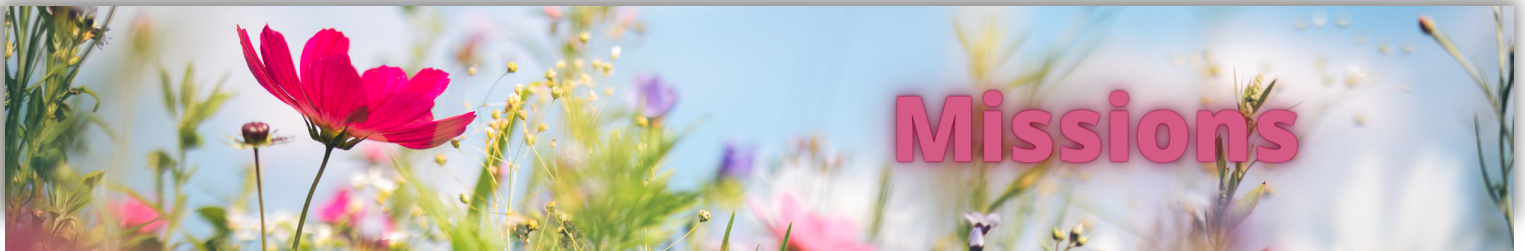
- Sunrise Service at 7:30AM
- Breakfast at 8:15 AM
- Worship at 9:30 AM



There will be a Good Friday service sponsored by the Ecumenical Society at Central Middle School at noon on the 7th.

Lenten Daily Devotionals
are available in the
Gathering Place in
preparation for Holy Week.





Kwai River Hostel Project

The Kwai River Hostel Mission Project started in 2000 after the Daughertys visited Thailand. An unused hostel dormitory in a small Baptist Mission Station began housing children from the outlying countryside so they could attend a good high school. Approximately \$200 of additional funds allow a year of school in a Christian environment and has been very successful. If you would like to contribute to this project, please make your checks out to First Baptist Church and indicate Kwai River on the memo line. Thank you. (Forest Daugherty)

<https://kwairiverchristianhospital.wordpress.com/a-little-bit-of-our-history/>

Edna Martin Food Pantry Collection



April is the month for the Flat Rock Association to support the food pantry at Edna Martin Christian Center. They are requesting monetary donations or Aldi cards for them to supply the pantry. Please donate through the church, designating your gift for "EMCC food pantry." Thank you!

Prayer shawls will be available at the Gathering Place April 16th and 23rd for any who would like to pick one up as an encouragement to someone. For any questions see Judy Alexander.

Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 8th at 9 am
Volunteers and candy donations needed!**

Bring the kids, grandkids, and neighbors and join us!



Around The Church



LOVE CHAPEL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed to operate 4 mobile pantries in addition to the Love Chapel site as they are now offering the full amount of food at both locations. Also to pre-pack grocery bags for the 4 mobile pantries each month. To begin as a new volunteer, email below for orientation at volunteer@columbuslovechapel.com.



**Help
Needed
for
Hot Meals**

It is First Baptist Church's turn to prepare and serve a hot meal to those in need on Tuesday April 4th and Tuesday April 11th at Memorial Baptist Church. There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship hall for anyone who might be able to help with preparing a dish, salads or cookies, and or is able to serve the meal. Details will be on the sign up sheets. If you have questions, please contact Sue Putterill at 812 350-0357.

Blood Drive!

There will be a blood drive in Fellowship Hall on Monday,
April 17th from 10 am - 2:30 pm.

https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/159581

COMMUNITY YOUTH GATHERING 6TH - 12 GRADE

FUSE

- ONE IN CHRIST -

SNACKS
GAMES
ICE BREAKER

APRIL 16TH 3 - 6 PM

SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

MESSAGE
SMALL GROUPS
WORSHIP MUSIC

Other News...

Upcoming Bible Studies

The LIGHT ladies Bible study group will begin a study of *Jonah: "Is Jonah's God Too Small?"* on April 13th at 9:30 am, which will run on Thursdays through May 18th.

The Men of Faith Bible study group will begin a study on *Philippians: "Joy...Unity...Humility"* at 7 am on April 21st, which will run on Fridays through May 12th.

Study guides are available at the Gathering Place.

Coffee Fellowship



There will be a Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, April 30th. Last names A-H are invited to bring treats to share.

There is a sign up sheet at the Gathering Place for those who would like to take Pastor David Hinson to lunch on Sundays.



STUFFED WITH LOVE CAMPAIGN

Stuffed animals can help children with the stress of hospital/ER visits. Your donation of NEW items can help. The goal is 1,000 (500 for Seymour Hospital/500 for Columbus Regional). Sponsored by the Young Marines Troop of Seymour. There is a box in the gathering place for donated items.



SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar for the return of Sunday Suppers.*

More info coming soon!

**Dates are: June 25th, July 29th, and August 26th*



Around The Church

April Birthdays

- 2. ~ Paisley Hernandez
- 4. ~ Elizabeth Miller
- 7. ~ Marjorie Betz
- 9. ~ Karston McIntosh
- 10. ~ Jeff Caldwell, Joyce Roney
- 12. ~ Donna Browne, Corbie Snyder
- 13. ~ Donna Moore
- 15. ~ Alexander Kelley
- 16. ~ Jeanne Greenlee, Kayla Jones, David Tobias
- 19. ~ Kyle Olson
- 22. ~ Vanessa Edwards
- 25. ~ Anna Kelley, Carol Poe
- 26. ~ Susan Hoffman
- 29. ~ Paul Poe
- 30. ~ Molly Nelson

The Body of Christ Prays For...

Lynne Lovelace and Family, Larry Carter and Family, Grace Marshall, Marcia Battle, Dick & Beth Miller, Joyce Roney, Ramona Harlow & 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

- 2 - Communion Worship (9:30 am)
- 11 - Church Council (7:00 pm)
- 15 - Newsletter Deadline
- 19 - Quarterly Business Meeting (6:30 pm)
- 25 - Abigail Circle (7 pm)
- 30 - Coffee Fellowship (10:30 am)

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.



Just Press Play

Live Video Every Sunday at 9:30
firstbaptistcolumbus.org



Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

April 2 - Kerry & Alice Richmond
April 9 - Jim & Linda Reid
April 16 - Dortha Anderson & Mandy Reed
April 23 - Bob & Jean Langdon
April 30 - Paul & Carol Poe

*Pastor on Call for April: Jon Carlstrom
(812-372-7374)*

Serving in the Nursery:

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

Emergency Responder Schedule

April 2nd: Lindsay McIntosh
April 9th : Judy Rhude
April 16th: Joyce Briggs
April 23rd: Jean Williams
April 30th: Judy Rhude

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.

Communion



We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, April 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.